

# *Church of the Ascension*

*August 18, 2024*

*Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

*10:30am*

# *Welcome to the Church of the Ascension*

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*The references on the right side of the bulletin are as follows:*

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*Hymn and "S" numbers indicate the Hymnal 1982*

*"S" indicates service music found at the front of the hymnal*

## **Finding Your Way**

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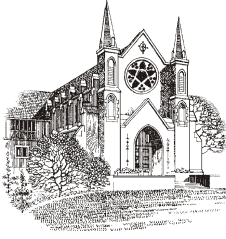
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*Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 10:30am*

*Expansive language*

*Please note that in our liturgy when we refer to God we cannot adequately verbalize the magnitude and comprehensiveness of God's diversity and are always limited by our use of language. We acknowledge that although Jesus was born into history as a man, neither God the Father nor God the Holy Spirit were embodied with human sex. Although our language is often not all inclusive we believe God always is. God made human beings in God's own image with complexity and diversity. Thank you for sharing your diversity and complexity with us as we worship God together.*

### **The Liturgy of the Word**

*When the Voluntary begins, please maintain prayerful silence.*

**Voluntary:** Variations on *Laudes Domini*

Hal H. Hopson/Charles Callahan

**Opening Hymn:** When Morning Gilds the Skies

**H427 vs 1-3**

**Tune:** *Laudes Domini*

*1 When morning gilds the skies,  
my heart, awaking, cries,  
may Jesus Christ be praised!  
When evening shadows fall,  
this rings my curfew call,  
may Jesus Christ be praised!*

*2 When mirth for music longs,  
this is my song of songs:  
may Jesus Christ be praised!  
God's holy house of prayer  
hath none that can compare with:  
Jesus Christ be praised!*

*3 No lovelier antiphon  
in all high heaven is known  
than, Jesus Christ be praised!  
There to the eternal Word  
the eternal psalm is heard:  
may Jesus Christ be praised!*

## Welcome

### Opening Acclamation *(The people standing)*

*Presider* Blessed be God: most holy, glorious and undivided Trinity.

*People* *And blessed be God's reign, now and for ever. Amen.*

### Song of Praise: **Glory to God (*Gloria in Excelsis*)**

**S280**

*Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.*

*Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
We worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.*

*Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;*

*You are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.*

*For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
You alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

### The Collect for the Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* *And also with you.*

*Presider* Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

*People sit for the reading of the lessons*

**A Reading from Proverbs**

**9:1-6**

Wisdom built her house;  
she has carved out her seven pillars.  
She slaughtered her animals,  
mixed her wine,  
and set her table.  
She sends out her female servants; she issues an invitation  
from the top of the city heights:  
“Whoever is naive turn aside here,”  
she says to those who lack sense.  
“Come, eat my food,  
and drink the wine I have mixed.  
Abandon your simplistic ways and live;  
walk in the way of understanding.

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.  
*People* ***Thanks be to God.***

**Psalm 34:9-14** (*spoken*)

You who are the Lord’s holy ones, honor him,  
because those who honor him don’t lack a thing.  
<sup>10</sup> ***Even strong young lions go without and get hungry,  
but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.***  
<sup>11</sup> Come, children, listen to me.  
Let me teach you how to honor the Lord:  
<sup>12</sup> ***Do you love life;  
do you relish the chance to enjoy good things?***

<sup>13</sup> Then you must keep your tongue from evil  
and keep your lips from speaking lies!

<sup>14</sup> ***Turn away from evil! Do good!  
Seek peace and go after it!***

**A Reading from Ephesians**

**5:15-20**

**S**o be careful to live your life wisely, not foolishly. Take advantage of every opportunity because these are evil times. Because of this, don't be ignorant, but understand the Lord's will. Don't get drunk on wine, which produces depravity. Instead, be filled with the Spirit in the following ways: speak to each other with psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs; sing and make music to the Lord in your hearts; always give thanks to God the Father for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

*People* ***Thanks be to God.***

*The people stand*

**Sequence Hymn I am the Bread of Life**

**H335 vs 1, 4**

**Tune: *I am the Bread of Life***

***1 I am the bread of life.  
they who come to me shall not hunger;  
they who believe in me shall not thirst.  
No one can come to me  
unless the Father draw them.***

*Refrain*

***And I will raise them up,  
and I will raise them up,  
and I will raise them up on the last day.***

***4 I am the resurrection,  
I am the life.  
They who believe in me  
even if they die,  
they shall live for ever. (refrain)***

*Presider*     The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ  
                  according to **John**

**6:51-58**

*People say:*   ***Glory to you, O Lord.***

**J**esus said, “I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever, and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

Then the Jews debated among themselves, asking, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?”

Jesus said to them, “I assure you, unless you eat the flesh of the Human One and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day. My flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in them. As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me lives because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven. It isn’t like the bread your ancestors ate, and then they died. Whoever eats this bread will live forever.”

*Presider*     The Gospel of our Savior.

*People:*       ***Praise to you, O Christ.***

**Hymn**

**I am the Bread of Life**

**H335 vs 5**

**Tune: *I am the Bread of Life***

*5 Lord, we believe  
that you are the Christ,  
the Son of God,  
who has come  
into the world.  
And I will raise them up,  
and I will raise them up,  
and I will raise them up on the last day.*

*The people sit*

**The Sermon**

*John Carlson*

*“The Creeds are statements of our basic beliefs about God” (BCP 851).*

*We say these words as a gathered community to affirm our belief in God as creator, redeemer, and sustainer of all creation, as the source of life and holiness. God has blessed humanity with relationships and community which are part of God’s own essence as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We do not say these words as some sort of litmus test but as an invitation to wrestle with the mystery and complexity of God with generations of Christians who have gone before us and with generations who will come after us.*

*We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.*

*We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,  
and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.*



*We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father,  
Who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.  
Who has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.*

## **The Prayers of the People, Form VI**

*BCP 392*

*Stand or kneel as the Holy Spirit leads.*

*The Leader and People pray responsively.*

Gracious God, loving parent to all your children, according to the riches of your glory please grant that we may be strengthened in our inner being with power through your Holy Spirit. May Jesus dwell in our hearts through faith as we are being rooted and grounded in love. May we have the power to comprehend the breadth and length, and height and depth of that love, and that in knowing the love of Jesus which surpasses knowledge, we may be filled with the fullness of you, our God. Amen.

*Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;

*For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.*

For this community, the nation, and the world;

*For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.*

For the just and proper use of your creation;

*For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.*

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

*For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.*

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

*For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.*

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Anne, our Bishop; Vincent, our rector; Clarke, our seminarian; Sean, our Presiding Bishop elect; and for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

In the Diocese of Ohio, we pray for the Cuyahoga Mission Area: Trinity Cathedral, Cleveland; St. Paul's, Church, Cleveland Heights; Church of the Ascension, Lakewood; St. Peter's Church, Lakewood; All Saints Church, Parma; Christ Church, Shaker Heights; Advent Episcopal Church, Westlake;

***For all who serve God in the Church.***

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation (especially... *the names on the long-term prayer list are read*).

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions*

Hear us, Lord;

***For your mercy is great.***

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own thanksgivings*

We will exalt you, O Sovereign God;

***And praise your Name for ever and ever.***

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom (especially... *the names of the recently deceased are read*).

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

***Who put their trust in you.***

***Gracious God, loving parent to all your children, according to the riches of your glory please grant that those we love, those we find it hard to love, and those we find it hard to forgive may be strengthened in their inner being with power through your Holy Spirit. May Jesus dwell in their hearts through faith as they are***

*being rooted and grounded in love. May they have the power to comprehend the breadth and length, and height and depth of that love, and that in knowing the love of Jesus which surpasses knowledge, they may be filled with the fullness of you, our God. Amen.*

## **The Confession of Sin**

*BCP 360*

*The Presider says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Presider and People*

*Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.*

*The Priest, stands and says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

## **The Peace**

*All stand*

*Presider* The peace of Christ be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Then the Ministers and People greet one another  
with a wave, bow, or appropriate gesture.*

## For those celebrating birthdays

Jan Bednarski

John Welfley, Jr.

*O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## The Announcements

*The presider asks visitors to fill out the information at the bottom of page 2, then highlights the announcements.*

## The Holy Communion

### The Offertory Sentence

**Offertory Hymn**    In Christ Alone                      Stuart Townend & Keith Getty

*1. In Christ alone my hope is found,  
He is my light, my strength, my song;  
this Cornerstone, this solid Ground,  
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My Comforter, my All in All,  
here in the love of Christ I stand.*

*2. In Christ alone! Who took on flesh,  
fullness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness,  
scorned by the ones He came to save:  
Till on that cross as Jesus died,  
the love of God was satisfied-  
for every sin on Him was laid;  
here in the death of Christ I live.*

*3. There in the ground His body lay.  
Light of the World by darkness slain:  
then bursting forth in glorious day  
up from the grave he rose again!  
And as He stands in victory,  
sin's curse has lost its grip on me,  
For I am His and He is mine-  
one with the precious blood of Christ.*

*4. No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
this is the power of Christ in me;  
from life's first cry, to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no scheme of man,  
can ever pluck me from His hand:  
Till He returns or calls me home,  
Here in the power of Christ I stand.*

*All stand*

### **The Presentation of God's Tithes and Offerings**

*The gifts of the people are brought forward at this time, including bread,  
wine and alms, as the congregation sings the Presentation Hymn.*

#### **Presentation Hymn: The Doxology**

**H380 v. 3**  
**Tune: Old 100th**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below,  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*The people remain standing*

#### **The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B**

*BCP 367*

*Presider* May God be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Presider* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* ***It is right to give our thanks and praise.***

*The Presider proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

## **Sanctus and Benedictus**

**W858**

*Presider and People*

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.***

***Heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

***Hosanna in the highest.***

***Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.***

***Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.***

*The people stand or kneel and the Presider continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is

my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People (spoken)*

***We remember Christ’s death,  
We proclaim Christ’s resurrection,  
We await Christ’s coming in glory;***

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Mary, the mother of Jesus, and with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

*The Presider continues*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**The Lord’s Prayer** *(spoken)*

*BCP 364*

*People and Presider*

***Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.***

*Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.*

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

*A period of silence is kept*

### **Fraction Anthem**

**W877**

*Refrain:*

*The disciples knew the Lord Jesus,  
in the breaking of the bread.*

- 1. The bread which we break, alleluia,  
is the communion of the body of Christ.*

*Refrain*

- 2. One body are we, alleluia,  
for though many we share one bread.*

*Refrain*

### **The Invitation to Communion**

*BCP 364*

*Presider says*

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*All people are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Children of all ages are included in this invitation.*

*The presider invites those not receiving the sacrament to make a spiritual communion, led by the reader.*



## Prayer for Spiritual Communion

*from the Prayer Book for the Armed Services*

*In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. Since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.*

Communion Hymns: Here I Am, Lord

Daniel Schutte

*I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in deepest sin  
My hand will save.  
I who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send?*

*Refrain:*

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me,  
I will hold your people in my heart.*

*I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne my peoples pain.  
I have wept for love of them,  
They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
Give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them.  
Whom shall I send?*

*Refrain*

*I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will tend the poor and lame.*

*I will set a feast for them,  
My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide  
Till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them.  
Whom shall I send?*

*Refrain*

**Postcommunion Music:**      **Surely the Presence**      **Lanny Wolfe**

*Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;  
I can feel his mighty power and his grace.  
I can hear the brush of angel's wings,  
I see glory on each face;  
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.*

*After Communion, the Presider says*

Let us pray.

**Postcommunion Prayer**    (*said by all, standing*)      **BCP 366**

*Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of Christ, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.*

**Blessing**

**Closing Hymn:**    **Be Thou My Vision**      **H488**  
**Tune: Slane**

*I Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
all else be nought to me, save that thou art--  
thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.*

*2 Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
thou my great Father; thine own may I be;  
thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.*

*3 High King of heaven, when victory is won,  
may I reach heaven's joys, bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my heart, whatever befall,  
still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.*

*Presider* Let us pray.

*Good and gracious God,  
we pray for all who have yet to know of your love and mercy.  
May the Church of the Ascension  
be so inspired by your Holy Spirit  
that it may serve as a beacon of hope  
and a witness to the gospel for all people.  
Grant that we may continually grow  
in our own knowledge and love of you  
as we strive to use all that we have, and all that we are  
to follow and imitate your beloved son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## **The Dismissal**

*Presider* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Voluntary:** *Slane*

Gordon Young

† † †

**We hope you will join us in Ascension Hall for some refreshments and conversation. Ascension Hall is located on this level through the chapel and at the end of the hallway.**

**Please keep these people in your prayers  
today and all week long:**

**Our Spiritual Leaders:**

+Michael -our Presiding Bishop; +Sean -our Presiding  
Bishop elect; +Anne -our Bishop; Vincent+ -our Rector;  
Clarke -our seminarian

**Those for whom prayers have been requested:**

Tena Allen	Elayne Newcomb
Ruby Begley	Gil Newlands
Teddi Black	Jonathon Newlands
Adam Brow	Larry Pierce
Shirley Campion	Sandy Reagan
John Carlson	Dale Rerko
Megan DeVito	Mary Rigby
Kyle Dusenbury	Dave Rozell
Barbara Faux	Maribeth Sarko
Spencer Faux	Simon
Stephanie Foster	Wendie Stemple
Ella Jane Fowerbaugh	Corky Thacker
Jonathan Gray	Larry Thacker
Martha Hartman	Patricia Thacker
Joseph Jackson	Frank Vanah
Pamela Jackson	Tim Vanah
Paul Kowalsick	Joe Ward
Anthony Marcella	Diane Welfley
Martin family	John Welfley
David Morrell	Bill Wofford

**Those We Know in the Military**

Sydney Kline	Jason Strater
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## The Departed

Philip Bethea

Paul Gertsma

Joseph Gray

Brian Harrington

Becky Leffew

Marilyn Little

Ruth Mahovlic

Frannie Millward

Linda Seward

Edward Sherman

## The Weekly Prayer List

The weekly prayer list is used for those who need extra prayers due to illness or a particular challenge or hardship. For those wanting to add or remove people from the prayer list, please call the office.

## Pledges and offerings to the Church.

Please mail in your pledges/financial offerings so we can continue with the ministries of the church as well as meet our financial obligations.

*or*



Use your smart phone to scan the code above or visit [ascension-lakewood.org](http://ascension-lakewood.org) where you can make a one-time donation or set up continuing donations.

Please join us in helping to keep  
The Church of the Ascension strong  
and able to meet the needs of an ever-changing world.

## The Church

Q. What is the Church?

A. The Church is the community of the New Covenant.

Q. How is the Church described in the Bible?

A. The Church is described as the Body of which Jesus Christ is the Head and of which all baptized persons are members. It is called the People of God, the New Israel, a holy nation, a royal priesthood, and the pillar and ground of truth.

Q. How is the Church described in the creeds?

A. The Church is described as one, holy, catholic, and apostolic.

Q. Why is the Church described as one?

A. The Church is one, because it is one Body, under one Head, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Q. Why is the Church described as holy?

A. The Church is holy, because the Holy Spirit dwells in it, consecrates its members, and guides them to do God's work.

Q. Why is the Church described as catholic?

A. The Church is catholic, because it proclaims the whole Faith to all people, to the end of time.

Q. Why is the Church described as apostolic?

A. The Church is apostolic, because it continues in the teaching and fellowship of the apostles and is sent to carry out Christ's mission to all people.

Q. What is the mission of the Church?

A. The mission of the Church is to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ.

Q. How does the Church pursue its mission?

A. The Church pursues its mission as it prays and worships, proclaims the Gospel, and promotes justice, peace, and love.

Q. Through whom does the Church carry out its mission?

A. The Church carries out its mission through the ministry of all its members.

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## The Ministers of the Liturgy

Presider: Rev. Vincent Black

Preacher: John Carlson

Music Director and Organist: Jon Peterson

Acolytes: Terri Schade, Charlotte & David Sent

Readers: Garrett Willsea and Keira Dodd

Spiritual Eucharist Reader: Garrett Willsea

Chalice Bearers: Terri Schade and Ann Beyer

Ushers: Owen Jones and Bob Hankey

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The flowers on the main altar are given to the glory of God  
in memory of Gertrude Meckel and Donald Spencer Connelly  
who married at Ascension on August 18, 1924.

The flowers on the chapel altar are given to the glory of God  
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**Remembering Past Parishioners**  
**Celebrating 150 years of ministry**  
**1875 - 2025**



Lillia Wilhelmina Hofheins Meckel (1868- 1947)  
and Frank Alexander Meckel (1866- 1938)

A native of Cincinnati, Frank Meckel and his brothers came to the Cleveland area in 1870. He and his two brothers learned the trade of piano building and later created The Meckel Bros., a well-known piano and instrument company. Frank invited Lillia Hofheins, a young woman with a beautiful voice, to sing at Linwood Park in Vermillion, Ohio where several people would enjoy summer months together in a religious and musical community. After this encounter, Frank Meckel courted the Buffalo native. Frank Meckel and Lillia Hofheins married on May 14, 1890 in Buffalo, NY. Together they had five children: Elsa, Frank, Gertrude, Walter and Ralph. In 1903, the Meckel family built a home on Clarence Avenue, which boasted a large pipe organ on a grand landing of a suspended staircase.

Their children were all confirmed at Ascension: Elsa (April 16, 1908), Frank (March 26, 1911), Gertrude (April 14, 1918), Walter and his mother Lillia (May 1, 1919) and Ralph (May 15, 1932). Frank Meckel is found in 1909 as a member of vestry. Unfortunately, we do not have the minutes for vestry from 1875 to 1909 so it is possible that his involvement with vestry was even before. On vestry, Frank Meckel



used his knowledge of organs, pianos and music as he represented the music committee. Lillia Meckel and Frank were part of the choirs at Ascension and are often found in records showing their musical gifts being used at services and at musical fundraisers for the church. On August 18, 1924, their daughter Gertrude married Donald Spencer Connelly at Church of the Ascension with Rev. Wallace Gordon performing the service. Frank Meckel passed away and his burial services were performed by Rev. Studwell on November 30, 1938. Lillia W. Meckel passed away almost a decade later. Her funeral services were performed by Rev. Pattie on April 7, 1947. Their eldest child was Elsa Marie Meckel, whose fiancé died tragically in an explosion at Clinic Hospital in Cleveland in 1929. Elsa was very involved with Church of the Ascension, teaching Sunday School, helping with a variety of events with ECW and altar guild. It is because of the generosity of the Meckel family that our church now has in our archives many scrapbooks, pictures and documents from Elsa's estate.

Submitted by Gregory Sent, Archivist

## **Sacred Moments**

### **A Collection of 150 years of Weddings and Baptisms**

In June and July of 2025, Church of the Ascension will have an exhibit of wedding and baptismal gowns on display for our parishioners and the community to enjoy. Do you have a gown you would be willing to have part of the exhibit?

We are also looking for pictures for a slideshow during the exhibit. Please let us scan your wedding or baptisms for a show that represents 150 years!

Please contact Gregory Sent at [deutschmeister@hotmail.com](mailto:deutschmeister@hotmail.com) or at 216-570-4424.

## **Centering Prayer**

We meet every Thursdays at noon from 12-12:45 in Ascension Hall.  
For mor information ask Father Vincent or call Jim in the office.

## **Frankfurter Friday**

**Join us for food, fun, and fellowship on the front lawn**

**Set-up is at 6:00pm.**

**Grilling from 6:30 – 7:30pm.**

**August 23<sup>rd</sup>**

## **Car Show**

Please take a flyer for the Car Show  
on Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup>, 10:00am – 2:00pm.

## **Ascension Night Out:**

Please join us on Wednesday, August 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 pm at  
Houlihan's Bar & Grill in Westlake. Houlihan's is located at  
25651 Detroit Rd, Westlake and you can check out their menu  
at <https://www.houlihans.com/location/houlihans-westlake/#menus>

God willing the weather will cooperate again and we can have a  
beautiful evening of great food, fun and fellowship on the patio.

Please RSVP to Jim in the office by Sunday, August 18<sup>th</sup> ,  
either by emailing [Secretary@Ascension-Lakewood.org](mailto:Secretary@Ascension-Lakewood.org)  
or calling 216-521-8727.

## **No Bible study for the rest of August**

Bible Study resumes on September 8th from 9:15-10,  
with the Epistle to the Ephesians

## **Collecting School Supplies**

We will once again be collecting school supplies for our neighbor Garfield Middle School and Denison Elementary where Jenni Hildebrandt is a 3rd grade teacher.

School supplies needed:

- pencils
- Glue sticks
- headphones/earbuds
- colored pencils
- one subject notebooks
- two pocket folders
- pencil pouch
- notebook paper
- pencil sharpener
- 2 inch binders
- backpacks
- highlighters
- erasers

## **God's Mosaic: Exploring the Beauty of LGBTQ+ Identities**

Join us for a transformative journey of self-discovery and spiritual exploration at our upcoming day retreat, "God's Mosaic: Exploring the Beauty of LGBTQ+ Identities." Embark on a day-long experience filled with reflection, dialogue, and community-building as we celebrate the rich diversity of LGBTQ+ identities and their profound significance within the realm of spirituality.

The retreat will take place on the scenic grounds of St.

Bartholomew, Mayfield Village on September 14, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. This retreat is open to all members of the LGBTQ+ community and their allies (18 and older, please). It is sponsored by Trinity Cathedral's LGBTQ+ ministry, open to everyone in the Diocese of Ohio. Hosted by religious educator, Russ Tripi, the retreat will consist of interactive presentations, meaningful discussions, prayer and reflection, and opportunities to commune with nature. Lunch and snacks will be provided. The cost of the retreat is \$50/per person to cover expenses.

## **Collecting Clothes for St. Luke's Episcopal Church**

Box is outside the office.

Please only clean and lightly worn clothing.  
Highly needed are seasonal men's and children's items.

### **Noonday prayer**

**Tuesdays at 12:12pm via conference call**

**We will start prayer promptly at 12:12, and end just before 1pm.  
Please do not call in before 12:05pm.**

You can call in for all or part of the time.

Dial-in number: (425) 436-6300

Access code: 593523#

Use \*6 to mute and un-mute yourself when trying to talk.

We will use the Book of Common Prayer pp. 103-107.

### **Information for live streamed worship.**

The service is streamed live each Sunday at 10:30am  
on The Church of the Ascension website:

<https://ascension-lakewood.org/>

and on YouTube: <https://tinyurl.com/4rs872e2>.

Previous services and featured choir videos on YouTube  
at: <https://tinyurl.com/3c336j6n>.

### **Office Hours**

Office Hours are: 9am – 1:30pm, Tuesday - Thursday

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