



Church of the Ascension

October 13, 2024

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

10:30am

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Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 10:30am

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 *Hyfrydol* Hal H. Hopson & Charles Callahan

Opening Hymn: Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!

H460 vs 1,3,4
Tune: *Hyfrydol*

*1 Alleluia! sing to Jesus!
his the scepter, his the throne;
Alleluia! his the triumph,
his the victory alone;
Hark! the songs of peaceful Zion
thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus out of every nation
hath redeemed us by his blood.*

*3 Alleluia! Bread of Heaven,
thou on earth our food, our stay!
Alleluia! here the sinful
flee to thee from day to day:*

*Intercessor, friend of sinners,
earth's Redeemer, plead for me,
where the songs of all the sinless
sweep across the crystal sea.*

*4 Alleluia! King eternal,
thee the Lord of lords we own:
Alleluia! born of Mary,
earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne:
thou within the veil hast entered,
robed in flesh, our great High Priest:
thou on earth both Priest and Victim
in the eucharistic feast.*

Welcome / Invitation to Sunday School

Opening Acclamation *(The people standing)*

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People *And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

Song of Praise: **To God be the Glory**

Malcolm Archer

Tune: Ash Grove

*To God be the glory, all glory in the highest,
and peace to his people who dwell here below;
Our heavenly Father, our Lord, and our sovereign,
to you, the Almighty, our praises bestow;
We worship and adore you, we bow here before you
with grateful thanksgiving, our song let us raise;
All glory and honor and glad adoration,
to God in the highest, hosanna and praise.*

*Lord Jesus, the only begotten of the Father,
We praise and we bless you, the Son and the Lamb;
The sin of the world you have taken upon you,
have mercy upon us, the Great I AM!
For holy, you meet us, yet lowly you greet us,
the Lord in the highest, the Holy One;
All glory to the Father, the Son and the Spirit,
from ages everlasting, the Three in One.*

The Collect for the Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

Presider The Lord be with you.

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

Presider Let us pray.

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ 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 Job

23:1-9, 16-17

Today my complaint is again bitter;
my strength is weighed down because of my groaning.
Oh, that I could know how to find him—
come to his dwelling place;
I would lay out my case before him,
fill my mouth with arguments,
know the words with which he would answer,
understand what he would say to me.
Would he contend with me through brute force?
No, he would surely listen to me.
There those who do the right thing can argue with him;
I could escape from my judge forever.

Look, I go east; he's not there,
west, and don't discover him;
north in his activity, and I don't grasp him;
he turns south, and I don't see.

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

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

Reader We will stand and sing the psalm.

Psalm 22:1-15 (*metric text*)

Tune: Maryton (H660)
(O Master Let Me Walk with Thee)

***1. Lord, why have you forsaken me,
And why are you so far away***

*From my complaint and my distress
Poured out before you night and day?*

2. *Yet you are holy, and the songs
Of praise of Israel are your throne;
When our ancestors called on you,
You saved them, rescued all your own.*
3. *But I am mocked and put to scorn;
All those who see me laugh and say,
“You trust in God, so let us see
Help from the one to whom you pray.”*
4. *Yet you, O Lord, have been my God
And only hope since I was born;
With trouble near and none to help,
My Savior, leave me not forlorn.*
5. *Young raging bulls encircle me;
Strong bulls of Bashan bar my way.
They open wide their mouths at me
Like lions roaring for their prey.*
6. *Like water is my strength poured out;
My very bones are pulled apart.
Indeed, there beats within my breast
Like melting wax, my fainting heart.*
7. *My tongue sticks fast within my mouth,
Which now is dry as broken clay;
And you have brought me down and laid
My body in a dusty grave.*

A Reading from Hebrews

4:12-16

God’s word is living, active, and sharper than any two-edged sword. It penetrates to the point that it separates the soul from the spirit and the joints from the marrow. It’s able to judge the heart’s thoughts and intentions. No creature is hidden from it, but rather everything is naked and exposed to the eyes of the one to whom we have to give an answer.

Also, let's hold on to the confession since we have a great high priest who passed through the heavens, who is Jesus, God's Son; because we don't have a high priest who can't sympathize with our weaknesses but instead one who was tempted in every way that we are, except without sin.

Finally, let's draw near to the throne of favor with confidence so that we can receive mercy and find grace when we need help.

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

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

The people stand

Sequence Hymn O for a Closer Walk with God

H683 vs 1-3

Tune: *Beatitudo*

*1 O for a closer walk with God,
a calm and heavenly frame,
a light to shine upon the road
that leads me to the Lamb!*

*2 Where is the blessedness I knew
when first I saw the Lord?
Where is the soul-refreshing view
of Jesus and his word?*

*3 Return, O holy Dove, return,
sweet messenger of rest;
I hate the sins that made thee mourn,
and drove thee from my breast.*

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to **Mark**

10: 17-31

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

As Jesus continued down the road, a man ran up, knelt before him, and asked, "Good Teacher, what must I do to obtain eternal life?"

Jesus replied, "Why do you call me good? No one is good except the one God. You know the commandments: *Don't commit murder. Don't commit adultery. Don't steal. Don't give false testimony. Don't cheat. Honor your father and mother.*"

“Teacher,” he responded, “I’ve kept all of these things since I was a boy.”

Jesus looked at him carefully and loved him. He said, “You are lacking one thing. Go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor. Then you will have treasure in heaven. And come, follow me.” But the man was dismayed at this statement and went away saddened, because he had many possessions.

Looking around, Jesus said to his disciples, “It will be very hard for the wealthy to enter God’s kingdom!” His words startled the disciples, so Jesus told them again, “Children, it’s difficult to enter God’s kingdom! It’s easier for a camel to squeeze through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter God’s kingdom.”

They were shocked even more and said to each other, “Then who can be saved?”

Jesus looked at them carefully and said, “It’s impossible with human beings, but not with God. All things are possible for God.”

Peter said to him, “Look, we’ve left everything and followed you.”

Jesus said, “I assure you that anyone who has left house, brothers, sisters, mother, father, children, or farms because of me and because of the good news will receive one hundred times as much now in this life—houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children, and farms (with harassment)—and in the coming age, eternal life. But many who are first will be last. And many who are last will be first.”

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Hymn **O for a Closer Walk with God**

H683 vs 4,5
Tune: *Beatitudo*

*4 The dearest idol I have known,
whate'er that idol be,
help me to tear it from thy throne,
and worship only thee.*

*5 So shall my walk be close with God,
calm and serene my frame;
so purer light shall mark the road
that leads me to the Lamb.*

The people sit

The Sermon

The Reverend John Keller

The people stand

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

“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:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
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 and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He 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 III

BCP 387

Stand or kneel as the Holy Spirit leads.

The Leader and People pray.

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Anne, our Bishop; Vincent, our rector; Clarke, our seminarian; John, our supply priest; Sean, our Presiding Bishop elect; and for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

In the Diocese of Ohio, we pray for St. Peter's Church, Lakewood, and for the South Central Mission Area: St. Matthew's Church, Ashland; Harcourt Parish, Gambier; and Grace Church, Mansfield;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble (especially... *the names on the long-term prayer list are read*);

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest (especially... *the names of the recently deceased are read*);

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

Presider says

Hasten, O Father, the coming of your kingdom; and grant that we your servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold your Son at his coming in glorious majesty; even Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. ***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 your Son 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 the Lord 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

Teddi Black

Corey Niebes

Rhydian Marcella

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 Anthem: Down by the Riverside African American Spiritual

Gonna lay down my sword and shield,
down by the riverside,
down by the riverside,
down by the riverside;
gonna lay down my sword and shield,
down by the riverside,
and study war no more.

I ain't gonna study war no more.
I ain't gonna study war no more,
study war no more.
I ain't gonna study war no more,
ain't gonna study war no more,
study war no more.

Gonna join hands with ev'ryone,
down by the riverside,
down by the riverside,
down by the riverside;
Gonna join hands with ev'ryone,
down by the riverside,
down by the riverside.
I ain't gonna study war no more.
I ain't gonna study war no more,
study war no more.
I ain't gonna study war no more,
ain't gonna study war no more,
study war no more.

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

H11 v. 4

Tune: Morning Hymn

*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 D

BCP 372

Presider The Lord 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 him thanks and praise.***

The Presider proceeds

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing

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 acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To

the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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 he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Presider and People (spoken)

***We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.***

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with Mary, the mother of Jesus, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and 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

Refrain:

***Be known to us, 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.

[Refrain:]

*There is a balm in Gilead,
to make the wounded whole,
there is a balm in Gilead
to heal the sin-sick soul.*

*1 Sometimes I feel discouraged,
and think my work's in vain,
but then the Holy Spirit
revives my soul again. (Refrain)*

*2 If you cannot preach like Peter,
if you cannot pray like Paul,
you can tell the love of Jesus
and say, "He died for all." (Refrain)*

*3 Don't ever be discouraged
for Jesus is your friend,
and if you lack for knowledge,
He'll ne'er refuse to lend. (Refrain)*

Post Communion Music: Supplication

Taizé

O Lord, we call to Thee. Cleanse our hearts so we may love Thee.

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 your
Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father,
send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and
serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to
you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for
ever. Amen.*

Blessing

Closing Hymn: O God, Our Help in Ages Past

H680

Tune: *St. Anne*

*1 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home:*

*2 Under the shadow of thy throne
thy saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone,
and our defense is sure.*

*3 Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received her frame,
from everlasting thou art God,
to endless years the same.*

*4 A thousand ages in thy sight
are like an evening gone;
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.*

*5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all our years away;
they fly, forgotten, as a dream
dies at the opening day.*

*6 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be thou our guide while life shall last,
and our eternal home.*

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: *St. Anne*

Don 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.**



The Ministers of the Liturgy

Presider: The Reverend John Keller
Music Director and Organist: Jon Peterson
Choir Director: Margie Hildebrandt
Acolytes: Jan Bednarski, Terrie Schade, and Charlotte Sent
Readers: Alex DeJesus and Keira Dodd
Spiritual Eucharist Reader: Alex DeJesus
Chalice Bearers: Jan Bednarski and Terrie Schade
Ushers: Jeff Sommer and Ray Pratt
Sunday School: Margie Hildebrandt
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**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	Tim Kirkbride
Ruby Begley	Martin family
Mickey Black	David Morrell
Teddi Black	Gil Newlands
Adam Brow	Jonathon Newlands
Shirley Champion	Sue Parsley
John Carlson	Larry Pierce
Megan DeVito	Sandy Reagan
Laura Egeland	Dale Rerko
Barbara Faux	Mary Rigby
Spencer Faux	Dave Rozell
Stephanie Foster	Maribeth Sarko
Ella Jane Fowerbaugh	Simon
Jonathan Gray	Wendie Stemple
Martha Hartman	Corky Thacker
Amal Hasrouni	Larry Thacker
Joseph Jackson	Patricia Thacker
Pamela Jackson	Frank Vanah
Boots Johnston	Tim Vanah

Those We Know in the Military

Trey Brower	Jason Strater
Sydney Kline	

The Departed

Philip Bethea
Marilyn Little

Linda Seward
Bill Wofford

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.

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1875 - 2025



Pendleton Gaines Watmough (1828-1911)

P. G. Watmough was born May 3, 1828, in Whitemarsh, Pennsylvania. At the age of thirteen, he entered the U.S. Navy and served on the Brazil Station, in the Mediterranean and in the Pacific, where he served during the Mexican War. In 1848, he graduated from the Naval Academy. He served during the Civil War from 1861 to 1865. In 1869, he was appointed collector of the port of Cleveland by President Grant. It was during his time in Cleveland as collector, that Pendleton G. Watmough donated money to Church of the Ascension for the building of the original church. He passed away in 1911, leaving behind a widow and four children.

Submitted by Gregory Sent, Archivist

Centering Prayer

We meet every Thursday from noon to 12:45 in Ascension Hall. For more information ask Father Vincent or call Jim in the office.

No Bible Study in October

Looking for Feedback

As Father Vincent preached on a few weeks ago and Alex wrote about in September Spires, we are looking for feedback from you, our Ascension family. We want to know how Ascension is feeding you spiritually and make sure no one is being overextended. To that end, over the next couple of weeks we'd like you to pray on and think about these two questions.

What events, ministries, activities am I involved with at Ascension that feed me spiritually?

What events, ministries, activities am I involved with at Ascension that leave me feeling tired, or stretched thin?

Alex will be speaking with parishioners who at hospitality after both services during the first two Sundays in October to get your responses and talk more about our goals in asking these questions.

Ascension Night Out:

Join us at Panini's Westlake on Wednesday, October 16th at 6:00 PM for an evening of fellowship, food and fun. Panini's is located at 23800 Detroit Rd. (NE corner of Detroit and Clague Roads) in Westlake. You can see their menu at <https://paninisgrill.com/locations/westlake/>

Please RSVP to Jim by either calling the Church Office at 216-521-8727 or emailing Secretary@Ascension-Lakewood.org by Sunday, October 13th.

We look forward to seeing you.

Church of the Ascension Halloween Festival!

On October 27, 2024, Church of the Ascension will be hosting a Halloween Festival in Strom Hall after the service instead of "Trunk or Treat" outside. Parishioners are encouraged to bring friends and family in costume for games, prizes and fun.



Parishioners willing to help, should contact Gregory Sent (216-570-4424). We will need people to help children with games. Games will be provided. Donations of prizes or candy would also be appreciated.

Marilyn Little Obituary

Marilyn Louise Little passed away on August 17, 2024. Born on May 18, 1929, she was 95 years old. The only child of William Little and Anna Louise Little (nee Fenno), Marilyn grew up in Lakewood, Ohio. She never married and had no children. Fiercely independent, she worked as a supervisor in the radiology department at Deaconess Hospital until her retirement in 1990.

A woman of faith, Marilyn was a long-time member of Lakewood's Church of Ascension (Episcopal) where she was active in various groups as well as serving on the Church's vestry.

There will be a special remembrance for her at Ascension's **10:30 a.m. service, Sunday, October 20, 2024**. A graveside service will also be held on **October 22nd at 10:00 a.m.** at Lakewood Park Cemetery. Donations in her name may be made to Church of the Ascension, 13216 Detroit Avenue, Lakewood, OH 44107.

Presiding Bishop Installation Watch Party

Get ready to celebrate! On **November 2**, The Episcopal Church will officially welcome the Rt. Rev. Sean Rowe as its 28th Presiding Bishop. This smaller, eco-friendly investiture service will be live-streamed, bringing us together across the Church to celebrate this new chapter.

We will have a watch party in Ascension Hall. Roll Call is **9:30am** and Holy Eucharist at **11am**. Coffee, tea, and fruit provided.

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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