

February 16, 2025

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

10:30am

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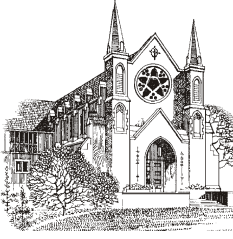
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Church of the Ascension
February 16, 2025
Sixth Sunday after Epiphany
Holy Eucharist, 10:30am
Rite II, Expansive language

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: Meditation on *Duke Street*

G. Winston Cassler

Opening Hymn: Jesus Shall Reign

H544

Tune: *Duke Street*

*1 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
doth his successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.*

*2 To him shall endless prayer be made,
and praises throng to crown his head;
his Name like sweet perfume shall rise
with every morning sacrifice.*

*3 People and realms of every tongue
dwell on his love with sweetest song;
and infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on his Name.*

*4 Blessings abound where'er he reigns:
the prisoners leap to lose their chains,
the weary find eternal rest,
and all who suffer want are blest.*

*5 Let every creature rise and bring
peculiar honors to our King;
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the loud amen.*

Welcome / Invitation to Sunday School

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: Let All Things Now Living

Katherine Davis

Tune: Ash Grove

*1 Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
to God the creator triumphantly raise,
who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
who still guides us on to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us,
his light goes before us,
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night,
till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished,
as forward we travel from light into light.*

*2 His law he enforces, the stars in their courses
and sun in its orbit, obediently shine;
the hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,
the deeps of the ocean proclaim him divine.
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing;
with glad adoration a song let us raise
till all things now living unite in thanksgiving:
"to God in the highest, hosanna and praise!"*

The Collect for the Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

Presider God be with you.

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

Presider Let us pray.

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because in our weakness we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

People sit for the reading of the lessons

A Reading from Jeremiah

17:5-10

The Lord proclaims:

Cursed are those who trust in mere humans,
who depend on human strength
and turn their hearts from the Lord.

They will be like a desert shrub
that doesn't know when relief comes.

They will live in the parched places of the wilderness,
in a barren land where no one survives.

Happy are those who trust in the Lord,
who rely on the Lord.

They will be like trees planted by the streams,
whose roots reach down to the water.

They won't fear drought when it comes;
their leaves will remain green.

They won't be stressed in the time of drought
or fail to bear fruit.

The most cunning heart—
it's beyond help.

Who can figure it out?

I, the Lord, probe the heart
and discern hidden motives,

to give everyone what they deserve,
the consequences of their deeds.

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 1 (*metric text*)

Tune: *Old 100th*

(H380 From All That Dwell Below the Skies)

1. *How happy those who have not walked
With the ungodly of the land,
Nor lingered in the sinners' way,
Nor sat with those who mock God's hand.*
2. *How happy those who love the law
And find in it their chief delight;
They meditate continually
Upon God's law both day and night.*
3. *Like fruitful trees by flowing streams,
With leaves that never fade or fall,
Are those who serve God day and night;
They find prosperity in all.*
4. *The wicked are not so; they seem
Like chaff the wind will blow away;
They have no place with the elect,
Nor can they stand on Judgment Day.*
5. *Then praise our God who knows so well
The way in which the righteous go;
The path which the ungodly walk
Is doomed, as all God's people know.*

The people sit.

A Reading from First Corinthians

15:12-20

So if the message that is preached says that Christ has been raised from the dead, then how can some of you say, "There's no

resurrection of the dead”? If there’s no resurrection of the dead, then Christ hasn’t been raised either. If Christ hasn’t been raised, then our preaching is useless and your faith is useless. We are found to be false witnesses about God, because we testified against God that he raised Christ, when he didn’t raise him if it’s the case that the dead aren’t raised. If the dead aren’t raised, then Christ hasn’t been raised either. If Christ hasn’t been raised, then your faith is worthless; you are still in your sins, and what’s more, those who have died in Christ are gone forever. If we have a hope in Christ only in this life, then we deserve to be pitied more than anyone else.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead. He’s the first crop of the harvest of those who have died.

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

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

The people stand

Sequence Hymn We know that Christ is raised H296 vs 1&2
Tune: Engelberg

***1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
Embraced by death, he broke its fearful hold,
and our despair he turned to blazing joy.
Alleluia!***

***2 We share by water in his saving death.
Reborn, we share with him an Easter life
as living members of a living Christ.
Alleluia!***

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

6:17-26

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

Jesus came down from the mountain with them and stood on a large area of level ground. A great company of his disciples and a huge crowd of people from all around Judea and Jerusalem and the area around Tyre and Sidon joined him there. They came to hear him and to be healed from their diseases, and those bothered by

unclean spirits were healed. The whole crowd wanted to touch him, because power was going out from him and he was healing everyone.

Jesus raised his eyes to his disciples and said:

“Happy are you who are poor,
because God’s kingdom is yours.
Happy are you who hunger now,
because you will be satisfied.
Happy are you who weep now,
because you will laugh.

Happy are you when people hate you, reject you, insult you, and condemn your name as evil because of the Human One. Rejoice when that happens! Leap for joy because you have a great reward in heaven. Their ancestors did the same things to the prophets.

But how terrible for you who are rich,
because you have already received your comfort.
How terrible for you who have plenty now,
because you will be hungry.
How terrible for you who laugh now,
because you will mourn and weep.
How terrible for you when all speak well of you.
Their ancestors did the same things to the false prophets.

Presider The Gospel of our Savior.

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

Hymn We know that Christ is raised H296 vs 3&4
Tune: Engelberg

*3 The Father's splendor clothes the Son with life.
The Spirit's power shakes the church of God.
Baptized, we live with God, the Three in One.
Alleluia!*

*4 A new creation comes to life and grows
as Christ's new body takes on flesh and blood.
The universe, restored and whole, will sing:
Alleluia! Amen.*

The people sit

The Sermon

Rev. Vincent Black

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:
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 IV

BCP 388

Stand or kneel as the Holy Spirit leads.

The Leader and People pray.

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

We pray especially for Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Anne, our Bishop; Vincent, our rector; and Clarke, our seminarian.

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 Church, Westlake.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

We pray especially for (... *the names on the long-term prayer list are read*).

The People may offer their own petitions, either silently or aloud.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

We pray especially for (...*the names of the recently deceased are read*).

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Presider says

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***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

BCP 360

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 but keep social distance.

For those celebrating birthdays

Martha Hartman
Rincy Isaacs
Bret Schlosser

William Spada
Rob Theibert

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: With Grateful Heart

arr. Mark Schweizer
Tune: O Waly, Waly

With grateful heart my thanks I bring,
Before the throne thy praise I sing:
I worship in thy holy place
And praise thee for thy truth and grace.

O Lord, enthroned in glory bright,
Thou reignest in the heav'nly height;
Thy truth and grace together shine
In thy most holy Word divine.

The work thou hast for me begun,
Shall by thy grace be fully done;
For ever mercy dwells with thee;
O Lord, my God, abide with me.

All stand

The Presentation of God's Tithes and Offerings

*The gifts of the people are presented at this time
as the congregation sings.*

Presentation Hymn: Now the Silence

H333
Tune: Now

Now the silence
Now the peace
Now the empty hands uplifted

Now the kneeling
Now the plea
Now the Father's arms in welcome
Now the hearing
Now the power
Now the vessel brimmed for pouring
Now the Body
Now the Blood
Now the joyful celebration
Now the wedding
Now the songs
Now the heart forgiven leaping
Now the Spirit's visitation
Now the Son's epiphany
Now the Father's blessing
Now
Now
Now

The people remain standing

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP 361

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.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

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:

Presider and People

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.***

***Hosanna in the highest. 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

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and maker of all.

Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Presider and People (spoken)

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Presider continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's death,

resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Christ. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Savior. 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.**

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

The Lord's Prayer (*spoken*)

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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

W875

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.

Communion Hymn: In Christ Alone Stuart Townend & Keith Getty

*I 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.*

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)*

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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: Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

H423

Tune: St. Denio

*1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great Name we praise.*

*2 Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.*

*3 To all life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish, like leaves on the tree,
then wither and perish; but nought changeth thee.*

*4 Thou reignest in glory, thou rulest in light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render: O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.*

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: Postlude on *St. Denio*

Todd Kendall

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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: Rev. Vincent Black
Music Director & Organist: Jon Peterson
Choir Director: Margie Hildebrandt
Acolytes: Derek Lewallen and Seth Clemens
Readers: Corky Thacker and Julie Exline
Spiritual Communion Reader: Corky Thacker
Chalice Bearers: Derek Lewallen and Ann Beyer
Ushers: Adam Clemens and Jeff Sommer
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The flowers on the Main altar are given to the glory of God
in memory of Zachary Klemola.

The flowers on the chapel altar are given to the glory of God
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A New Metrical Psalter, Revised Common Lectionary Edition

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

Our Spiritual Leaders:

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

Those for whom prayers have been requested:

Autumn and Family

Mickey Black

Teddi Black

Shirley Champion

Robert Dibb

Josie Dodd

Kaisu Donovan

Doug Damron

Dolly Doyle

Barbara Faux

Spencer Faux

Stephanie Foster

Ella Jane Fowerbaugh

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Those We Know in the Military

Trey Brower

Wiley Goins

Lauren Hober

Sydney Kline

Burton McCarthy

Jason Strater

The Departed

Harding Christ

Eric Christiansen

Laura Egeland

Kathy Fousek

Henry Hando

Tim Kirkbride

Jonathon Newlands

Sue Parsley

Dave Rozell

Sam Sgambellone

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.

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Dorothy Olivia Brooks Theurer (1900-1976)



Raible Christian Theurer (1894-1970)

Dorothy O. Brooks was an only child born on February 2, 1900, to John Yates Brooks and Jennie Gray Brooks in Joliet, Illinois. Her father was a superintendent of four mills for the American Steel and Wire Company. For a while as a child, they lived in Alabama before moving to Lakewood, where they were found living on Lake Avenue in 1920. It was here in Cleveland that Dorothy was a student at Flora Stone Mather College, a branch of Western Reserve University that specialized in the education of women. In college, Dorothy was engaged with several activities, showing leadership skills and interest especially in sports: baseball, basketball and field hockey.

Raible C. Theurer was born January 19, 1894, in Cleveland to John Christian Theurer and Carrie Raible Wertz Theurer. His family founded and ran the Theurer-Norton Provision Co., which was one of Cleveland's largest and well-known meat packing companies. It should be mentioned that the Theurer and Norton families both had many connections to Church of the Ascension. In 1917, during World War I, Raible Theurer enlisted and served in Europe as a private in the Army.

The very first record of Dorothy Brook at Church of the Ascension is that of her confirmation, which took place on Ascension Day of 1915. Dorothy's mother became a member of the church on November 27, 1922. Dorothy Brooks and Raible Theurer married on February 16, 1927, at Church of the Ascension with the Rev. Wallace May Gordon presiding. Together Dorothy and Raible had three children: John Brooks Theurer, Dorothy "Dolly" Olivia Theurer and Raible Christian Theurer Jr. All three children were baptized at Ascension by Rev. Studwell and confirmed at Ascension, presented by Rev. Pattie. Raible served for years on the vestry and the advisory board. As a child brought up in the Episcopal faith, Dorothy was a member of the Girls Friendly Society. At Church of the Ascension, Dorothy was the president of the Diocesan Board of the Girls Friendly Society. As a fundraiser for the church during World War II, the G. F. S. created cookbooks filled with recipes from the families of Ascension. A few from 1944 and 1945 still exist in our archives. Recipes from Dorothy and her mother, Jennie Gray Brooks are in these small booklets. Dorothy's mother passed away on September 15, 1945, and her funeral service was at Church of the Ascension with Rev. John R. Pattie presiding. Not long after the death of her mother, Dorothy and Raible donated two large windows (*Annunciation to Shepherds* and *Magi Following Star*) in the clerestory in memory of John Y. Brooks and Jennie Gray Brooks, the parents of Dorothy Brooks Theurer. Their son John B. Theurer married Jane Case at St. Andrew's Church in Elyria on January 18, 1949. Four years later the Theurer family would be forever united with another Ascension family when on December 14, 1953, their daughter Dorothy O. Theurer married Donald E. Salisbury at church of the Ascension with Dr. Stuart Cole officiating. Their son Raible Theurer Jr. married Virginia Reid on June 23, 1956, with Dr. Stuart Cole presiding. They also had two grandsons baptized at Ascension: Geoffrey Christian Salisbury and Gerald Brooks Salisbury. In 1958, the Theurer family moved to their property in New York near the Finger Lakes. Raible Theurer passed away March 17, 1970, in Marietta, New York. Six years later, Dorothy Theurer passed away on March 2, 1976. Dorothy and Raible Theurer are buried together at Oakwood Cemetery in Syracuse, New York.

Submitted by Gregory Sent, Archivist

Sunday Bible Study

Through March 23rd, in between services, Keira Dodd will lead a Bible Study of three Wisdom Books: *Ecclesiastes*, *Song of Songs*, and *Psalms*. Learn how these books are different from the rest of the Bible and explore how God's wisdom applies to our lives today!

Go Deeper in Your Faith!

Father Vincent and Aaron Beatty are leading a book study of "Inwardly Digest" by Derek Olsen from **6:30-8pm for 9 weeks on Wednesdays beginning February 5 and ending April 16**. We will not meet on Ash Wednesday (3/5) or when the president of historical society is presenting (3/26).

We will discuss a chapter a week, except on 2/12 we will discuss chapters 2, 3, 4.

Sign up and books for sale in the office.

Safe-Church Training.

Everyone who works with kids, has keys to the building, or serves in a leadership position, must complete training every 3 years.

In-person training is next Sunday, February 23rd, 1-4pm in Ascension Hall. On-line training is also available.

To register for in-person or on-line training call Jim in the office or email him at jim.weiss@ascension-lakewood.org

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.

Please beware of scammers.

Do not pay for church events or sign up for them via email.

Please be careful and check that all events for 2025 are listed on
the save the date bookmarks or on the webpage

<http://www.150years.org>

If you are not sure call Jim in the office 216-521-8727.

Chosen, Thursdays 6-8pm

Season 3: February

Feb 20th: 6 & 7

Feb 27th: 8

Season 4: March, April, and May

Mar 6th: 1

Mar 27th: 4

Apr 24th: 7

Mar 13th: 2

Apr 3rd: 5

May 1st: 8

Mar 20th: 3

Apr 10th: 6

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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