

Church of the Ascension

May 29, 2025

Ascension Day

7:30pm

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BCP indicates the Book of Common Prayer.

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“S” indicates service music found at the front of the hymnal

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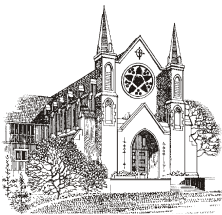
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Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 7:30pm

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: *Hyfrydol*

Gordon Young

Opening Hymn: Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!

H460

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.*

*2 Alleluia! not as orphans
are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! he is near us,
faith believes, nor questions how:*

*though the cloud from sight received him,
when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget his promise,
"I am with you evermore"?*

*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.*

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

Welcome

Opening Acclamation (*The people standing*)

BCP 355

Presider Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People ***The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.***

*God's Paschal Lamb is sacrificed for us;
Therefore with joy we keep the Easter feast;
Forsaking sin, we share the bread of truth.
Alleluia, Alleluia!*

*Now Christ is raised and will not die again;
Death has no more dominion over him;
Through him we die to sin and live to God.
Alleluia, Alleluia!*

*In Christ we see the first fruits of the dead:
Though Adam's sin had doomed all flesh to die,
In Christ's new life shall all be made alive.
Alleluia, Alleluia!*

The Collect for Ascension Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

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

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son our Savior Jesus Christ ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things: Mercifully give us faith to perceive that, according to his promise, he abides with his Church on earth, even to the end of the ages; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

People sit for the reading of the lessons

A Reading from Acts

1:1-11

Theophilus, the first scroll I wrote concerned everything Jesus did and taught from the beginning, right up to the day when he was taken up into heaven. Before he was taken up, working in the power of the Holy Spirit, Jesus instructed the apostles he had chosen. After his suffering, he showed them that he was alive with many convincing proofs. He appeared to them over a period of

forty days, speaking to them about God's kingdom. While they were eating together, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem but to wait for what the Father had promised. He said, "This is what you heard from me: John baptized with water, but in only a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

As a result, those who had gathered together asked Jesus, "Lord, are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel now?"

Jesus replied, "It isn't for you to know the times or seasons that the Father has set by his own authority. Rather, you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

After Jesus said these things, as they were watching, he was lifted up and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going away and as they were staring toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood next to them. They said, "Galileans, why are you standing here, looking toward heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way that you saw him go into heaven."

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 47 (*metric text*)

Tune: Festal Song (H551)
(Rise Up, Ye Saints of God)

***1. All peoples, clap your hands
And make God's praises known;
The Lord most high is to be feared
Who rules the world alone.***

***2. All nations of the earth
Are humbled by God's hand;
God chooses our inheritance,
Gives Jacob this good land.***

*3. God has gone up on high
With shouts and trumpet's voice;
Sing praise, sing praise to God who rules,
Sing out your praise, rejoice.*

*4. For God rules over all,
Sing praise with all your skill;
God sits upon the holy throne
And rules all nations still.*

*5. The nobles of the earth
Are joined with Abraham's seed;
The rulers of the world are God's,
The Lord is praised indeed.*

A Reading from Ephesians

1:15-23

Since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people, this is the reason that I don't stop giving thanks to God for you when I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, will give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation that makes God known to you. I pray that the eyes of your heart will have enough light to see what is the hope of God's call, what is the richness of God's glorious inheritance among believers, and what is the overwhelming greatness of God's power that is working among us believers. This power is conferred by the energy of God's powerful strength. God's power was at work in Christ when God raised him from the dead and sat him at God's right side in the heavens, far above every ruler and authority and power and angelic power, any power that might be named not only now but in the future. God put everything under Christ's feet and made him head of everything in the church, which is his body. His body, the church, is the fullness of Christ, who fills everything in every way.

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

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

The people stand

Sequence Hymn Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise H214 vs. 1&2
Tune: Llanfair

*1. Hail the day that sees him rise, Alleluia!
glorious to his native skies; Alleluia!
Christ, awhile to mortals given, Alleluia!
enters now the highest heaven! Alleluia!*

*2. There the glorious triumph waits; Alleluia!
lift your heads, eternal gates! Alleluia!
Wide unfold the radiant scene; Alleluia!
take the King of glory in! Alleluia!*

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
 according to **Luke**

24:44-53

People sing: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Alleluias from H208

Jesus said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the Law from Moses, the Prophets, and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures. He said to them, “This is what is written: the Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and a change of heart and life for the forgiveness of sins must be preached in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. Look, I’m sending to you what my Father promised, but you are to stay in the city until you have been furnished with heavenly power.”

He led them out as far as Bethany, where he lifted his hands and blessed them. As he blessed them, he left them and was taken up to heaven. They worshipped him and returned to Jerusalem overwhelmed with joy. And they were continuously in the temple praising God.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People sing: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Alleluias from H208

Hymn

Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise

H214 vs. 3&4

Tune: Llanfair

*3. See! he lifts his hands above; Alleluia!
See! he shows the prints of love: Alleluia!
Hark! his gracious lips bestow, Alleluia!
blessings on his Church below. Alleluia!*

*4. Lord beyond our mortal sight, Alleluia!
raise our hearts to reach thy height, Alleluia!
there thy face unclouded see, Alleluia!
find our heaven of heavens in thee. Alleluia!*

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:
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.

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

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

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 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.*

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

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: Doxology with Alleluias Tune: *Lasst uns Erfreuen*

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below,
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

The people remain standing

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP 361

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

Through your dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord. After his glorious resurrection he openly appeared to his disciples, and in their sight ascended into heaven, to prepare a place for us; that where he is, there we might also be, and reign with him in glory.

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,
heaven and earth are 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 Father: 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 Father of all.

He 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 Lord 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 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."

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, O Father, in this

sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his 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 him. 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 your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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.

*1 Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown
in you and you in me?*

*2 Will you leave yourself behind
if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare
should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer
in you and you in me?*

*3 Will you let the blinded see
if I but call your name?
Will you set the pris'ners free
and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean,
and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean
in you and you in me?*

*4 Will you love the "you" you hide
if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside
and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound
in you and you in me?*

*5 Lord, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
and never be the same.
In your company I'll go
where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow
in you and you in me.*

Postcommunion Music: I Believe

Natalie Sleeth

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered, under Pontius Pilate;
He was crucified, he was dead and was buried,
he descended into hell!
But the third day he rose again, arose from the dead!
He ascended into heaven,
and he sitteth at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty!
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead,
to judge the living and the dead!

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 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

H450

Tune: Coronation

*1 All hail the power of Jesus' Name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem,
and crown him Lord of all!
bring forth the royal diadem,
and crown him Lord of all!*

*2 Crown him ye martyrs of our God,
who from his altar call:
praise him whose way of pain ye trod,
and crown him Lord of all!
praise him whose way of pain ye trod,
and crown him Lord of all!*

*3 Hail him, the Heir of David's line,
whom David Lord did call,
the God incarnate, Man divine,
and crown him Lord of all!
the God incarnate, Man divine,
and crown him Lord of all!*

*4 Ye heirs of Israel's chosen race,
ye ransomed of the fall,
hail him who saves you by his grace,
and crown him Lord of all!
hail him who saves you by his grace,
and crown him Lord of all!*

*5 Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget
the wormwood and the gall,
go, spread your trophies at his feet,
and crown him Lord of all!
go, spread your trophies at his feet,
and crown him Lord of all!*

*6 Let every kindred, every tribe,
on this terrestrial ball,
to him all majesty ascribe,
and crown him Lord of all!
to him all majesty ascribe,
and crown him Lord 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

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia.
People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Voluntary: Postlude on *Coronation*

Charles Callahan

† † †

**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:

Mickey Black	Lois Leete
Teddi Black	June Madden
Rehtaeh Brady	Gil Newlands
Shirley Champion	Kris Purdy
Robert Dibb	Ray and Family
Kaisu Donovan	Sandy Reagan
Doug Damron	Kalieghe Roe
Barbara Faux	Patricia Saylor
Spencer Faux	Wendy Semple
Stephanie Foster	Miriam Schantz
Ella Jane Fowerbaugh	Roselle Sgambellone
Linda Gratz	Daniel Smith
Spencer Griffith	Susan Streitel
Pamela Jackson	Corky Thacker
Boots Johnston	Rob Theibert
Joyce Knapp	Ruth Vacha

Those We Know in the Military

Trey Brower	Sydney Kline
Wiley Goins	Burton McCarthy
Lauren Hober	Jason Strater

The Departed

Peter Alix

Bruce Ford

Cheryl Jankowski

Robert Selby

Wallace Stroud

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.

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 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.



Dear Church of the Ascension,

Nearly 12 years ago you welcomed a bright-eyed, poetry-loving 21 year old to your church picnic. He was new to Lakewood, and, while not new to church, didn't know where God was calling him. You invited him to suppers and EfM and choir. You told him your stories, shared your time and made him feel at home.

Now thousands of miles away, living in the UK that not-as-young-anymore adult is a priest and chaplain at Emmanuel College, Cambridge. The lessons you taught about what it means to be the

Body of Christ have stayed with me. From Ascension in 2013-2014, I went off to Yale Divinity School (coming back for visits to Ascension and the diocese) to train for the priesthood. I was ordained a deacon in June 2017, and a priest in December of the same year. You were like a second sponsoring parish to me. I served as curate and then associate rector at St. Andrew's, Elyria and Christ Church, Oberlin from 2017 to 2021, where I tried to practice the love you all taught me. From there I went to Belgium to pursue a research masters in theology and work for the Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe for two years, before moving to Cambridge in October 2023 to begin my current position. I am in my second year (of four) in my PhD in theology, examining how the literature, art, and activism around HIV/AIDS in 1980s New York City can be a resource for how we think about grief and mourning in Christian theology.

When I think about generosity, kindness, patience, and, most of all, love, I think of that year and the many years since when you demonstrated these fruits of the Spirit. Last September, when I had the privilege to spend time with many of you, I was delighted to see and celebrate how you have continued in your gift of hospitality.

On this anniversary and the celebration of the feast of the Ascension, I join with you from afar in rejoicing in how you have raised up so many into the experience of God's abiding love. This is one of the symbols, for me, of the feast of Christ's Ascension. It is not so much that he has gone up to some place far away in the heavens, but that he has gone ahead of us and promised us a place within the heart of God. As we await this promise of fulfillment, we look to one another and celebrate how God is alive and at work in our midst already.

We may be divided by time and space from those who have gone before us, but Christ has promised to send one who will comfort us, advocate for us, and accompany us in being Christ's Body in the world.

Many blessings on this magnificent feast day and much love,

Fr. Greg

Anniversary Speakers at Ascension

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| June 22 nd ,
Sun, Noon | Speaker: Dave Buehler-
Topic “Templar Cars from Lakewood. |
| July 23 rd ,
Wed, 5:30pm | Speaker: Mia Hutchinson Soosal
Topic “The Franch and Andrews Family
in Lakewood History. |
| July 25 th ,
Fri, 5:30pm | Speakers Jennifer Cauffield and Jeff Hutchinson-
Topic “Rise and Fall” , Hutchinson Family of
Lakewood and their role in the Great Lakes. |

Sesquicentennial Celebration

Please remember to mark your calendar for our big sesquicentennial celebration weekend July 25, 26, and 27. For details about the weekend and all planned events for this special 150th year please go to our events page at: <https://www.150years.org/>

Visit our Sacred Moments Exhibit

12-3pm Sundays in June and July
Bring family and friends!
Free Will Offering.

Sesquicentennial Memorabilia

Make sure to get your anniversary mementos for sale outside the parish office. Items include bags, ornaments, mugs, and magnets. Limited supply.

150th Anniversary Cookbook Available!

150th Anniversary Cookbooks: A Slice of History with photos, recipes, and biographies spanning the years! Now available for a minimum donation of \$20.00.

All purchases and donations can be made via the following QR Code:



A night out at the ballpark

Join us on Tuesday, June 24th, at 6:40 pm as our Cleveland Guardians take on the Toronto Blue Jays.

Tickets are \$20.00 each, and can be reserved by calling Rob Theibert at 330-807-4255.

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.

Welcome Home

Welcome Home to all those who lived in intentional Community at Ascension House and/or have been part of our parish family and are now ordained ministers in The Episcopal Church:

The Rev. Stephen Ashby

The Rev. Kelly Aughenbaugh

The Rev. Alex Barton

Ms. Lauren Dockery

The Rev. Valerie Hart

The Rev. Leah Romanelli DeJesus

The Rev. Anna Sutterisch

The Rev. Noah Sutterisch

The Rev. Barb Telfer

Ms. Allison Thompson



The Ministers of the Liturgy

Presider: Rev. Vincent Black

Deacon: Rev. Barb Telfer

Music Director and Organist: Jon Peterson

Choir Director: Margie Hildebrandt

Acolytes: Derek Lewallen, Charlotte Sent, Maize Gillies

Readers: Lauren Dockery and Allison Thompson

Prayers of the People: Ray Pratt

Spiritual Eucharist Reader: Corky Thacker

Chalice Bearers: Rev. Barb Telfer, Derek Lewallen

Ushers: Jeff Sommers, Joe Sgambellone

Videographer: Dave Campion

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Pride in the CLE 2025

All Diocese of Ohio churches are invited to participate in the [Pride in the CLE march and festival](#) in downtown Cleveland on **June 7**. Church representation can be one or two people or a group of 15 to 20. As in 2024, we will have a booth after the march to meet and greet festival attendees. Join us as we share our message of God's love for all, with no exceptions. Now's the time to organize your group! When possible, participating parishes are asked to provide volunteers to staff the booth and make a contribution to help cover costs of the booth. For more information about participating, please contact [Dan McGuire](#) mcguirenyc@gmail.com or [Deacon Barb Telfer](#) telferbjt@hotmail.com.

Are you planning to participate in a different Pride event in your area? Please let us know (contact [Canon Rosalind rhughes@dohio.org](#)), so that we can better support one another's Pride activities.

Education for Ministry

If you have a desire to make meaning of your life, to better understand your relationship with God, to uncover your gifts so that you might use them in God's creation, and to be in community with others as you discern your purpose, then consider joining an Education for Ministry (EfM) program. Developed through the University of the South in Sewanee, Tenn., the curriculum for Lay people offers seminary-level education without the burden of tests and grades. It will start in most parishes in September and finish in June, every week for 36 weeks. Currently, it is being offered at [8 parishes](#) around the Diocese. Mentors are filling classes now for the fall season, so contact the mentor of the class. At Ascension that is Keira Dodd keiradodd@yahoo.com or John Mohlar johnmohlar@sbcglobal.net. The cost is \$350 per person, annually, plus books. For more information, please visit: linktr.ee/efm.sewanee.edu.

Summer Camp at Bellwether Farm

Looking for a screen-free, adventure-filled summer experience where your child can explore, learn, and build lifelong friendships? Bellwether Farm offers a small, close-knit environment with an average of 40 campers per week, ensuring a warm and supportive community. Campers unplug from technology and dive into hands-on activities like archery, canoeing, farm experiences, field games, and nature crafts. They'll gain valuable life skills through cooking farm-fresh meals, caring for animals, and working together as a team. In cozy cabins with eight peers and two counselors, kids build strong friendships while enjoying camp-wide games, assemblies, and unforgettable evening events like the legendary talent show. Bellwether Farm Summer Camp is a place where every child is celebrated, encouraged, and given the space to grow in confidence, independence, and a love for the outdoors. Located in Wakeman, OH, less than an hour from downtown Cleveland, your child can get away without being far away. Check out the [FAQ](#) to see a sample schedule and learn more about the best weeks of summer! We also have two open houses: May 4 and June 1, both from 1:00-4:00 p.m. Registration and details at: <https://www.bellwetherfarm.com/camps/summer-camps>

Camp Scholarships

The cost of a week of camp is \$500.00 per camper. If you are willing to help parents offset some of that cost with a scholarship, please write on check or envelope "for camp scholarship" and drop off in the office or put in the offering plate.

Office Hours

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

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.

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.

Eucharistic Visit

If you are unable to attend church and would like to request Holy Communion to be brought to you please call or email our Church Secretary 216-521-8727 secretary@ascension-lakewood.org

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>.

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