

Church of the Ascension

January 11, 2026

*First Sunday after Epiphany:
The Baptism of Our Lord*

10:30am

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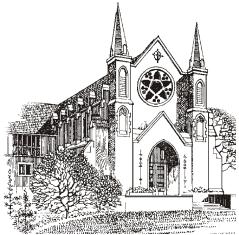
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*Holy Eucharist, 10:30am
Rite II, Expansive language*

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: Chorale George Frideric Handel, arr. K. Griesinger
The Ascension String Ensemble

Opening Hymn: On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry **H76**
Tune: Winchester New

*1 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
announces that the Lord is nigh;
awake and hearken, for he brings
glad tidings of the King of kings.*

*2 Then cleanse be every breast from sin;
make straight the way for God within,
and let each heart prepare a home
where such a mighty guest may come.*

*3 For thou art our salvation, Lord,
our refuge and our great reward;
without thy grace we waste away
like flowers that wither and decay.*

*4 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand,
and bid the fallen sinner stand;
shine forth, and let thy light restore
earth's own true loveliness once more.*

*5 All praise, eternal Son, to thee,
whose advent doth thy people free;
whom with the Father we adore
and Holy Spirit evermore.*

Welcome / Invitation to Sunday School

Opening Acclamation (*The people standing*)

BCP 351

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

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

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

S280

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

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

*Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
You are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.*

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

The Collect for the Baptism of our Lord

Presider God be with you.

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

Presider Let us pray.

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. ***Amen.***

People sit for the reading of the lessons

A Reading from Isaiah

42:1-9

But here is my servant, the one I uphold;
my chosen, who brings me delight.
I've put my spirit upon him;
he will bring justice to the nations.
He won't cry out or shout aloud
or make his voice heard in public.
He won't break a bruised reed;
he won't extinguish a faint wick,
but he will surely bring justice.
He won't be extinguished or broken
until he has established justice in the land.
The coastlands await his teaching.

God the Lord says—
the one who created the heavens,
the one who stretched them out,
the one who spread out the earth and its offspring,

the one who gave breath to its people
and life to those who walk on it—
I, the Lord, have called you for a good reason.
I will grasp your hand and guard you,
and give you as a covenant to the people,
as a light to the nations,
to open blind eyes, to lead the prisoners from prison,
and those who sit in darkness from the dungeon.

I am the Lord;
that is my name;
I don't hand out my glory to others
or my praise to idols.

The things announced in the past—look—they've already happened,
but I'm declaring new things.
Before they even appear,
I tell you about them.

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 29 (metric text)

Tune: *Diademata* (H494)
(Crown Him with Many Crowns)

*1. Ascribe to God, you gods,
Ascribe all glory, might;
Ascribe the glory due his Name,
Worship in holy light.
God's voice is on the deep,
God's thunder rolls on high;
The Lord is on the water-flood,
God's voice a mighty cry.*

*2. God's voice breaks mighty trees,
Tall cedars great in worth;
They writhe and leap like mountain sheep,
God's voice shakes all the earth.*

*God's voice splits flames of fire,
God's voice shakes desert sands;
God's voice makes oak trees shake and strips
The leaves from forest stands.*

3. *Within God's temple all
Cry "Glory!" and adore;
The Lord sits throned above the flood
As King for evermore.
The Lord will give his strength
To all his own, nor cease
To give his people evermore
The blessing of his peace.*

The people sit.

A Reading from Acts

10:34-43

Peter said, “I really am learning that God doesn’t show partiality to one group of people over another. Rather, in every nation, whoever worships him and does what is right is acceptable to him. This is the message of peace he sent to the Israelites by proclaiming the good news through Jesus Christ: He is Lord of all! You know what happened throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism John preached. You know about Jesus of Nazareth, whom God anointed with the Holy Spirit and endowed with power. Jesus traveled around doing good and healing everyone oppressed by the devil because God was with him. We are witnesses of everything he did, both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him up on the third day and allowed him to be seen, not by everyone but by us. We are witnesses whom God chose beforehand, who ate and drank with him after God raised him from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

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

The people stand

Sequence Hymn Baptized in water

**H294 vs. 1&2
to Tune: Bunessan (H8)**

*1. Baptized in water,
sealed by the Spirit,
cleansed by the blood of Christ our King:
heirs of salvation,
trusting his promise,
faithfully now God's praise we sing.*

*2. Baptized in water,
sealed by the Spirit,
dead in the tomb with Christ our King:
one with his rising,
freed and forgiven,
thankfully now God's praise we sing.*

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

3:13-17

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

At that time Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan River so that John would baptize him. John tried to stop him and said, “I need to be baptized by you, yet you come to me?”

Jesus answered, “Allow me to be baptized now. This is necessary to fulfill all righteousness.”

So John agreed to baptize Jesus. When Jesus was baptized, he immediately came up out of the water. Heaven was opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God coming down like a dove and resting on him. A voice from heaven said, “This is my Son whom I dearly love; I find happiness in him.”

Presider The Gospel of our Savior.
People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ**

Hymn

Baptized in water

H294 vs. 3
to Tune: Bunnesan (H8)

*3. Baptized in water,
sealed by the Spirit,
marked with the sign of Christ our King:
born of one Father,
we are his children,
joyfully now God's praise we sing.*

The people sit

The Sermon

Rev. Peter Faass

The people stand

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Presider Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and
renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People ***I do.***

Presider Do you believe in God the Father?

People ***I believe in God, the Father almighty creator of heaven
and earth.***

Presider Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People ***I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.***

***He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.***

***He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified,
died, and was buried.***

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

***He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the
right hand of the Father.***

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Presider Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People ***I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.***

Presider Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers ?

People: ***I will, with God's help.***

Presider Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People: ***I will, with God's help.***

Presider Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People: ***I will, with God's help.***

Presider Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People: ***I will, with God's help.***

Presider Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People: ***I will, with God's help.***

The Presider concludes the Renewal of Vows as follows

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. ***Amen.***

The Prayers of the People, Form VI

BCP 392

Stand or kneel as the Holy Spirit leads.

The Leader and People pray responsively.

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

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

For this community, the nation, and the world;

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

For the just and proper use of your creation;

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

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

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

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

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

For Archbishop-designate Dame Sarah Mullally, Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Anne, our Bishop; Peter, our supply priest; Clarke, our seminarian; and for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

In the Diocese of Ohio, we pray for St. Peter's Church, Lakewood, and for Trinity Church, Alliance; St. Matthew's Church, Ashland; and St. Peter's Church, Ashtabula, and their surrounding communities;

For all who serve God in the Church.

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

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

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

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O Sovereign God;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

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

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

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 in the name of the Lord.

For those celebrating birthdays

Zander Gillies
Nicholas Masola

Susan O'Donnell
Anna Sutterisch

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: Shall We Gather at the River

Gordon Young

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 B

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:

Sanctus and Benedictus

R. Bethancourt

Presider and People

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r, of pow'r and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r, of pow'r 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.

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

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r, of pow'r and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

The people stand or kneel and the Presider continues

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

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

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People (spoken)

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

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

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

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

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

The Lord's Prayer (spoken)

BCP 364

People and Presider

***Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,***

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

The Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept

Fraction Anthem

S155

*Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us,
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.*

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 Music: How Great Thou Art

Stuart K. Hine

from Swedish folk melody

*1 O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds thy hands have made,
I see the stars I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed.*

Refrain:

*Then sings my soul, my Savior, God, to Thee;
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!*

*2 When through the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze. [Refrain]*

*3 And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
Send him to die, I scarce can take it in,
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin. [Refrain]*

*4 When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
And there proclaim, my God how great thou art. [Refrain]*

Postcommunion Music: I Bind unto Myself Today H370, vs 6
Tune: St. Patrick's Breastplate

*6 Christ be with me, Christ within me,
Christ behind me, Christ before me,
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,
Christ to comfort and restore me,
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
Christ in hearts of all that love me,
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.*

After Communion, the Presider says

Let us pray.

Postcommunion Prayer (said by all, standing)

BCP 366

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

Blessing:

Closing Hymn: God the Omnipotent!

H569

Tune: Russia

*1 God the Omnipotent! King, who ordainest
thunder thy clarion, the lightning thy sword;
show forth thy pity on high where thou reignest:
give to us peace in our time, O Lord.*

*2 God the All-merciful! Earth hath forsaken
thy ways all holy, and slighted thy word;
bid not thy wrath in its terrors awaken:
give to us peace in our time, O Lord.*

*3 God, the All-righteous One! Earth hath defied thee;
yet to eternity standeth thy word,
falsehood and wrong shall not tarry beside thee:
give to us peace in our time, O Lord.*

*4 God the All-provident! earth by thy chastening
yet shall to freedom and truth be restored;
through the thick darkness thy kingdom is hastening:
thou wilt give peace in our time, O Lord.*

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 *Russia*

Hal H. Hopson



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. Peter Faass

Music Director and Organist: Jon Peterson

Choir Director: Margie Hildebrandt

Acolytes: Derek Lewallen, Terrie Schade, Charlotte Sent

Sunday School: Jenny Christ

Readers: Ray Pratt, Anne Beyer

Spiritual Communion Reader: Ray Pratt

Chalice Bearers: Derek Lewallen and Terrie Schade

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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;
Clarke -our seminarian

Those for whom prayers have been requested:

Abbie & her unborn child	Joyce Knapp
Shirley Campion	June Madden
Doug Damron	Penelope Neujahr
Ray D'Arcy	Gil Newlands
Robert Dibb	Corey Niebes
Kaisu Donovan	Sandy Reagan
Barbara Faux	Michael Redmond
Spencer Faux	Miriam Schantz
Stephanie Foster	Wendie Semple
Ella Jane Fowerbaugh	Daniel Smith
Hope Hungerford	Madelaine Tammoney
Boots Johnston	Corky Thacker
Emily Junkans	Diane Welfley

Those We Know in the Military

Wiley Goins	Burton McCarthy
Lauren Hober	Jason Strater
Sydney Kline	

The Departed

Ralph Barbato
Mickey Black
Teddi Black
Virginia Dodd

Lenore Heller
Joseph R. Hildebrandt
Pamela Jackson
Patricia Sayler

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.

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

West Side CLE Episcopal prayer retreat – Saturday, January 31st

Members of St. Luke's, Ascension, St. Peter's, and St. Barnabas are invited to gather at Church of the Ascension from 9:00am – 3:00pm with the Rev. Audra Abt, Canon for Innovation and Congregational Development. We will prepare for a prayerful Lent through practicing different forms of prayer, sharing fellowship and conversation, and come away with a commitment to supporting each other and our communities in a deeper life of prayer. If you are looking for a chance to grow in your spiritual life and want to connect with others in this journey as you prepare for Lent, this is the space for you!

Registration is free, but important to help us prepare for lunch and snacks. Please let us know you're coming by **Sunday, January 25th**, using this online form: [Register here.](#)

Centering Prayer

Centering Prayer is on pause for the time being.
For more information call or email the Parish Administrator
216-521-8727 Jim.Weiss@ascension-lakewood.org.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING: SUNDAY, JANUARY 18th.

There will be one service at 10:30. Lunch will be served after the service. Meeting begins after lunch, ending by 2:30 p.m.

We will elect two members to serve on the Vestry.

Nominations may be received from the floor when this action is called for.

All Parishioners Are Expected to Attend

Ascension Night Out

Come in from the cold and join us as we ring in the New Year with food, fellowship, and fun!

Ascension Night Out will take place on **Wednesday, January 21, at 6:00 p.m.** at **Stella Mia Ristorante**, located in the Kensington Square Plaza at 28751 Center Ridge Road, Westlake. You can view the restaurant's menu at [Stella Mia Ristorante – Westlake.](#)

Please RSVP to Jim by **Sunday, January 18**, either by calling the church office at **216-521-8727** or by emailing Jim.Weiss@Ascension-Lakewood.org.

We hope you'll join us for a wonderful evening together.

The Church

Q. What is the Church?

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

Q. How is the Church described in the Bible?

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

Q. How is the Church described in the creeds?

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

Q. Why is the Church described as one?

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

Q. Why is the Church described as holy?

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

Q. Why is the Church described as catholic?

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

Q. Why is the Church described as apostolic?

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

Q. What is the mission of the Church?

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

Q. How does the Church pursue its mission?

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

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

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

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.

150th Anniversary History Available!

Get a history of the 150 years of Church of the Ascension! Now available for a minimum donation of \$20.00.

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



Supply Priest Schedule through January

January 11th

Fr. Peter Faass

January 18th

Fr. John Keller

January 25th

Fr. Peter Faass

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.

Evening Prayer in Church

Wednesdays, 7-7:30pm, in the nave.

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 the Parish Administrator 216-521-8727 Jim.Weiss@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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