

Church of the *Ascension*
Connect. Grow. Serve.



The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 2, 2026

10:15 a.m.



JESUS FED THE 5000

Welcome to Church of the Ascension

Church of the Ascension provides opportunities to

Connect with God and one another,

Grow in faith and understanding, and

Serve the Lord, one another, and the world around us.

We are an active community of faith committed to welcoming all
and sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Christ-centered + Spirit-filled + Mission-minded

The Liturgy of the Word of God

✠ *Please stand as you are able.*

Welcome

Prelude

“You Are Near”

by Daniel Schutte

Refrain:

Yahweh, I know you are near, standing always at my side.
You guard me from the foe, and you lead me in ways everlasting.

1. Lord, you have searched my heart,
and you know when I sit and when I stand.
Your hand is upon me protecting me from death,
keeping me from harm. *Refrain*

2. Where can I run from your love?
If I climb to the heavens you are there;
If I fly to the sunrise or sail beyond the sea,
still I'd find You there. *Refrain*

3. You know my heart and its ways,
you who formed me before I was born
In the secret of darkness before I saw the sun
In my mother's womb. *Refrain*

4. Marvelous to me are Your works;
How profound are your thoughts, my Lord.
Even if I could count them, they number as the
stars, you would still be there. *Refrain*

✠ Processional Hymn

“Open Your Ears, O Faithful People”

Hymnal #536

1. Open your ears, O faithful people
Open your ears and hear God's word,
Open your hearts. O royal priesthood,
God has come to you. *Chorus*

Chorus:

God has spoken to his people, Hallelujah!
And his words are words of wisdom,
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
God has spoken to his people, Hallelujah!
And his words are words of wisdom,
Hallelujah!

2. They who have ears to hear the message,
They who have ears, then let them hear
They who would learn the way of wisdom
Let them hear God's word. *Chorus*

3. Israel comes to greet the Savior
Judah is glad to see his day.
From east and west the peoples travel,
He will show the way. *Chorus*

4. Open your ears, O faithful people
Open your ears and hear God's word,
Open your hearts. O royal priesthood,
God has come to you. *Chorus*

Words: Willard F. Jabusch

Music: *Torah Song*, Hasidic Melody; arr. R. Proulx

Opening Acclamation

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

And blessed be God's Kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -
 might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we
 praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,
 on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;
 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
 ceive our prayer. 6. For
 you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
 7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the
 Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of
 God the Fa - ther. A - - - men.

Setting: William Mathias (b. 1934)

The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray.

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

The First Lesson: Genesis 32:22-31

A Reading from the Book of Genesis

The same night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Peniel, limping because of his hip. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 17:1-7, 16

- 1 Hear my plea of innocence, O LORD;
give heed to my cry; *
listen to my prayer, which does not come from lying lips.
- 2 Let my vindication come forth from your presence; *
let your eyes be fixed on justice.
- 3 Weigh my heart, summon me by night, *
melt me down; you will find no impurity in me.
- 4 I give no offense with my mouth as others do; *
I have heeded the words of your lips.
- 5 My footsteps hold fast to the ways of your law; *
in your paths my feet shall not stumble.
- 6 I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me; *
incline your ear to me and hear my words.
- 7 Show me your marvelous loving-kindness, *
O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand
from those who rise up against them.
- 16 But at my vindication I shall see your face; *
when I awake, I shall be satisfied, beholding
your likeness.

The Epistle: Romans 9:1-5

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

I am speaking the truth in Christ-- I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit-- I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I

myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

✠ **Sequence Song**

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary
Pure and holy, tried and true
With thanksgiving,
I'll be a living sanctuary for You

"Sanctuary"

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The Holy Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Children's Sermon

Sermon

The Rev. Pierre-Henry Buisson

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✠ **The Nicene Creed**

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 (*Adapted from Form I, Book of Common Prayer*)

Celebrant: With all our heart and all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord, have mercy.”

Intercessor: For the holy Church of God throughout the world, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Sean, our Presiding Bishop, Carrie, our Bishop, and all bishops, priests, and deacons, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For this parish family, that God may grant us wisdom, courage, generosity, and faithfulness, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For Donald, President of the United States, and for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For an end to the wars that ravage so many nations, especially the Middle East, Sudan, and Ukraine; for the protection of the innocent, the care of refugees, and the courage of peacemakers, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who serve in the armed forces and for their families, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and suffering, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For Nancy, Marion, Lianne, Stacy, Bill, Gail, Bobbie, Jerry, Sean, Heather, Jackie, Mark, Janet, John, Karen, Scott, Pat, Steve N., Steve P., Ryan, Betsy, Rick, Sharon, Debbie, Jordan, Mary, Reed and Carrie and those we now name silently or aloud. (*Silence*)
Let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, and those we remember before God. (*Silence*) Let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For those celebrating birthdays this week, especially Luke, Nick, Dan, and Julie, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

The people may add their own petitions or thanksgivings, silently or aloud.

Let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

Celebrant: Almighty and everliving God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for this parish family. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin:

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *A time of silence is kept.*

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.**

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

The Peace: The Peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

Birthday and Anniversary Prayer

O God, our times are in your hands: look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace. Send your blessings upon them, that their homes may be a haven of peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Announcements

Thank you for your financial support! To make an online offering, please scan the QR code.



The Celebration of the Holy Communion

Offertory

"Lord, When You Came to the Seashore"

1. Lord, when you came to the seashore
you weren't seeking the wise or the wealthy,
but only asking that I might follow. *Chorus*

3. Lord, have you need of my labor,
hands for service, a heart made for loving,
my arms for lifting the poor and broken? *Chorus*

Chorus:
O Lord, in my eyes you were gazing,
Kindly smiling, my name you were saying;
All I treasured, I have left on the sand there;
Close to you, I will find other seas.

4. Lord, send me where you would have me,
to a village, or heart of the city;
I will remember that you are with me. *Chorus*

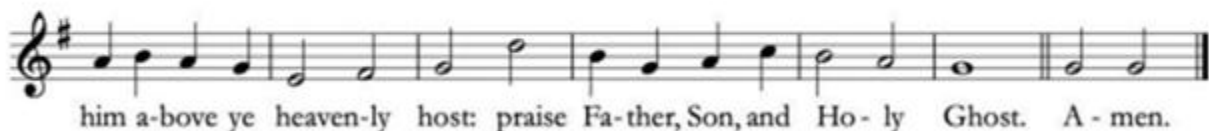
2. Lord, you knew what my boat carried:
neither money nor weapons for fighting,
but nets for fishing my daily labor. *Chorus*

Words: *Pescador de Hombres*, Cesáreo Gabaráin
Music: Cesáreo Gabaráin

✠ Presentation Hymn

"The Doxology"

Hymn 380 v.3



Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748) Music: *Old 100th*

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer 1 from *Enriching Our Worship*

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body.

Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

Sanctus

"Holy, Holy, Holy Lord"

Hymnal #S125

The musical score is written on five staves in a single system. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is primarily in the soprano voice, with some parts in the alto and tenor ranges. The lyrics are written below the notes. The score includes a final double bar line at the end of the fifth staff.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

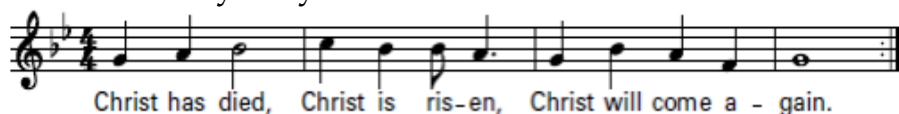
On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Memorial Acclamation

Setting: Mass of Creation

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:



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Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

The Great "AMEN"

Setting: Mass of Creation



And now as our Savior Christ has taught us we are bold to sing:

The Lord's Prayer

Lyrical

Our Fa-ther in hea-ven, hal-low-ed be your
Name, your king-dom come, your will be done, on earth as in hea-ven.
Give us to-day our dai-ly bread. For-give us our
sins as we for-give those who sin-a-gainst us. Save us from the time of trial,
and de-liv-er us from e-vil. For the king-dom, the pow-er, and the glo-ry are
yours, now and for ev-er. A-men. A-men.

Words: Book of Common Prayer
Music: *King of Glory Mass*, Betty Carr Pulkingham
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The Breaking of Bread

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us:

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia

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. **Amen.**

The Communion of the People

All baptized are welcome to receive Holy Communion. When directed by an Usher, please come forward to receive Holy Communion. If you would prefer a blessing, please indicate by crossing your arms over your chest. To receive the wine you can either drink from the common cup or dip your host held by the second Eucharistic minister on both sides of the priest.

Communion Music

“We Remember, We Believe”

Refrain:

We remember, we believe
in this bread of life, in this cup poured out,
and together now receive
the truth of Christ, in his saving love,
we remember, we believe.

1. Jesus, bread of hope,
Word become flesh, manna from heaven:
we receive you now, saved by your sacrifice;
we give you our lives.

2. Jesus, cup of joy, drink for the world,
foretaste of heaven: we receive you now,
saved by your sacrifice; we give you our lives.

3. Jesus, Word of life, spoken to save,
love freely given: we receive you now,
filling our every need; you give us your life.

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✠ Prayer of Thanksgiving

Let us pray. Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

Recessional Song

“Forever”

Chorus:

Forever, God is faithful
Forever, God is strong
Forever, God is with us
Forever, Forever

2. With a mighty hand and outstretched arm
His love endures forever
For the life that's been reborn
His love endures forever
Sing praise, sing praise. Sing praise, sing praise

1. Give thanks to the Lord, our God and King
His love endures forever
For He is good, He is above all things
His love endures forever
Sing praise, sing praise. Sing praise, sing praise

3. From the rising to the setting sun
His love endures forever
By the grace of God, we will carry on
His love endures forever
Sing praise, sing praise. Sing praise, sing praise

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✠ The Dismissal:

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

Worship Assistants	August 2	August 9
Organist	Mary Butler	Mary Butler
Musicians	Choir	Choir
Ushers	David and Ellen Anderson	<i>2 needed</i>
Lector	Olivia Carpenter	John Holbert
Acolyte(s)	Kat Dittrich	Ellen Anderson
Chalicians	John Holbert, Sandy White, Kim Tompkins, <i>1 needed</i>	John Holbert, Sandy White, Kim Tompkins, <i>1 needed</i>
Worship Slides	Jeanne Cox	<i>1 needed</i>
Audio Visual	Allison Lord	Nick Hoff

August Altar Guild: Kim Tompkins, Charlie Aler, Beverly Baker, Helen Lang

The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by David and Jill Horn, in thanksgiving for our Ascension Church Family.

Attendance July 26

8:00 am - 40 10:15 am In-person - 54 YouTube - 3 Facebook - 7 Total: 104

Readings for Next Sunday: The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28 Psalm 105 Romans 10:5-15 Matthew 14:22-33