

Church of the *Ascension*



Connect. Grow. Serve.

## The Second Sunday after Pentecost

June 7, 2026

10:15 a.m.



*Your faith has made you well.*

*Matthew Ch. 9*

### **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

1. You hold my every moment  
You calm my raging seas  
You walk with me through fire  
And heal all my disease  
I trust in You. I trust in You.

#### Chorus:

I believe You're my healer  
I believe You are all I need  
I believe You're my portion  
I believe You're more than enough for me  
Jesus, You're all I need

### "Healer"

Nothing is impossible for You  
Nothing is impossible  
Nothing is impossible for You  
You hold my world in Your hands

#### Chorus:

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The image shows three staves of musical notation in 4/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff contains the first four measures of the chorus. The second staff starts at measure 7 and contains the next four measures. The third staff starts at measure 11 and contains the final two measures of the chorus.

I be-lieve You're my heal-er I be-lieve You are all I need.  
I be-lieve You're my por-tion I be-lieve You're more than e-nough for me  
Je-sus You're all I need.

### ✠ 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 great 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.

## Hymn of Praise

Setting: Mass of Ascension, Donna Parker

1.Glo-ry Glo ry Glo-ry to God and peace to God's peo-ple on  
Earth 2.Lord God Heav-en-ly King: al - migh - ty 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 you take a -  
way the sins of the world have mer - cy on us. 1.Glo-ry Glo ry  
Glo - ry to God and peace to God's peo - ple on Earth 5.You are  
seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther re-ceive our prayer For  
You a - lone are the Ho-ly One, You a - lone are the Lord. 7.You a -  
lone are the mo - st high Je - sus Christ with the Ho - ly Spi - rit in the  
glo - ry of God the Fa-ther A - men A - men 1.Glo-ry Glo ry  
Glo - ry to God and peace to God's peo - ple on Earth

## **The Collect of the Day**

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

O God, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; 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 12:1-9**

A Reading from the Book of Genesis

Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother's son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. Then the LORD appeared to Abram, and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the LORD and invoked the name of the LORD. And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 33:1-12**

1 Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous; \* it is good for the just to sing praises.

2 Praise the LORD with the harp; \* play to him upon the psaltery and lyre.

3 Sing for him a new song; \*

    sound a fanfare with all your skill upon the trumpet.

4 For the word of the LORD is right, \* and all his works are sure.

5 He loves righteousness and justice; \*

    the loving-kindness of the LORD fills the whole earth.

6 By the word of the LORD were the heavens made, \*

    by the breath of his mouth all the heavenly hosts.

7 He gathers up the waters of the ocean as in a water-skin \*

    and stores up the depths of the sea.

8 Let all the earth fear the LORD; \*

    let all who dwell in the world stand in awe of him.

9 For he spoke, and it came to pass; \* he commanded, and it stood fast.

10 The LORD brings the will of the nations to naught; \*  
he thwarts the designs of the peoples.

11 But the LORD's will stands fast for ever, \*  
and the designs of his heart from age to age.

12 Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD! \*  
happy the people he has chosen to be his own!

### **The Epistle: Romans 4:13-25**

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") – in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

#### **✦ Sequence Song**

"Healer"

1. You hold my every moment  
You calm my raging seas  
You walk with me through fire  
And heal all my disease  
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#### Chorus:

I believe You're my healer  
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I believe You're more than enough for me  
Jesus, You're all I need

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Jesus, You're all I need

I be-lieve You're my heal-er I be-lieve You are all I need.

7 I be-lieve You're my por-tion I be-lieve You're more than e-nough for me

11 Je-sus You're all I need.

**The Holy Gospel: Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, "Follow me."

And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners."

While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she said to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And instantly the woman was made well. When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, "Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread throughout that district.

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

**The Sermon**

The Reverend Pierre-Henry Buisson

**✠ 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

*Celebrant:* In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

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, Carrie, our Bishop, and all bishops, priests, and deacons; **that they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for Donald, President of the United States, and for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world; **that there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

We pray for an end to the wars that ravage so many nations, especially the Middle East and Ukraine; for the protection of the innocent, the care of refugees, and the courage of peacemakers; **that justice, mercy, and peace may prevail among the nations.**

We pray for all who serve in the armed forces and for their families; **that they may be kept safe, and return to those who love them.**

We pray for this parish family of Ascension, that God may grant us wisdom, courage, generosity, and faithfulness; **that we may be guided by the Holy Spirit in all things.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble, especially David, Lianne, Stacy, Bill, Gail, Bobbie, Jerry, Jack, Jackie, Eva, Liz, Scott, Karen, Betty, Pat, Steve N., Trina, Steve P., Ryan, Rick, Debbie S., Jordan, Reed, Mason; and those we now name silently or aloud. (*Silence*) O Lord, **that they may be delivered from their distress.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake; **that our works may find favor in your sight.**

Give to the departed eternal rest, especially your servant Tony Richardson, and those we remember before God. (*Silence O Lord*), **let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We pray for those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week, especially Joanne, Kate, Karen, John and Martha, Ron+ and Becky; **may they know the fullness of your blessing.**

*Celebrant:* Lord, hear the prayers of your people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of your Name; 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**

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**The Celebration of the Holy Communion**

**Offertory**

*“Ancient of Days”*

1. Though the nations rage. Kingdoms rise and fall. There is still one King reigning over all  
So I will not fear for this truth remains  
That my God is the Ancient of Days.

2. Though the dread of night overwhelms my soul  
He is here with me. I am not alone.  
O His love is sure and He knows my name.  
For my God is the Ancient of Days. *(Chorus)*

**Chorus:**

None above Him none before Him  
All of time in His hands  
For His throne it shall remain and ever stand  
All the power, all the glory, I will trust in His name  
For my God is the Ancient of days.

3. Though I may not see what the future brings  
I will watch and wait for the Savior king  
Then my joy complete, standing face to face  
In the presence of the Ancient of Days *(Chorus)*

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None a - bove Him, none be - fore Him. All of time in His hands. For His  
 throne, it shall re - main and ev - er stand. All the pow - er, all the glo - ry, I will  
 trust in His name. For my God is the An - cient of Days.

**Presentation Hymn**

**“The Doxology”**

Hymnal #380, v. 3

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be - low; praise  
 him a-bove ye heaven-ly host: praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho- ly Ghost. A - men.

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

**The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B**

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 right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, for you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in 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**

Setting: Mass of Ascension, Donna Parker

Ho-ly Ho - ly, Ho-ly Lord. God of pow - er God of might  
 8 Hea-ven and earth are full of Your glo - ry Ho - sa na in the high -  
 16 est. Blest is He, who comes in the name of the Lord Ho - sa - na  
 26 in the high - est Ho - sa na in the high - est

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 the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the World. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, 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 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, according to his command, O Father,

### Memorial Acclamation

Setting: Mass of Ascension, Donna Parker

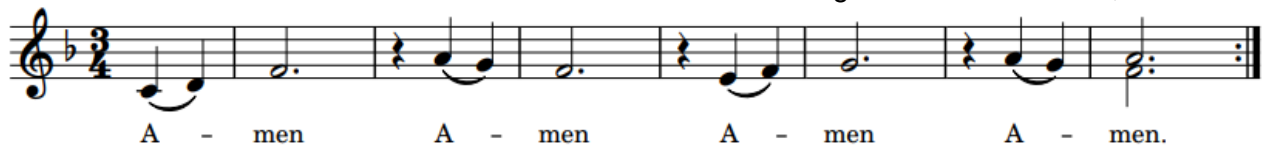


And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

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 to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, 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, Joseph, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your Sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. 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.

### The Great Amen

Setting: Mass of Ascension, Donna Parker



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

**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 Bread

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us:

**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia**

### Fraction Anthem

### “Lamb of God”

Setting: Mass of Ascension, Donna Parker

Je - sus Lamb of God have mer - cy on us. Je - sus Lamb of God have  
mer - cy on us Je - sus Lamb of God Gra - nt us your peace

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

### “Healing Grace”

Merciful God and Father

Loving us like no other

Hear our prayer, the cry of our hearts

As we come to you.

We acknowledge our transgressions

We confess to you our sins

Show us mercy and compassion

Touch our lives with your healing grace again

Release us from the past

As we seek Your face

Wash us free at last

We receive Your love

We receive Your healing grace

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We receive Your healing grace

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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

## “Send Us Out”

### Chorus

Send us out to proclaim the reign of Your kingdom  
 Send us out to proclaim and to heal  
 Send us out with your power and your authority  
 to overcome and to heal the world

1. Taking nothing for your journey  
 For God will give you His bread  
 And for every house that you enter  
 Pray the peace of God descend

3. Baptize in the name of the Father  
 In the name of the Spirit and of the Son  
 Go making disciples of many  
 I will be with you until your work is done

2. I send you out before Me  
 Into every town I intend  
 The harvest is rich but few are the workers  
 To the fields of harvest you I send

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### ✠ The Dismissal:

*Celebrant:* Let us bless the Lord! *People:* **Thanks be to God!**

### Postlude

Worship Assistants	June 7	June 14
Organist	Mary Butler	Mary Butler
Musicians	Choir	Choir, Handbell Choir
Ushers	<i>2 needed</i>	<i>2 needed</i>
Lector	Olivia Carpenter	David Kreider
Acolyte(s)	Kaydence Harper, Beatrice Howe	Kat Dittrich
Chalichists	Kim Tompkins, <i>3 needed</i>	Helen Lang, <i>3 needed</i>
Worship Slides	Karen Lance	<i>1 needed</i>
Audio Visual	Gabriel Hoff	Allison Lord

**June Altar Guild:** Janice Hobart, Jill Horn, Emelia Horn, Deb Vana

**The Altar Flowers** are given to the glory of God by Susan Considine, in thanksgiving and celebration for the birthday of her grandson, James.

**The Bread and Wine** are given to the glory of God in thanksgiving for son, Todd’s birthday.

### Birthdays

June 8 Joanne Neil  
 June 8 Kate Warner

June 13 Karen Margroum

### Anniversaries

June 12 Fr. Ron and Becky Fisher

June 12 John and Martha White

### Attendance May 31

8:00 am - 34 10:15 am In-person - 57 YouTube - 5 Facebook - 3 Total: 98

### Readings for Next Sunday: The Third Sunday after Pentecost - A

Genesis 18:1-15, 21:1-7 Psalm 116 Romans 5:1-8 Matthew 9:35-10:23