

What's Happening @ ASCENSION

Week of May 5, 2024

Week at a Glance

SUN Sunday School (8:45am) Adults and Children

Worship (10am) YouTube)

Prayer Group 7pm (Zoom)

MON Small Group Bible Study (Zoom, 7:00pm)

WED Bible Study with Pastor Sean, 6pm (In person, YouTube)

THUR Bible Study 1:30pm (In person, YouTube)



Mite Box Sunday,
Pick up your Mite box!

There will be an Usher Training meeting after the service Today.. This will be for all ushers, experienced or not. The meeting should last only 15 minutes or so. Thank you to everyone who volunteers to usher every week. We appreciate you!

Ascension's Annual Church Picnic and Festival

will be held on Sunday, May 19th here at the church. We will have food provided, fellowship, games, bounce, house, etc. Baby sitters provided. Our theme is Bee Faithful. Bring your favorite games and ideas for next year.

Sunday Notes

Coffee and snacks today are provided by The Phillips Family and The White Family.

CPR/AED/First Aid Classes

For those who expressed interest in CPR/AED/First Aid training – we have one opportunity available! The two-day class is on Tuesday, May 14th and Thursday, May 16th from 6 to 9pm. The class will be conducted at the Alfreda Schmidt Southside Community Center (5825 Wise Rd, Lansing). Registration costs \$75 and must be completed by calling **(517) 483-7626**.

Women of Ascension is collecting new socks and new underwear for the Lansing City Rescue Mission. We will collect until the Church Picnic on May 19th. They will be sorted and packed on May 19th. There will be a collection box by coffee/snack table. Let's pack it out!



Remember that Personal Communion is available upon request. Just let Pastor Sean or the office know when you would like to come to the church.

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Readings for May 5, 2024

First Reading

Acts 10:34–48

³⁴Peter opened his mouth and said: “Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), ³⁷you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

⁴⁴While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. ⁴⁵And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles. ⁴⁶For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared, ⁴⁷“Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” ⁴⁸And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

1 John 5:1–8

¹Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. ⁴For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. ⁵Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

⁶This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. ⁷For there are three that testify: ⁸the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

John 15:9–17

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

⁹[Jesus said:] “As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

¹²“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³Greater love has no one than this, that someone lays down his life for his friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. ¹⁷These things I command you, so that you will love one another.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.