

Ascension Sunday

Sunday, June 1, 2025 ❖ 8:00 am



Celebrant/Preacher: The Rev. Jason Shelby

Deacon: The Rev. Celeste Stump

We warmly welcome you if you are here with us for the first time today. We joyfully welcome all people into our community without exception. Whoever you are, and whatever the status of your relationship with God, you will find fellow travelers here. Please join us for coffee and fellowship after the service.

St. Francis Episcopal Church welcomes all people to receive Holy Communion. If you have not been baptized but would like to be, please talk to Father Jason after the service.

Flowers on the altar are given by Val & Holly Valiquette in celebration of the birthday of Michael Valiquette.

Please take a moment to silence your cellphone. Thank you.

Coming Events

Sunday, June 1

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist (Rite I, Chapel)
- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist (Rite II)

Monday, June 2

- 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, June 4

- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist (Rite II, Chapel)
- 10:00 am Blue Bin Sorting
- 5:00 pm Good Grief Meeting
- 6:00 pm Nurture Group Meeting

Thursday, June 5

- 1:00 pm Quilting and Knitting Group
- 7:00 pm Adult Christian Education: Screwtape Letter class led by Dale Westervelt

Friday, June 6

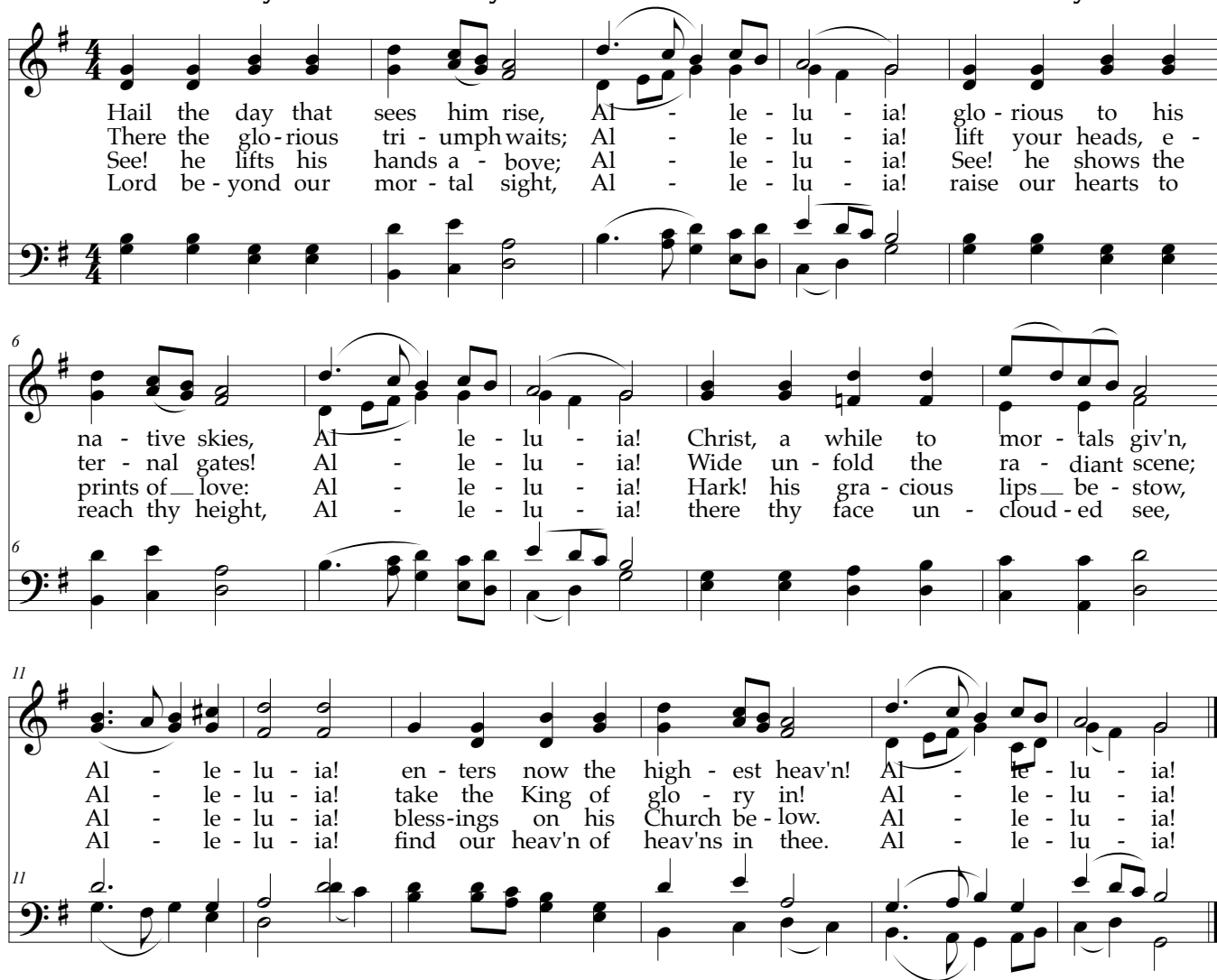
- 9:00 am Beaders and Quilters Group Meeting

Sunday, June 8 - Pentecost

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist (Rite I, Chapel)
- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist (Rite II)

The Processional Hymn: Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise

Hymnal #214



Hail the day that sees him rise, Al - le - lu - ia! glo - rious to his
There the glo - rious tri - umph waits; Al - le - lu - ia! lift your heads, e -
See! he lifts his hands a - bove; Al - le - lu - ia! See! he shows the
Lord be - yond our mor - tal sight, Al - le - lu - ia! raise our hearts to

na - tive skies, Al - le - lu - ia! Christ, a while to mor - tals giv'n,
ter - nal gates! Al - le - lu - ia! Wide un - fold the ra - diant scene;
prints of love: Al - le - lu - ia! Hark! his gra - cious lips be - stow,
reach thy height, Al - le - lu - ia! there thy face un - cloud - ed see,

Al - le - lu - ia! en - ters now the high - est heav'n! Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia! take the King of glo - ry in! Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia! bless - ings on his Church be - low. Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia! find our heav'n of heav'ns in thee. Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Charles Wesley (1707-1788). Music: "Llanfair," Robert Williams (1781-1821)

The Opening AcclamationBook of Common Prayer p. 323
 The Collect for PurityBook of Common Prayer p. 323
 The Summary of the Law.....Book of Common Prayer p. 324
 The Kyrie.....Book of Common Prayer p. 324
 The Collect of the DayBook of Common Prayer p. 325
 The First Lesson.....Acts 1:1-11

¹In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning
²until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy
 Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³After his suffering he presented himself alive to
 them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the
 kingdom of God. ⁴While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to
 wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; ⁵for
 John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from
 now."

⁶So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But 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 ends of the earth.” ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

The Response Psalm 47 (Book of Common Prayer p. 650)

The Epistle Ephesians 1:15-23

¹⁵I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²²And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

The Holy Gospel Luke 24:44-53

⁴⁴Jesus said to his disciples, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

⁵⁰Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. ⁵¹While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵²And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; ⁵³and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

The Sermon The Rev. Jason Shelby

The Nicene Creed Book of Common Prayer p. 327

The Prayers of the People Book of Common Prayer p. 328

The Confession Book of Common Prayer p. 331

The Peace Book of Common Prayer p. 332


The Welcome and Announcements

Anyone who has a birthday or anniversary in the next week is invited to come forward for a blessing:

Watch over your child(ren), O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may the peace which passes all understanding abide all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.


The Great ThanksgivingBook of Common Prayer p. 333
 The Post-Communion Prayer.....Book of Common Prayer p. 339
 The Blessing and Sending Forth.....Book of Common Prayer p. 339

The Recessional Hymn: All Praise to Thee, for Thou, O King Divine **Hymnal #477**



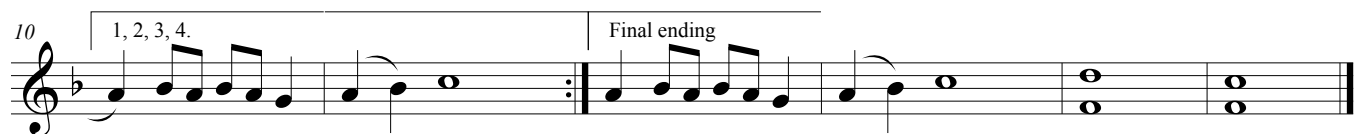
All praise to thee, for thou, O King di - vine, — didst yield the glo - ry that of
 Thou cam'st to us in low - li - ness of thought; — by thee the out - cast and the
 Let this mind be in us which was in thee, — who wast a ser - vant that we
 Where - fore, by God's e - ter - nal pur - pose, thou — art high ex - alt - ed o'er all
 Let ev - ery tongue con - fess with one ac - cord — in heaven and earth that Je - sus

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right was thine, — that in our dark - ened hearts thy grace might shine. —
 poor were sought; — and by thy death was God's sal - va - tion wrought.
 might be free, — hum - bling thy - self to death on Cal - va - ry. —
 crea - tures now, — and given the Name to which all knees shall bow. —
 Christ is Lord; — and God the Fa - ther be by all a - dored. —

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— Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le lu - ia! A - men.
 — Al - le - lu - ia!
 — Al - le - lu - ia!
 — Al - le - lu - ia!

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The Postlude

Lift Every Voice and Sing

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Prayers this Week

We pray for all those who serve in the armed and foreign services, and for their families, especially Alyssa Capellino Baxter, Barry Witt, Drew Deley, Jonathan Zimmerman, Joseph Leahy, Mark Kappelmann, Michael Heredia, Michael Strong, Scott Ruston, Steve, Thomas Dawson, TJ Malzahn, and Will Piepenbring.

Those who are ill, recovering from surgery, or in any other kind of need or trouble: Andrea, Barbara Shelby, Billy Whelan, Brad, Bruce Schaefer, Carlos, Celeste Stump, Ceri Falk, Charlotte Baker, Chris, Colette Furbush, Daniel Drayling, Erica, Gail Winters, George Ginis, Hector Gutierrez, Jane Sharp, Judy Morgan, Kathy Falk, Kristen, Krystal, Loren, Miguel Diaz, Patt Parker, Richard Cantine, Roxanne Wall, Roz Hadley, Sally Hill, Tommy, Tony Deley, the people of the Middle East, victims of violence everywhere, and for all those who have been impacted by the wildfires, especially the people of St. Matthew's and St. Mark's.

We pray for all who have died, especially Rosina "Joni" McIntyre, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

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