

Emmanuel Church Calendar and related Events May 6- May 12 2024

Thursday, May 9, 7 pm Holy Eucharist, Feast of the Ascension. Pastor Paul Kuhlman is the Celebrant. F. William Voetberg is the guest organist.

Sunday, May 12, 9:00am, Choir practice. The anthem is "*I Will Rise*", arranged by Mary McDonald.

Sunday, May 12, 10 am Holy Eucharist, The Seventh Sunday of Easter. Pastor Dan Ward is the Celebrant.

Sunday, May 12 is also *Discretionary Sunday*. Designated gifts and the loose offering will be deposited with the Rector to be applied to charitable uses. The second Sunday of each month is Discretionary Sunday.

Sunday May 12, coffee hour, We will celebrate Pastor Ward's ministry with us, and Mother's Day.

Sunday May 19, Day of Pentecost, also known as Whitsunday, 10 am Holy Eucharist. Mother Alicia Hager will celebrate.

Church Events This Week

Saturday, May 11, 8am-9:30am, Saturday Breakfast. Join us for blueberry pancakes, bacon, yogurt parfait, scrambled eggs with cheese, scrambled eggs with vegetables, fresh fruit, and sweet breads and great company.

Pastoral requests

For those requesting baptism, home communion, hospital visitation, or a priest for pastoral concerns, please notify Marty, the Senior Warden at 269.948.8775.

Ascension Day, Thursday, May 9

Please participate in this Ascension Day Eucharist if possible. Ascension Day is a big deal, even though it falls in the middle of the week. Ascension Day is one of the seven Principal Feasts observed in the Episcopal Church, aside Easter Day, the Day of Pentecost, Trinity Sunday, All Saint's Day, Christmas Day, and The Epiphany (*Book of Common Prayer, p. 15*). The Ascension is affirmed by the Nicene and Apostles' Creeds.

The Feast of the Ascension marks the taking up of Jesus into heaven. Ascension Day sets forth the mystery that the end of Jesus's resurrection appearances and his being taken from the earth into heaven does not imply his absence from his Church. In fact, because he is now beyond the bounds of time and space and free of their confinement, he is able to be present everywhere at once. A function of Ascension Day, coming toward the end of the Fifty Days of Easter, is to prepare us for the gift of the Holy Spirit, and its message is not complete until the days of the Pentecost have been fulfilled.

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