

**WEEKLY CALENDAR**

Today	Worship with Communion	8:15 am & 11:00 am
	Bible Class/Sunday School	9:45 am
	Plant Order Sheet Distribution	
	2+	6:00 pm
Tuesday	Bible Study	9:30 am
	Evening Guild Potluck	6:30 pm
	Worship Team	7:00 pm
Wednesday	Midweek Lent 2 Services	8:30 am & 7:00 pm
	Quilters	9:00 am
	Women’s Bible Class	9:30 am
	Lent Dinner	5:30 pm
	Handbells	6:00 pm
	NO Confirmation	6:30 pm
	Choir	8:00 pm
Thursday	Men’s Bible Study (away)	6:15 am
	Men’s Bible Study (away)	7:00 pm
Friday	Church Office Open	8:00 am-12:00 pm
	Nepali Home Bible Study	7:00 pm
Saturday	Pastor on KFUE	9:00 am
	Worship with Communion	5:00 pm

**WHAT’S HAPPENING AT ASCENSION**

**SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS—EVERY ONE HIS WITNESS** Pastor Clark’s Sunday morning Bible class participating in “Every One His Witness.” Every One His Witness seeks to motivate Christians to be active witnesses of the Gospel in their communities. In this Bible study we’ll seek to become better equipped to share the Good News of Jesus with people of differing religions and worldviews. The study will include, God’s Word, videos, and group discussion. The core study is 6 weeks in length and will be followed by other modules which focus on witnessing to specific groups including: Witnessing to De-churched Adult Children, Witnessing to Muslims, and Responding to Scientism. Come and become better equipped to share Christ’s love! All are welcome!

**OUR NURSERY** is located down the lobby hall in the Emmaus Room. It is equipped with an audio feed that enables you to participate in the service. If you need assistance, please ask an usher for help.

**STEWARDSHIP**

**GENEROSITY THOUGHTS March 17: Lent 2**  
**Philippians 3:19** – **“Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things.”** St. Paul does not want us to set our minds on earthly things, for they are passing away. This is similar to what Jesus says about storing up treasures on earth rather than storing them in heaven. Our heart tends to go where we put our treasure. This is why God commands us to live generously; not to spoil our fun but to help train us in keeping our priorities straight and our minds off earthly things.

**DONATE FROM YOUR SMARTPHONE!** Scan the image you see here by using your phone’s QR code reader (bar code scanner). You will be taken directly to Ascension’s on-line giving page. Simply set up your account, using your credit card, debit card, or checking account and donate electronically. Smart Phone users can also download the GIVE+Mobile app from the Apple or Google Play Store.



**FOUR-PART FOCUS** Who are we as a congregation? What are Ascension’s priorities? Where do we focus our stewardship of time, talents, and treasure? How do we live out our mission “Loved by Christ, Sharing Christ’s Love?” To help

answer these questions, Ascension has adopted a Four-Fold Focus:

1. Outreach through Word of Life
2. Christian Friends of New Americans Partnership
3. Worship and Spiritual Life
4. Multigenerational/Intergenerational Ministry.



**LIKE US ON FACEBOOK** Like Ascension on Facebook to stay current with events, Bible studies, photos, videos and other great resources! There are 4 Ascension-related Facebook pages:

- Church page: “Ascension Lutheran Church LCMS”
- Youth page: “Ascension Youth Fellowship”
- Word of Life page: “Word of Life Lutheran School”
- Young Adults: “Ascension Community Group”

<b>Stewardship Report</b>	
Through 3/10/19	
Number Who Gathered Around God’s Word	
Ascension Location Worship	229
Peace Center Location	39
Total	268
Live Stream Viewing	19
Amount Received to Share Christ’s Love	
Amount Received	\$14,018
Budgeted Amount	\$11,289
Surplus/(Shortfall)	\$ 2,729
Sunday School	\$3.10

## LENT MIDWEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### “My Song is Love Unknown”

#### Lent Midweek 2 Services March 20, 2019

“Go to Dark Gethsemane”

8:30 am & 7:00 pm

Supper 5:30 pm – Men’s Club

Pizza & Salad

#### Lent Midweek 3 Services March 27, 2019

“Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed”

8:30 am & 7:00 pm

Supper 5:30 pm – Youth Disciples

Taco Bar, Fried Ice Cream, Drink

#### Lent Midweek 4 Services April 3, 2019

“Upon the Cross Extended”

8:30 am & 7:00 pm

Supper 5:30 pm - Evening Guild

Beef Stew, Applesauce, Biscuit, Dessert

#### Lent Midweek 5 Services April 10, 2019

“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”

8:30 am & 7:00 pm

Supper 5:30 pm – Christ Care Group

Pork Burgers, Tater Tots, Applesauce,  
Dessert & Drinks

Note to Worshipers  
Ascension Broadcasts its  
Worship Services  
Via  
Live Stream on the Internet  
Go to [Ascensionstl.com/stream](http://Ascensionstl.com/stream).

**WHAT IS PASTOR STUDYING?** Pastor Clark continues to be a student in the Doctor of Ministry program at Concordia Seminary. He’s currently taking a course called “Exegetical Theology Today.” The course presents the current state of the study of the Bible in the Church. It helps inform the pastor’s preaching and teaching through the interpretation of God’s Word. This fall, pastor plans to take the courses “Pastoral Theology” and “Preaching Money Management.”

## LENT WEEKEND & HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### “Let My People Go”

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent March 16 & 17, 2019

“Stop Trying and Start Trusting”

Communion Service 5:00 pm, 8:15 am & 11:00 am

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent March 23 & 24, 2019

“Strike the Rock”

Communion Service 5:00 pm, 8:15 am & 11:00 am

#### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent March 30 & 31, 2019

“Mine!”

Communion Service 5:00 pm, 8:15 am & 11:00 am

#### 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent April 6 & 7, 2019

“Digging Ourselves into a Hole”

Communion Service 5:00 pm, 8:15 am & 11:00 am

#### Palm Sunday April 13 & 13, 2019

“A New Beginning”

Communion Service 5:00 pm, 8:15 am & 11:00 am

#### Maundy Thursday April 18, 2019

“Access”

Communion Services 11:00 am & 7:00 pm

#### Good Friday Service April 19, 2019

Tre Ore 12:00 - 3:00 pm. at Messiah Lutheran Church

“Agnus Dei”

Tenebrae - 7:00 pm at Ascension Lutheran Church

#### Easter Communion Services April 21, 2019

“Against All Odds”

8:00 a.m., 9:30 am & 11:00 am

Easter Breakfast – Sr. Youth 7:30 am-10:30 am

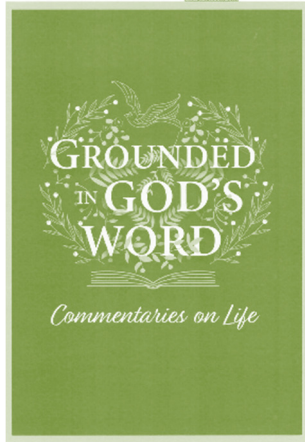
**CHURCH  
IS NOT SOMETHING  
YOU GO TO,  
IT’S A FAMILY  
YOU  
BELONG TO.**

## Hintze Library Book of the Month

Each Book of the Month is a new addition to our library and is available for check out.

### March's books of the month is:

#### **Grounded in God's Word: Commentaries on Life**



God's Word gives life. God's Word concerns life. God's Word of life reveals what He has done, how every human life has value and dignity, and how everything God created was for the sake of His children—for us! We cannot consider this without awe.

The fallen, broken world, however, does not acknowledge this. It promotes instead the self above all, champions an “anything goes” theology, and brings hurt and confusion. Bad things happen. People are deceived. Lives are destroyed.

Collected here are easy-to-read commentaries concerning topics such as moral worth, abortion, evolution, suffering, life and death decisions, biblical manhood and womanhood, and other sanctity of life issues. Grounded in Scripture, these relevant essays explore what is revealed in God's Word and discuss a wide array of topics pertaining to human life, God's grace, and His perfect love for us in Christ Jesus.

**ASCENSION EVENING GUILD** is sponsoring a collection of needed items for Lutheran Family and Children's Services for the months of February, March and April. We ask you to bring items needed in the daily lives of children, such as diapers, wipes, bibs, onesies, baby blankets, socks, and sleepers. They also have a need for underwear and socks for ages 2,3 and 4 year old children. Not sure what to get? Gift cards are always welcome and will be used only for items to replenish the shelves at the LFCS office. You may give your gift cards to any Evening Guild member. You may place your donated items in the bin in our Church lobby; look for the sign. Thank you in advance for your participation.

#### **DIRECT THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS® BY MARCH 29**

Eligible members of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans who have been designated Choice Dollars: If you haven't already done so, be sure to direct your designated Thrivent Choice Dollars by March 29, 2019. After that date, any undirected Choice Dollars® will expire. Don't miss this opportunity to help support Ascension Lutheran Church. Go to [Thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://Thrivent.com/thriventchoice) or call 800-THRIVENT and state “Thrivent Choice®.” Questions Call Keith Poppitz (314) 843-6823 or Paul Himmelsbach (314) 780-6071

**THANK YOU** for supporting our vacation Bible School Trivia Night! The evening was a huge success and everyone seemed to have a great time. Over \$3,000 was raised! Thank you to everyone who donated items for the silent auction and thank you to everyone that came and supported VBS.

Katlyne Thies

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL PLANNING COMMITTEE** If you are interested in helping plan this year's Vacation Bible School please contact Katlyne Thies at (314) 580-2143 or at [katlyne.thies@gmail.com](mailto:katlyne.thies@gmail.com).

**THE YOUNG ADULT GROUP** has started up again! We meet each Sunday at 6:00 pm. Come and join us! As always, we will have food! Questions? Contact Trevor Freudenburg at [trevor@ascensionstl.com](mailto:trevor@ascensionstl.com)

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS** Annual Easter Egg Hunt on 4/6/19 from 9:00 am-11:30 am. See future News and Notes, Friday News Flash or visit [ascensionstl.com](http://ascensionstl.com) for details.

**THINK SPRING!** The annual Ascension Plant sale will be held on April 27. This fundraiser benefits youth activities including Vacation Bible School and the Easter Egg hunt. Download this year's revised order form and view pictures of the plants at [www.ascensionstl.com/plants](http://www.ascensionstl.com/plants). The order form is also available in the church lobby. **Did You Know:** according to the Farmer's Almanac, the last frost date for our area is April 10.

**EASTER BASKET DONATIONS** If anyone has items to still donate to church for the Easter baskets scheduled for April 6, please bring your items to church and put in coat closet and mark 'EEH - Karen'. We assemble the baskets a week before the event.

**SAVE THE DATE** Join us this summer, June 10-14, 9:00 am-12:00 noon for Miraculous Mission Vacation Bible School.

**ENJOY MEETING NEW PEOPLE?** Consider driving some of our Nepali members to their medical appointments. If interested in learning more and available during the week, please connect with Laura Brink at 314-249-9219 or [lbrink@cfna-stl.org](mailto:lbrink@cfna-stl.org).

**ST. LOUIS SOUTH ZONE LWML SPRING RALLY** will be held April 6 at Timothy Lutheran Church, 6704 Fyler. Refreshments at 8:45am and devotions and program at 9:30am. The featured Mission Speaker will be from the Prison Ministry at Timothy, and Bible study will be led by Pastor Lonie Eartherton. Election of Zone officers and information on the 2019 National LWML Convention in Mobile, AL will also be on the agenda. The Ingathering will support the Food Pantry at Timothy. Donations of laundry products, paper towels, bathroom tissue, or any canned or non-perishable foods will help local families in need. All ladies welcome! Please bring a friend. No RSVP needed.

**INTERESTED IN GETTING INVOLVED WITH CHRISTIAN FRIENDS OF NEW AMERICANS, BUT DON'T KNOW HOW?** Volunteer to drive new Americans to CFNA's health and wellness screenings held at the Peace Center, usually the first Saturday morning of the month. You do not have to be available every month! Please connect with Laura Brink, at (314) 249-9219 or [lbrink@cfna-stl.org](mailto:lbrink@cfna-stl.org) to share your interest and learn more about this opportunity.

**CALLING ALL 2019 GRADUATES!** Ascension cares about you! If you are graduating from 8<sup>th</sup> grade, high school, trade school, or college Ascension would like to celebrate your accomplishment. You are invited to any church service the weekend of May 18 and 19 for a special blessing and gift. Please let us know if you are planning to attend by contacting Marcia Passanise via email at [mpassan4520@earthlink.net](mailto:mpassan4520@earthlink.net), or by phone/text at (314) 677-7737. We look forward to celebrating with you!

## BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Bible class is led by Pastor Clark as we explore the same Bible accounts as our children and youth Sunday school students. Come join us as we dig a little deeper into God's Word and grow in faith as congregation members of all ages. Parents—this is a great way to learn the same material your children are leaning in Sunday and continue the conversation in your home!

<u>Class/Day</u>	<u>Time/Location</u>	<u>Teacher/Leader</u>
Tuesday	9:30 am/Concordia Rm	Pastor Clark
Wednesday	Women's Bible Study 9:30 am/Concordia Rm	Marlene Maxfield
Thursday	Men's Bible Study 6:15 am/Bread Co.	Mike Gibbs
Thursday	Men's Bible Study 7:00 pm/Bremer Home	Chris Thies
Sunday	YAGs (Young Adult Group-20s & 30s) 6:00 pm/Concordia Rm	Trevor Freudenburg
4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	Youngish Adults (30s & 40s) 5:00 pm/Maxfield Home	Pastor Clark

## SUNDAY SCHOOL & BIBLE CLASS

<u>Class</u>	<u>Room</u>	<u>Teacher(s)</u>
Parents & Little Ones	Dorcas Room	Jasmine Duerr and friends
Pk3-Kdg	WOL Kindergarten	Ellen Hetz & Friends
Gr. 1-3	Bethany Room C	Cheryl Chambers, Kim Schave And Friends
Gr. 4-5	Music Room	Carl Anderson/ Rich Schaefer And Friends
Gr. 6-8	Youth Room	Sem. Matt Lorenz Sem. Matt Kolden Dcs. Anna Johnson
Gr. 9-12	Church Lobby	Lisa Clark Trevor Freudenburg Rob Bremer
Adult Bible Class	Fellowship Hall	Matt Kobs Pastor Matt Clark
Nepalese Bible Class	Fellowship Hall 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Month	Matt Kobs/ Gagan Gurung
Sunday School Coordinator		Lisa Clark

**WHERE DO I GO TO STUDY THE BIBLE?** Sunday School and Bible Class are in full swing again! Here are a few changes to keep in mind:

- Preschoolers through 8<sup>th</sup> graders all meet in the same place at 9:45—the sanctuary—for an opening.
- Adults with little ones (babies, toddlers, or too young for preschool) will meet at 9:45 in the Bethany C room (directly below the church nursery).
- Pastor Clark will lead his Bible class for all adults in the Fellowship Hall starting at 10:00 am. He will be teaching the same lessons as the children will be learning, digging deep as well as equipping adults to reach out to children in the Ascension family with God's Word.

### WHAT DID WE LEARN IN SUNDAY SCHOOL? March 17-Lesson 11

"The Baptism of Jesus" is the Bible story taught in Sunday School today. God sent the Holy Spirit at Jesus' Baptism, announcing that Jesus was God's Son. At our Baptism, God makes us His children through the work of the Holy Spirit. *Let your children tell you the dramatic events of this story.*



# Easter Lily Order Form

**EASTER LILIES 35 MORE NEEDED** Donations are needed to purchase the lilies that grace our altar on Easter Sunday. The cost of the lily is \$10.00. Please use the form below to order and return to the church office with your payment or call the church office with your order. Make checks payable to Ascension Lutheran Church. Thank you.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Number ordered \_\_\_\_\_ Total @ \$10.00 \_\_\_\_\_

I will pick up \_\_\_\_\_ I will not pick up \_\_\_\_\_

Dedication \_\_\_\_\_

*Lilies may be picked up after the 11 am service on  
Easter, April 21, 2019*

*Please note: Lilies will be discarded on April 26*



**TASTE AND VOTE FOR THE BEST CHILI IN SOUTH ST. LOUIS ON MARCH 31.** Come to St. Gabriel's cafeteria at 4711 Tamm from 12 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. to taste chili prepared by chefs from popular South St. Louis restaurants. Vote for your favorite! Restaurants include Joey B's on The Hill, Bobby's Place, Chris' Pancake & Dining, Southtown Pub, River's Edge Social, The Mack Bar & Grill, Salt & Smoke, and Dos Reyes Orgullo Azteca. The price is \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids 10 and under. See the Real Time Crime Center and live neighborhood safety camera demonstrations. Proceeds go toward purchasing safety cameras for installation at intersections. The special cameras spot criminals and stolen cars by reading license plates. The camera at Hampton and Chippewa is already yielding arrests!

## WORD OF LIFE

**2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR THEME:** This year's school theme is based on 2 Corinthians 5:7 "For we walk by faith, not by sight."



### ENROLLMENT FOR THE 18/19 SCHOOL YEAR

PreK - 44  
Kdg-8 - 143

If you are looking for preschool serving ages 3 - 5 or Kindergarten - 8th grade and would like to tour, please contact Joel Akridge at (314) 832-1244 ext. 112 or admissions@wordoflifeschool.net. We invite you for a tour to learn more about any of our three campuses.

**ALUMNI ASSOCIATION** We are looking for graduates of Ascension Lutheran School/Word of Life Lutheran School who are interested in helping further develop an Ascension/Word of Life Alumni Association. If you are interested in this exciting opportunity to connect with former classmates, please contact Pastor Clark or Joel Akridge (Word of Life's Director of Admissions and Marketing).

**WOL WELCOMES MR. JOEL AKRIDGE** as Director of Admissions and Marketing. He and his wife, Nikki (who teaches art at WOL), have been part of our Word of Life family for almost two years as they have a daughter currently in our first grade. He has a Business Administration/Marketing degree and several of his jobs have provided him with experience that would benefit this position. Most importantly, he sees our school as a ministry and is looking forward to the opportunity to get to know you and your families. We are very excited to have him join our staff!

**OFF TO THE RACES!** Join us on Friday, May 3, from 6:30-10:30 PM, for Word of Life's Dinner Auction at Orlando Gardens, 4300 Hoffmeister Ave, St. Louis, MO 63125. Enjoy a delicious buffet dinner, dessert, open bar, fellowship time with your Word of Life family, and shopping in the silent and live auction! Tickets are on sale now for \$45, with tables of 8 available. Make your reservation on our website or call Melissa Maxfield at (314) 283-4461. Proceeds from the event will benefit our students with vital technology improvements including new Chromebooks. To make a donation to the event (monetary, new & handcrafted items, antiques, gift certificates, etc.), please drop items off in the school office or call Renee Ott at (314) 402-8614 to coordinate donation pick up. To make reservations, download donation & sponsor forms, visit [www.wordoflifeschool.net/auction/](http://www.wordoflifeschool.net/auction/).



### TEACHERS OF THE MONTH

Our Word of Life teachers of the month for March are:

Gabe Maichel – Music Teacher & Choir Director  
Jennifer Porath – Band Instructor  
Paula Albrecht – After Care Director

## WORSHIP NOTES

### LITURGIST: 1<sup>st</sup> Weekend -

Pastoral Assistant Trevor Freudenburg-  
2<sup>nd</sup> Weekend - Seminarian Matt Lorenz  
3<sup>rd</sup> Weekend - Seminarian Matt Kolden  
4<sup>th</sup> Weekend - 8:15 Seminarian John Kyle

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC:** 5:00 & 8:15 Gabe Maichel, organist;  
8:15 Ascension Choir  
11:00 Worship Team Gabe Maichel, piano;  
Mark Maxfield guitar; Matt Bergholt, guitar/bass;  
Nadia Zaza, guitar; Gary Notch, drums

**ACOLYTES:** 5:00 Matthew Hofman; 8:15 Will Maxfield;  
11:00 Henry Brink

**NEXT WEEK:** 5:00 Kate Moffat; 8:15 Anna Muhlke;  
11:00 Jaylee Schulz

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** The flowers that grace our altar this week are given by:  
Richard & Claudia Seifert in memory of Claudia's mother  
Donna Marohn in thankfulness for the gifts of membership & fellowship at Ascension

**ALTAR GUILD:** 5:00 Sharon Agne;  
8:15 Melissa Maxfield; 11:00 Norma Gabriel  
**NEXT WEEK:** 5:00 Sharon Agne;  
8:15 Melissa Maxfield; 11:00 Norma Gabriel

**ELDERS:** 5:00 Randy Agne; 8:15 Jack Pendleton,  
11:00 Joe Benda  
**NEXT WEEK:** 5:00 Randy Agne; 8:15; 11:00 Joe Benda

**HOSTS:** 5:00 Randy & Sharon Agne;  
8:15 Jack & Jan Pendleton; 11:00 Bill L. & Marlene Maxfield  
**NEXT WEEK:** 5:00 The Bracken Family;  
8:15 The Brink Family; 11:00 Robert & Lawanda Family

**MULTIMEDIA ROOM:** 5:00 Bella Bracken/Noah Clark;  
8:15 Matt Bergholt/Bill A. Maxfield;  
11:00 Vernon Schmidt/Chris Thies  
**NEXT WEEK:** 5:00 Bella Bracken/Noah Clark;  
8:15 Matt Bergholt/Bill A. Maxfield;  
11:00 Vernon Schmidt/Chris Thies

**READERS:** 5:00 Randy Agne; 8:15 John Brink;  
11:00 Dianne Thies  
**NEXT WEEK:** 5:00 Ted Cox; 8:15 Gerry Kassing;  
11:00 Paul Brock

**READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK** 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent  
March 23 & 24, 2019  
OT: Exodus 17:1-7  
EP: 1 Corinthians 10:1-4  
GO: John 4:3-10

**USHERS:** 5:00 Karl Hofmann, Robert Hofmann,  
Ed Holderle  
8:15 Gene Bockelmann, Nathan Decker, Mark Shaffer  
11:00 Paul Brock, Sr., Paul Brock, Jr., Roger Jensen  
**Lent 2 3/20:** 8:30 Volunteers;  
7:00 Walter Scoggins, Walt Simpson  
**NEXT WEEK:** 5:00 Walter Scoggins, Walt Simpson  
8:15 Jake Bremer, Rob Bremer, Jonathan Gibbs,  
Jack Pendleton  
11:00 Gary Freer, Dave Jones, Carlos Lopez

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Our In-Home Ministry members are designated with an \*

The Church Staff prays for you during their bi-weekly staff meetings. If you have a specific prayer request, please contact the church office or fill out a note from the Record of Fellowship folder and place it on the bulletin board in the Narthex. In the hospital this past week: Grace Noll at SSM Rehab.

Christian sympathy is extended to the family of our sister in Christ, Virginia Palazzolo, who passed away on March 8, 2019. Christian burial was given on March 14. May the comfort of the Lord be with her family.

### YOUTH OF THE WEEK

Makayla Welker  
Aiden Zaza  
Jordan Ingrham  
Alyecee Keller

### BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

3/17 Robert Hofmann  
3/18 Ashley Quinn  
3/19 Maina Gurung  
3/20 Natalie Bremer, Bhumika Gurung, Laxchhai Gurung  
3/21 Carol Benninghoff, Krista Welker

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

3/22 Sharon & Kevin Keller

### ASCENSION MEMBERS AND FRIENDS SERVING AS FIRST RESPONDERS

Kevin Duffy	Phil Green
Ross Hetz & Firehouse	Kevin Keller
Adam Notch	Gary Steffens
Denise Strittmatter	

### ASCENSION MEMBERS & FRIENDS SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Andrew Jensen	Alex Jones
James Keltner	Brian Kitson
Thomas Kitson	Tony Urschler

### LCMS CONGREGATION IN OUR SOUTH ST. LOUIS CIRCUIT

Ascension	St. Johns
Emmaus	St. Lucas
Epiphany	St. Luke's
Hope	St. Trinity
Messiah	Timothy
Mt. Olive	Trinity