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September 13, 2020

Worship Leader Today: David Dille, Elder

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Music Director: Vanessa Candreva
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Welcome To Our Guest

It is a great joy to have you here today. We pray that your time with us has helped to deepen your faith in our Lord, Jesus Christ. If we can be of service to you or your family, we invite you to talk to us at your convenience. You will always be welcome here. Please do us the honor of signing the guest sheet at the podium at the front of the church or at the entrance from the Education Wing.
Thank you for coming!

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 13, 2020

Worship Service - 9:30 AM

AS WE GATHER

Forgiveness is filled with questions. How often must I forgive? Is there a limit to the grace of forgiveness? What is the connection between God's forgiveness to me and my forgiveness to others? The answer to these questions lies in Christ. As our heavenly Father has forgiven us, so do we forgive one another in His name. This forgiveness is clearly and beautifully shown in the example of Joseph, who was sold into slavery by his brothers and then forgave them because of God's mercy.

WELCOME

David Dille, Elder

(stand)

OPENING HYMN: "Today Your Mercy Calls Us"

LW 347

**Today Your mercy calls us, to wash away our sin.
However great our trespass, whatever we have been,
However long from mercy, our hearts have turned away,
Your precious blood can wash us, and make us clean today.**

**Today Your gate is open, and all who enter in,
Shall find a Father's welcome, and pardon for their sin.
The past shall be forgotten, a present joy be giv'n,
A future grace be promised, a glorious crown in heav'n.**

**Today our Father calls us; His Holy Spirit waits;
His blessed angels gather, around the heav'nly gates.
No question will be asked us, how often we have come;
Although we oft have wandered, it is our Father's home.**

**O all-embracing Mercy, O ever-open Door,
What should we do without You when heart and eye run o'er?
When all things seem against us, to drive us to despair,
We know one gate is open, one ear will hear our prayer.**

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INVOCATION

Elder: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

TIME OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Elder: Jesus' behavior not only confused the Pharisees. His own disciples were often confused. Jesus once told them, "I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. This bread is My flesh, which I will give for the life of the world." But many of His disciples scoffed at His words and no longer followed Him. Jesus turned to His disciples and asked, "Will you also leave me?" Peter replied, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life." Take a moment of silence before God and confess your sins.

Please join me in a confessional prayer.

People: Lord, we must confess, "Your ways are not our ways, and Your thoughts are not our thoughts. As high as the heaven is above the earth, so are Your ways higher than our ways, and Your thoughts higher than ours." (Isaiah 55) But Lord, to whom shall we go? Forgive our failure to follow You without question. Renew, restore and strengthen us, O Lord.

THE ABSOLUTION

Elder: The Scripture says, "Anyone who trusts in Him will never be put to shame." For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on Him, for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." By the command of Christ I announce the grace of God unto you all. God's peace. Your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

(sit)

OLD TESTAMENT: Genesis 50:15–21 (*At the death of their father, Jacob, Joseph reassured his brothers that he forgave them and recognized the hand of God at work in their lives.*)

EPISTLE: Romans 14:1–12 (*If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord.*)

(stand)

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 18:21–35 (*How often must I forgive my brother? How often has God forgiven you?*)

Congregation reads together:

²¹ Then Peter came up and said to Him, “Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?” ²² Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven.

²³ “Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴ When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. ²⁵ And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. ²⁶ So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ ²⁷ And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸ But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, ‘Pay what you owe.’ ²⁹ So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ ³⁰ He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. ³¹ When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. ³² Then his master summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³ And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?’ ³⁴ And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. ³⁵ So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.”

HYMN OF THE DAY: **Redeemed, Restored, Forgiven”**
(Tune: “The Church’s One Foundation”)

TLH 32

**Redeemed, restored, forgiven,
Thro’ Jesus’ precious blood,
Heirs of His home in heaven,
Oh, praise our pard’ning God!
Praise Him in tuneful measures
Who gave His Son to die;
Praise Him whose sev’nfold treasures
Enrich and sanctify.**

**Once on the dreary mountain
We wandered far and wide,
Far from the cleansing fountain,
Far from the pierced side;
But Jesus sought and found us
And washed our guilt away;
With cords of love He bound us
To be His own for aye.**

**Dear Master, Thine the glory
Of each recovered soul.
Ah! Who can tell the story
Of love that made us whole?
Not ours, not ours, the merit;
Be Thine alone the praise
And ours a thankful spirit
To serve Thee all our days.**

**Now keep us, holy Savior,
In Thy true love and fear
And grant us of Thy favor
The grace to persevere
Till, in Thy new creation,
Earth's time-long travail o'er,
We find our full salvation
And praise Thee evermore. Amen.**

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(sit)

THE APPLICATION OF GOD'S WORD FOR TODAY

David Dille, Elder

(stand)

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

(sit)

OFFERTORY MEDITATION SONG: "Your Mercy"

(stand)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Elder: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Lord, grant that we not judge without mercy but forgive without limit, that we who have known the fullness of Your mercy in Christ also manifest a compassionate heart against those who sin against us. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Elder: Lord, grant to Your Church Your Spirit and power, that we be supplied with faithful pastors and church workers to serve us in Your name, and that we hear and heed the voice of Your Word and walk in holiness of life. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Elder: Lord, grant to those who lead us in this nation and in all the nations wisdom and integrity, that they pursue what is good and right and just according to Your Word and commands, and serve the common good. Deliver us from terror and threat, and give Your peace to the nations. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Elder: Lord, grant to the sick and all who suffer any affliction of body, mind, or soul the blessing of Your mercy, with forgiveness according to Your will, and Your presence and comfort to sustain them through the day of trouble. Hear us especially on behalf of those for whom our intercession has been requested, [*especially . . . individual prayer requests may be spoken at this time followed by the petitioner saying "Lord, in Your mercy" after each request*], and those we name in our hearts. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Elder: Lord, grant to the homeless, the widowed, the orphaned, and the unemployed Your strength to bear up under the weight of their trials and Your guidance to bring them to the places where their needs may be answered. Open our hearts to care for them and support them in their need. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Elder: Lord, grant to us grateful hearts that with our voices we offer You the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and with our tithes and offerings show forth our confidence in Your loving care and our desire to support the work of Your Church. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Elder: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

(sit)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

(stand)

THE BLESSING

The Lord bless us and keep us.

The Lord make His face to shine upon us and be gracious unto us.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon us and give us peace.

CLOSING SONG: “Great Things”

Elder: Go in peace and

People: serve the Lord.

LOOKING AHEAD: The assigned readings of the Church Calendar for next week are Isaiah 55:6-9, Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30, and Matthew 20:1-16.

OUR MISSION AND VISION STATEMENT

Acknowledging the great gift of God the Father in sending His Son, Jesus Christ, as our Savior, we the people of Ascension Lutheran Church, as guided by the Holy Spirit, are committed to the furtherance of God’s Kingdom. We will share and live the Gospel in our homes, our church, our community, and the world. Motivated by Christ’s love for us, we are dedicated to spiritual growth and unity, worship and fellowship, and compassionate service. We recognize this as our common purpose and pray that God will enable us by His strength and wisdom to seek His will.



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ASCENSION NEWS – SEPTEMBER 13, 2020

THANK YOU to David Dille (Elder) for leading us in worship today.

IMPORTANT – **EVERYONE please sign in** on one of the attendance sheets located at the Narthex or the Education Wing entrances.

FACE COVERINGS – Please wear face coverings indoors in all parts of the building (those who are over age two [2] and medically able to do so). If you forgot a face covering, there are some available in the Narthex and at the office entrance.

SOCIAL DISTANCING – Please practice social distancing in the Sanctuary (six [6] feet between households), and seating in every other pew. Please do not linger inside the building entrances/exits prior to and following worship services. Please enjoy the beautiful weather outside as you visit from six (6) feet apart!

HAND SANITIZER – Hand sanitizer is available in the Narthex and at the office entrance for your use.

BUILDING RESTRICTIONS – To limit the need for cleaning and disinfection, the Fellowship Hall and classroom areas will be taped off. *If anyone needs to comfort a child, we will temporarily ask parents to use the Narthex.*

OFFERINGS – Since the offering plate will not be passed during the service, an offering plate will be available in the Narthex for you to present your gifts as you exit or arrive.

CHILDREN'S BAGS – Children's bags will be stored in the closet to the right of the main entrance. Please feel free to take one (or more) from the closet on your first visit and keep it in your car for your kids' use during services. Please do not put any bags back in the closet.

BULLETINS and **CHILDREN'S BULLETINS** are available on our website: www.ascensionpgh.com.

HELP NEEDED – We are looking for volunteers to wipe down the handrails after the services. Please see Pete Candrea if you can help.

THE NEWSLETTER DEADLINE is **Tuesday** (September 15). Please submit any articles/announcements/meeting dates, etc., for the newsletter or October calendar to Barb via her email at secretary@ascensionpgh.com or her mailbox in the Narthex. Thank you!

CHURCH COUNCIL is scheduled to meet on **Thursday** (September 17) at 6:30 PM via Zoom.

ACOLYTE: Kayla Arnett
ALTAR GUILD/SEPTEMBER: Ali & Russ Lucas
ELDERS: Mike Fiffik / Cooper Blake / Bob Booth / Pete Candreva / David Dille / Darryl Gunther
LAY READER: Darryl Gunther
USHERS: Ron Curcio / Lynn Gunther
ATTENDANCE 09/06/20: WORSHIP 36

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

September 14: Amanda Diak; September 15: Sally Rusie, Autumn Vogel;
 September 16: Dennis Meier; September 17: Lynn Gunther

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

September 13: Mark & Katie Straszheim

IN CHRIST WE EXTEND OUR LOVE AND SYMPATHY to Chris Schroeder and his family on the very unexpected death of his aunt on September 7, 2020. Please keep Chris and his family in your prayers, and may God be with them and comfort them during this difficult time.

MUSIC ANNOUNCEMENT – After much prayer and consideration, the Adult Choir will not be meeting, at least through November. This also means that the children will not be meeting for music during the Education Hour. As the pandemic changes, this will be reevaluated to determine if/when it is safe for a group in close proximity to sing in the choir room and the Sanctuary. We know this is disappointing, but we wish to keep everyone in our community safe and free of anxiety. Feel free to contact the Music Director with any additional questions or concerns – vcandreva@ascensionpgh.com.

NEWSLETTER – If you would like a printed copy of the September 2020 issue of *The Heart of Ascension* mailed to you, please call Barb in the church office at 412-364-4463.

PENNIES FOR JESUS – Our mission at this time is our local food banks: The North Hills Food Bank on Perry Highway and the Northside Common Ministries on Brighton Road. This has been a difficult time for a lot of families and these organizations have been helping many in our area. If you would like to make a donation to our Pennies for Jesus fund, please mail your check to the church office, marked with “Pennies for Jesus” in the memo line. There is also a container on the Narthex table for your donation.

PRAYER AND PRAISE GROUP is now meeting via Zoom. *The Zoom link and information for this group are below. We will be using this same link every week.* Join us on **Wednesday**, (September 16) from 10 AM to 11 AM and then every Wednesday thereafter until we are able to meet in person. If you have any questions or need prayer, please call me at 808-295-1835. In the Love of Jesus, Bob Booth

Topic: Prayer and Praise

Time: 10:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Every week on Wed, until Jul 7, 2021, 50 occurrence(s)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/99710525952?pwd=d0tyY0t1a2MzWkovY0hhYlBVUnB4Zz09>

Meeting ID: 997 1052 5952

Passcode: 590254

Find your local number: <https://zoom.us/u/ab28y7sTCG>

LIVE-STREAMING WORSHIP SERVICES – Our worship services are live-streamed Sundays at 9:30 AM on our YouTube Channel. Just click on this link: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCu_ARgzTTcfZZXuZAeiyEVQ/videos or search in YouTube for Ascension Lutheran Church PGH Music. Then click the VIDEOS tab. Look for the video that says “LIVE” with the current date, and click on it. Then click the “Play” triangle. You can watch on any computer, tablet, or phone. If you can’t watch during the regular church time, the LIVE video will be available when church is over, and you can watch it like you would a normal video. More detailed directions are available on our website (www.ascensionpgh.com). If you have any questions, feel free to contact Vanessa Candreva at vcandreva@ascensionpgh.com.

FOR PASTORAL NEEDS/EMERGENCIES, please call Pastor Barry Keurulainen at 724-352-2777 (office) or after hours at 724-352-3841 (home). You may also reach him via email at bjk@stlukecabot.org. If you would like to speak with an Elder instead, please feel free to contact one of the Elders listed below:

Mike Fiffik, Head Elder	412-780-1647
Cooper Blake	412-654-4146
Bob Booth	808-295-1835
Pete Candreva	412-999-4856
David Dille	412-726-1934
Darryl Gunther	724-272-0441

EMAIL ACCOUNTS – Please use the email addresses below for contacting these individuals/groups:

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Barb Marcellus (Secretary)	secretary@ascensionpgh.com

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COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

THE LUTHERAN HOUR is on WWNL/1080 AM on Saturdays at 3:30 PM and on Sundays at 8:00 AM. Read or listen to the sermon at www.lutheranhour.org. **September 20, 2020: "I Stand at the Door"** Jesus is the Guest who will become the Host for all who trust in Him. New Series "Households of Faith" (Luke 24:13-35) Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

SPONSOR NEEDED – In addition to my pastor duties at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church in Chippewa, I am currently working with an international nonprofit organization called International Student Exchange (ISE), a sponsor of secondary school exchange for international students. You can read more about ISE on its website, www.iseusa.org. My responsibility is finding host families in the US. A host family provides a safe and welcoming placement for one incoming student. A host family can be a single man or woman—with or without children, a teen scene family, empty nesters, an older couple or older singles. As a host family, you would treat your student like a family member, not a guest. He or she should have the same privileges and obligations as your own children. You provide a quiet place in the home where the student can study, a bedroom of his/her own or share with a roommate of the same sex, meals and so on. I can provide you more information or click the "Host a Student" tab on the ISE website. Currently, I am looking for a host family for 2021 (January – June or January – December). The student assigned to me has been speaking English for eight years. He is a sophomore and plays an instrument. He is a Christian and would like to be placed in a Christian home. If you are interested, please contact me at paulcwynar@gmail.com and I will provide further details. Thank you very much. Paul Cwynar

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OKTOBERFEST CANCELLED, FIREWORKS SHOW STILL ON – The Annual Concordia Oktoberfest, which was scheduled for October 3 on the Concordia at Cabot Campus, has been canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. However, we still plan to have the **Oktoberfest fireworks display** for our residents that evening – and the community is invited to the campus for a safe drive-in viewing opportunity on Saturday, **October 3** at 7:45 PM at the parking lots behind the Lund Care Center (*134 Marwood Rd., Cabot, PA 16023*). **The event is weather permitting and guests are asked to arrive between 6:30–7:30 PM.** Cars will be parked in every other spot to allow spectators to get out of their vehicles and watch the show. Once the spots are full, we will be closing the entrance, to ensure proper social distancing is followed and a safe distance from the fireworks display is maintained. The fireworks begin promptly at 7:45 PM and last approximately 15 minutes.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE – From September 23–November 1, you’re invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life—40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You’re also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside Planned Parenthood at 933 Liberty Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA, and to help spread the word about this important community outreach. Through 40 Days for Life, 17,226 lives have been saved, 206 abortion workers converted, and 107 abortion centers closed! If you’d like more information—and especially if you’d like to volunteer to help—please contact Nikki Bruni at nbruni@40daysforlifepgh.com. To adopt a time slot for your group, contact Fran Morrow at franmac98fmc@gmail.com. To sign up for hours as an individual, contact Donna Goss at gdgoss620@gmail.com. Visit 40daysforlife.com/pittsburgh for more information.

A CELEBRATION OF PIONEER – Be sure to set aside the late afternoon hours of October 3, 2020 to join with friends of Pioneer from across the nation as we gather in an exciting and moving virtual, online experience to give thanks to the Lord for all that has happened in the 75 years of Pioneer Camp and Retreat Center ministry. Together we will celebrate, worship, and give glory to God for the fullness of Pioneer’s ministry and the countless lives this special ministry has changed! Mark your calendars now for this special October 3rd event!

ALL EASTERN DISTRICT WORSHIP SERVICE – You are invited to join your Eastern District brothers and sisters in Christ on Thursday evening, **October 8, 2020** as we gather for the first ever *All Eastern District Virtual Worship Service*. The worship service, led by pastors and musicians of congregations of the Eastern District, will premiere at 7:00 PM on both YouTube and Facebook. Mark your calendars now and watch for further information that will enable you to simultaneously gather with fellow saints from all corners of New York, Pennsylvania and Maryland to worship the Lord of Heaven and earth who “*Makes All Things New.*”

CHRISTIAN COUNSELING ASSOCIATES is a full-service counseling center committed to using the resources of the Christian faith in helping individuals and families achieve emotional, spiritual, and physical well-being. Licensed and certified professional counselors provide all services. Available services include help for those seeking professional help for emotional and life challenges such as depression, anxiety, marital problems, addictions, grief, trauma, or any mental health concern. CCA offers services to adults, children, adolescents, and families. Christian counseling engages a faith-based process of change that can equip individuals to overcome the challenges they face. CCA accepts many different health insurances for payment and offers a sliding fee scale if there is no insurance. Ascension provides office space for CCA. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 724-396-1510.

LCMS FOUNDATION – Do inheritance gifts need to be equal to family members in order to be fair? Aiming at fairness might blind you to things the Lord wants you to accomplish with the giving of His gifts. Special needs of a family member may be a focus. Creation or continuation of a business might be another. The product produced by inheritance may impact much more than your family. Your LCMS Gift Planning Counselor can help think and pray about the right gifts. Contact Robert Wirth, LCMS Foundation Gift Planner at robert.wirth@lfnd.org or 716-863-4427.

LIFE QUOTE – “When discipline and correction are called for in the Christian family, it is always administered in love, given for the express purpose of benefitting the family as a whole—the household as a whole. By this the family is strengthened to better witness to the life they share by faith in Jesus. For by the grace of God and in the power of His Holy Spirit, the Christian family at work, worship, prayer, or play bears witness to the faith that is in them through their Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.” *Ron Schlegel, The Lutheran Laymen – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life* • www.lutheransforlife.org

PRAYER REQUESTS – September 13, 2020*

“And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise him up. If he has sinned, he will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.” (James 5:15-16)

FOR HEALTH & HEALING

Paul Krom’s sister with unknown illness and brother hospitalized with coronavirus; Ron Killcrece (hospitalized following cardiac arrest twice – Ronette Blake’s father); Kate Candreva (Pete’s mother); Eileen Vogel; for all those ill with coronavirus; Joe (mass on heart – Cheryl Sedar’s son); Gene Williams (mesothelioma); Shut-ins: Elva Fields, Helen Goettmann, Phyllis Kitzki, Clay McClellan, Don Sohngen, Nadine Weber

FOR STRENGTH & COMFORT

For all those who lost loved ones, especially Chris Schroeder and family on the death of his aunt; Lora, Tim, and Hannah Koontz and the Wade family on the death of Lora’s father, Bob Wade; Jordan and family on the death of Montana (Cristen Fiffik’s family); for the citizens, survivors, relief workers, missionaries, and families affected by hurricanes, earthquakes, terrorist attacks and disasters worldwide

FOR THANKSGIVING

For the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ; for all our guests; the gifts of love and God’s Word; family and friends; our country

FOR SAFETY/PROTECTION

For all affected by the coronavirus pandemic; college students; school students, teachers, staff and bus drivers; missionaries; our armed forces; unborn children

FOR DIRECTION AND FAITH

For our pastoral call process; those who are experiencing a crisis of faith; women with unplanned pregnancies

GENERAL PRAYER, GUIDANCE, AND PROVISION

For our country and leaders; VBS families; Pastor Lee and his family; the Gaertner family; SOAR Respite Nights and participating families; Megan and Gene Williams, Jr. and DiscipleMakers; Pastor Eric Andræ and Campus Ministry in Oakland; seminary students; the residents and staff of Concordia Lutheran Ministries; Shepherd’s Heart Fellowship; Food For The Poor; Christian Counseling Associates counselors and their clients; those with special needs (physical, mental, or emotional)

“Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.” (Colossians 4:2)

***Please note that prayer requests will remain on the prayer list for 60 days and then be removed unless an extension is requested by notifying the church secretary.**