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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!

# **TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**November 15, 2020**

**Worship Service - 9:30 AM**

## **AS WE GATHER**

We read today about three servants. All three received a good and gracious gift from their master. Two were good and faithful. One was evil and faithless. Two reflected the goodness and faithfulness of their master. One refused to act like his master and was punished for his insolence. Consider Jesus, our good and faithful Master, and all that He has done for us and our salvation. As we follow Him, we reflect His goodness and faithfulness.

## **WELCOME**

Pete Candreva, Elder

*(stand)*

## **OPENING HYMN:**

**“Take My Life and Let It Be”**

LSB 783, vs. 1, 2, 5, & 6

**Take my life and let it be  
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;  
Take my moments and my days,  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

**Take my hands and let them move  
At the impulse of Thy love;  
Take my feet and let them be  
Swift and beautiful for Thee.**

**Take my will and make it Thine,  
It shall be no longer mine;  
Take my heart, it is Thine own,  
It shall be Thy royal throne.**

**Take my love, my Lord, I pour  
At Thy feet its treasure store;  
Take myself, and I will be  
Ever, only, all for Thee.**

## **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: Indeed, our heavenly Father has done wonderful things for us. He has given us more than we could ever ask for or imagine. Yet, there have been times when we have been ungrateful for God's gifts, times when we have been lazy and selfish with what He has given us, times when we have been unfaithful servants. Yet, our heavenly Father invites us to return to Him and ask for His forgiveness.

*Silence for reflection.*

Elder: Heavenly Father,

**People: we confess that we have not been faithful with all of the good gifts You have given us. We have sinned in our thoughts, words, and actions. We have failed by our inactivity. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, O Lord, that we might be restored as Your servants.**

Elder: God hears your confession and has promised to be with you always. Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son, Jesus Christ, to die and rise for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins.

**People: Amen. We are forgiven. We are restored in Jesus.**

*(sit)*

**OLD TESTAMENT:** Zephaniah 1:7–16 (*The Day of the Lord is near.*)

**EPISTLE:** 1 Thessalonians 5:1–11 (*Let us live as children of the light.*)

*(stand)*

**HOLY GOSPEL:** Matthew 25:14–30 (*The parable of the talents*)

*Congregation reads together:*

**<sup>14</sup>“For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. <sup>15</sup>To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. <sup>16</sup>He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. <sup>17</sup>So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. <sup>18</sup>But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. <sup>19</sup>Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. <sup>20</sup>And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.’ <sup>21</sup>His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ <sup>22</sup>And he also who had the two talents**

came forward, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.’<sup>23</sup> His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’<sup>24</sup> He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed,<sup>25</sup> so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’<sup>26</sup> But his master answered him, ‘You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I scattered no seed?<sup>27</sup> Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest.’<sup>28</sup> So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents.<sup>29</sup> For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away.<sup>30</sup> And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

**HYMN OF THE DAY: “Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way”** LSB 857, vs. 1, 2, 3, & 5

Lord, help us walk Your servant way  
Wherever love may lead  
And, bending low, forgetting self,  
Each serve the other’s need.

You came to earth, O Christ, as Lord,  
But pow’r You laid aside.  
You lived Your years in servanthood;  
In lowliness You died.

No golden scepter but a towel  
You place within the hands  
Of those who seek to follow You  
And live by Your commands.

Lord, help us walk Your servant way  
Wherever love may lead  
And, bending low, forgetting self,  
Each serve the other’s need.

*(sit)*

**SERMON: “But God, a Journey Through the Covenants”** Pete Candreva, Elder

*(stand)*

## NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made, who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*(sit)*

## OFFERTORY MEDITATION SONG: "But God"

*(stand)*

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

**Elder:** Dear heavenly Father, You have placed us in various vocations for the sake of Your people. Strengthen us when we face challenges and trials that would tempt us to abandon Your Church. Forgive us when we go astray. Bring back all those who have wandered from the faith. Hear our prayer, O Lord.

**People:** **Give ear to our pleas for mercy.**

**Elder:** Lord, raise up good and faithful servants in Your Church, that we work together for the common good and spread the good news of Your kingdom to all nations. Hear our prayer, O Lord.

**People:** **Give ear to our pleas for mercy.**

**Elder:** Lord, raise up good and faithful servants in the governments of the world, that citizens of all nations might be treated with fairness and justice. Hear our prayer, O Lord.

**People:** **Give ear to our pleas for mercy.**

Elder: Lord, the day of Jesus' return is drawing near. Give us patience and faith as we await His return. Embolden us to serve our neighbors and never grow weary of doing good. Hear our prayer, O Lord.

**People: Give ear to our pleas for mercy.**

Elder: Lord, disease and devastation have infected so much of Your creation, but we know Your healing is always close at hand. Be with all those who suffer now through abuse, illness, and injustice, [*especially . . . individual prayer requests may be spoken at this time followed by the petitioner saying "Lord, in Your mercy" after each request.*] Heal them according to Your will, and send justice for the oppressed. Hear our prayer, O Lord.

**People: Give ear to our pleas for mercy.**

Elder: Lord, by the resurrection of Your Son, death has been destroyed. Yet each human being still faces earthly death. We bring before You all those who are mourning the death of loved ones. Comfort them with the hope of the resurrection to eternal life. Hear our prayer, O Lord.

**People: Give ear to our pleas for mercy.**

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

**People: Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

## THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### PEACE

Elder: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**People: And also with you.**

## HOLY COMMUNION

Congregants are welcome to take a Communion kit from the Narthex near the front door, and will be invited to take Communion in the pews at this time.

## HOLY COMMUNION

*(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: “Jesus, You Alone”**

**Elder:** Go in peace and

**People:** serve the Lord.

**LOOKING AHEAD: The assigned readings of the Church Calendar for next week are Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24, 1 Corinthians 15:20-28, and Matthew 25:31-46.**

## **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.





## **ASCENSION NEWS – NOVEMBER 15, 2020**

**THANK YOU** to Pete Candreva (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 outside as you visit from six (6) feet apart!

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

**HOLY COMMUNION** – To avoid excessive contact on Communion Sundays, there will be prepackaged Communion packets in the Narthex as you walk in. We ask you pick them up on your way to your seat. When Communion time happens, during the service, we will all partake as a community.

**BUILDING RESTRICTIONS** – To limit the need for cleaning and disinfection, the 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.

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

**A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** will be held immediately following the worship service **TODAY** in person and via Zoom.

**ACOLYTE:** ..... Isaac Krieger  
**ALTAR GUILD/NOVEMBER:** ..... Nancy Hughey  
**ELDERS:** Mike Fiffik / Cooper Blake / Bob Booth / Pete Candreva / David Dille / Darryl Gunther  
**LAY READER:** ..... David Dille  
**USHERS:** ..... Ron Curcio / Lynn Gunther  
**ATTENDANCE 11/08/20: WORSHIP** ..... 43; **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:** ..... 13

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

November 17: Janine Nicolette; November 18: Kyle Agostino, Trish Young  
November 21: Flo Pizzica

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given today by Bob and Karen Booth in honor of their granddaughter Aria’s birthday.

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given today by Janet and Bill Seitz in memory of Janet’s dad, Larry Spindler, Sr.

**IN CHRIST WE EXTEND OUR LOVE AND SYMPATHY** to Ruth Holmes, Mark Kitzki and the Kitzki family. Phyllis Kitzki went to be with her Lord and Savior on November 11, 2020. Please keep Phyllis’ family in your prayers, and may God be with them during this difficult time.

**THE ADULT BIBLE STUDY**, *Vanishing Grace*, continues after the congregational meeting today in the Fellowship Hall and via Zoom.

**THE NEWSLETTER DEADLINE** is **today**. Please submit any articles/announcements/meeting dates, etc., for the newsletter or December calendar to Barb via her email at [secretary@ascensionpgh.com](mailto:secretary@ascensionpgh.com) or her mailbox in the Narthex. Thank you!

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD** – Time is running out! **Next Sunday** (November 22nd) at Noon **is the deadline** for bringing in your shoeboxes. There are still lots of boxes available. You can also pack a shoebox online. Follow this link to build one online and have it counted towards Ascension’s total: <https://build-a-shoebox.samaritanspurse.org/view/a7d21c0d-18bb-43df-a53a-2ab5bf18687d>. Check out Ascension’s website for more details.

**BULLETINS** and **CHILDREN’S BULLETINS** are available on our website: [www.ascensionpgh.com](http://www.ascensionpgh.com).

**CARD SHOWER FOR PASTOR THOMPSON** – We will be having a card shower (or letters or the kids can draw pictures) for Pastor Thompson. Please send or bring in your cards/letters/pictures by **November 20**. For more information, please see Karen Booth.

**PRAYER AND PRAISE GROUP** is meeting via Zoom. Join us on **Wednesday**, (November 18) 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

**ADVENT CALENDARS** have been mailed to many of our children. Extra calendars are also available in the Narthex (along with envelopes in case you need to mail yours). Paper calendars are also available for older teens, adults, or families. Evangelism/Outreach Board

**LCMS STEWARDSHIP NOTE** – **Matthew 25:30a** – “**And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness.**” Why did the worthless servant act the way he did? Because of what he believed about the Master. He didn’t trust or love the Master. So, his actions did not demonstrate love and trust but rather hate and mistrust. It’s the same with us, but in reverse. Since we know our Lord God to be faithful and kind, we desire to serve Him and render faithful service with what He has given us.

**THRIVENT CHOICE** – Do you own any Thrivent products (life insurance, IRA, etc.)? If you do, you might be eligible to direct FREE money from Thrivent to Ascension. In 2019 Ascension received \$2,132 and so far in 2020 we have received \$2,500. This is at no cost to you. Follow the link below for more information and to see if you’re eligible. Don’t pass up free money for Ascension! [https://www.thrivent.com/what-we-offer/generosity/thrivent-choice.html?utm\\_source=vanity&utm\\_campaign=membership&utm\\_medium=print&utm\\_term=thriventchoice](https://www.thrivent.com/what-we-offer/generosity/thrivent-choice.html?utm_source=vanity&utm_campaign=membership&utm_medium=print&utm_term=thriventchoice)

**COMMUNION AT HOME** – We are making Communion at home available for members who are unable to attend services live at Ascension. If you would like to participate, please contact the church office to make arrangements to either pick up Communion kits or have them mailed to you. These kits have been consecrated and are to be used **ONLY** while viewing the Sunday worship service live (i.e. Sundays at 9:30 AM only). They are not intended for use while viewing recordings of services. If you have any questions, please contact any of the Elders for details.

**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.

**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](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCu_ARgzTTcfZZXuZAeiyEVQ/videos) or search in YouTube for Ascension Lutheran Church PGH Music. More detailed directions are available on our website ([www.ascensionpgh.com](http://www.ascensionpgh.com)). If you have any questions, feel free to contact Vanessa Candreva at [vcandreva@ascensionpgh.com](mailto:vcandreva@ascensionpgh.com).

**FOR SPIRITUAL NEEDS/EMERGENCIES**, 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

**CANCELLED STAMPS** – If you are saving cancelled stamps for the LWML, please make sure that there is a 1/4-inch margin around the stamp and there are no damaged edges. Please put your stamps in Sandy Malarkey’s or Janet Seitz’s mailbox in the Narthex.

**SOCIAL MEDIA** – Ascension is on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/AscensionPgh](http://www.facebook.com/AscensionPgh)), Google Plus (<https://plus.google.com/+AscensionLutheranChurchPittsburgh>), and Twitter ([www.twitter.com/AscensionPgh](http://www.twitter.com/AscensionPgh)). You don’t have to have accounts to view our pages online. Please do check us out (and “Like”/follow us).

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

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**CLOTHING RECYCLING PROGRAM** – Don’t forget to recycle your clothes in our recycle bins in the parking lot!

## **COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS**

**THE LUTHERAN HOUR** is on WWNL/1080 AM on Saturdays at 3:30 PM and on Tuesdays at 12:30 PM. Read or listen to the sermon at [www.lutheranhour.org](http://www.lutheranhour.org). **November 22, 2020: “Politics in Perspective”** Political turmoil is nothing new and political security is only temporary. We can't escape politics. However, Dr. Michael Zeigler offers good news of a kingdom that cannot be overthrown and will never pass away. (Daniel 7:1-14) Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

**KFUO RADIO**, a media ministry extension of LCMS congregations, shares Christ for you anytime, anywhere on KFUO.org via worship services, Bible and theology studies, practical talk programs, and sacred music. You can find programs on demand at [kfu.org](http://kfu.org) and wherever you get your podcasts! Find us on social: @KFUOradio on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#). This week on KFUO.org, finish 2 Timothy and begin Titus on Sharper Iron's "The Word is Trustworthy" series (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), study a curious theological topic on Cross Defense (11/16 at 2:00 p.m. CT), consider how our Lutheran Confessions tie into our life in the church on Concord Matters (11/17 at 2:00 p.m. CT), and continue studying 2 Samuel on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT).

**AL'S BIKE DRIVE** – The need to help parents provide a gift to their child is even greater this year. Because of a shortage of available bikes, Al's Bike Drive will purchase as many bikes as will be made available to us as well as help to stock the Toys for Tots warehouses with other toys. Checks can be mailed to: Al's Bike Drive, 1736 Ferguson Road, Suite 200, Allison Park, PA 15101. You may donate online at [www.alsbike.org](http://www.alsbike.org). For more information, you may contact us at [Alsbikedrive@gmail.com](mailto:Alsbikedrive@gmail.com) or 412-229-7783. Your tax-deductible donation will make it possible to provide a bike or toy to a child in southwestern Pennsylvania! Thank you for your support!

**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.

**LIFE QUOTE:** “To be sure, our God Father does not give the vocation of a large family to everyone. (And, of course, any quantity of family and offspring He bestows is a great benefit.) But we need not despise proliferation the way the world does. Indeed, we may appreciate and assist our brothers and sisters who engage in this holy (and delightful!) calling. And we may also raise our young ones to cherish procreation and adoption more than any personal preferences or material possessions. The blessings of children always outweigh even the burdens!” *Rev. Michael W. Salemink, Executive Director of Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)*

## **PRAYER REQUESTS – November 15, 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**

Ruth Miller; Elva Fields; Sandi Weber; Ron Killcrece (recovery after cardiac arrest – Ronette Blake’s father); Eileen Vogel; for all those ill with coronavirus; Joe (mass on heart – Cheryl Sedar’s son); Gene Williams (mesothelioma); Shut-ins: Helen Goettmann, Clay McClellan, Nadine Weber

### **FOR STRENGTH & COMFORT**

For all those who lost loved ones, especially Ruth Holmes, Mark Kitzki and the Kitzki family on the death of Phyllis Kitzki; Pastor Lee and his family on the death of his sister; Don Sohngen’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 Pastor Adam Thompson accepting our call to be our new pastor; 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 those who are experiencing a crisis of faith; women with unplanned pregnancies

### **GENERAL PRAYER, GUIDANCE, AND PROVISION**

For Pastor Adam Thompson and Fairlawn Lutheran Church during ministry transitions; our country and leaders; Pastor Lee and his family; the Gaertner family; SOAR Respite Nights 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.**