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November 22, 2020

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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!

# LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR

November 22, 2020

Worship Service - 9:30 AM

## AS WE GATHER

Today is the Last Sunday of the Church Year. This Sunday is traditionally filled with themes of Christ's roles as King and Judge. But the Thanksgiving holiday is also this week and it is a good time to take stock of the year thus far and give thanks for the many blessings we've been given by the Lord. 2020 has certainly not been without its significant trials and they are not over yet. Despite these many trials, the Lord is close by and draws us nearer to Him.

## WELCOME

Mike Fiffik, Elder

*(stand)*

## OPENING HYMN:

**"Praise and Thanksgiving"**  
*(Tune: "Morning Has Broken")*

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**Praise and thanksgiving, Father, we offer  
For all things living, created good:  
Harvest of sown fields, fruits of the orchard,  
Hay from the mown fields, blossom and wood.**

**Bless, Lord, the labor, we bring to serve You  
That with our neighbor, we may be fed.  
Sowing or tilling, we would work with You,  
Harvesting, milling, for daily bread.**

**Father, providing food for Your children,  
By Your wise guiding teach us to share  
One with another, so that, rejoicing  
With us, all others may know Your care.**

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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: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**People: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*(Silence for private confession)*

Elder: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**People: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Elder: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**People: Amen.**

*(sit)*

**OLD TESTAMENT:** Ezekiel 34:11–16, 20–24 *(God will search for His sheep.)*

## GRADUAL

Elder: Thank God because He's good,  
because His love never quits. Tell the world, Israel,  
"His love never quits."

**People: And you who fear God, join in,  
"His love never quits."**

Elder: Pushed to the wall, I called to God;  
from the wide-open spaces, He answered.

**People: God's now at my side and I'm not afraid;  
who would dare lay a hand on me?**

Elder: God's my strong champion;  
I flick off my enemies like flies.

**People: Far better to take refuge in God  
than trust in people;**

Elder: Hemmed in by enemies,  
in God's name I rubbed their faces in the dirt;

**People:** I was right on the cliff-edge, ready to fall,  
when God grabbed and held me.

**Elder:** God's my strength, He's also my song,  
and now He's my salvation.

**People:** I didn't die. I *lived!*  
And now I'm telling the world what God did.

**Elder:** God tested me, He pushed me hard,  
but He didn't hand me over to Death.

**People:** Swing wide the city gates—the *righteous* gates!  
I'll walk right through and thank God!

**Elder:** Blessed are you who enter in God's name—  
from God's house we bless you!

**People:** God is God,  
He has bathed us in light.

**Elder:** Festoon the shrine with garlands,  
hang colored banners above the altar!

**People:** You're my God, and I thank You.  
O my God, I lift high Your praise.

**All:** Thank God—He's so good.  
His love never quits!

**EPISTLE:** 1 Corinthians 15:20–28 (*The last enemy to be destroyed is death.*)

(stand)

**HOLY GOSPEL:** Matthew 25:31–46 (*The separation of the sheep and the goats*)

*Congregation reads together:*

<sup>31</sup> “When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on His glorious throne. <sup>32</sup> Before Him will be gathered all the nations, and He will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. <sup>33</sup> And He will place the sheep on His right, but the goats on the left. <sup>34</sup> Then the King will say to those on His right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. <sup>35</sup> For I was hungry and you gave Me food, I was thirsty and you gave Me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed Me, <sup>36</sup> I was naked and you clothed Me, I was sick and you visited Me, I was in prison and you came to Me.’ <sup>37</sup> Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink? <sup>38</sup> And when did we see You a stranger and welcome You, or naked and clothe You? <sup>39</sup> And when did we see You sick or in prison and visit You?’ <sup>40</sup> And the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these My brothers, you did it to Me.’

<sup>41</sup> “Then He will say to those on His left, ‘Depart from Me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. <sup>42</sup> For I was hungry and you gave Me no food, I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink, <sup>43</sup> I was a stranger and you did not welcome Me, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.’ <sup>44</sup> Then they also will answer, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to You?’ <sup>45</sup> Then He will answer them, saying, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.’ <sup>46</sup> And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

**SONG OF THE DAY: “Doxology” (God Be Praised)**

*(sit)*

**THE APPLICATION OF GOD’S WORD FOR TODAY**

Bob Booth, 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)*

**STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE**

Janet Seitz

**OFFERTORY MEDITATION SONG: “Worthy Is The Lamb”**

*(stand)*

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

Elder: For the gift of this day and the opportunity to give You praise:

People: **Glory to You, O Lord!**

Elder: For the love and warmth of family and friends, both those gathered here and those gathered elsewhere, and most of all for those gathered to the Eternal Home:

**People: Glory to You, O Lord!**

Elder: For the good gift of children and grandchildren to nurture in Your love and fear; for the blessing of hearth and home:

**People: Glory to You, O Lord!**

Elder: For the joyful noise of infants cooing and children at play and for the honor of serving them, knowing they are beloved by You:

**People: Glory to You, O Lord!**

Elder: For the food You so graciously provide us and for the joy of feasting and playing together:

**People: Glory to You, O Lord!**

Elder: For the sufferings You are pleased to send us, for they purify us from selfishness and remind us of the one thing needful, Your eternal kingdom:

**People: Glory to You, O Lord!**

Elder: Lord, You promise to bind up the injured. Bring Your healing to all those who suffer now through injury, illness, and oppression, [*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 good and gracious will. Hear our prayer, O Lord.

**People: Glory to You, O Lord!**

Elder: And finally for those things for which we are most thankful: the sweet comfort of Your Gospel, the forgiveness of all our sins by the blood of our Lord Jesus, the promise of our resurrection to eternal life; for the joyful companionship afforded by the Church; for Your Word that is a lamp to our feet and light to our path; for the gifts of Baptism and the Eucharist; for our pastors and everyone who faithfully serve to us Your best and highest gifts:

**People: Glory to You, O Lord! 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.**

**Sent forth by God’s blessing, our true faith confessing,  
The people of God from His dwelling take leave.  
The supper is ended. Oh, now be extended  
The fruits of this service in all who believe.  
The seed of His teaching, receptive souls reaching,  
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.  
His grace did invite us, His love shall unite us  
To work for God’s kingdom and answer His call.**

**With praise and thanksgiving to God ever-living,  
The tasks of our ev’ryday life we will face.  
Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,  
Embracing His children of each tribe and race.  
With Your feast You feed us, with Your light now lead us;  
Unite us as one in this life that we share,  
Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving  
Give honor to Christ and His name that we bear.**

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**Elder: Go in peace and  
People: serve the Lord.**

**LOOKING AHEAD: The assigned readings of the Church Calendar for  
next week are Isaiah 64:1-9, 1 Corinthians 1:3-9,  
and Mark 11:1-10 or Mark 13:24-37.**

### **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.



**MINISTRY OF THE WORD**

**Hearing from God – “Speak, for your servant is listening.” 1 Samuel 3:10b**

**Sermon Notes:**

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**Questions:**

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**Isaiah 55:11**

“... so is my **word** that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.”



## ASCENSION NEWS – NOVEMBER 22, 2020

**THANK YOU** to Bob Booth and Mike Fiffik (Elders) 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.

**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.

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

**LOST BUT NOT FOUND...YET!!** There have been many items lost, but not so many found. Our basket is beginning to overflow in the Narthex. If you have misplaced something, please check to see if it may be in there. After another week (**November 29th**), we will be donating anything left in our "Lost and Found" box to charity. Thank you for your consideration.

**ACOLYTE:** ..... Isaac Krieger  
**ALTAR GUILD/NOVEMBER:** ..... Nancy Hughey  
**ELDERS:** Mike Fiffik / Cooper Blake / Bob Booth / Pete Candreva / David Dille / Darryl Gunther  
**LAY READER:** ..... Trish Young  
**USHERS:** ..... Matthew Gunther / Edie Krom  
**ATTENDANCE 11/15/20: WORSHIP** ..... 51; **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:** ..... 13

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

November 24: Ryan Preisendfer; November 26: Laurence Clark;  
November 27: Lydia Jarboe, Bekki Weber; November 28: Stephan Weber

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!**

November 26: Ron & Myra Davis

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD** – Today at noon is your last chance to turn in your shoeboxes. They will be taken to the collection point this afternoon. Today is also the last day to build a shoebox online and still have it count toward Ascension’s total. **THANK YOU** to everyone who packed a shoebox (either online or in person)!! I will be announcing the totals in Barb’s weekly reminders and also in church next Sunday. The goal is 120 shoeboxes. Please continue to pray for this program and for the kids who receive a shoebox that they will come to know Jesus as their Lord and Savior. And **THANKS** again!!

**THE ADULT BIBLE STUDY**, *Vanishing Grace*, continues after the worship service in the Fellowship Hall and via Zoom.

**BELL RINGERS WANTED!** – If you like music, can count to four (4), and know your left from your right, please consider joining us for some handbell playing for the Christmas Eve service! We can hopefully accomplish this in two or three rehearsals. If interested, please email Vanessa at [vcandreva@ascensionpgh.com](mailto:vcandreva@ascensionpgh.com) by **November 29**. Let's "ring in" Christmas Eve with some special music!

**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.

**PRAYER AND PRAISE GROUP** is meeting via Zoom. Join us on **Wednesday**, (November 25) 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

**ADVENT DEVOTIONS** – Advent begins next Sunday (November 29)! Lutheran Hour Ministries' 2020 Advent Devotions are entitled "God With Us." The devotions can be received as an e-mail subscription; they can also be read online or heard as a podcast at [www.lhm.org/advent](http://www.lhm.org/advent). If you would like a printed copy, please call Barb at 412-364-4463 or email her at [secretary@ascensionpgh.com](mailto:secretary@ascensionpgh.com).

**LCMS STEWARDSHIP NOTE** – Matthew 25:44 – "Then they also will answer, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?' " With this parable Jesus once again emphasizes that our good works come from who we are, not the other way around. Sheep do sheep works, and goats do goat works. So, first things first. If we want to live more faithfully, let us come to Jesus, receive His gifts, and ask him to increase our faith.

**ALTAR GUILD** – Please let Janet Seitz know if you are willing to continue, or would like to begin, serving on this committee. This consists of serving two Sundays of one month to set up communion and change altar paraments when necessary.

**DECORATE FOR CHRISTMAS** – We will be decorating the church on Saturday, December 5 from 9 AM to 12 noon, if you would like to help.

**LWML** – Thank you to all of you who donated your mites to the LWML. We collected \$125. The LWML 2019-2021 mission goal is \$2,100,000 which will go toward 21 different mission grants. A list of the grants is posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Thirteen have already been paid in full, two have been partially paid, with six still that need to be paid. If you have any mites to contribute, you can put them in the big mite box on the table in the Narthex or give them to Janet Seitz.

**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)

**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).

**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\\_ARgzTTcfZZXuZAeyEVQ/videos](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCu_ARgzTTcfZZXuZAeyEVQ/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:

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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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## 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 29, 2020: “Magnum Opus”** How is God like a band director? Learn how God enables us to play our part in His “Magnum Opus.” (Daniel 8:27) 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, begin studying 2 Corinthians on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), finish Titus on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), and consider how our Lutheran Confessions tie into our practice and vocation as Lutherans on Concord Matters (11/24 at 2:00 p.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:** “This Thanksgiving, let’s remember exactly what God has bought for us with the blood of His Son—not just anything, but everything that matters: Pardon from sin and release from guilt. Peace with God and a home in heaven. We come empty-handed to this banquet of blessings. No marshmallow-topped side dish of good works can earn us a place at this buffet. We have nothing to offer God in exchange, yet ‘[t]he LORD has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy’ (Psalm 126:3).” *Sarah Habban, Time of Grace – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life* • [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)

## **PRAYER REQUESTS – November 22, 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.**