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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!

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

February 21, 2021

Worship Service - 9:30 AM

WELCOME

PRELUDE

AS WE GATHER

Today we hear of God testing Abraham and of Satan tempting Jesus. James reminds us that God tempts no one. So, how can we know whether God is testing us or Satan is tempting us? James reminds us that “Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change” (James 1:17). As we go through life, striving to live out our calling as God’s people, we will hit obstacles and face tests to our faith and to how we live that faith. God can work through these tests to draw us closer to Him. On the other hand, Satan wants to lure and entice us away from the path God would have us walk.

(stand)

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

OPENING HYMN: “If You But Trust in God to Guide You”

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**If you but trust in God to guide you
And place your confidence in Him,
You’ll find Him always there beside you
To give you hope and strength within.
For those who trust God’s changeless love
Build on the rock that will not move.**

**What gain is there in futile weeping,
In helpless anger and distress?
If you are in His care and keeping,
In sorrow will He love you less?
For He who took for you a cross
Will bring you safe through ev’ry loss.**

In patient trust await His leisure
In cheerful hope, with heart content
To take whate'er your Father's pleasure
And all-discerning love have sent;
Doubt not your inmost wants are known
To Him who chose you for His own.

Sing, pray, and keep His ways unswerving,
Offer your service faithfully,
And trust His Word; though undeserving,
You'll find His promise true to be.
God never will forsake in need
The soul that trusts in Him indeed.

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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Romans 6:20, 22–23, adapted; Mark 1:15*

Pastor: God's Word reminds us that when we were slaves of sin, we were free in regard to righteousness.

People: But now that we have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit we get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life.

Pastor: For the wages of sin is death,

People: but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Pastor: Let us confess our sins to God, who has brought us out of slavery and promises to lead us to the promised land of heaven.

A moment for silent confession.

Pastor: Heavenly Father, we know we are blessed when we remain steadfast under trial, yet we fall prey to the devil's schemes and give in to temptation. We are lured and enticed by our own evil desires—desires that contradict your good and gracious will.

People: For Jesus' sake, forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Pastor: As Jesus began His ministry, He said, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel." As you have repented of your sins, believe these words as if Jesus was standing here speaking them to you: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

(sit)

OLD TESTAMENT: Genesis 22:1–18 (*God tested Abraham.*)

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE: James 1:12–18 (*The path temptation treads*)

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

(stand)

HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 1:9–15 (*Jesus is baptized and sent to be tempted.*)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

People: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Congregation reads together:

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And when He came up out of the water, immediately He saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on Him like a dove. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, “You are My beloved Son; with You I am well pleased.”

¹²The Spirit immediately drove Him out into the wilderness. ¹³And He was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. And He was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to Him.

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, ¹⁵and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

HYMN OF THE DAY: “Before the Throne of God Above”

(sit)

THE APPLICATION OF GOD’S WORD FOR TODAY

Pastor Adam Thompson

(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: “Sovereign Over Us”

(stand)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH *Psalm 25:4–6, adapted*

Pastor: Friends in Christ, I urge you to lift up your souls to our God in whom we trust, as Christ, our Lord, promises to hear us.

Lord Jesus, You are the Lord of the Church.

People: Bless the work of our congregation and all who bear Your name.

Pastor: Remember Your mercy, O LORD,

People: and Your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

Pastor: Lord Jesus, the government is on Your shoulders.

People: Watch over all in this world. Guide the world’s leaders with Your wisdom, as well as our elected officials—our president, our governor, and our local authorities—that we may live peaceful and quiet lives.

Pastor: Remember Your mercy, O LORD,

People: and Your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

Pastor: Lord Jesus, You are our Teacher.

People: Make us to know Your ways, O LORD; teach us Your paths. Lead us in Your truth and teach us, for You are the God of our salvation; for You we wait all the day long.

Pastor: Remember Your mercy, O LORD,

People: and Your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

Pastor: Lord Jesus, You are the God of our salvation.

People: Guide us, Lord, in living lives that bear witness to Your truth. Lead us to connect with those who are wandering or who do not know You.

Pastor: Remember Your mercy, O LORD,

People: and Your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

Pastor: Lord Jesus, You are the Great Physician.

People: Bind up the brokenhearted, give sight to the blind, make the lame to walk and the deaf to hear.

Pastor: We name before You those who are struggling in body, mind, and spirit and ask You to heal them: *[individual prayer requests may be spoken at this time followed by the petitioner saying "Lord, in Your mercy" after each request]*. Remember Your mercy, O LORD,

People: and Your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

Pastor: Into Your hands, Lord Jesus, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your great mercy to hear and answer us.

People: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: Drink of it, all of you; this is My + blood of the new testament, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.

PEACE

Pastor: 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

Pastor: Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

Pastor: Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord strengthen and preserve you steadfast in the true faith to life everlasting. Go in peace.

People: Amen.

(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: “Standing on the Promises”

Pastor: Go in peace and

People: serve the Lord.

LOOKING AHEAD: The assigned readings of the Church Calendar for next week are Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16, Romans 5:1-11, and Mark 8:27-38.



UPCOMING SPECIAL SERVICES

MID-WEEK LENTEN SERVICES WILL BE HELD WEDNESDAYS AT 7:00 PM DURING LENT (February 24, March 3, 10, 17, and 24).

THIS WEEK AT ASCENSION

FEBRUARY 21, 2021

WORSHIP SERVICE IN-PERSON AND LIVE-STREAMED 9:30 AM

ADULT BIBLE STUDY IN-PERSON AND VIA ZOOM 11:00 AM

WEDNESDAY

PRAYER AND PRAISE GROUP VIA ZOOM 10:00 AM

LENTEN SERVICE IN-PERSON AND LIVE-STREAMED 7:00 PM

ASCENSION NEWS

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 Candrea if you can help.

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.

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

ACOLYTE: Kayla Arnett
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ATTENDANCE 02/14/21: WORSHIP 28; **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION** 23
ATTENDANCE ASH WEDNESDAY 02/17/21: 1:00 PM 12; **7:00 PM** 21

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

February 23: Sherri Kirk; February 24: Lucas Mayes; February 25: Pam Davis, Steve Diak;
 February 26: Elijah Blake, Clay McClellan, Amanda Zdobinski; February 27: Bernice Yeager

MID-WEEK LENTEN SERVICES will be held at 7:00 PM on Wednesday evenings. The dates of the mid-week Lenten services are February 24, March 3, 10, 17, and 24, 2021. These services will be livestreamed also.

LENTEN WORSHIP SERIES – Wednesday, February 24: This sermon focuses our attention on Peter, James, and John in the Garden of Gethsemane and explores the topic of prayer. God commands us to pray, but we seldom do a very good job of it. Through the apostle Paul, we are exhorted to “pray without ceasing” (1 Thessalonians 5:17), and yet none of us manages actually to do so. Peter, James, and John accompany Jesus to the garden, where He prays. His command to them is actually a little softer; it is not that they are to pray, but only that they “watch with Me” (Matthew 26:38), while He does the praying. They are unable to do even that, and they doze off. This time the command is that they “watch and pray.” And so it goes. Our prayer life ebbs and flows; we have seasons of abundant prayer and seasons of drought. Throughout all of it, though, Jesus prays consistently. Indeed, “the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words” (Romans 8:26). When God calls us to pray, He provides the means to do so and even fulfills what we ourselves are unable to do. So also Jesus takes our sins upon Himself and dies on the cross, satisfying the wrath of God and fulfilling what we ourselves are unable to do. © 2020 Concordia Publishing House. Scripture: ESV®.

PRAYER AND PRAISE GROUP is meeting via Zoom. Join us on **Wednesday** (February 24) 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

SPRING APPEAL is coming March 1 – 31! Here is your chance to help Ascension fund much-needed items and also an Outreach donation for a to-be-determined charity. AV equipment, fire alarm panel upgrade, and new door security system will be the items purchased. Envelopes will be available in the Narthex to contribute (just place it in the offering plate in the Narthex), you can give online, or mail in your donation. More details to follow. If you have any questions on how to give, contact Bob Marcellus at finance@ascensionpgh.com.

WALKING IN GOD'S WINTER WONDERLAND – Are you missing your Ascension Lutheran friends but are not comfortable gathering in an indoor setting yet? Join us on **Saturday, March 6th** for a celebration to kick-off our **Youth & Family Program** with a COVID-safe, MASKED winter hike on an easy trail in North Park! It may be winter, but North Park is still beautiful. Bundle up and come out for a mostly flat, ½ mile hike on the Braille Trail (across from the Latodami Nature Center on Brown Road) and celebrate the families of Ascension. Canine companions are welcome! RSVP to Ronette at youth@ascensionpgh.com or 412-443-3704 so that we know that you're coming. *To help everyone feel safe, we ask that you kindly wear a mask.*

PRIVATE COMMUNION SERVICES are available to members who should not attend or who are not yet ready to return to worship in person due to Covid-19. Appointments will be made every 20 minutes on Tuesdays between 7:00-9:00 AM and Fridays between 4:00-6:00 PM. Please email Pastor Thompson at pastor@ascensionpgh.com to make your appointment.

GET TO KNOW YOU VISITS – Have you scheduled your get to know you visit with Pastor Thompson yet? There are three options—Zoom (Tuesdays-Fridays from 2:00-7:00 PM meeting times, as available), in person, or if neither of those options work, a telephone call option. For scheduling, please email Pastor Thompson at pastor@ascensionpgh.com.

SAVE THE DATE – We are planning for **Vacation Bible School** to happen in some way, shape, or form from **July 12-15, 2021!** Pencil it into your calendars, and start praying for the planning process!

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 or search in YouTube for Ascension Lutheran Church PGH Music. More detailed directions are available on our website (www.ascensionpgh.com). If you have any questions, feel free to contact Vanessa Candreva at music@ascensionpgh.com.

LENTEN DEVOTIONS FROM LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES – Following the narrative of Mark's Gospel, *The Marks of Love* explores the life and ministry of Jesus. We meet a Savior who endured life's hardships, suffered our pain, and bore the weight of our sins. Each left its mark on Him as He pressed on to the cross, giving His life for ours, appeasing God's wrath against sin, and rising victorious over sin, death, and the devil. Available to [read online](#) or as a [podcast](#), *The Marks of Love* can also be received as an [e-mail subscription](#). Visit www.lhm.org for more information. If you would like a printed copy, please call Barb at 412-364-4463 or email secretary@ascensionpgh.com.

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LCMS STEWARDSHIP NOTE – **Mark 1:13** – “**And he was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to him.**” God the Father cares for Jesus even in the midst of his temptation in the wilds. God cares for us in every situation as well. Jesus realized this and always acted from the basis of trust in God the Father’s provision. This is likewise the basis for our life lived in Christ: God cares for us, so we need not act out of fear or greed.

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.

STAMPS FOR MISSIONS – Please remember to cut 1/2 inch around each cancelled stamp; but if you got too close to the edge, just be sure the perforations are all intact. 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) and Twitter (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).

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

DEBT-FREE NURSING EDUCATION – Concordia’s BC3 (Butler County Community College) Tuition Assistance Program offers the unique opportunity to become a nurse for free, but how do you get started? BC3 is coming to Concordia on March 10, 2021 for an informational presentation about their partnership and scholarship program. The focus of this presentation will be on the first steps and pre-requisites needed, application deadlines and transcript requirements to begin your journey through Nursing School. **There will be two sessions on March 10.** Session 1 will be at 1:00 PM and Session 2 will be at 2:45 PM. These will be held at Haven 1 Dining Room, 112 Marwood Road, Cabot, PA 16023. To register for one of these sessions, please call 724-352-1571, extension 8482 or extension 8372. **Registration deadline is March 5th.**

WORRY-FREE RETIREMENT LIVING – Financially, there’s never been a better time to move to Concordia Haven Apartments. **Take advantage of our special offers, including a Veteran’s discount and a limited-time \$10,000 discount on your entrance fee.** Concordia Lutheran Ministries is thrilled to announce they are hosting a series of safe, socially-distanced informational sessions to give you the opportunity to learn more about retirement community living at Concordia. And we are so sure that you will like what you hear, we’re putting our money where our mouth is: **Every person in attendance, age 65 or older, will receive a \$50 bill, no strings attached. If you attend one of these events and decide to move in within 6 months, we’ll take another \$3,000 off your entrance fee. If you attend one of these events and decide to move to a competitor’s regional retirement community within 6 months, we’ll give you \$1,000.** Why? We call it the Concordia Confidence Program. We believe that when you learn the specifics and compare Concordia to your current home and the competition, your decision will be clear. **FYI: This exclusive offer is currently just for friends of Concordia.** And no gimmicky sales tactics, either. We’ve built our reputation on quality, security and value – period. These information sessions will be held at Concordia Haven 1 – 112 Marwood Road, Cabot, PA 16023 on Friday, **March 12:** 2 p.m. or 3 p.m., Saturday, **March 13:** 2 p.m. or 3 p.m., Sunday, **March 21:** 2 p.m. or 3 p.m., or Monday, **March 22:** 2 p.m. or 3 p.m. Join us for a half hour seminar, followed by a tour of the building and model apartment. Guests will have the opportunity to discuss whatever questions they may have with Concordia leadership. Free parking and hors d’oeuvres will be available. **Call Admissions Counselor Peggy Trettel at 724-352-5378 to register or schedule a private tour.** We are limiting attendance to 20 people per session.

“GOD WITH US” ON THE RADIO – If you are not attending in-person worship services and do not have access to a computer for online services, the Lutheran broadcast “God With Us” is **available on WORD-FM 101.5 on Sundays at 10:30 AM.** “God with Us” features Rev. Dr. Daniel A. Hahn Jr., Pastor of Tri-Parish (St. John’s, Bethel and Zion, Lawrenceville).

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. **February 28, 2021: “Where a Kid Can Be a Kid”** An impossible situation need not be a hopeless one. (Mark 10)
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 and wherever you get your podcasts! Find us on social: @**KFUOradio** on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/kfuoradio), [Twitter](https://twitter.com/kfuoradio), and [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/kfuoradio). **This week on KFUE.org**, join us for Midweek Lent Worship and Organ Concert on 2/24 at 11:00 a.m. CT, continue studying Ephesians on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), and continue studying the Gospel of Mark on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT).

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: “God controlled your salvation from start to finish. He gave you faith in Baptism and strengthens faith through the Word. You can trust that He will continue to keep control of your life because you rest in the palm of His loving hand. Stand firm because God is in control.” *Rev. Peter Sulzle, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

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.



PRAYER REQUESTS – February 21, 2021*

“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

Sandy Malarkey (health concerns); Roy Wiegand (pneumonia and other health issues); Amanda (Gene Williams’ great-niece); Susan Stewart and Barbara Howe (cancer – sisters of Carolyn Walker); Ruth Miller; Elva Fields; for all those ill with coronavirus; Joe (mass on heart – Cheryl Sedar’s son); Gene Williams (mesothelioma); Helen Goettmann; Clay McClellan; Nadine Weber

FOR STRENGTH & COMFORT

For all those who lost loved ones, especially Deb (friend of Cristen Fiffik) and family on the death of a daughter; Linda and Gene Williams and family on the death of Linda’s mother, Grace Eichelman; 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; 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; healthcare workers; 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 Kurt and Jackie Dolph; Pastor Thompson’s transition; 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.**