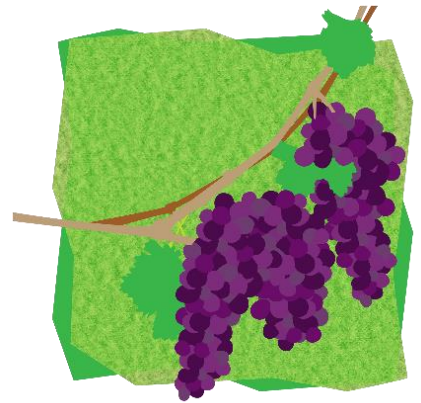


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## Welcome To Our Guests

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!

# **FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**May 2, 2021**

**Worship Service - 9:30 AM**

## **WELCOME**

## **PRELUDE**

### **AS WE GATHER**

The images Jesus uses as He proclaims the kingdom of God often come from the world of agriculture. His parables are filled with plants and trees and birds and animals. Grapes, grapevines, and vineyards are all used as illustrations by Jesus as He teaches the people who are His first hearers and us also. As people who have been grafted as branches into Christ the Vine through Holy Baptism, we seek ways to strengthen that connection as the Holy Spirit works in and through us. We now nourish our faith as branches in Christ's vineyard as we grow in Him by Word and Sacrament.

*(stand)*

### **INVOCATION**

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

**People:** Amen.

### **OPENING HYMN:**

**"Christ Is Our Cornerstone"**

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**Christ is our cornerstone,  
On Him alone we build;  
With His true saints alone  
The courts of heav'n are filled.  
On His great love our hopes we place  
Of present grace and joys above.**

**Oh, then, with hymns of praise  
These hallowed courts shall ring;  
Our voices we will raise  
The Three in One to sing  
And thus proclaim in joyful song,  
Both loud and long, that glorious name.**

**Here, gracious God, do now  
And evermore draw near;  
Accept each faithful vow,  
And every suppliant hear.  
In copious show'r on all who pray  
Each holy day, Your blessing pour.**

**Here may we gain from heav'n  
The grace which we implore,  
And may that grace, once giv'n,  
Be with us evermore  
Until that day when all the blest  
To endless rest are called away!**

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## **TIME OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**Pastor:** Before approaching the Lord's altar to receive the gift of the Sacrament, offered for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our Christian faith; it is proper that we would first confess our sins and hear His Word of grace.

The Bible says; "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 5:16

**People:** **Jesus said: "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent Me, I am sending you." And with that He breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."**

**Pastor:** Take a moment of silence before God and confess your sins.  
Please join me in a confessional prayer.

**People:** **"Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me from Your presence or take Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me... The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, You will not despise." (Psalm 51)**

## **THE ABSOLUTION**

**Pastor:** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** **Amen.**

## **GREETING ONE ANOTHER**

*At this time, turn around and greet each other with the peace of Christ. Please do so by waving and remaining where you are seated.*

*(sit)*

**FIRST READING:** Acts 8:26–40 (*Philip witnesses about Jesus to the Ethiopian official.*)

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE:** 1 John 4:1–21 (*An exhortation to lives of Christian love*)

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

(stand)

**HOLY GOSPEL:** John 15:1–8 (*Jesus says that He is the vine and His people are the branches.*)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.

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

*Congregation reads together:*

**<sup>15:1</sup> “I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. <sup>2</sup> Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup> Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup> Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. <sup>5</sup> I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in Me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup> If anyone does not abide in Me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. <sup>7</sup> If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup> By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be My disciples.**

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**HYMN OF THE DAY: “O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus”**

(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: "God So Loved"

*(stand)*

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For all God's people that as branches of the vine, all sin and dead works would be pruned and cut off from them; and that drawing life from the Son, they would continually produce the fruits of faith and good works, let us pray to the Lord:

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For the Church on earth, that she would be protected from all false teaching and the spirit of the Antichrist, and so always confess Christ come in the flesh and remain faithful to Him, our only true God, let us pray to the Lord:

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For all teachers and catechumens, that they would be guided in God's Word and ever increase in understanding, faith and love for Christ, the Lamb led to the slaughter in our place and risen from the dead, let us pray to the Lord:

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For our president and all in authority, that they may serve honorably and in accord with God's good order, let us pray to the Lord:

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For all who bear the cross in suffering and affliction, *[especially . . . individual prayer requests may be spoken at this time followed by the petitioner saying "Lord, in Your mercy" after each request]* that they would ever look to the Lord and so fix their hearts where true joy is found, let us pray to the Lord:

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For all who come to God's feast of love, that they may worthily eat of Christ's body and blood, abiding in this love of God, and God in them, let us pray to the Lord:

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: Heavenly Father, You are gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Hear and answer our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, and Your saints shall bless You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**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.**

*(sit)*

### HOLY COMMUNION

Congregants are welcome to take a Communion kit from the Narthex near the front door, and will be invited to take Communion 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.**

*(stand)*

## **POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE (Thank the Lord...)**

*(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: "How He Loves"**

**Pastor:** Go in peace and

**People:** **serve the Lord.**

**LOOKING AHEAD: The assigned readings of the Church Calendar for next week are Acts 10:34-48, 1 John 5:1-8, and John 15:9-17.**

## 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.”



### **THIS WEEK AT ASCENSION**

MAY 2, 2021	WORSHIP SERVICE IN-PERSON AND LIVE-STREAMED	9:30 AM
	CHRISTIAN EDUCATION FOLLOWS WORSHIP	
	CONFIRMATION CLASS	1:00 PM
TUESDAY	TECH TEAM	6:30 PM
WEDNESDAY	PRAYER AND PRAISE GROUP VIA ZOOM	10:00 AM
THURSDAY	STAFF MEETING	10:00 AM
	NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE	5:30 PM
	COMMUNITY OF FAITH CONCERT	7:00 PM
SATURDAY	MEN'S BIBLE STUDY	8:30 AM IN-PERSON/9:00 AM ZOOM
	YOUTH BOARD GAME PARTY	2:00-4:00 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.

**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.

**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, Fellowship Hall, and at the office entrance for your use.

**HOLY COMMUNION** – On Communion Sundays, there will be three (3) choices for Communion based on your comfort level regarding COVID. First choice, there are individually sealed kits available in the Narthex as you walk into church. You may take one and during the time of Communion be communed from your location in the pew. Second choice, you may take the individually sealed kit and bring it with you to the railing during Communion and partake at the railing but serve yourself the elements from the kit. Third, you may come up to the railing as normal and receive Communion from the Pastor and Assisting Elder. Pastor and Elders will be masked and gloved during Communion up front and social distancing guidelines will be observed at the railing.

**ACOLYTE:** ..... Kayla Arnett  
**ALTAR GUILD / MAY:** ..... Eileen Vogel  
**ELDERS ON DUTY TODAY:** ..... Cooper Blake / Bob Booth  
**LAY READER:** ..... Bob Booth  
**USHERS:** ..... Ron Curcio / Jim Obringer  
**ATTENDANCE 04/25/21: WORSHIP** ..... 55; **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:** ..... 31

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

May 4: Paul Adams, Sr.; May 5: Nancy Farris

**NURSERY IS AVAILABLE** – If you should have need of the nursery during today's service, please follow the sign at the entrance near the front of the Sanctuary. The service is live-streamed in that room. Also, be sure to wipe down any areas used in the nursery with the provided disinfecting wipes and/or spray. Thank you.

**ACTIVITY BAGS FOR PRESCHOOLERS** – We have tote bags available for preschoolers to use during the worship service. These have books, crayons, and small toys to keep them busy during the service. They are located in a basket in the Narthex of the church. Please return them to the wicker basket marked “Used Worship Bags” after the service.

**IN CHRIST WE EXTEND OUR LOVE AND SYMPATHY** – On April 28th our sister in Christ, Ruth Miller, was called to her heavenly home. Please keep the Miller, Gunther, and Meinert families in your prayers as they grieve. We also pray for the peace and the hope of the resurrection. Ruth is now face to face with her Lord and we will see her again. Visitation with Ruth’s family will be at Boylan-Glenn-Kildoo Funeral Home in Cranberry (130 Wisconsin Avenue, Cranberry Twp., PA 16066) **this afternoon** (May 2) from 4 to 6 PM. The funeral service will be held **tomorrow** (May 3) at 11 AM at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 60 Rochester Road, Freedom, PA 15042.

**PRAYER AND PRAISE GROUP** is meeting via Zoom. Join us on **Wednesday** (May 5) 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

**NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER** – The National Day of Prayer will be held on **Thursday**, (May 6th). This year marks the 70th anniversary of this event! Gathering will begin at 5 PM and the **service will start at 5:30 PM on Ascension’s front porch**. Please join us to pray for our community and our nation. (Snacks will be provided if you wish to stay for the concert at 7:00 PM.)

**COMMUNITY OF FAITH CONCERT** – Ascension will be hosting a concert of local Christian artists who will perform hymns and contemporary songs as a celebration of our faith. A collection will be taken for a local cause that will provide healing for those who have experienced hardship during the pandemic. Please join us at **7:00 PM on Thursday** (May 6th) **in the Sanctuary** for uplifting music and stories of faith.

**ATTENTION TEENS!** When was the last time you played a real life board game with your friends?? We're going to break out some old favorites and some new gems and enjoy our time together at a **Board Game Party** on **Saturday**, May 8th from 2:00-4:00 PM at the church in the Fireside Room. Please wear a mask. See you there!

**FUNERAL SERVICE** – Roy Wiegand’s funeral service is set for Thursday, **May 13th** at 11:00 AM here at Ascension Lutheran Church. Vicki would love to have some of her brothers and sisters from Ascension at the service. However, she requests you to RSVP to her ([vickig@zoominternet.net](mailto:vickig@zoominternet.net)) due to COVID restrictions. The service will also be live-streamed for those who wish to watch online. The office will provide the link closer to the day of the service.

**ATTENTION FAMILIES!** **BYO Picnic in North Park (Oregon Shelter, North Ridge Drive), Sunday, May 16th, 5:00 PM** – Pack your family a picnic dinner and join us at the Oregon Shelter in North Park for yard games, playground time, and dinner with your church friends. We'll socially distance inside the open-air pavilion with one family per picnic table. We ask that you wear a mask when you are not eating or drinking! RSVP to Ronette at [youth@ascensionpgh.com](mailto:youth@ascensionpgh.com).

**VEGETABLE PLANT SALE** – On Sundays **May 16 and 23**, a vegetable plant sale will be held after worship in the Narthex and all money raised will go to Ascension. Plants available for purchase include tomato, cucumber, basil, and parsley. For more information, please contact Cheryl Saffa at 412-366-9681.

**ONLINE VIEWING** – Those viewing the services online, please don’t forget to email Barb at [secretary@ascensionpgh.com](mailto:secretary@ascensionpgh.com) each week with the names and number of those who view our service online in your household. This information will be helpful for tracking attendance during COVID and assisting Pastor in identifying those who need spiritual connection and care. Thank you!

**TO BE RESCHEDULED** – **ATTENTION TEENS:** The kayaking event that was scheduled in May was cancelled due to the coldness of North Park lake’s water and will be rescheduled.

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

**ONLINE GIVING** – **The new online giving interface is up and running!** Check it out! If you have a recurring donation set up, I was told all the information would transfer over. However, if you encounter any problems, you may need to log in and make sure all your information is still there. If you have an account already set up, you may have to enter your checking/credit card information again. If you have any questions, contact Bob Marcellus at [finance@ascensionpgh.com](mailto:finance@ascensionpgh.com). Thank you.

**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](mailto: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](mailto:pastor@ascensionpgh.com).

**NEWSLETTER** – If you would like a printed copy of the May 2021 issue of *The Heart of Ascension* mailed to you, please call Barb in the church office at 412-364-4463.

**HAVING A MEETING, GROUP STUDY, OR GATHERING AT THE CHURCH?** If so, you should request access to the church building by contacting the secretary at [secretary@ascensionpgh.com](mailto:secretary@ascensionpgh.com) or by contacting a trustee at [trustees@ascensionpgh.com](mailto:trustees@ascensionpgh.com). We are here to help make your function go smoothly.

**VOLUNTEER CLEARANCES** – Volunteers must have state-required clearances to serve in ministry involving minors (VBS/SOAR/Sunday School/Youth, etc.). *Information about obtaining these clearances is available in the Narthex.* If you have been a resident of Pennsylvania for 10 or more years, all clearances for volunteers are free. Clearances are valid for five years. If we already have your clearances and they are current, you do not need to apply for clearances again. Volunteers not providing copies of clearances to Ascension cannot serve until they comply with Pennsylvania State Law.

**LUTHERAN LIFE MAGAZINE** – We received complimentary copies of the Winter 2021 issue of *Lutheran Life* magazine from Concordia Publishing House. They are available on the table in the Narthex for anyone who would like a copy.

**LCMS STEWARDSHIP NOTE** – **John 15:2** – “Every branch of mine that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit.” God is interested in the fruit that we bear in good works, and He even prunes us so that we may bring forth more fruit. Trusting in our Lord’s work for us, we are grafted by grace into His vine. We desire to be more like Him and grow into His image. That’s growth in fruit bearing, and it always comes with some pruning.

**LIVE-STREAMING WORSHIP SERVICES** – Our worship services are live-streamed 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. 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 [music@ascensionpgh.com](mailto:music@ascensionpgh.com).

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### **COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS**

**THE PITTSBURGH LUTHERAN** May 2021 issue is available to read at this link: [The Pittsburgh Lutheran May Issue](#). If you would like a printed copy, please call Barb Marcellus at 412-364-4463 or email her at [secretary@ascensionpgh.com](mailto:secretary@ascensionpgh.com).

**MEN'S RETREAT** – June 4-6, 2021 at Lake Chautauqua Lutheran Center, 5013 NY-430, Bemus Point, NY 14712. Speaker will be Rev. Eric Tritten from Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Hudson, Ohio. The retreat is in cooperation with the Eastern District Lutheran Hour Ministries. For further information, contact Lee Roseboom at [LFRoseboom@gmail.com](mailto:LFRoseboom@gmail.com). Registration forms are available in the church office. NOTE: 2021 Men's Retreat scheduled under pandemic precautions. All events subject to change.

**"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](http://www.lutheranhour.org). **May 9, 2021: “Seriously?”** A preacher who gets upset when people take his message seriously—that's the story of Jonah. (Jonah 1-4) 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](https://www.facebook.com/kfuoradio), [Twitter](https://twitter.com/kfuoradio), and [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/kfuoradio). **This week on KFUE.org**, begin studying 2 Peter on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), hear about 1 Kings 8-10 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), and worship with us in Daily Chapel at 10:00 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:** “We pray in our services for ‘the race of man’ not the races of man. There is only one race. All else are ethnic, national, cultural, or other differences. We’ve past histories to trouble us to be sure—like the Irish and the English, the Jew and the Christian, the Greek and the Ottoman Turk, and the slave and the slave owner—but there is no place from which a genuine reconciliation can emerge today, except in Christ. The goal is fellowship, brotherhood in Christ.” *James M. Kushiner, The Fellowship of St. James – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life* • [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)

## **PRAYER REQUESTS – May 2, 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**

Steve Rake (recovery from quadruple bypass heart surgery – Ali Lucas’ father); Paula Fiedler (recovery from hip replacement surgery – Eileen Vogel’s sister); Glenna Powers (recovery from rotator cuff surgery); Kelly Vogel (recovery from surgery); Elva Fields; for all those ill with coronavirus; Gene Williams (mesothelioma); Clay McClellan; Nadine Weber

### **FOR STRENGTH & COMFORT**

For all those who lost loved ones, especially the Miller, Gunther, and Meinert families on the death of Ruth Miller; Vicki Wiegand and family on the death of Roy; 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; frontline workers; 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 our country and leaders; 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.**