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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!

# **SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**June 6, 2021**

**Worship Service - 9:30 AM**

## **WELCOME**

## **PRELUDE**

## **AS WE GATHER**

“Whoever does the will of God, He is My brother and sister and mother,” said Jesus. What is the will of the God? That all people would come to the knowledge of the truth in Christ and be saved by His mercy. Faith is the will of God and family is the fruit of this faith—a people united in Christ’s death and resurrection by Baptism. A house divided cannot stand. We know this to be true in an earthly sense, but it is an eternal truth. We belong to the Lord, not just in part but in whole. God was even willing to own our sins to restore us from Satan and his dominion. What keeps us from this wonderful identity and this future is only this: our refusal of God’s mercy and our rejection of His work to save us. The goal of God in all that He is doing is faith, for by this faith we are made one with Him and are united together as His family, the Church.

*(stand)*

## **INVOCATION**

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

**People:** Amen.

**OPENING HYMN: “God of Grace and God of Glory”**

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**God of grace and God of glory,  
On Your people pour Your pow’r;  
Crown Your ancient church’s story;  
Bring its bud to glorious flow’r.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage  
For the facing of this hour,  
For the facing of this hour.**

**Lo, the hosts of evil round us  
Scorn the Christ, assail His ways!  
From the fears that long have bound us  
Free our hearts to faith and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage  
For the living of these days,  
For the living of these days.**

**Cure Your children's warring madness;  
Bend our pride to Your control;  
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness,  
Rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage  
Lest we miss Your kingdom's goal,  
Lest we miss Your kingdom's goal.**

**Save us from weak resignation  
To the evils we deplore;  
Let the gift of Your salvation  
Be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
Serving You whom we adore,  
Serving You whom we adore.**

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## **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

**Pastor:** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**People:** **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

*Silence for self-examination.*

**Pastor:** Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

**People:** **I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.**

**Pastor:** Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and given to us His only Son to suffer and die for our salvation. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of 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.**

## **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)*

**OLD TESTAMENT:** Genesis 3:8–15 (*God addresses Adam and Eve with the promise of the One to come who would restore them to Him.*)

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE:** 2 Corinthians 4:13–5:1 (*“We have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.”*)

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*(stand)*

**HOLY GOSPEL:** Mark 3:20–35 (*“Who are My mother and My brothers?”*)

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

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

*Congregation reads together:*

**[20] Then He went home, and the crowd gathered again, so that they could not even eat. [21] And when His family heard it, they went out to seize Him, for they were saying, “He is out of his mind.”**

**[22] And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem were saying, “He is possessed by Beelzebul,” and “by the prince of demons He casts out the demons.” [23] And He called them to Him and said to them in parables, “How can Satan cast out Satan? [24] If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. [25] And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. [26] And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but is coming to an end. [27] But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man. Then indeed he may plunder his house.**

**[28] “Truly, I say to you, all sins will be forgiven the children of man, and whatever blasphemies they utter, [29] but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin”—[30] for they were saying, “He has an unclean spirit.”**

**[31] And His mother and His brothers came, and standing outside they sent to Him and called Him. [32] And a crowd was sitting around Him, and they said to Him, “Your mother and Your brothers are outside, seeking You.” [33] And He answered them, “Who are My mother and My brothers?” [34] And looking about at those who sat around Him, He said, “Here are My mother and My brothers! [35] For whoever does the will of God, He is My brother and sister and mother.”**

**Pastor:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**HYMN OF THE DAY: “Just As I Am” (I Come Broken)**

*(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: “He Lives”**

*(stand)*

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

*After each prayer, the response will be:*

*Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,*

*People: hear our prayer.*

## 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: For the Bread Which You Have Broken  
(tune – “Joyful, Joyful”)**

**For the bread which You have broken,  
For the wine which You have poured,  
For the words which You have spoken,  
Now we give You thanks O Lord.  
By this promise that You love us,  
By Your gift of peace restored,  
By Your call to heaven above us,  
Hallow all our lives O Lord.**

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*(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: “For All That You Have Done (As Family We’ll Go)  
(tune – “Auld Lang Syne”)**

**Pastor:** Go in peace and

**People:** serve the Lord.

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**LOOKING AHEAD:** The assigned readings of the Church Calendar for next week are Ezekiel 17:22-24, 2 Corinthians 5:1-10 (11-17), and Mark 4:26-34.



### **THIS WEEK AT ASCENSION**

JUNE 6, 2021	WORSHIP SERVICE IN-PERSON AND LIVE-STREAMED 9:30 AM
	CONGREGATIONAL MEETING FOLLOWS WORSHIP
TUESDAY	WORSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING 6:30 PM
WEDNESDAY	PRAYER AND PRAISE GROUP VIA ZOOM 10:00 AM
THURSDAY	CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING 6:30 PM
SATURDAY	MEN'S BIBLE STUDY 8:30 AM IN-PERSON/9:00 AM ZOOM

### **ASCENSION NEWS**

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** – There will be a special Congregational Meeting held **today** immediately following the worship service.

**ASCENSION'S ONLINE PRESENCE** – Check out our website ([www.ascensionpgh.com](http://www.ascensionpgh.com)). On the homepage you will find the link for our livestream service on YouTube ([https://www.youtube.com/channel/Ucu\\_ARgzTTcfZZXuZAeiyEVQ/videos](https://www.youtube.com/channel/Ucu_ARgzTTcfZZXuZAeiyEVQ/videos)). In addition to the livestream service, our YouTube channel features sermon excerpts and Bible study recordings. At the bottom of the homepage you will also find the link  for our Facebook page where you will find pictures from our events and posts about our upcoming events. Coming soon, there will be a link to our live-updating church calendar that you can access to see what is happening at Ascension at your convenience.

**WE'RE HIRING** – Oh no – Barb is retiring! We are currently looking for some candidates to try and fill her big shoes. If you know anyone who you think would be a good fit, please share the link to our website post - [ascensionpgh.com/administrative-assistant-wanted/](http://ascensionpgh.com/administrative-assistant-wanted/).

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

**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.

**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.

**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.

**ALTAR GUILD / JUNE:** ..... Cheryl Sedar  
**ELDERS ON DUTY TODAY:** ..... Pete Candreva / David Dille  
**LAY READER:** ..... Darryl Gunther  
**USHERS:** ..... Lora Koontz / Jim Obringer  
**ATTENDANCE 05/30/21: WORSHIP** ..... 46; **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:** ..... 18

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

June 8: Gary Edwards; June 10: Nancy Hughey;  
June 11: Scott Gunther; June 12: Steven Ross

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!**

June 7: Mark & Chris Bocian; Shaun & Jeannie Connolly; June 10: Bob & Barb Marcellus

**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.

**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.

**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.

**PRAYER AND PRAISE GROUP** is meeting via Zoom. Join us on **Wednesday** (June 9) 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

**VBS VOLUNTEER MEETING** – A brief meeting will be held after the worship service on **Sunday, June 13th** for anyone interested in helping with VBS.

**THE NEWSLETTER DEADLINE** is **June 15, 2021**. Please submit any articles/announcements/meeting dates, etc., for the newsletter or July calendar to Barb via her email at [secretary@ascensionpgh.com](mailto:secretary@ascensionpgh.com) or her mailbox in the Narthex. Thank you!

**ATTENTION FAMILIES!** **Firefly Hunt in the Blake's Backyard, Friday, June 18th, 6:30PM** – Do you remember the pure joy that summertime brought as a child? Did you look forward to the nights that were speckled with the glimmer of lightning bugs that you could carefully catch in cupped hands and gingerly guide into a jar to watch them dance and flicker? Come out for an old fashioned firefly hunt at the Blake's (10014 Pine Ridge Drive, Wexford, PA 15090). We'll have a fire, a craft for the kids, jars for kids (and adults!) to collect fireflies, and snacks and beverages for all!

**SAVE THE DATE** – A special luncheon following the church service on Sunday, **June 27th**, is being held to honor Barb Marcellus as she retires the end of June. You won't want to miss it. More details will be forthcoming.

**WANTED:** One smart TV between 48"-54" for the Fireside Room to replace the CRT TV. Please see Pastor or one of the trustees if you would like to help.

**ATTENTION PARENTS OF GRADUATES!** Please notify the church office if your child will be graduating from high school or college this year. Please email Barb at [secretary@ascensionpgh.com](mailto:secretary@ascensionpgh.com). Thank you!

**VBS REGISTRATION** is now open!!! Go to <https://ascensionpgh.myanswers.com/mystery-island/> or paper registration forms are available on the table in the Narthex. Please turn in the paper registration forms to Ronette Blake.

**VBS VOLUNTEERS UPDATE** – **Mystery Island Vacation Bible School** (by Answers in Genesis) will be held **July 12-15, 2021** from **6:00-7:30 PM** for children entering **PreK-6th grade!** We still need **Group Leaders!!!** Contact Lisa and Emily Marcellus at [vbs@ascensionpgh.com](mailto:vbs@ascensionpgh.com) if you can help!

**SAVE THE DATES – VBS PAINTING PARTIES** – Please help us make and paint scenery for VBS! No prior experience necessary! We will be having painting parties on **Saturday, June 26 (9 AM-Noon)**, **Wednesday, June 30 (6:00-8:00 PM)**, and **Tuesday, July 6 (1:00-4:00 PM)**.

**ONLINE VIEWING** – Those viewing the services online, please don't forget to email Barb at [secretary@ascensionpgh.com](mailto:secretary@ascensionpgh.com) with the names and number of those who view our service online each week 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!

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

**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.

**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.

**SHEPHERD’S HEART FELLOWSHIP** – Please remember the homeless in Pittsburgh. Donations will be accepted of non-perishable breakfast food items and men’s clothing. Please place donations in the baskets under the mailboxes in the Narthex.

**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 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. 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).

**LCMS STEWARDSHIP NOTE** – **Mark 3:35** – “Whoever does the will of God, he is my brother and sister and mother.” Doing the will of God starts with trusting in His Son Jesus Christ. Once we have faith in Him and have been reborn as new creatures through Holy Baptism, we strive to grow in this faith and in a life that agrees with our faith. We should strive to grow in generosity, in kindness, and in love across our callings, which include the home, church, and society while growing in the family of God. For all who do His will are his brothers, and sisters, and mothers.

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

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**SOCIAL MEDIA** – Ascension is on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/AscensionPgh](http://www.facebook.com/AscensionPgh)) 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).

### **COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS**

**YOU ARE INVITED** to the ordination and installation of Pastor-Elect Donn Woolweber **today** at 3:00 PM at Zion Ev. Lutheran Church (237-37<sup>th</sup> Street, Lawrenceville, PA). Pastor-Elect Woolweber will be serving both Bethel and Zion Evangelical Lutheran Churches.

**THE PITTSBURGH LUTHERAN** June 2021 issue is available to read at this link: [The Pittsburgh Lutheran June 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).

**DRIVE-THRU STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL – DESSERT ONLY** – Come to Redeemer Lutheran Church (1261 Pennsylvania Avenue, Oakmont, PA 15139) for an after-dinner treat of strawberries, shortcake, ice cream (and Cool Whip) on Friday, **June 11th** from 6-8 PM.

**“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). **June 13, 2021: “Clearly Christian: Good”** Many think they know what Christianity is all about, but Dr. Michael Zeigler asks, what if what they think it is, it isn't? Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

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**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:** “The boundaries He establishes serve not to forbid any of sexuality’s blessings but to gather its goodness into a single setting so that nothing deprives the marriage bed of its rightful delight.” *Pastor Michael Salemink, Executive Director of Mission and Ministry, Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life* • [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)

## **PRAYER REQUESTS – June 6, 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); 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 Shaginaw and Edmundson families on the death of mother and grandmother, Nancy Edmundson; Olivia, Emily and Maddie on the death of their mother, Amy (friends of Fiffik’s); 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; 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.**