

# Ascension Lutheran Church

Missouri Synod

A Christ-centered community where we *connect, learn, and serve.*

May 15, 2022



## Welcome To Our Guests

It is a great joy to have you here today. We pray that your time with us helps 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 or side entrance.

Thank you for coming!

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## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### WELCOME

### PRELUDE

### AS WE GATHER

We and all people have been “married” to this fallen world since our first parents ate forbidden fruit at their reception in Eden. But now, everyone baptized into Christ, Jews and Gentiles alike, are invited to the wedding of the Church to Jesus, her Bridegroom. The “little while” (Good Friday to Easter morning) is over, and Christ is with us now, especially as we receive His body and blood in the Lord’s Supper. It is only a foretaste of the feast to come, when He will make all things new, and the tears and sorrow we experience now will be in the past. Jesus has come and brings pleasure eternal!

*Stand*

### DIVINE SERVICE II (SECOND SETTING)

*LW pg. 178*

### INVOCATION

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

### OPENING SONG - Come Thou Fount, Come Thou King

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.  
**C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Silence for reflection on God’s Word and for self-examination.*

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.  
**C** **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.**

- P** 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 Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the  $\dagger$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

## **GREETING OF PEACE**

*At this time, you may turn to those around and greet each other with the peace of Christ.*

## **INTROIT**

*Psalm 98:2–6; antiphon: v. 1*

- P** Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things!  
His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.
- C** **The LORD has made known his salvation;  
he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.**
- P** He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.  
All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.
- C** **Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;  
break forth into joyous song and sing praises!**
- P** Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre,  
with the lyre and the sound of melody!
- C** **With trumpets and the sound of the horn  
make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD!  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**
- P** Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things!  
His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

# KYRIE

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**P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**P** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**P** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**P** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



**C** A - men.

# THIS IS THE FEAST

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**A** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



**C** Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,



whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.



Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and strength and



hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are His.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le -



lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be to



God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



This is the feast of vic - to-ry for our God,

for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun His reign.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And al - so with you.

**P** Let us pray.  
 O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** A - men.

*Sit*

**FIRST READING**

*Acts 11:1-18*

<sup>1</sup>Now the apostles and the brothers who were throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. <sup>2</sup>So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcision party criticized him, saying, <sup>3</sup>“You went to uncircumcised men and ate with them.” <sup>4</sup>But Peter began and explained it to them in order: <sup>5</sup>“I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision, something like a great sheet descending, being let down from heaven by its four corners, and it came down to me. <sup>6</sup>Looking at it closely, I observed animals and beasts of prey and reptiles and

birds of the air. <sup>7</sup>And I heard a voice saying to me, 'Rise, Peter; kill and eat.' <sup>8</sup>But I said, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing common or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' <sup>9</sup>But the voice answered a second time from heaven, 'What God has made clean, do not call common.' <sup>10</sup>This happened three times, and all was drawn up again into heaven. <sup>11</sup>And behold, at that very moment three men arrived at the house in which we were, sent to me from Caesarea. <sup>12</sup>And the Spirit told me to go with them, making no distinction. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. <sup>13</sup>And he told us how he had seen the angel stand in his house and say, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon who is called Peter; <sup>14</sup>he will declare to you a message by which you will be saved, you and all your household.' <sup>15</sup>As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on them just as on us at the beginning. <sup>16</sup>And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' <sup>17</sup>If then God gave the same gift to them as he gave to us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could stand in God's way?" <sup>18</sup>When they heard these things they fell silent. And they glorified God, saying, "Then to the Gentiles also God has granted repentance that leads to life."

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

## GRADUAL

*adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6*

**P** Christ has risen from the dead.

[God the Father] has crowned him with glory and honor.  
He has given him dominion over the works of his hands;  
he has put all things under his feet.

## SECOND READING

*Revelation 21:1-7*

<sup>1</sup>Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup>And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup>And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. <sup>4</sup>He will wipe away every

tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.”

<sup>5</sup>And he who was seated on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.” <sup>6</sup>And he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. <sup>7</sup>The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son.”

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## ALLELUIA AND VERSE

*LW pg.184*



**G** Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

## HOLY GOSPEL

*John 16:12–22*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixteenth chapter.

**G** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>12</sup>[Jesus said:] “I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. <sup>13</sup>When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. <sup>14</sup>He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. <sup>15</sup>All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

<sup>16</sup>“A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me.” <sup>17</sup>So some of his disciples said to one another, “What is this that he says to us, ‘A little while, and you will not see me, and again a little while, and you will see me’; and, ‘because I am going to the Father?’” <sup>18</sup>So they were saying, “What does

he mean by 'a little while'? We do not know what he is talking about.” <sup>19</sup>Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, so he said to them, “Is this what you are asking yourselves, what I meant by saying, ‘A little while and you will not see me, and again a little while and you will see me’? <sup>20</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy. <sup>21</sup>When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. <sup>22</sup>So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**G** Praise to You, O Christ.

*Sit*

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

*Pastor Thompson*

## **HYMN OF THE DAY - O God, Forsake Me Not**

*LW 372 v.1-4*

## **THE APPLICATION OF GOD'S WORD FOR TODAY**

*Pastor 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  $\dagger$  of the world to come. Amen.

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*After each prayer, the response will be:*

**P** Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** Hear our prayer.

*Sit*

## OFFERING / MEDITATION SONG - Hallelujah For The Cross

*Praise Team*

*Stand*

## OFFERTORY

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**C** What shall I ren - der to the Lord for all His ben - e-fits to



me? I will of-fer the sac-ri - fice of thanks - giv - ing and will



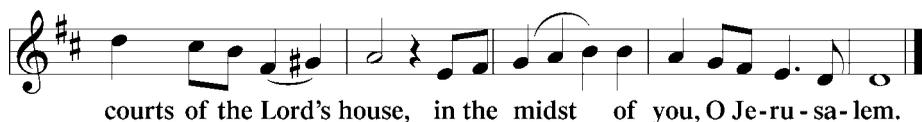
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-



va-tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my



vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo - ple, in the



courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je-ru - sa - lem.

## PREFACE

*LW page 189*



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al-so with you.



**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

**PROPER PREFACE**

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

**SANCTUS**

*LW pg. 189*

**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of

pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your

glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is He who comes in the name



## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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**P** Blessed are You, almighty Lord, for calling us as Your people and displaying Your abiding care for us. In many ways, through carrying out Your plan through both good and challenging times, You have blessed us with Your presence and have filled our cups to overflowing. Gathered as Your family at Your gracious invitation, grant that we be strengthened in faith toward You and in ongoing and forgiving love for one another as we await Your coming in Your glorious kingdom at the end of time. Send Your Holy Spirit upon us to sanctify and renew us in body and soul for the sake of Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, in whose name we offer our thanksgiving.

**C** Amen.

## LORD'S PRAYER

*LW pg. 190*

### THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**P** 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  $\text{✠}$  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 cup is the new testament in My  $\text{✠}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

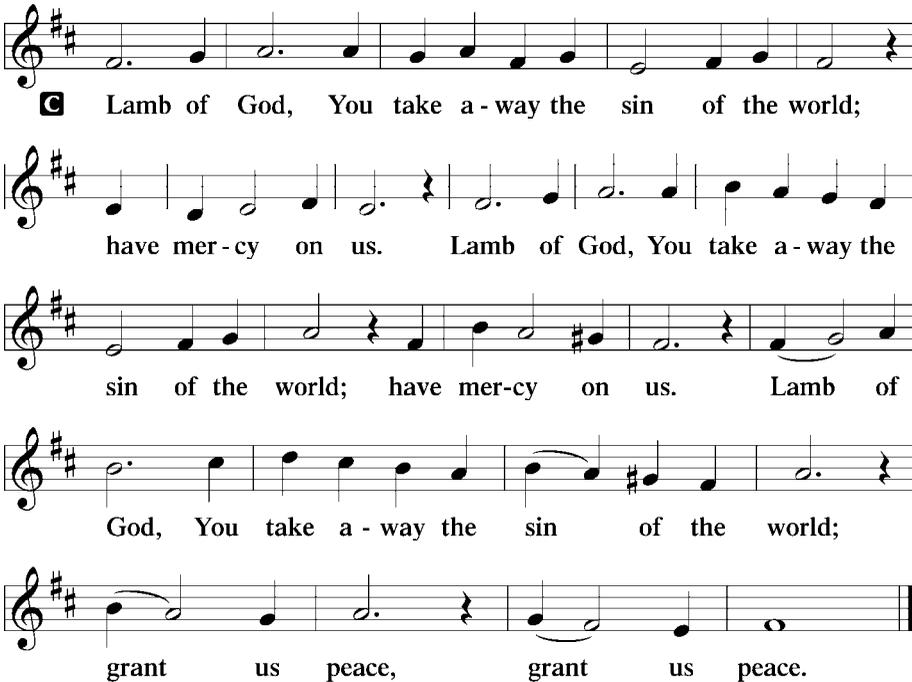
## PEACE OF THE LORD

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

## AGNUS DEI - Lamb of God

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**C** Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world;  
have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the  
sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of  
God, You take a-way the sin of the world;  
grant us peace, grant us peace.

*Sit*

## HOLY COMMUNION

Holy Communion is celebrated at Ascension Lutheran in the glad confidence that our Lord Jesus, as His word says, gives not only bread and wine, but also His true Body and Blood for us to eat and drink for the forgiveness of our sins (Matthew 26:26-28). Our Lord invites to His table those who, repenting of their sins, believe His word that His body and blood are really present for the forgiveness of our sins. All baptized believers who hold our confession and have examined themselves according to Scripture's guidance (1 Corinthians 11:27-29), are invited to receive His Sacrament

## COMMUNION HYMN - This is Jesus At The Lambs High Feast

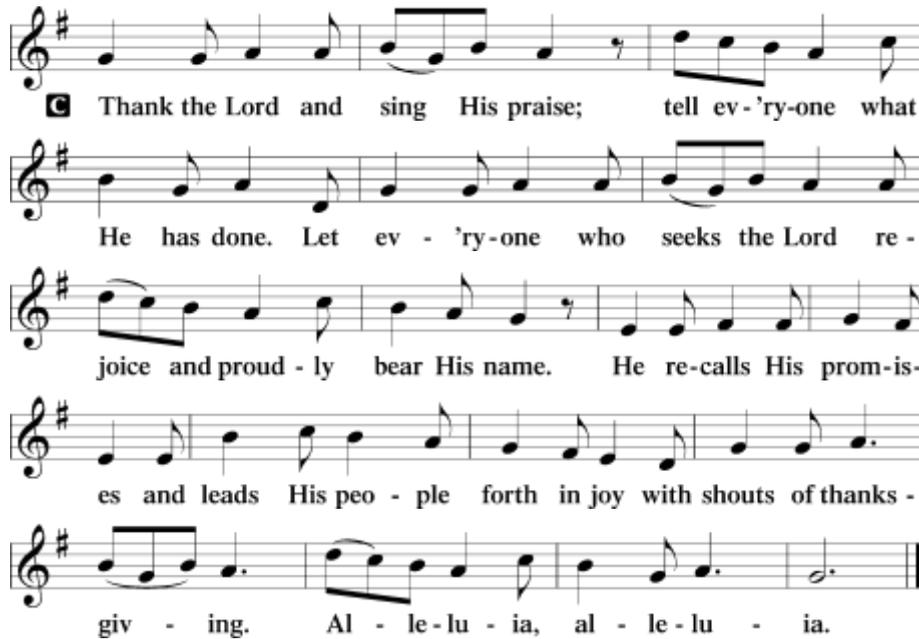
*Praise Team*

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*Stand*

## POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE - Thank The Lord

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**C** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what  
He has done. Let ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re -  
joice and proud - ly bear His name. He re-calls His prom-is-  
es and leads His peo - ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks -  
giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

**P** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Stand*

## BENEDICTION

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

**C** Amen.

**CLOSING SONG - To God Alone**

**DISMISSAL**

**P** Go in peace and

**C** Serve the Lord!

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**LOOKING AHEAD: The assigned readings for next week are:  
Acts 16:9-15; Revelation 21:9-14, 21-27; John 16:23-33**

**SERVING TODAY**

ALTAR GUILD.....Eileen Vogel  
ELDERS ON DUTY .....Mike Fiffik & Bob Booth  
USHERS.....Cristen Fiffik & Matt Gunther  
ACOLYTE.....Daisy Lucas



**SERVING NEXT WEEK**

ALTAR GUILD.....Eileen Vogel  
ELDER ON DUTY TODAY.....Bob Booth  
LAY READER.....Dave Dille  
USHERS.....Edie Krom & Jim Obringer  
ACOLYTE.....Juliette Schroeder

## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ANNUAL CHURCH PLANT SALE** – Our annual plant sale is today and next Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>. This will be set up in the narthex. We have tomato plants, pepper plants, zucchini, cucumber plants, basil and parsley. This year we also have dahlia bulbs and canna bulbs to help your yard look beautiful! All money collected benefits our church. Hope to see you there!

**VBS LEADERS & HELPERS NEEDED** - We are looking for volunteers to fill the following roles:

- Scenery Director
- Pre K/K Teacher
- Games Leader

Sign-up sheets can be found in the Narthex for the VBS helper and leader positions we still have need for. VBS (July-11-14). Please see or contact Emily or Lisa for more info! [vbs@ascensionpgh.com](mailto:vbs@ascensionpgh.com)

**SHOES NEEDED** — One of our mission projects for VBS will be a shoe drive for the organization Soles4Souls. Don't throw out your new/gently used shoes! Collection will begin in July.

**PENNIES FOR JESUS** – As the ushers take the offerings in the pews, the children may walk to the front of the sanctuary where there is a container for them to give their pennies for Jesus. LWML is currently donating to Sunbeam Kids International, a 501 c(3) non-profit organization. To learn more, please see the article on the Taylor family in our May Newsletter.

**ALTAR FLOWERS** - Altar flowers are given today by Sally Long and Martha Dodson in memory of their family.

**ASCENSION CHURCH GARDEN** – We're still looking for volunteers & tools for our garden project. Please consider donating either lightly used or new: rake; spade; garden hoe; water hose; and any other tools you may have...we will put them to good use! If you would like to volunteer, or have questions, ideas or concerns, you may contact Rob Weber at [rbtweber@gmail.com](mailto:rbtweber@gmail.com)

**PIONEER ON THE LAKE: SUMMER 2022 JOB OPPORTUNITIES** - Pioneer on the Lake in Angola (formerly Camp Pioneer) is making plans for its first summer camping season! We are looking for amazing people who love God, love Pioneer and would like to serve in a variety of ways - in the kitchen, cleaning, or on the grounds. If you or anyone you know is interested in a paid position, please contact our office at 716-383-6157. Thank you in advance for your willingness to serve the ongoing ministry at Pioneer. We look forward to hearing from you!

## COMMUNITY PRAYER LIST

Please send any prayer concerns by Wednesday of each week to: [secretary@ascensionpgh.com](mailto:secretary@ascensionpgh.com). Prayers will remain on the list for 30 days and then be removed unless an extension is requested by notifying the church secretary. These prayers, if you give permission, will also be shared in the weekly email.

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- ✚ We pray for God to provide a person to serve as Ascension Lutheran's Music Director.
- ✚ We pray for Shirley Rinas, Marissa Thompson's grandmother, whose breast cancer has returned.
- ✚ We pray for God's healing and recovery for Mark Kitzki who has had some complications from hip replacement surgery.

# THIS WEEK AT ASCENSION

<p>SUNDAY</p>	<p>SUNDAY WORSHIP CONGREGATIONAL MEETING</p>	<p>9:30 AM 10:30 AM</p>
<p>TUESDAY</p>	<p>ELDERS MEETING</p>	<p>6:30 PM</p>
<p>WEDNESDAY</p>	<p>PRAYER AND PRAISE GROUP CONFIRMATION CLASS</p>	<p>10:00 AM 7:00 PM</p>
<p>SUNDAY 5/22/2022</p>	<p>WORSHIP SERVICE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION FAMILY SMALL GROUP MEETING</p>	<p>9:30 AM 11:00 AM 12:00 PM</p>

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