

PRAYERS for August 21, 2022 – Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Assistant: On this eleventh Sunday after Pentecost, let us praise the Lord and pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Worship Assistant: Lord God, we feel Your presence among us as we worship You this morning. We ask You to bless the words that we say, the hymns that we sing, and the prayers that we speak. Make Word of God Lutheran Church a true house of prayer. Help us welcome people into Your church and draw them close to Your beloved Son. We pray for all to accept Your promise of mercy and forgiveness. We thank You for Your gift of salvation that was ordained in Your wisdom, earned by Your Son, and sent out by Your Spirit. We give You all honor, praise, and reverence.

Lord, in Your mercy..... *hear our prayer.*

Worship Assistant: All-knowing God, You are the source of all that is good and our rock and our fortress. You knew each of us before we were formed in our mother's womb. You give us our life's needs and have shown us Your ultimate love in the gift of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Draw us away and deliver us from the anxieties and possessions of our earthly lives, the threats of destruction in our world, the winds of false teaching, and the uncertainties of our society. Let us give our hearts to heavenly gifts which we receive from You. Help us to meet the present with trust and with faith that You are in control. Thank You for giving us strength to deal with the troubles of today and remind us to entrust the future to You. We put ourselves entirely at Your mercy and into Your hands.

Lord, in Your mercy..... *hear our prayer.*

Worship Assistant: Gracious God, we are truly blessed to be part of the family of God where we find Your love and acceptance. You have given us a beautiful church family. We are blessed as we gather to pray, to hear the Gospel preached, to study Your Word, and to receive spiritual guidance. May the love that we feel for You be reflected in the compassion and understanding that we show toward the members of God's family, our church family, and our earthly families. Give us eyes to see others as You see them.

Lord, in Your mercy..... *hear our prayer.*

Worship Assistant: Heavenly Father, we run to Your loving arms for safety, protection, and comfort. We know that You watch over us and attempt to lead us in the way You want us to go because we are Your children through faith in Jesus Christ. Be with those people who are troubled, those who are in pain, and those who are worried, anxious, or afraid. We especially ask You to be with all our friends and families on our prayer list and those whose names we speak out loud or say silently in our hearts.

(Wait at least 15 seconds for names.) Lord, in Your mercy.....*hear our prayer.*

Worship Assistant: Holy God, we pray today for Christians everywhere. Strengthen those who suffer because of their faith in Jesus. Help them, and all of us, to speak, to act, and to pray with humility, boldness, and dedication. Grant Your protection, wisdom, understanding, and counsel to those in the military, to our elected leaders, and to those who protect our citizens. Help all of us to look beyond the issues that divide us and to look toward Your holy and merciful will to heal, redeem, and save all who will receive You.

Lord, in Your mercy.....*hear our prayer.* **Pastor:** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**