

PRAYERS for February 6, 2022 - Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

Worship Assistant: Please remain standing for the prayers. On this fifth Sunday after the Epiphany, let us praise the name of the Lord and pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Worship Assistant: Gracious God, we thank You for the comfort that You have given to us through Your Word. We come with humility and bow before You, the Creator who called everything into existence. Keep us humble as we continue to enjoy the marvelous gifts of Your Holy Spirit. We are forever grateful that You are the light of the world, and that You have called us into the fellowship of Your Son, Jesus Christ. We are joyful today, Lord, as we celebrate the baptism of James Payton Cummins and as we each recall our own baptismal vows. Remind JP and all of us that we are Your redeemed children. Help us to make this day and every day a cause for celebration as we focus our eyes and thoughts on You.

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

Worship Assistant: Everlasting Father, why do we ever doubt Your might, Your faithfulness, or Your love? You have never failed to keep Your promises or to fulfill Your Word. Fill us with the Holy Spirit that we may never falter in our commitment to Your Son, Jesus Christ. Strengthen our wills so that we may remain constant during every time of worry or stress in our lives, in our communities, and in our nation. Let us be willing to let down our nets whenever You command us, whether our eyes see the vision or not. We beg You to keep blessing us with the gift of Your salvation and cheering us with the voice of Your grace.

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

Worship Assistant: God of love and light, because of You we have every reason to live each day with joy and hope. Lead us in our daily lives, guide us when we need Your counsel, and draw us back when we stray from You. Let the light of Your love shine within every member of this congregation. Do not let any of us hide that light from those who need it most. Instead, let our words, worship, fellowship, and service, shed the light of Jesus' compassion and forgiveness upon everyone we meet. When You call, let us always be willing to answer, "Send us."

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

Worship Assistant: Healing Lord, we praise and thank You for this gathering of Your people at Word of God Lutheran Church. You never grow weary of watching over us. Help us constantly support each other, continuously pray for each other, and always offer strength and encouragement to each other. We pray for those in need of Your love, Your care, and Your guidance. We especially pray today for all those people who are on our prayer list and on our minds as we speak their names out loud or say them silently in our hearts.

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

Worship Assistant: Father in heaven, give right judgment to the leaders of nations, to educators and scientists, to military and emergency personnel, to medical and social workers, and to all who exercise authority and responsibility for their communities. Teach them to seek Your will and give them the strength to follow You. Help all of us to give generously of time and treasures when our neighbor's need is great.

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