

PRAYERS for July 25, 2021 – Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Assistant: On this ninth Sunday after Pentecost, 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: Lord God, You have given us so many blessings: life, health, family, friends, freedom, love, forgiveness, and salvation. Make us people with grateful hearts and joyful voices. You have blessed us beyond measure and for that we thank You. When we think of Your grace and goodness, we are humbled and thankful that we have so many opportunities to live for You. O Lord, we give You honor and reverence.

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

Worship Assistant: Holy Father, help us be people of faith. Remind us that You are always near, and You can overcome any challenge. When we are filled with uncertainty or doubt, give us faith. When the world around us becomes a fearful place, give us faith. Our faith tells us that it was You who created the heaven and earth. Our faith tells us that You redeemed us through the birth, life, suffering, death, and resurrection of Your Son. We know that in every aspect of our lives You will help us live courageously. We ask You to support and guide our Call Team as they continue to do Your work to find Word of God a new shepherd. Lord, we thank You for being in control of this process.

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

Worship Assistant: Loving Lord Jesus, help us to comfort those who mourn; to nourish those who hunger for food, fellowship, or forgiveness; and to help one another become mature in our faith. You say that You are always with us, so we ask You to teach us to feel Your presence. When this world seems a fearful place, we want to feel Your presence. When we are filled with uncertainty, we need to feel Your presence. Also, we ask You to protect the members of our police forces, the many men and women in the military, and our strong and courageous first responders. Keep them safe in Your arms and help them feel Your presence.

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

Worship Assistant: Merciful Christ, physician of our bodies and our souls, hear the cries of those who need Your help. You sent Your Son to seek out and save those who are lost. Receive the petitions of Your people so that all who are troubled may know peace, comfort, and courage. Help us to be ruled by Your peace instead of our own worries, fears, and grief. Be with the friendless and homeless, with the displaced persons and refugees, with the forgotten of today's sometimes indifferent society, and with the emotionally and mentally troubled. We ask you to be with those on our prayer list and the friends and family members 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: Eternal God, bless our homes with such love, respect, and harmony, that all who enter may find a warm welcome, a safe haven, and a joyful fellowship. Help all Americans return to Your Word, to Your direction, and to Your grace. Thank You, Lord, for giving the area Lutheran churches the means to share our gifts with those who will suffer loss during times of disaster. Bless the many supplies that have been collected for the NALC "Stuff the Truck" this weekend. May these donations be a blessing to all who have need of them.

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**