

PRAYERS for June 26, 2022 – Third Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Assistant: On this third 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, our Heavenly Father, we thank You for this opportunity to gather in Your name so that we may worship You in this sacred time and in this sacred place. We thank You for Your gentle voice and Your tender touch as You minister to us during afflictions and trials. We seek Your presence and Your glory as we follow Your Word and go out in Your name. Be with us and encourage us to live every moment for You, trusting in Your promise to give us eternal life if we believe in You. Lord, we ask You to place Your arms around James Ferrier who has studied Your Word and will receive his first communion here this morning.

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

Worship Assistant: Gracious Lord, You have given us freedom, not for our own gain, but to love and serve our neighbors. We give You thanks for the ministers, the missionaries, and all people who dedicate their lives to serving others. We pray for the people and mission of this congregation. Keep us focused on doing Your will. Kindle Your Spirit within us so that our hearts are warm with compassion and bright with faith. We are so thankful for the servants here at Word of God. Help them to see that the love they show by serving was what You commanded when You said to love Your neighbor as yourself. We especially give You thanks for the wonderful VBS week and for the many children and staff who celebrated Your Word.

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

Worship Assistant: Blessed Lord and Master, You have made us Your sons and daughters. Help us continue to grow in our trust in You that we might see how true and faithful You are and have always been. Make our faith so strong that we may feel Your nearness; that we may be conscious of our relationship with You; and that others may know by what we say and do that we belong to You. Help us to keep our eyes looking forward toward You and not replay past problems and sins over and over. Only by focusing on Your Word and the promise of eternal life will we be free of the past and able to live our lives with love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, gentleness, and self-control.

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

Worship Assistant: Lord Jesus, help us to remain in touch with Your will for us through prayer. You know our thoughts before we voice them, yet we need to bring our sins, our weaknesses, our requests for others, and our prayers before You daily. We thank You for teaching us how to pray and for listening to our prayers. When we become distracted by events around us, remind us to turn our eyes toward You so that we may see that the trials of this life are worth where You are taking us in eternal life. 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 Lord, we ask You to watch over our men and women in uniform, those at home and those in harm's way, that they may know Your presence and be living witnesses to Your love. Protect Christians who are being attacked around the world and bring compassion and gentleness to our citizens. Your children have no troubles that You cannot use for good. **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**