

PRAYERS for June 5, 2022 – Pentecost

Worship Assistant: On this day of 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, we praise You and thank You for giving us the gift of Your Spirit that You poured out on fearful men and women who were witnesses to the miracles that You accomplished through Your Son, Jesus Christ. Let us be touched by the fire of Your Spirit: the Spirit of love, the Spirit of truth, and the Spirit of faith. Thank You for this opportunity to come together as Your people to know Your treasure and authority. Thank You for helping us know the way of life which is in Christ Jesus. Take our minds into Your power and use them for good.

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

Worship Assistant: Guiding Spirit, help us to serve others just as Your Son Jesus Christ did when He walked on the earth. We give thanks for the servants who are preparing for the upcoming VBS programs, those volunteers who will work at the Real Life Center and the Midwest Food Bank this month, and all who volunteer and do Your work at Word of God Lutheran Church. Let this stewardship be seen as showing our love for You. We ask You to be with us as we meet as a family for our annual meeting next week. We give You thanks for Your steadfast love and guidance.

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

Worship Assistant: Loving Spirit, each day is filled with news of things people do to hurt each other. Descend on the hearts and minds of all Your children. Teach us to pray, worship, forgive, witness, serve, and love in ways that shine the light of Christ on the lives of those who need it most. Help us to focus on You and on those things that please You. Help us to keep Your peace with us in our homes, in our jobs, in our communities, and in our country. Help us to remember to take Your peace with us when we venture out into the chaos of the world. Remind us that chaos is temporary, but Your peace is perfect and eternal.

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

Worship Assistant: Healing Spirit, comfort Your people who are hurting today. We know that You are with us when we are strong but also when we are weak. You never leave our sides, even when we might wander off from You. Remind us that through Your gracious gift of faith, You enable us to walk in the Spirit and to live in hope. Give all of us Your comfort when our hearts are troubled. We ask You to sustain all those who are persecuted on account of Jesus. Give wisdom and gentleness to their words and courage to their actions. This morning, we also 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: Protecting Spirit, be the shield and defender of all who risk their lives in the defense of others and in the service of our country: our soldiers, our police, our firefighters, and our first-responders. Help our leaders clearly see that their duties are to serve, to govern, and to follow You in fulfilling the will of God who gives us life. Help our citizens converse with each other with patience and encouragement, and help all of us, with our differing ideas, to follow Your Word and try to build a better world for all.

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**