

PRAYERS for May 2, 2021 – Fifth Sunday of Easter

Worship Assistant: On this fifth Sunday of Easter, 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: Eternal Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, You are God of the heavens and God of the earth; God of the past and God of the future, God of the truth and God of the life. We thank You for Your many blessings, Your steadfast love, and Your tender mercy. As we join with our fellow Christians all over the world in hymns, prayers, and meditations, let us not only hear Your Word, but also follow Your Word. We give You thanks and eternal praise for being our faithful God and saving us with Your unfaltering love.

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

Worship Assistant: Gracious God, this day brings joy and gratitude to the family of Word of God Lutheran Church. We thank You for the covenant You made with us and our children in Holy Baptism. You have brought Morgan Elizabeth Stephens to know the meaning of her baptism through the study of Your Word. Today, she stands before us and confesses You as the only true God. Remind her that she will grow with You and in You as she uses Your Word daily and applies it to her life. As members of Your holy church, we rededicate our lives to You and ask You to give us strength and grace to live closer to You, our Lord and Savior.

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

Worship Assistant: Steadfast God, in our hearts and minds we know that prayer is a two-way conversation. When we are discouraged, we need to pray. When we are lonely, we need to bring our sadness to You in prayer. When we rejoice, we need to share our gladness with You in prayer. We thank You for listening to us as we pray to You. Help us to remember to be patient and listen to You when You speak to us. Thank You for the promise of eternal life so that we can face the future with hope.

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

Worship Assistant: Almighty God, You sent Your Son, Jesus Christ to be the great physician of our souls and bodies. We ask You to grant Your peace to those who are sick or hurt. We ask You to grant courage to those who are frightened or in danger. We ask You to give rest to those who wait on You. Help Your children find strength in quietness and confidence. Give wisdom and skill to the doctors and those who need their care. We give ourselves into Your presence knowing that in You we will find peace. We ask You to especially be with all friends and families on our prayer list and those people we name today in our hearts or say their names aloud.

(Wait at least 20 seconds for names.) Lord in Your mercy.....hear our prayer.

Worship Assistant: Faithful and gracious Lord, give support to those who have any need of body, mind, or spirit. Give them faithful friends and generous helpers to do Your heavenly work on this earth. You have commanded us to love one another. Help us to keep in prayer all who work to protect our country, all who daily face danger in their jobs, all who face unrest in their communities, all who try to remain connected in their isolation, and all who are constantly seeking to follow their trust in You even in the midst of persecution. Help us to abide in You and You in us. We know that the more time we spend with You, the more we will become like 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**