

**PRAYERS for August 8, 2021 – Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**

**Worship Assistant:** On this eleventh 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, we feel Your presence among us as we worship You this morning. We ask You to bless the words that we say, the hymns that we sing, and the prayers that we speak. Feed Word of God Lutheran Church with the true bread of life. Help us welcome people into Your church and draw them close to Your beloved Son. We pray for all of us to accept Your promise of mercy and forgiveness. We thank You for Your gift of salvation that was ordained in Your wisdom, earned by Your Son, and sent out by Your Spirit. We give all honor, glory, and praise to You, O Lord God.

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

**Worship Assistant:** All-knowing God, You are the source of all that is good. You give us our life's needs and have shown us Your ultimate love in the gift of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Draw us away and deliver us from the anxieties and possessions of our earthly lives, the threats of destruction in our world, the winds of false teaching, and the uncertainties of our society. Let us give our hearts to heavenly gifts which we receive from You. Help us meet the present with trust and with faith. Thank You for giving us strength to deal with the troubles of today and remind us to entrust the future to You. We pray for Your continuing wisdom as You lead the Call Team through the next steps in the process to find our new pastor. We put ourselves entirely at Your mercy and into Your hands.

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

**Worship Assistant:** Jesus Christ, we hear Your saving words; we remember Your sacrifice; and we behold Your power. We know that You are the living bread, and we ask You to have mercy on us. We ask You to accept us: weak, sinful, and guilty. When we are asked to choose between the perishable things and the imperishable, we often prefer the bodily possessions. We need Your power to guide and sustain us. As unworthy as we are, we will treasure even the smallest crumbs that fall from Your table. We trust in Your promises, O Lord.

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

**Worship Assistant:** Heavenly Father, we run to Your loving arms for safety, protection, and comfort. We know that You watch over us and attempt to lead us in the way You want us to go because we are Your children through faith in Jesus Christ. Be with those who are troubled, those who are in pain, and those who are worried, anxious, or afraid. Watch over all people who are once again affected by the Covid virus. We especially ask You to be with all the people 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 God, we pray today for all Christians everywhere. Strengthen those who suffer because of Jesus. Help them, and all of us, to speak, to act, and to pray with humility, boldness, graciousness, and dedication. Grant Your wisdom, Your understanding, and Your counsel to those in the military, to those who lead our country, and to those who defend and protect our country and its citizens. Help all of us to look beyond those things that divide us and to look toward Your holy and merciful will to heal, redeem, feed, and save all who will receive 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**