

## **PRAYERS for January 29, 2023 – Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany**

**Worship Assistant:** On this fourth Sunday after the Epiphany, 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:** Gracious God, we thank You for the blessings that You have given to us through Your Word. For Your greatness in understanding what we need, we sing praises to You for Your abundant power. We are forever grateful that You have called us into the fellowship of Your Son, Jesus Christ, and we ask You to shape us more perfectly into His image.

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

**Worship Assistant:** Father, thank You for Jesus and His teaching. His Beatitudes challenge, humble, and energize us. Give us a double portion of Your Holy Spirit, so that by Your grace, we may begin to live out those Beatitudes, to Your glory and for the blessing and benefit of others. Make each member of Word of God Lutheran Church into disciples of Jesus, so that we may be a sign of Your goodness and mercy to our friends, families, neighbors, and community.

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

**Worship Assistant:** Lord Jesus, we know that attitude is so very important. We pray that we each strive for an attitude that is Christlike no matter what our circumstances: good or bad, positive or negative, beautiful or tragic. You have the power to bless, to comfort, to cleanse, to strengthen, and to preserve us. Empower us to reflect a God-honoring attitude of optimism, faith, and love for You...today, tomorrow, and forever.

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

**Worship Assistant:** Almighty Christ, we read the stories of Your teaching, of Your journeys, of Your control over evil spirits, of Your healing of diseases of mind and body, and we worship You as our true Lord. Today, there are many voices and hands that are raised against You, yet You rise above the chaos of this hatred and disobedience. Fill our souls with calm, drive out our doubts, speak to our hearts, cast out the evil that is within us, and take away our weaknesses. Give us strength and make our fellowship strong in faith and service.

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

**Worship Assistant:** Healing Lord, by the strength of Your spoken Word, You demonstrate Your power over life and over earthly death. Bring healing to those who are sick or injured; bring employment to those who are seeking work; bring contentment to those who are suffering depression; bring harmony to those who are dealing with life changes and family issues; and bring hope to those in the midst of despair. Be with all of our citizens who are living in cities that are experiencing riots and lawlessness. Protect the innocent and bring the wrongdoers to justice. We especially pray for all those who are on our prayer list and our families and friends 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:** God our Father, we pray for all whose daily work is dangerous. Be with those who serve in the military at home and overseas. Guard all who serve as police, firefighters, or EMTs. Help them to feel Your presence while serving in the line of duty and to know the peace which comes only from You. All these things, and whatever else You see that we need, grant to us, dear Father, for the sake of Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ.

**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**