

PRAYERS for May 15, 2022 – 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.

Alleluia, Risen Lord.....hear our prayer.

Worship Assistant: Guiding Spirit, thank You for leading our high school and college graduates, Darcy Drury, Liam Rietschier, Jake Ferrier, Lars Kuhr, and Sarah Setzer, through their years of study. Thank You for assisting them with their challenges as well as praising them for their accomplishments. We ask You to continue to guide them, watch over them, and encourage them to make good decisions throughout their lives. Help them to always follow Your teachings, to grow in their faith, and to remain true to Your Word.

Alleluia, Risen Lord.....hear our prayer.

Worship Assistant: Loving Spirit, as we come to the end of our Sunday School classes next week, we give thanks for our students who have been growing in their knowledge of You. We give thanks for the children who have worked hard to memorize Your precious words and have fixed them in their hearts. We know that You alone can build faith, hope, and love in the lives of Your followers. We give thanks for the teachers who have led our children and adults through the study of Your Word this year. You have truly blessed them with beautiful gifts to teach, guide, and witness to You. Help us all to continue to study and follow Your Word.

Alleluia, Risen Lord.....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 15 seconds for names.) Alleluia, Risen Lord.....hear our prayer.

Worship Assistant: Glorious Father, we thank You for the witness of those who live in places where it is dangerous to profess faith in You. Guide them to remain faithful and protect them from the evil that surrounds them. Teach us to be true witnesses and bear fruit in this great mission field in which we live. Help us to serve other people with good deeds, with continuous love, and with constant prayers. We pray for the safety of our soldiers who are serving around the world and for our police and fire fighters who serve here at home. Let their bravery be true examples of selfless sacrifice and service for all of us.

Alleluia, Risen Lord.....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**