

PRAYERS for November 13, 2022 – Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Assistant: On this twenty-third 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: Holy Lord, as we focus our eyes and our hearts on You this morning, how can we ever thank You enough for all the many blessings that You have given us? Your Word tells us how to thank You. We can share the joyous news of Jesus Christ; we can let our lives be testimonies to Your love and Your grace; we can live each day with thanksgiving in our hearts and praise for You on our lips. Thanking You should be a daily habit.

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

Worship Assistant: Our Gracious Heavenly Father, You have brought Kate Elizabeth Krause through the study of Your Word to know the meaning of her baptism. 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.

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

Worship Assistant: God of Power and Might, today we honor our veterans, worthy men and women who gave their best when they were called to serve and protect our country. We respect them; we thank them; we are proud of them. We pray that You will watch over these brave people and support them in their daily lives. Continue to be with those who are now serving our country here and abroad. Fill them with courage, honor, and wisdom, and bring them safely home when their time of military service is finished.

Lord in your mercy.....hear our prayer.

Worship Assistant: Father in heaven, Your Son humbled Himself and became a servant. He also became an example for His followers. Today, even though our way may be long, our journey may be difficult, or our burdens may be heavy, help us to gather our strength from You. Keep the love in our hearts as we send off the boxes and pray for the children who will receive them through Operation Christmas Child.

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

Worship Assistant: Jesus, our Master, we belong to You, and it is You that we have vowed to follow. Sometimes the way is long, the world is lonely, and unseen dangers wait for us at every turn. Remind us that You are always near; You are always strong; and You are always faithful. Help us to remember that in times of trouble You comfort us; in moments of stress, You support us; in days of loneliness, You encourage us. This morning we especially ask You to be with all our friends and family members who are 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: Living God, we ask You to constantly guard our nation and defend us in times of unrest, distress, and sorrow. Your heart must be filled with sadness for the direction that our country and its people are often taking – away from You. Remind us that no matter how independent we may wish to be, we must all come to You with humble and repentant hearts. Lord, forgive us for our attempts to move away from You and show all of us how to accept You as our Lord and Savior. You are in charge of our lives, our country, and our world.

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