

**Worship Assistant:** On this twentieth 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:** Gracious Father, we come before You this day with hearts full of thanksgiving and praise for all the many gifts, both spiritual and physical, that You give us. You ask us to be bold, loving, and wise with these gifts from You. Help us discover our special gifts at our Stewardship dinner today, and use these gifts to the glory of Your Kingdom. We worship and praise You that through Your Son we are set free to know the truth of Your written Word. We thank You that through Your Son we are set free from sin and receive forgiveness and salvation. Today and every day needs to be a time of worship because we know that all things are possible with You.

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

**Worship Assistant:** Holy God, we ask You to bestow Your Holy Spirit upon this church and other Christian churches around the world so we love You with our hearts, our minds, and our strength. Help us to follow Jesus wherever He leads us to hear the Gospel and serve our neighbors. Help us, in both word and deed, to find treasure, joy, and life in Christ alone. On this Pastor Appreciation Sunday, we bring before You all Pastors who preach Your Word to their flocks. We especially appreciate our Pastor Kollmeyer, Pastor Weber, and Pastor Buba who are true proclaimers of Your Word.

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

**Worship Assistant:** Loving God, we know that our salvation is a gift from You. We are saved by Your grace, but sometimes accepting Your grace can be hard for us. We feel like we should earn Your love and Your acceptance. Thank You for Your gift of salvation and for Your love and support when we are stressed by challenging days and times. Help us demonstrate our thanks by sharing Your message of love and grace with all people who cross our paths.

**Worship Assistant:** Healing Lord, You know that earthly life is not always easy for us, but we know that we are protected by You, our loving God. Help us to remember that in times of trouble, You comfort us; in times of stress, You calm us; in times of weakness, You support us; when we are lost, You lead us. Uphold those in need of Your presence with the knowledge that in the midst of difficulties, You will not abandon Your children. You are the hope of us all. We especially ask You today to be with all those on our prayer list and the families and friends whose names we speak out loud or say silently in our hearts.

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

**Worship Assistant:** Lord God, we ask for Your protection, Your guidance, and Your blessing upon Your people. Make us steadfast in faith; courageous in witness; truthful in teaching and preaching; and gracious in service to all for whom Your Son gave His life. We pray for those whose ideas differ from ours and seek to have compassion in our dealings with them. Teach the world's leaders, and especially those of our own country to care for people more than prestige, to govern with integrity in place of popularity, and seek Your will above partisan politics or personal gain. We also ask You to watch over the members of the military and first responders and keep them safe as they keep us safe.

**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**