

PRAYERS for September 25, 2022 – Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Assistant: On this sixteenth 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, our God, You have called us into this life, You have shaped faith in our hearts, and You have given us work to do. You are our refuge, our fortress, and our God, and for this we are ever grateful. You have been our guide, our perfect example, and our Redeemer from the beginning of Word of God Lutheran Church, and for this we are ever grateful. You have provided this place for us to gather and worship You, and for this we are ever grateful. We thank You for leading us and being with us every step of our amazing journey. For all these things we praise You in the highest.

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

Worship Assistant: Eternal God and Father, God of the heaven as well as God of the earth. The things of this world are always in front of us, but we believe that there will come a time when You change the order of the earth and the former things will pass away. We ask You to change us by taking away the sorrow from our minds, the darkness from our eyes, and the doubts from our hearts. We know that You can see our lives like an open book: past, present, and future. We commit ourselves and all that we are and all that we have been into Your safe keeping. Let us continue to seek Your wisdom, Your power, and Your grace.

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

Worship Assistant: Lord God, we ask You to draw our hearts upward from this earth and all earthly concerns, and let us live with You in thoughts of the Spirit. Cleanse us from all worldliness, relieve us of our anxieties, and help us to fight the good fight of faith. Help us to remember the poverty of our Savior and be content with whatever earthly riches come into our lives. Help us to take hold of the eternal life to which we are called and remind us to pursue righteousness, godliness, love, faith, steadfastness, and gentleness.

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

Worship Assistant: Healing Father, we glorify Your name above all others. We ask You to give rest to the weary, comfort to those who are ill or hurt, cheer to those who are depressed, and strength to those who are burdened. We pray that You give us determination to bring forth the fruits of patience, love, and good will as we continue to read Your Word, to learn Your teachings, and to live Your commands. We especially ask You to be with all our friends and families on our prayer list and those whose names we speak out loud or silently in our hearts.

(Wait at least 15 seconds for names.) **Lord, in Your mercy.....** *hear our prayer.*

Worship Assistant: Guiding Savior, please look with compassion on the nations of this world, the leaders of these nations, and the citizens who abide throughout the earth. We pray for peace where there is no peace, healing where there is much disease, safety where there is constant danger, and freedom where there is only control. Lord, You who have been our refuge and our fortress, help us lead others into Your sheltering love while we continue to seek Your guidance. We ask You to send Your angels to surround our military and police personnel who serve in perilous times and in dangerous places. Watch over our college students who are away from home and all our children and youth who meet new challenges every day.

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**