

Prayer of the Church – 10.24 21– Pentecost 22

Leader – Pastor James (Outdoor) & Kirsten Bates (Indoor)

Set free from sin and death and nourished by the word of truth, we join in prayer for all of God's creation. *A brief silence.*

Risen One, we give you thanks for congregations and ministries throughout the world that serve as centers of prayer and action. Empower missionaries, teachers, healers, evangelists, and all who are sent to share your song of joy.

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

Holy One, we give you thanks for generous lands that produce abundant harvests. Strengthen and protect all soils, from rooftop gardens to prairie farmlands, to patio planters to fertile valleys, and bless all who lovingly tend them.

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

Ruling One, we give you thanks for leaders of nations who work to build up the common good. Strengthen efforts of reconciliation among all nations, that peace extends in every direction. Sustain first responders to help meet the complicated needs of many. Provide care and compassion as they face trauma themselves. Keep safe all who work to defend, safeguard, and promote the common good across the world, including our own **Patrick, Claire, Scott, Nate, Carter, Jonathon, Alex, Carson, Jackson, and Erica.**

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

God of ventures, anoint us with the missionary passion of the apostles. Bless our missionaries: **Megan, Mark, Krista, and Joel in Africa, Gustavo and Ruth in Puerto Rico, Bethania Kids in India, Jon and Lutheran World Relief, Lutheran Braille Workers worldwide, and the many other missionaries** and relief workers we support financially and prayerfully.

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

Healing One, we give you thanks for all who labor for the health of others.

Comfort and strengthen all who struggle with chronic pain. Send healing and relief to all who are sick, **especially our own Lesley, Donna, Michael, Alison, Lisa, Lilli, Jim, Donna, Pastor Eric Peterson, Pastor Ralph Wiechmann, Pastor Bill Flammann, Bob, Carolee, Caroline, Toby, Diane, and Zane as well as our friends and family requesting our prayers,** that all may be healed. Keep our children safe at school and in their pods, neighborhoods, and communities. Surround them with your unwavering presence, protection, and friendship. We also pray for the ministry of our preschool and ask for your discernment in the identification of a new director.

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

Living One, we give you thanks for the saints who have increased our faith. Give us courage to follow in hope until you gather us all around your table of abundance.

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

Providing One, we give you thanks for all who provide for others. Inspire generosity in your people, so that we carry out the work of making disciples of all nations.

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

You have established and nurtured relationships that extend beyond those gathered here today. Bless members who can no longer travel to worship with us and remind us of their continued role in this community of faith as we give thanks for our virtual, livestream, and podcast ministries, which are able to transcend physical distances, allowing us to connect with anyone, anywhere, at anytime. Sustain **caregivers** with energy and patience.

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

We lift up the names today of our brothers and sisters to whom you have given life: **Adam, Logan, Penny, Susan, Brian, Katie, Jeannine, Mike, Wenda, and Margaret.** May their birthday celebrations and shared love of Christ reveal the Holy Spirit's love, life, and light, even in the midst of disease, destruction, and despair.

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

Confident that you hear us, O God, we boldly place our prayers into your hands; through Jesus Christ, our truth and life.

Amen.