

## **Prayer of the Church – 8.29.21 – Pentecost 14**

Leader – Pastor James (Outdoor) & Melinda DeWan (Indoor)

Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need. *A brief silence.*

We pray for the church, that it is a safe haven for all who seek your presence. Fill it with pastors, deacons, and leaders who echo your expansive and generous welcome.

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

We pray for the whole of creation, that plants and animals have the habitat and resources to thrive and flourish. Inspire us to protect threatened habitats and ensure a sustainable future for generations to come.

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

We pray for individuals in positions of authority. Raise up wise and discerning leaders in federal, state, and local governments and guide them to seek the benefit of every person. We pray for countries experiencing violence, disease, hunger, and unrest (**especially Haiti and Afghanistan, and many of the nations of Latin America, and South Asia**). Guide worldwide and local community organizations in their efforts to aid those in need. Sustain and 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 zeal of the early church. 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.**

We pray for all who are in need, **especially our own Lesley, Donna, Michael, Alison, Lisa, Lilli, Jim, Donna, Pastor Eric Peterson, Pastor Ralph Wiechmann, Alyce, Bob, Diane, Carolee, and Chip as well as our friends and family requesting our prayers.** Keep our children safe in the pandemic. Surround them with your unwavering presence, protection, and friendship until they have the option to be vaccinated. Send us workers into the vineyard, like our new Preschool Director to come.

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

We pray for this congregation and our preschool, and those beginning a new school year. Empower teachers and school administrators. Guide students in their learning and development. Accompany parents, foster parents, and caregivers who provide encouragement and love.

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

You dwell with us in this faith community. We pray for our staff members, board members, core ministry and support leaders, and elders. Grant them knowledge, patience, and kindness, that through their servant leadership you may be exalted in this assembly.

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

We lift up the names today of our brothers and sisters to whom you have given life: **Jeff, Tom, Bob, Matt, Lauren, Sophia, Nancy, Donna, Tom, Beau, Donna, Cala, and Wendy.** May their birthday celebrations and shared love of Christ reveal the Holy Spirit's love, life, and light in the midst of disease, destruction, and despair.

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

Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**