

**Prayer of the Church
Last Sunday of the Church Year (Proper 29A)
22 November 2020**

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Brief silence

For the faithful proclamation of Christ, our King, and for the strengthening of God's people in this true faith and their baptismal life and identity in Christ, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For Christ's holy, catholic and apostolic Church; for all who faithfully confess the saving name of Christ; and for the protection of the Lord to extend over us against the devil, the world and our own sinful selves, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, for the mission and work God has given us to do, and for the unity of the Spirit in our life together, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all schools of our church body, for the seminaries where our pastors are being trained for Your service, and for the campuses where our young are prepared for their occupations by their vocation as God's people by Baptism and faith, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who have wandered from the flock of God, for the faithful shepherds who gather them in through the voice of God's Word, for our forgiveness, and for our willingness to forgive others in Christ's name, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For our queen, prime minister and premier and all in authority over us, that they would be given wisdom and courage to serve the least and lowest among us, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all artists and artisans; for science and invention; for those who serve us in the medical arts; for tradespeople and laborers; and for those who serve and protect us as police, firefighters and military personnel, and for all frontline workers in this pandemic, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the hungry and homeless, for the unemployed and underemployed, and for the social-service agencies of our church, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For a giving spirit, that we may not neglect the poor nor fail to provide resources to the Church to fulfill the Lord's bidding and spread the Gospel to every place, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those afflicted by illness of body or mind and for those who care for them, [*especially* Joan, Mervin, Edna, Christine, Anna-Marie, Gianni] that with God's strength they may kept through patience and delivered to everlasting life, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the grieving, that they may have hope, [*especially* for the family and friends of Laura Grossman] and for those near the end of their earthly lives, that they may be sustained in faith to everlasting life, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord God, heavenly Father, we here remember the sufferings and death of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. Praising His victorious resurrection from the dead, we draw strength from His ascension before You, where He ever stands for us as our own High Priest. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His Kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to You alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

In Our Prayers

We pray for Joan Popp who is dealing with new health concerns

We pray for the family of Laura Grossman, following her passing

We pray for Mervin Kaminsky for strength and healing as he recovers from a stroke

We pray for Edna Swayze for strength and healing as she deals with declining health

We pray for Gianni Vincenzo Mariano (Matthes Family) for his continued healing and recovery.

We pray for Anna-Marie Olsen-Wall as she awaits new surgery.

We pray for healing for Christine E. Lammers battling new health concerns

We pray for our Shut-ins - Elwood Kaminsky, Gerald Ziprick, Edgar Lach, Joan Popp, Henry Dickof, and Edna Swayze

We pray for all those struggling with depression, fear, chronic pain, mental illness, suicidal thoughts, and isolation

We pray for support and strength for those affected by Covid-19.

We pray for all those affected by natural disaster, war and ongoing political conflict.