

Prayer of the Church
Second Sunday after Trinity
18 June 2023

O Lord, we give You thanks that through the Holy Word You have called us to Your great supper. Enliven our hearts by Your Holy Spirit, that we may not hear Your Word without fruit, but prepare ourselves rightly for Your kingdom and not allow ourselves to be hindered by any worldly care. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, bless Matthew, our Synod president; Brian, our district president; John, our circuit visitor; and our pastor(s), whom You have sent in the footsteps of Your Son to preach His peace. May they faithfully and boldly proclaim it to those who are near and to those who are far off. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, on this day we thank You for the gift of our earthly fathers. Bless all fathers, that they would care for their families, lead their children to Jesus and reflect Your love. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, keep our tongues from evil and our lips from speaking deceit. Turn us from evil to do good and to seek and pursue peace, that as Your children we may see many good days according to Your promises. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, keep us from surprise and dismay when the world hates us for Christ's sake. Do not let us turn from Your love to embrace another way. Let our love be not only in word or talk but in deed and truth, according to Your Word. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, sustain those who suffer mental illness. Let them know that You are near to the brokenhearted and You save the crushed in spirit. Uphold them in hope, until You deliver them out of all their afflictions. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, give comfort to the sick and lonely and to those who mourn, and hear the prayers of all who are in any need. You are the Lord who feeds and nourishes us with Your wisdom. Help us turn to You in faith and find our every want and need answered in Your gracious favor. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, You have multiplied our days and added eternal years to our lives through the life, death and resurrection of Your Son. Sustain us in this truth when our days and years draw to a close, and renew us in the hope of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**