

**Prayer of the Church**  
**Twelfth Sunday after Trinity**  
**27 August 2023**

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

Bless this congregation, that our ears would be opened by the Spirit to the Gospel of peace and salvation, and that our lips would show forth our thanks and praise. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bless the Church throughout the world and our Synod, especially our district, that all congregations, pastors and agencies would serve faithfully and without fear. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bless all in authority by whose service You provide the gift of order, including parents and family, our government, our police and firemen, our military, and our schools. Give them strength and endurance to carry out their duties for the good of those entrusted to their care. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bless the sick, the frail and the dying. Restore them to health. We pray also for doctors, nurses, therapists and all who tend our brothers and sisters in need. Bless them as they put the talents You have given them to good use. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bless all who will partake this day of Christ's most precious body and blood in the Sacrament of the Altar. Give them discernment of His body, that they would come to His table in humility and faith to receive the forgiveness of sins and salvation. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, You brought us forth by the word of truth by Your own gracious will. Implant the word of truth in us, which is able to save our souls, that we may be the firstfruits of the new creation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**