

**August 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

A Let us pray for the church, the creation, and the whole people of God, for God is near.

*A brief silence.*

A You call your church to proclaim liberation and freedom to all. Give wisdom to bishops, synod councils and staff, and congregation leaders as they pursue a more just and equitable church and society. We especially remember Bishop Curry as he prepares to become our new Presiding Bishop. May he know your wisdom during these challenging times. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

A You inspire all creation to sing and bless your holy name. Send healing rains to parched places and relief to flooded lands. Lead us to enact policies to rebuild ruined ecosystems and habitats. Instill in us love for your wondrous creation. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

A You work vindication and justice for all who are oppressed. Strengthen the resolve of world leaders and local officials in the way of love and mercy, so that all persons may experience abundant life. We pray especially for the children caught in the horrors of war. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

A You satisfy your people with good things. In your steadfast love, receive the cries of all who are bent over under the weight of addiction, isolation, and mental or physical illness. Hear us as we lift these names both silently and aloud. *(wait for 10 seconds for responses.)* Manifest your healing presence in their midst. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

A You call us to delight in the sabbath. Invigorate worship planners and leaders with creativity to aid this assembly in fresh and faithful prayer and praise. Enable all who gather here to be nourished and renewed. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

A Thank you, Lord, for your gracious provisions to Zion Lutheran Church. Bless those on the call committee as they diligently listen for your guidance. Provide for all churches seeking pastoral leadership. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

P With all your apostles, prophets, and saints, we give thanks and bless your holy name. As they now rest from their labors, guide us by the witness of their lives to pursue your reign, which can never be shaken. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

P Confident in God's presence and promise, we entrust our prayers to the one who always receives them; through Jesus Christ, our wisdom and companion.

**Amen.**