

**Prayers of Intercession**  
**November 17, 2024**

Responsive Sentence for 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost:

Assisting Minister: *“Loving God, you hear our prayers.”*

C: *... “You live among us.”*

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

*a brief silence*

In the waning days of the calendar year, as the daylight diminishes and the night's darkness lengthens, keep us ever mindful of the light of your Christ. Move us to seek the wisdom of your word, which is the light unto our paths. *Loving God, you hear our prayers ... You live among us.*

Merciful One, look with compassion on your children who are still learning about your never-ending power and mercy. Bring peace and healing to those who need it most [we now name aloud or silently in our hearts .....]. Help us to understand and accept your eternal healing power. *Loving God, you hear our prayers ... You live among us.*

Be with our nation and heal our divisions. We commend to you our President Joseph, President-Elect Donald, Vice President-Elect JD and our Governor Josh, and all who serve in elected or appointed positions in government. We ask your hand of blessing upon all our leaders of our military, and all our servicemen and women. Together let us proclaim.... “In God we trust.” Lord, help us to be quick to listen to others while we remain strong to publicly express our concern for life, especially the most vulnerable, the preborn, children, elderly and the sick. Draw us all together in commitment to freedom, justice, and peace. *Loving God, you hear our prayers ... You live among us.*

O Lord, shine a light on the path of peace in the darkness of war between Russia, Ukraine, Israel and the middle East. Ease the injustice of antisemitism. We pray for every mercy and grace to all victims of violence. Swiftly bring recovery and healing. *Loving God, you hear our prayers ... You live among us.*

We ask your blessing upon all congregations who proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ, and all pastors, especially for the N.A.L.C. and St. John Lutheran Church, Nanticoke, PA and their newly ordained Pastor Megan Shaffer. Use us together as witnesses to Jesus, making disciples as our Lord commands. *Loving God, you hear our prayers ... You live among us.*