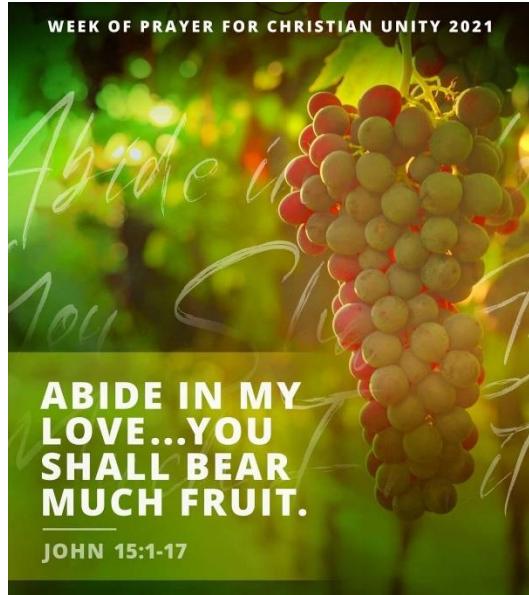


A word from your Pastor

"Pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus".

-1 Thessalonians 5:17-18



Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

With more than 100 years of history, this annual observance involves Christian communities throughout the world: January 18-25, 2021.

Join people of faith throughout the country as we virtually celebrate Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

Daily devotions, videos, and prayers will be posted in on the synod's Facebook page. This is a time for all Christians to come together as an ecumenical community to pray for peace. For more information go to our synod's website: www.gcsynod.org

There are many things that could be lifted up in prayer this week. Here are a few petitions for you to add to your prayers.

- Pray for the Stewardship needs for all churches - for the message we share, for the giver and for those who hear, that they may hear according to their need.
- Pray for the Evangelical Lutheran church in America. That the gospel of grace through Jesus may bring God's message and soothe troubled souls throughout the congregations that are divided in controversy
- Pray for the non-churched and our visitors; the ones who can't leave their thoughts behind, the ones uneasy in that setting, the ones who can't sleep, the ones forced to come, the ones looking for magic and not miracles, the ones who are open and receiving, and for all conditions known only to God.
- Pray for the fun and fellowship that it may warm hearts and keep focused on God. Pray for the servant teams that they do not tire. Pray for their renewed strength.
- Pray for all the God's gifts, for all the hands that made them and for the blessings they bring.
- Pray for the whole church as one Body in Christ.
- Pray for the special times of the weekend-- you know what they are...

- Pray for our nation that is in turmoil and our new president that he may be guided by our Lord in doing what is right and necessary for our nation.
- And lastly, give it all to our Lord and Friend, who sees and knows, asking for His blessing and presence with everyone connected, not only those mentioned, but for families and for changes in the church and community.
- End by praising and thanking God for the opportunity Christ has given you to talk to God on behalf of God's children. Amen.

- Think on all the things for which you have to be thankful;
- Recall specific events when you have felt God moving your life;
- Pray for personal wisdom, strength, patience and courage;
- Prayer for God's direction in the life of our church;
- Pray for the church leadership and our reliance on the Holy Spirit's guidance;
- Pray for faith to accept the promises of the scriptures you have just reviewed;

I pray that you continue to be strengthened in faith and to continue to work for the justice and peace that is needed all around the world.

AMEN

Pastor Tony