

**Mount Olive Prayer Requests**  
**January 3, 2021 Worship Service**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving:**

- For the beautiful Advent, Christmas and New Year's services and for all those who made these services possible.

**Prayers for:**

- For Pastor **Roland** Pillack's visitation and funeral service on Monday, January 4, 2021 (livestream and recording available). May the service honor Pastor Pillack and bring blessings to all who attend.
- For **Becky** Pillack, God's clear guidance and direction regarding a possible move.
- For **Alan** Cole who has been hospitalized.
- For the family and friends of **Marcie** Tooman, former Mount Olive student, who passed away from cancer.
- For Mount Olive Lutheran School resuming classes on Tuesday, January 5<sup>th</sup>.
- That the Lord would guide and protect all of the administrators, teachers, students, and their families of Mount Olive Lutheran School, including especially **Lauren** and **Lawrence Prunty** and their children **Katy** and **Matthew**; **Tia** and **Andrew Pugh** and their children **Eliot**, **Oliver** and **Charlie**; **Wendy Walker** and her son **Henry** Rains and **Cynthia Smith** and her daughter **Ana** Ramirez.
- For **Lucas** McNeeley; **Dale** Foltman; **Dale** Curtice and his friend, **Bill** Nelson; Joan Koch's brother, **Bill**; John Light's girlfriend; **David** West; **Joan** Erickson; **Debbie** Holseid; **Gretchen** Versteeg; **Michael** Sturgeon; **Kathryn** Sprecher; **Pastor Jim** Stogdill; **Sandi** Jones; and **Ryan** and **Melissa** Jorgenson.

**Prayers from Other Prayer Calendars**

**Sunday, January 3**

- **LCMS** – For our congregations, that God would strengthen them by fostering a faithful Lutheran approach to confessing Christ to neighbors and planting daughter congregations.
- **Persecuted Christians** – Sudan – Pray for evangelists as they travel throughout the country preaching the gospel and strengthening believers.
- **Weekly Prayers of the Church (LCMS)** – Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. Heavenly Father, we give You thanks that Your Son, the eternal Word, became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth. Extend His praise into all the world, that many more with us would come to hope in His steadfast love.

**Monday, January 4**

- **LCMS** – That our schools would be faithful mission outposts, reaching unchurched families with the Gospel and strengthening the faith of church families.
- **Persecuted Christians** – Pakistan – Pray for evangelists who face harassment when preaching the gospel.
- **Weekly Prayers of the Church (LCMS)** – Heavenly Father, Your Son diligently heard the Word of God and grew in wisdom and stature, submissive to His earthly parents and always about Your business and in Your house. Keep the families of Your Church abiding in Your Word, eager to be found among Your Word and Sacraments and always treasuring Your divine wisdom and favor.

**Tuesday, January 5**

- **LCMS** – With thanksgiving for all the Synod's faithful church workers, that they might be re-energized daily and find great joy in their service.
- **Persecuted Christians** – Azerbaijan – Pray for President Ilham Aliyev and the government.
- **Weekly Prayers of the Church (LCMS)** – Heavenly Father, You have blessed us in Christ, Your beloved Son, in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins. Preserve Your Church by the preaching of

the Gospel of salvation and the seal of the promised Holy Spirit in Baptism. Raise up among us faithful preachers to the praise of Christ's glory, until we acquire the inheritance promised us in Him.

### Wednesday, January 6

- **LCMS** – That just as You made known Your Son to the Gentiles through the leading of a star, You would continue to bring the light of Your Gospel to the hearts of all people.
- **Persecuted Christians** – Bahrain – Pray for Ahmed, who lost his family and faces discrimination at work because of his faith.
- **Weekly Prayers of the Church (LCMS)** – Heavenly Father, You gave to Your servant Solomon unsurpassed wisdom to rule Your people Israel, chiefly the wisdom that begins in fearing You. Give to the leaders and elected officials of our nation wisdom for their task to discern between good and evil and to govern this people in peace and quietness. Be gracious to preserve our president and president-elect, our governor, and all legislators and judges.

### Thursday, January 7

- **LCMS** – For new church plants and mission starts, that the Lord would help faithful congregations sprout up in every corner of the United States.
- **Persecuted Christians** –Kyrgyzstan – Pray that believers will find ways to witness in any circumstance.
- **Weekly Prayers of the Church (LCMS)** - Heavenly Father, give patience and endurance to all who are sick or in any need, and heal them according to Your will. Receive our thanksgiving for every blessing and kindness You have shown to Your people. Give comfort and hope to all who mourn.

### Friday – January 8

- **LCMS** – That we would be effective in reaching out to people of different ethnicities who are living in our communities. Pray that the Lord would use us as His instruments to make the LCMS a reflection of the Church Triumphant.
- **Persecuted Christians** – Djibouti – Pray for unity among Christian groups working in Djibouti.
- **Weekly Prayers of the Church (LCMS)** – Heavenly Father, Your Son has won redemption through His blood, granting the forgiveness of our trespasses. So now according to the riches of Your grace, receive those who come to Your blessed Sacrament this day. Grant worthy repentance and confident faith to all who commune, united in a sincere confession of the faith.

### Saturday, January 9

- **LCMS** – For those marching for life, whether at the National March for Life in Washington, D.C., or a pro-life event closer to home. Please pray that all those who attend might be a powerful witness to others.
- **Persecuted Christians** – Syria – Pray for the few Christians in the Kurdish Qamishli area of Syria.
- **Weekly Prayers of the Church (LCMS)** – All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever. **Amen.**