

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**  
**EASTER 5    5 MAY, 2024**

L        In the power of the Spirit, let's pray with confidence for all our needs.

*Each petition will conclude:*        Lord in Your mercy,  
**Congregation Response:**        **hear our prayer.**

Petitions

Holy Spirit, You call us into congregations and provide the people who lead and serve in many different ways. Our pastors are special to us all as they bring Your Word into our lives. Thank you for Pastor Hans and his family. Church Council and Pastoral Assistants are chosen and gifted by You to be our leaders - please continue to bless them as we look to the future and where we are to follow Jesus by telling and teaching the Good News of Jesus.

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, we worship You in many different ways and at many times during our days. We set aside Sundays to gather together in Your presence to praise, give thanks, listen to Your Word and to receive the blessings You give us. Thank you for these times. And we thank you for the many people who are involved in our services each week –cleaners, greeters, ushers, musicians, pastors, pastoral assistants and worship assistants.

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Father God, You call us into Your family and make us Your children through our baptism. Thank You for keeping our faith alive and growing. Today Marley Hobbs has become Your child on her baptism; be with her parents Lindsay and Ebony as they share and model Your love, hope, joy and peace within their family circle.

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of the nations for all people, as we live in the community of Horsham – as well as all places where Your people live – we pray for our civic leaders, businesses, and politicians that they may make wise decisions, provide for the needs of the inhabitants, and care for those who struggle with living. Thank you for medical facilities, police force, emergency services and first responders, and all the citizens who make this a good place to live.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Our continuing prayers, Almighty God, are for the Lutheran Church of Australia and New Zealand; and especially for the coming synodical convention with the theme Way Forward, as the delegates approve various ways that we, Your Church, can be effective in witnessing, preaching, teaching and living Your way to bring Jesus' salvation and presence with us all – and always for those who are searching for The Way, The Truth and The Life.

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Concluding Prayer

L        Heavenly Father, through the Spirit of your Son, let us remain in your love and bear much fruit in our lives. We ask this in the name of Jesus who chose us and appointed us to bear fruit that will last.

**C        Amen.**