LuMin Sunday 26-27: Prayer and Blessing Options

Theme: Accompaniment through God's Covenantal Relationship

Prayer of the Day

Accompanying God, you have come to us enfleshed, walked alongside us when the shadows were near, and revealed to us your presence in our daily walk of faith. Empower us to walk alongside others in mutuality and care. Open our hearts to love as the sustaining force in all of our relationships and bring us again to trust in the promise of grace. Amen.

OR

Loving God, you have attended to our unique needs by meeting us exactly where we are. Empower us to do the same for others, recognizing the inherent worth of every individual and every living thing in creation. Remind us of your grace in this process, which is a call not to be perfect, but to do all things out of love. We pray in the name of Jesus, the One who came to accompany us, Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, for the church, for those in need, and for all of creation… *[moment of silence]*

Faithful God, we pray for the church, that it may be a place where people encounter your love through accompaniment. Bless especially the ministries of _____ Lutheran Church as we seek to accompany each other in our lives of faith. Bless also Lutheran Campus Ministry as they accompany students, faculty and staff. Loving God,

All: accompany us in love

Creator God, we pray for the Driftless region, this place that we call home. Foster our relationship to this land and this water that surrounds and sustains us. Grow our gratitude for the bluffs, the _____ river, and the four seasons and help us remember that the breath of the earth is the same breath in us – the breath of your beloved creation. Loving God,

All: accompany us in love

Relational God, we pray for that our relationships would foster peace and justice in all of creation. Teach us how to accompany our neighbors in such a way that they may be seen, heard, and empowered. Move to past tolerance and understanding and into your call to love our neighbors as ourselves. Loving God,

All: accompany us in love

Healing God, we pray for those who are poor, sick, bereaved or lonely. We pray especially for [names of congregants here]. May your peace and healing be known in them. Build our relationships as webs of support for all who need accompaniment through the joys and challenges of life and death. Loving God,

All: accompany us in love

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Sending Blessing

> May God make known to you the path of life.
> May God keep you safe and provide you refuge on the journey.
> May God fill you with the joy of God's presence along the way.
> May God's love accompany you, going before you to comfort you, behind you to support you, and within you to give you peace +. Amen.

OR

> Blessing of Accompaniment
> By: Kathryn Thompson
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> This path of life,
> with all its shadows
> and celebrations
> griefs and joys,
> might feel like a perilous hike
> in a brambled wood.
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> But your path, this journey
> joins others along the way,
> leading all roads back to love.
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> So look up if you can
> and see yourself again
> in the face of a stranger
> or loved one or kin.
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> Know the power of belonging
> found only in relationship,
> bringing this blessing:
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> You are not alone.