

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God our Father, dwelling in majesty, and mystery, renewing and fulfilling creation by your eternal Spirit, and revealing your glory through our Lord, Jesus Christ: Cleanse us from doubt and fear, and enable us to worship you, with your Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, living and reigning, now and forever.

FIRST READING: Genesis 1:1---2:4a

1In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, ‘Let there be light’; and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.⁶ And God said, ‘Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.’ ⁷So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. ⁸God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.⁹ And God said, ‘Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.’ And it was so. ¹⁰God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. ¹¹Then God said, ‘Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.’ And it was so. ¹²The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. ¹³And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.¹⁴ And God said, ‘Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, ¹⁵and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.’ And it was so. ¹⁶God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. ¹⁷God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, ¹⁸to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.²⁰ And God said, ‘Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.’ ²¹So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. ²²God blessed them, saying, ‘Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.’ ²³And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.²⁴ And God said, ‘Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.’ And it was so. ²⁵God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it

was good.²⁶ Then God said, ‘Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.’ ²⁷ So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. ⁸God blessed them, and God said to them, ‘Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.’ ²⁹God said, ‘See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. ³⁰And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.’ And it was so. ³¹God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.⁴ These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created. In the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens,

Psalm: Psalm 8

¹ O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens.

² **Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger.**

³ When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established;

⁴ **what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?**

⁵ Yet you have made them a little lower than God and crowned them with glory and honour.

⁶ **You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet,**

⁷ all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field,

⁸ **the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.**

⁹ O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

SECOND READING: Acts 2:14a, 22-36

¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: ‘Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say.²² ‘You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know—²³this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. ²⁴But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. ²⁵For David says concerning him, “I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;

²⁶ therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover, my flesh will live in hope. ⁷ For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption.

²⁸ You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.” ²⁹ ‘Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. ³¹Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, “He was not abandoned to Hade nor did his flesh experience corruption.” ³²This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses. ³³Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you both see and hear. ³⁴For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says, “The Lord said to my Lord, ‘Sit at my right hand, ³⁵ until I make your enemies your footstool.’” ³⁶Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.’

GOSPEL: Matthew 28:16-20

¹⁶ Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸And Jesus came and said to them, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.’

THIS WEEK AT BETHANY

Today: May 31st	Wednesday: June 3rd
First Sunday after Pentecost	8:30-Matins & a Meal
8:30-Adult SS	4:00-W/M Mtg
9:30-Worship	Saturday: June 6th
10:30-Coffee Fellowship	8:00-Mens Group
6:00-Berthany Prayer Group	Sunday: June 7th
Monday: June 1- 2 Pastor/ Lay retreat @Waterloo	2nd Sunday after Pentecost
Monday June 1st	8:30-Adult SS
6:30-Handbell Performance @Laurens Care Center	9:30-Worship/Communion
Tuesday: June 2nd	10:30-Coffee Fellowship
8:15-Prayer Group	4:00-Laurens Care Ctr Svc
9:00-Coffee Fellowship	6:00-Berthany Prayer Group
6:30-Handbell Performance @Laurens Care Center	

Prayer Concerns: Bethany Lutheran Church members, nursing home residents, storm/flood/fire victims, those suffering any illness, Jean Swanson, Elaine Anderson, Rita Schmidt, Roger Shulz, Marie Rogers, Jeanette Jardee, Shannon Hersom, Pat Boughey, Mary Roat, Todd & Elizabeth Wood, Jerry Runneberg, Myles Pedersen, Pastor John Mayer, Monica Isom, Eli Honer, Dorothy Sandvig, Gloria Bell, Helen Dodge, Patricia Bentsen. Our youth, parents & teachers, our military & missionaries

Lector: Rich Ehlers
Ushers: May 31st – Tom & Rhonda Shewell
June 7th -Tom & Elaine Anderson

Acolytes: Bethany Youth
Weekly Budget Needs: \$2817.00
Faith Promise \$ 803.00Worship 48 Adult SS 3 Potluck \$18.00

Birthdays: June 4 – Noah Anderson;
Anniversary:

***Please note that the blue CH (Celebration Hymnal) is located under the pew in front of you.**
Poppies on the Lectern: Are in honor of all veterans who have died, served and those who are currently serving our country Please thank a veteran.

An asterisk () indicates when to stand (for those who are able)*

ORDER OF THE SERVICE

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*PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Leader: ...Lord in your mercy

Response: Hear our prayer.

***THE LORD’S PRAYER** CH 631

*BENEDICTION

*HYMN *How Great Thou Art* LBW 532

*DISMISSAL

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May 31, 2026
Holy Trinity
First Sunday after Pentecost

**WORSHIP, LOVE, ACCEPT
TOGETHER IN CHRIST’S NAME**

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To our visitors! Welcome to our Sunday Service. We are happy to have you sharing in our worship service and ask for the opportunity to meet you. We invite you to complete the visitor card in front of you. Please come again!

Welcome to our Communion Sunday Service. All are welcome to receive the Lord's Body and Blood who are baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and believe that Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, is truly present in, with and under the forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation. We are happy to have you sharing in our worship service and ask for the opportunity to meet you. We invite you to complete the Communion/Visitor card in front of you. Please come again!