

Prayer of the Day

O God, the strength of those who hope in you; Be present and hear our prayers, and because in the weakness of our mortal nature we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, so that in keeping your commandments, we may please you in will and deed; through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

First Reading: Hosea 5:15---6:6

⁵ Israel's pride testifies against him; Ephraim stumbles in his guilt; Judah also stumbles with them.⁶ With their flocks and herds they shall go to seek the LORD, but they will not find him; he has withdrawn from them.⁷ They have dealt faithlessly with the LORD; for they have borne illegitimate children. Now the new moon shall devour them along with their fields.⁸ Blow the horn in Gibeah, the trumpet in Ramah. Sound the alarm at Beth-aven; look behind you, Benjamin!⁹ Ephraim shall become a desolation on the day of punishment; among the tribes of Israel I declare what is sure.¹⁰ The princes of Judah have become like those who remove the landmark; on them I will pour out my wrath like water.¹¹ Ephraim is oppressed, crushed in judgement, because he was determined to go after vanity.¹² Therefore I am like maggots to Ephraim, and like rotteness to the house of Judah.¹³ When Ephraim saw his sickness, and Judah his wound, then Ephraim went to Assyria, and sent to the great king. But he is not able to cure you or heal your wound.¹⁴ For I will be like a lion to Ephraim, and like a young lion to the house of Judah. I myself will tear and go away; I will carry off, and no one shall rescue.¹⁵ I will return again to my place until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face. In their distress they will beg my favour: ⁶'Come, let us return to the LORD; for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us; he has struck down, and he will bind us up.² After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up, that we may live before him. Let us know, let us press on to know the LORD; his appearing is as sure as the dawn; he will come to us like the showers, like the spring rains that water the earth.'⁴ What shall I do with

you, Ephraim? What shall I do with you, O Judah? Your love is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes away early.⁶ Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets, I have killed them by the words of my mouth, and my judgement goes forth as the light.⁶ For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt-offerings.

Psalm: Psalm 119:65-72

⁶⁵ You have dealt well with your servant, O LORD, according to your word.

⁶⁶ **Teach me good judgement and knowledge, for I believe in your commandments.**

⁶⁷ Before I was humbled I went astray, but now I keep your word.

⁶⁸ **You are good and do good; teach me your statutes.**

⁶⁹ The arrogant smear me with lies, but with my whole heart I keep your precepts.

⁷⁰ **Their hearts are fat and gross, but I delight in your law.**

⁷¹ It is good for me that I was humbled, so that I might learn your statutes.

⁷² **The law of your mouth is better to me than thousands of gold and silver pieces.**

Second Reading: Romans 4:13-25

¹³ For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith.¹⁴ If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void.¹⁵ For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.¹⁶ For this reason it depends on faith,

in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us,¹⁷ as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations')—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.¹⁸ Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become 'the father of many nations', according to what was said, 'So numerous shall your descendants be.'¹⁹ He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb.²⁰ No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God,²¹ being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised.²² Therefore his faith 'was reckoned to him as righteousness.'²³ Now the words, 'it was reckoned to him', were written not for his sake alone,²⁴ but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead,²⁵ who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Gospel: Matthew 9:9-13

⁹ As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, 'Follow me.' And he got up and followed him.¹⁰ And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax-collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples.¹¹ When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, 'Why does your teacher eat with tax-collectors and sinners?'¹² But when he heard this, he said, 'Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick.'¹³ Go and learn what this means, "I desire mercy, not sacrifice." For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.

THIS WEEK AT BETHANY

Today: June 7th
2nd Sunday after Pentecost

8:30-Adult SS
 9:30-Worship w/Communion
 10:30-Coffee Fellowship
 4:00-Laurens Care Ctr Svc
 6:00-Bethany Prayer Group

Tuesday: June 9th

8:30- Prayer Group
 9:30-Morning Coffee @ BLC

Wednesday: June 10th

7:00-Council Meeting

Today: June 14th (Flag Day)
3rd Sunday after Pentecost

8:30-Adult SS
 9:30-Worship
 10:30-Coffee Fellowship
 6:00-Bethany Prayer Group

Prayer Concerns: Bethany Lutheran Church members, nursing home residents, storm/flood/fire victims, those suffering any illness. Pastor David Klappenbach, 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

Lectors: Marilyn Ehlers

Ushers: June 7th - Tom & Elaine Anderson
 June 14th -Michelle Gordon & Myra Reese

Acolytes: Bethany Youth

Weekly Budget Needs: \$2817.00

Faith Promise \$693.00 Worship 29 Adult SS 0
 Matins & a Meal \$40.00 Matins & a Meal 8

Birthdays: June 9-Cindy Seward

Anniversaries: June 7-Rich & Marilyn Ehlers; 9-Adam & Marcy Rasmussen

****Please note that the blue CH (Celebration Hymnal) is located under the pew in front of you.**

An asterisk () indicates when to stand (as able)*

ORDER OF THE SERVICE

PRELUDE/ RINGING OF THE BELL /

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

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*HYMN *Dearest Jesus, at Your Word* LBW 248

*GREETING P.57

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*HYMN OF PRAISE P.59

*PRAYER OF THE DAY *(bulletin-in unison)*

FIRST READING: **Hosea 5:15---6:6**

Psalm: **Psalm 119:65-72** *(bulletin – responsively)*

SECOND READING: **Romans 4:13-25**

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*THE HOLY GOSPEL: **Matthew 9:9-13** P.63

*GOSPEL RESPONSES P.63

CHILDREN’S SERMON

SERMON **Pastor David Klappenbach**

HYMN *Lord Jesus, Think on Me* LBW 309

Reception of New Member Linda Bavo P.198

*PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Leader: “...Lord, in your mercy.”

Response: “hear our prayer.”

*THE PEACE

OFFERING / *OFFERTORY P.66

*OFFERTORY PRAYER P.67

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING P.68

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*BENEDICTION P.76

*HYMN *For the Bread You Have Broken* LBW 200

*DISMISSAL

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