PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Lord, when the day of wrath comes we have no hope except in your grace. Make us so to watch for the last days that the consummation or our hope may be the joy of the marriage feast of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

18 Alas for you who desire the day of the LORD!
Why do you want the day of the LORD? It is
darkness, not light;19 as if someone fled from a
lion, and was met by a bear; or went into the house
and rested a hand against the wall, and was bitten
by a snake.20 Is not the day of the LORD darkness,
not light, and gloom with no brightness in it? 21 I
hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight
in your solemn assemblies.22 Even though you offer
me your burnt-offerings and grain-offerings, I will
not accept them; and the offerings of well-being of
your fatted animals I will not look upon.23 Take
away from me the noise of your songs; I will not
listen to the melody of your harps.24 But let justice
roll down like waters, and righteousness like an
ever-flowing stream.

Psalm: Psalm 70

1 Be pleased, O God, to deliver me. O LORD, make
haste to help me!

2 Let those be put to shame and confusion who seek my life. Let those be turned back and brought to dishonour who desire to hurt me.

3 Let those who say, 'Aha, Aha!' turn back because
of their shame.

4 Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you. Let those who love your salvation say evermore, 'God is great!'

5 But I am poor and needy; hasten to me, O God!
You are my help and my deliverer; O LORD, do not
delay!

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

13 But we do not want you to be uninformed,
brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so
that you may not grieve as others do who have no
hope. 14For since we believe that Jesus died and
rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring
with him those who have died. 15For this we declare
to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are
alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will
by no means precede those who have died. 16For the
Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the
archangel's call and with the sound of God's
trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in
Christ will rise first. 17Then we who are alive, who
are left, will be caught up in the clouds together
with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we
will be with the Lord for ever. 18Therefore
encourage one another with these words.

Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

"Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten
bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the
bridegroom. 2Five of them were foolish, and five
were wise. 3When the foolish took their lamps, they
took no oil with them; 4but the wise took flasks of
oil with their lamps. 5As the bridegroom was
delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. 6But
at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the
bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' 7Then all
those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their
lamps. 8The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some
of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' 9But the
wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you
and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy
some for yourselves.' 10And while they went to buy
it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready
went with him into the wedding banquet; and the
door was shut. 11Later the other bridesmaids came
also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' 12But he
replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know
you.' 13Keep awake therefore, for you know neither
the day nor the hour.

THIS WEEK AT BETHANY?"[=;P-0-

Today: November 8th
24rd Sunday after Pentecost
9:30-Youth12th SS
9:30-Coffee Fellowship
10:30-Worship
11:30-Bethany Prayer Group
Monday: November 9th
7:00-Handbell Rehearsal
Tuesday: November 10th
9:30-Tuesday Coffee @ BLC
Wednesday: November 11th
7:00-Council Mtg
Thursday: November 12th
7:00-Confirmation

Sunday: November 15th
25th Sunday after Pentecost
9:15-Youth SS
9:30-Coffee Fellowship
10:30-Worship, SS Sing,
Stewardship Commitment Cards
Thank Offering
NOISY OFFERING,

Lectors: Kelly Gordon
Ushers: November 8th -Shirley Kruse & Jan Hersom
November 15th -Tom & Elaine Anderson

Prayer Concerns: Bethany Lutheran Church members, nursing home residents, storm/flood/fire victims, those suffering any illness, Sharon Egertsen-Kasada, Dave Alstott Lucas Sorensen, Myles & Shirley Pedersen, Ireneo Zarzoso, Elaine Anderson, Roger Schulz, Shannon Hersom, Ken & Pat Boughey, Marie Rogers, Jeanette Jardee, Mary Roat, Todd & Elizabeth Wood, Pastor John Mayer, Monica Isom, Eli Honer, Dorothy Sandvig, Gloria Bell, Helen Dodge, Patricia Bentsen. Our youth, parents & teachers, our military & missionaries

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Acolytes: Bethany Youth

Weekly Budget & Worship Info
Faith Promise $5656.81 Worship 24
Sunday School $6.00 Youth SS 8

Birthdays: November 10-Dawn Jamison, Ava Runneberg

*****Please note that the blue CH (Celebration Hymnal) is located under the pew in front of you.**
Altar Flowers: Cheryl Painter & Eloise Armstrong
Roses in Honor of Dean & Eloise Armstrong's 52nd Anniversary

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

ORDER OF THE SERVICE

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*HYMN *My Hope is Built on Nothing Less* *LBW 293*
*DISMISSAL



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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 and give to an usher. Please come again!

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