

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Lord God, you call us to work in your vineyard and leave no one standing idle. Set us to our tasks in the work of your kingdom and help us to order our lives by your wisdom; through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

First Reading: Amos 8:4-7

⁴ Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, ⁵ saying, 'When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale?

We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practice deceit with false balances, ⁶ buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat.' ⁷ The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

Psalm: Psalm 113

¹ Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD; praise the name of the LORD.

² **Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time on and for evermore.**

³ From the rising of the sun to its setting the name of the LORD is to be praised.

⁴ **The LORD is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens.**

⁵ Who is like the LORD our God, who is seated on high,

⁶ **who looks far down on the heavens and the earth?**

⁷ He raises the poor from the dust, and lifts the needy from the ash heap,

⁸ **to make them sit with princes, with the princes of his people.**

⁹ He gives the barren woman a home, making her the joyous mother of children.
Praise the LORD!

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-15

¹First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, ²for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. ³This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, ⁶who gave himself a ransom for all—this was attested at the right time. ⁷For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth. ⁸I desire, then, that in every place the men should pray, lifting up holy hands without anger or argument; ⁹also that the women should dress themselves modestly and decently in suitable clothing, not with their hair braided, or with gold, pearls, or expensive clothes, ¹⁰but with good works, as is proper for women who profess reverence for God. ¹¹Let a woman learn in silence with full submission. ¹²I permit no woman to teach or to have authority over a man; she is to keep silent. ¹³For Adam was formed first, then Eve; ¹⁴and Adam was not deceived, but the woman was deceived and became a transgressor. ¹⁵Yet she will be saved through childbearing, provided they continue in faith and love and holiness, with modesty.

Gospel: Luke 16:1-15

¹Then Jesus said to the disciples, 'There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. ²So he summoned him and said to him, "What is this that I hear about you? Give me an account of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer." ³Then the manager said to himself, "What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes." ⁵So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, "How much do you owe my master?" ⁶He answered, "A hundred jugs of olive oil." He said to him, "Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty." ⁷Then he asked another, "And how much do you owe?" He replied, "A hundred containers of wheat." He said to him, "Take your bill and make it eighty." ⁸And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. ⁹And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes. ¹⁰ 'Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. ¹¹If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹²And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? ¹³No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth. ¹⁴ The Pharisees, who were lovers of money, heard all this, and they ridiculed him. ¹⁵So he said to them, 'You are those who justify yourselves in the sight of others; but God knows your hearts; for what is prized by human beings is an abomination in the sight of God.'

THIS WEEK AT BETHANY

Sunday: September 18th
15th Sunday after Pentecost

Rally Sunday

9:15-Adult SS
9:30-Youth SS open w/
games, crafts
9:30- Coffee Fellowship
10:15 Bubbles outside
10:30-Worship w/Communion
SS Sing, Installation of teacher
11:30-Potluck w/grilled burgers
hotdogs & brats, Root Beer Floats
3:00-4H-Club Meeting

Monday-Thursday: September 19-22

Pastor gone to STS General Chapter Meeting

Tuesday: September 13th

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

Sunday: September 18th
16th Sunday after Pentecost

9:15-Adult SS
9:30-Youth SS
9:30- Coffee Fellowship
10:30-Worship

Prayer Concerns: Bethany Lutheran Church members, nursing home residents, Iowa storm victims, those battling COVID-19, Bill Alexander, Dorothy Smith, Gail Olson, Nick Zurek, Eli Honer, Christine Gordon, Susan Olson, Pat Murray, Dorothy Sandvig, Jennifer Edge, Helen Dodge, Pastor James Puotyual, Carol Schmidt, Gloria Bell, Cenon Zarzoso, Patricia Bentsen. Our youth, parents & teachers, our military & missionaries

Lectors: Kelly Gordon
Ushers: September 18th -Myles Pedersen
October 2nd-Dean Armstrong

Acolytes: Bethany Youth

Weekly Budget Needs: \$2600.00

Faith Promise \$632.00 Worship 32

Birthdays: 9-18-Ethan Baumeister, 19-Lenora Meyer, 23-Marian Roberts

24-Nick Zurek

Anniversaries: 9-18-Allen & Theresa Sandvig

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

Altar Flowers: Eloise Armstrong's garden

Offering Plate is located on the table in the rear of the sanctuary

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

ORDER OF THE SERVICE

PRELUDE/ RINGING OF THE BELL /
WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP OF PRAYER & MEDITATION

*CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS P.56
*HYMN "What a Mighty God We Serve" **CH 672**
*GREETING P.57
*KYRIE P.57
*HYMN OF PRAISE P.60
*PRAYER OF THE DAY (bulletin-in unison)

MEDITATION ON GOD'S WORD

FIRST READING: **Amos 8:4-7**

Psalm: **Psalm 113** (bulletin – responsively)

SECOND READING: **1 Timothy 2:1-15**

*ALLELUIA VERSE P.62
*THE HOLY GOSPEL: **Luke 16:1-15**
*GOSPEL RESPONSES P.63

CHILDREN'S SERMON SS Sing & Installation of
Teachers

SERMON **Pastor David Klappenbach**

HYMN "Make Me a Servant" **CH 669**

NICENE CREED P.64

*PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH
Leader: ...Lord in your mercy
Response: Hear our prayer.

*THE PEACE

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

OFFERING "Praise and Thanksgiving" **LBW 409**

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING P.68

*WORDS OF INSTITUTION P.69

*THE LORD'S PRAYER P.76

OUR SENDING

*BENEDICTION

*HYMN "Lift High the Cross" **LBW 377**

*DISMISSAL



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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 and give to an usher. Please come again!

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