

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Our Lord Jesus, you have endured the doubts and foolish questions of every generation. Forgive us for trying to be judge over you, and grant us the confident faith to acknowledge you as Lord.**

### **FIRST READING: Habakkuk 1:1-4;2:1-4**

<sup>1</sup>The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.<sup>2</sup> O LORD, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you ‘Violence!’ and you will not save?<sup>3</sup> Why do you make me see wrongdoing and look at trouble? Destruction and violence are before me;

strife and contention arise.<sup>4</sup> So the law becomes slack and justice never prevails the wicked surround the righteous—therefore judgement comes forth perverted. <sup>2</sup>I will stand at my watch-post, and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me, and what he will answer concerning my complaint.

<sup>2</sup> Then the LORD answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it.<sup>3</sup> For there is still a vision for the appointed time;

it speaks of the end, and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay.<sup>4</sup> Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith.

### **PSALM: Psalm 62**

<sup>1</sup> For God alone my soul waits in silence; from him comes my salvation.

**<sup>2</sup> He alone is my rock and my salvation my fortress; I shall never be shaken.**

<sup>3</sup> How long will you assail a person, will you batter your victim, all of you, as you would a leaning wall, a tottering fence?

**<sup>4</sup> Their only plan is to bring down a person of prominence. They take pleasure in falsehood; they bless with their mouths, but inwardly they curse.**

<sup>5</sup> For God alone my soul waits in silence, for my hope is from him.

**<sup>6</sup> He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken.**

<sup>7</sup> On God rests my deliverance and my honour; my mighty rock, my refuge is in God.

**<sup>8</sup> Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us.**

<sup>9</sup> Those of low estate are but a breath, those of high estate are a delusion; in the balances they go up; they are together lighter than a breath.

**<sup>10</sup> Put no confidence in extortion, and set no vain hopes on robbery; if riches increase, do not set your heart on them.**

<sup>11</sup> Once God has spoken; twice have I heard this: that power belongs to God,

**<sup>12</sup> and steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord. For you repay to all according to their work.**

### **Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:1-14**

<sup>1</sup>Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>2</sup>To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. <sup>3</sup>I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. <sup>4</sup>Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. <sup>5</sup>I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. <sup>6</sup>For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; <sup>7</sup>for God did not give us a spirit

of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.<sup>8</sup> Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, <sup>9</sup>who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, <sup>10</sup>but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Saviour Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. <sup>11</sup>For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, <sup>12</sup>and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. <sup>13</sup>Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. <sup>14</sup>Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

### **GOSPEL: Luke 17:1-10**

<sup>17</sup>Jesus said to his disciples, ‘Occasions for stumbling are bound to come, but woe to anyone by whom they come! <sup>2</sup>It would be better for you if a millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea than for you to cause one of these little ones to stumble. <sup>3</sup>Be on your guard! If another disciple sins, you must rebuke the offender, and if there is repentance, you must forgive. <sup>4</sup>And if the same person sins against you seven times a day, and turns back to you seven times and says, ‘I repent’, you must forgive.’ <sup>5</sup>The apostles said to the Lord, ‘Increase our faith!’ <sup>6</sup>The Lord replied, ‘If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea’, and it would obey you.’ <sup>7</sup> ‘Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from ploughing or tending sheep in the field, ‘Come here at once and take your place at the table’? <sup>8</sup>Would you not rather say to him, ‘Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink’? <sup>9</sup>Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? <sup>10</sup>So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, ‘We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!’”

## THIS WEEK AT BETHANY

### Sunday: October 2<sup>nd</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

9:15-Adult SS  
9:30-Youth SS  
9:30- Coffee Fellowship  
10:30-Worship w/Communion  
4:00-Laurens Car Center

### Monday: October 3<sup>rd</sup>

4:00-W/M Mtg

### Tuesday: October 4<sup>th</sup>

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

### Saturday: October 8<sup>th</sup>

9:00-IMD Council Meeting

### Sunday: October 9<sup>th</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

9:15-Adult SS  
9:30-Youth SS  
9:30- Coffee Fellowship  
10:30-Worship  
5-6:30-Youth Group @ BLC

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

**Lectors:** Dean Armstrong  
**Ushers:** October 2<sup>nd</sup> – Dean Armstrong  
October 16<sup>th</sup>-Rich Ehlers  
**Acolytes:** Bethany Youth

**Weekly Budget Needs:** \$2600.00  
Faith Promise \$532.00 Worship 33  
Sunday School \$10.00 SS 11

**Birthdays:** 10-2-Denise Hodgell, 7-Tammy Oxenreider, 8-Michael Arends, Oliver Hersom

### **Anniversaries:**

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

**Altar Flowers:**

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

### **ORDER OF THE SERVICE**

PRELUDE/ RINGING OF THE BELL  
WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **WORSHIP OF PRAYER & MEDITATION**

\*CONFESSION P.56  
\*HYMN “I Lay My Sins on Jesus” LBW 305  
\*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: Habakkuk 1:1-4;2:1-4**

**Psalm: Psalm 62** (bulletin – responsively)

**SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 1:1-14**

\*ALLELUIA VERSE P.62  
\***THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 17:1-10**  
\*GOSPEL RESPONSES P.63  
CHILDREN’S SERMON  
SERMON **Pastor David Klappenbach**  
HYMN “Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word” LBW 230  
Nicene Creed P.64

### **OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD**

OFFERING “O Bread of Life from Heaven” LBW 222  
\*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING P.68  
\*WORDS OF INSTITUTION P.69  
\*THE LORD’S PRAYER P.71  
\*LAMB OF GOD P.72  
DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION  
\*BLESSING P.72  
\*POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE P.72

### **OUR SENDING**

\*BENEDICTION P.76  
\*HYMN “My Hope is Built on Nothing Less” LBW 294  
\*DISMISSAL



## October 2, 2022 Seventeenth 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 and give to an usher. Please come again!

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Congregationally-Focused  
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