

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, our defender, storms rage about us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver you sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us all from unbelief; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 20:7-13

⁷O LORD, you have enticed me, and I was enticed; you have overpowered me, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughingstock all day long; everyone mocks me. ⁸For whenever I speak, I must cry out, I must shout, "Violence and destruction!" For the word of the LORD has become for me a reproach and derision all day long. ⁹If I say, "I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name," then within me there is something like a burning fire shut up in my bones; I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot. ¹⁰For I hear many whispering: "Terror is all around! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!" All my close friends are watching for me to stumble. "Perhaps he can be enticed, and we can prevail against him, and take our revenge on him." ¹¹But the LORD is with me like a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble, and they will not prevail. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonor will never be forgotten. ¹²O LORD of hosts, you test the righteous, you see the heart and the mind; let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause. ¹³Sing to the LORD; praise the LORD! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hands of evildoers.

Psalm 91:1-16

¹You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,

²**will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust."**

³For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence;

⁴**he will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.**

⁵You will not fear the terror of the night, or the arrow that flies by day,

⁶**or the pestilence that stalks in darkness, or the destruction that wastes at noonday.**

⁷A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you.

⁸**You will only look with your eyes and see the punishment of the wicked.**

⁹Because you have made the LORD your refuge, the Most High your dwelling place,

¹⁰**no evil shall befall you, no scourge come near your tent.**

¹¹For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.

¹²**On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.**

¹³You will tread on the lion and the adder, the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot.

¹⁴**Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name.**

¹⁵When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honor them.

¹⁶**With long life I will satisfy them, and show them my salvation.**

SECOND READING: Romans 6:12-23

¹²Therefore, do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. ¹³No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. ¹⁴For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under

grace. ¹⁵What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, ¹⁸and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. ¹⁹I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification. ²⁰When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. ²²But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. ²³For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

GOSPEL: Matthew 10:5a, 21-33

These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, ²¹Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; ²²and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. ²³When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next; for truly I tell you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes. ²⁴"A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; ²⁵it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household! ²⁶"So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. ²⁷What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. ²⁸Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. ³⁰And even the hairs of your head are all counted. ³¹So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. ³²"Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; ³³but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

THIS WEEK AT BETHANY

Today: June 25th	Sunday: July 2nd
4th Sunday after Pentecost	5th Sunday after Pentecost
9:30-Worship w/Communion	9:30-Worship w/Communion
10:30-Coffee Fellowship	10:30-Coffee Fellowship
Monday: June 26th	4:00-Laurens Care Center
7:00-Handbell Rehearsal	Service
Tuesday: June 20th	Monday: July 3rd
8:30-Prayer Group	6:30- Discipleship Class
9:30-Tuesday Coffee @ BLC	
Wednesday: June 28th	
6:30-Hand Bells Play at LCC	

Prayer Concerns: Bethany Lutheran Church members, nursing home residents, Iowa storm victims, those battling COVID-19, Don & Marjean Ehlers, Lisa Anderson, Rodolfo Rezarin, Betty Thorsvig, Ely Kleszczelski, Colleen Phillips, Neil Bailey, Bill Alexander, Eli Honer, Christine Gordon, Dorothy Sandvig, Helen Dodge, Pastor James Puotyual, Carol Schmidt, Gloria Bell, Cenon Zarzoso, Patricia Bentsen. Our youth, parents & teachers, our military & missionaries.

Lector: Rhonda Shewell
Ushers: June 25th-Myles & Shirley Pedersen
July 2nd -Jim & Denise Hodgell

Acolytes: Bethany Youth

Weekly Budget Needs: \$2800.00

Faith Promise \$ 670.00 Worship 29

Birthdays: June 27-Liz Klappenbach; 30-Jorge Johnsen
Anniversary: June 27-Jim & Kelly Van Sickle

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

Altar Flowers: Eloise Armstrong

Thank you, Tom Anderson, for doing this morning's service

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 *Lift Every Voice and Sing* **LBW 552**
*GREETING P.57
*KYRIE P.57
*HYMN OF PRAISE P.59
*PRAYER OF THE DAY *(bulletin-in unison)*

MEDITATION ON GOD'S WORD

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PSALM: Psalm 91:1-16 *(bulletin – responsively)*
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*ALLELUA VERSE P.62
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*GOSPEL RESPONSES P.63
CHILDREN'S SERMON
SERMON **Tom Anderson**
HYMN *O Master, Let Me Walk with You* **LBW 492**
APOSTLES' CREED P.65

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

OFFERING/ Processional **"Offertory Psalm"** P.75
*OFFERTORY P.75
*PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH
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Leader: ...Lord in your mercy
Response: Hear our prayer.
***THE LORD'S PRAYER** **CH 631**

OUR SENDING

*BENEDICTION P.76
*HYMN *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound* **LBW 448**
*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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