

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 28:5-9

⁵Then the prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD; ⁶and the prophet Jeremiah said, “Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD fulfill the words that you have prophesied, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD, and all the exiles. ⁷But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. ⁸The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. ⁹As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet.”

Psalm: Psalm 119:153-160

¹⁵³Look on my misery and rescue me, for I do not forget your law.

¹⁵⁴**Plead my cause and redeem me; give me life according to your promise.**

¹⁵⁵Salvation is far from the wicked, for they do not seek your statutes.

¹⁵⁶**Great is your mercy, O LORD; give me life according to your justice.**

¹⁵⁷Many are my persecutors and my adversaries, yet I do not swerve from your decrees.

¹⁵⁸**I look at the faithless with disgust, because they do not keep your commands.**

¹⁵⁹Consider how I love your precepts; preserve my life according to your steadfast love.

¹⁶⁰**The sum of your word is truth; and every one of your righteous ordinances endures forever.**

SECOND READING: Romans 7:1-13

⁷Do you not know, brothers and sisters—for I am speaking to those who know the law—that the law is binding on a person only during that person’s lifetime? ²Thus a married woman is bound by the law to her husband as long as he lives; but if her husband dies, she is discharged from the law concerning the husband. ³Accordingly, she will be called an adulteress if she lives with another man while her husband is alive. But if her husband dies, she is free from that law, and if she marries another man, she is not an adulteress. ⁴In the same way, my friends, you have died to the law through the body of Christ, so that you may belong to another, to him who has been raised from the dead in order that we may bear fruit for God. ⁵While we were living in the flesh, our sinful passions, aroused by the law, were at work in our members to bear fruit for death. ⁶But now we are discharged from the law, dead to that which held us captive, so that we are slaves not under the old written code but in the new life of the Spirit. ⁷What then should we say? That the law is sin? By no means! Yet, if it had not been for the law, I would not have known sin. I would not have known what it is to covet if the law had not said, “You shall not covet.” ⁸But sin, seizing an opportunity in the commandment, produced in me all kinds of covetousness. Apart from the law sin lies dead. ⁹I was once alive apart from the law, but when the commandment

came, sin revived ¹⁰and I died, and the very commandment that promised life proved to be death to me. ¹¹For sin, seizing an opportunity in the commandment, deceived me and through it killed me. ¹²So the law is holy, and the commandment is holy and just and good. ¹³Did what is good, then, bring death to me? By no means! It was sin, working death in me through what is good, in order that sin might be shown to be sin, and through the commandment might become sinful beyond measure.

GOSPEL: Matthew 10:34-42

³⁴“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. ³⁵For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; ³⁶and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household. ³⁷Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; ³⁸and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ⁴⁰“Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; ⁴²and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

THIS WEEK AT BETHANY

Today: July 2nd	Sunday: July 9th
First Sunday after Pentecost	2nd Sunday after Pentecost
9:30-Worship w/Communion	9:30-Worship
10:30-Coffee Fellowship	10:30-Coffee Fellowship
4:00-Laurens Care Center Service	
Monday: July 3rd	
6:30-Discipleship Class	
Tuesday: June 4th	
8:30-Prayer Group	
9:30-Tuesday Coffee @ BLC	
HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY	
Friday-Sunday: July 7,8,9	
Laurens Summer Celebration	

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: Dean Armstrong
 Ushers: June 4th -Jim & Denise Hodgell
 June 9th-Ron & Jan Hersom
 Acolytes: Bethany Youth

Weekly Budget Needs: \$2800.00
 Faith Promise \$ 5575.00 Worship 28

Birthdays: July 2-Jackie Hudson; 4-John Jamison, Shirley McKiernan, Allen Sandvig, Donna Sindergard; 6-Dale Larsen
Anniversary: July 3-Homer & Sandy George

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

Altar Flowers: Eloise Armstrong

An asterisk () indicates when to stand (for those who are able)*

ORDER OF THE SERVICE

PRELUDE/ RINGING OF THE BELL
 WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP OF PRAYER & MEDITATION

*CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS P.56
 *HYMN *Battle Hymn of the Republic* **LBW332**
 *GREETING P.57
 *KYRIE P.57
 *HYMN OF PRAISE P.60
 *PRAYER OF THE DAY (bulletin-in unison)

MEDITATION ON GOD’S WORD

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PSALM: Psalm 119:153-160 (bulletin – responsively)
SECOND READING: Romans 7:1-13
 *ALLELUIA VERSE P.62
 ***THE HOLY GOSPEL:** Matthew 10:34-42
 *GOSPEL RESPONSES P.63
 CHILDREN’S SERMON-
 SERMON **Pastor David Klappenbach**
 HYMN *Jesus Shall Reign* **LBW 530**
 NICENE CREED P.64
 *PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH
 Leader: “...Lord, in your mercy.”
 Response: “hear our prayer.”
 *THE PEACE

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

OFFERING P.66
 *OFFERTORY HYMN *We Give Thee but Thine Own* **LBW 410**
 *OFFERTORY PRAYER P.67
 *THE GREAT THANKSGIVING P.67
 *WORDS OF INSTITUTION P.69
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 *BLESSING P.72
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 *HYMN *My Country ‘Tis of Thee* **LBW 566**
 *DISMISSAL



July 2, 2023
Fifth 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. Please come again!

Welcome to our Communion Sunday Service. All are welcome to receive the Lord's Body and Blood who are baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and believe that Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, is truly present in, with and under the forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation. 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 Communion/Visitor card in front of you. Please come again!