

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of glory, Father of love, peace comes from you alone. Send us as peacemakers and witness to your kingdom, and fill our hearts with joy in your promises of salvation: through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

FIRST READING: Zechariah 9:9-12

⁹Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. ¹⁰He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. ¹¹As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. ¹²Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

Psalm: Psalm 145:1-14

¹I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.

²Every day I will bless you, and praise your name forever and ever.

³Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; his greatness is unsearchable.

⁴One generation shall laud your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts.

⁵On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.

⁶The might of your awesome deeds shall be proclaimed, and I will declare your greatness.

⁷They shall celebrate the fame of your abundant goodness, and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

⁸The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

⁹The LORD is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made.

¹⁰All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD, and all your faithful shall bless you.

¹¹They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom, and tell of your power,

¹²to make known to all people your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

¹³Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations. The LORD is faithful in all his words, and gracious in all his deeds.

¹⁴The LORD upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down.

SECOND READING: Romans 7:14-25a

¹⁴For we know that the law is spiritual; but I am of the flesh, sold into slavery under sin. ¹⁵I do not understand

my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. ¹⁹For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. ²⁰Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. ²¹So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. ²²For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, ²³but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? ²⁵Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, with my mind I am a slave to the law of God, but with my flesh I am a slave to the law of sin.

GOSPEL: Matthew 11:25-30

²⁵At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. ²⁸"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

THIS WEEK AT BETHANY

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| Today: July 9th 6th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30-Worship 10:30-Coffee Fellowship Monday: July 10th 4:00-W/M Meeting 6:30-Discipleship Class Tuesday: July 11th 8:30-Prayer Group 9:30-Tuesday Coffee @ BLC Wednesday: July 12th 7:00-Council Meeting | Sunday: July 16th 7th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30-Worship w/Communion & New Members 10:30-Coffee Fellowship |
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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: Tom Anderson
Ushers: July 9th Ron & Jan Hersom
July 16th -Volunteer
Acolytes: Bethany Youth

Weekly Budget Needs: \$2800.00
Faith Promise \$ 2184.38 Worship 28

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| Birthdays: July 10-Rich Ehlers |
| Anniversaries: July 15-Jim & Denise Hodgell |

*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 (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 *Before You, Lord, We Bow* **LBW 401**
*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: Zechariah 9:9-12
PSALM: Psalm 145:1-14 *(bulletin – responsively)*
SECOND READING: Romans 7:14-25a
*ALLELUIA VERSE P.62
***THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 11:25-30**
*GOSPEL RESPONSES P.63
CHILDREN'S SERMON-
SERMON **Pastor David Klappenbach**
HYMN *When Peace, like a River* **LBW 346**
APOSTLES CREED P.65
*PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH
 Leader: "...Lord, in your mercy."
 Response: "hear our prayer."

*THE PEACE
APOSTLES' CREED P.65

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

OFFERING "Create in Me....." P.75
*PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH
 Leader: ...Lord in your mercy
 Response: Hear our prayer.
*The Lord's Prayer P.71

OUR SENDING

*BENEDICTION
*HYMN *God of Our Fathers* **LBW 567**
*DISMISSAL

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July 9, 2023
Third Sunday after Pentecost

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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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