

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given great and precious promises to those who believe. Grant us the perfect faith which overcomes all doubts, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

⁵⁶Thus says the LORD: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed. ⁶And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants, all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant— ⁷these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. ⁸Thus says the Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

PSALM: Psalm 67

¹May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us.

²**that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations.**

³Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

⁴**Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.**

⁵Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

⁶**The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us.**

⁷May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere him.

SECOND READING: Romans 11:1-2a, 13-15, 28-32

¹I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ²God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. Do you not know what the scripture says of Elijah, how he pleads with God against Israel? ¹³Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I glorify my ministry ¹⁴in order to make my own people jealous, and thus save some of them. ¹⁵For if their rejection is the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead! ²⁸As regards the gospel they are enemies of God for your sake; but as regards election they are beloved, for the sake of their ancestors; ²⁹for the

gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. ³²For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

GOSPEL: Matthew 15:21-28

²¹Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²²Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.” ²³But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.” ²⁴He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” ²⁵But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” ²⁶He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” ²⁷She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” ²⁸Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

THIS WEEK AT BETHANY

Today: August 20th 12th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30Worship w/Communion/ 10:30-Coffee Fellowship 10:30-Growth & Sharing Mtg Monday: August 21st 6:30-Discipleship Tuesday: August 22nd 8:30-Prayer Group 9:30-Tuesday Coffee @ BLC	Sunday; August 27th 13th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30-Worship 10:30-Coffee Fellowship 3:00-Special Celebratory for Pastors 25 th Anniversary of his Ordination, Coffee Fellowship to follow
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Prayer Concerns: Bethany Lutheran Church members, nursing home residents, Iowa storm victims, those battling COVID-19, Everette Buck, Monica Isom, Tiffany Klappenbach, Don & Marjean Ehlers, Lisa Anderson, Rodolto 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: August 20th -Shirley Kruse & Julie Dawson
August 27th -Linda Galbraith & Michelle Gordon
Acolytes: Bethany Youth

Weekly Budget Needs: \$2800.00
Faith Promise \$5711.00 Worship 35

Birthdays: August 23-Peter Runneberg; August 25-Sandy Reese

***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

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*HYMN *Son of God, Eternal Savior* **LBW 364**
*GREETING P.57
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*HYMN OF PRAISE P.60
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MEDITATION ON GOD’S WORD

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*ALLELUIA VERSE P.62
***THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 15:21-28**
*GOSPEL RESPONSES P.63
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SERMON **Pastor David Klappenbach**
HYMN *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* **LBW 439**
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Blessing students and school personnel
*PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH
Leader: “...Lord, in your mercy.”
Response: “hear our prayer.”
*THE PEACE

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

OFFERING / *OFFERTORY P.66
*OFFERTORY HYMN *You Are My All in All* **CH 583**
*OFFERTORY PRAYER P.67
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*HYMN *Children of the Heavenly Father* **LBW 474**
*DISMISSAL



August 20, 2023
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

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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!