

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Heavenly Father, it is your glory always to have mercy. Bring back all who have erred and strayed from your ways; lead them again to embrace in faith the truth of your Word and to hold it fast; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

FIRST READING: **Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16**

¹⁷When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, “I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. ²And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.” ³Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, ⁴“As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁵No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁶I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. ⁷I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. ¹⁵God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. ¹⁶I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.”

PSALM: **Psalms 22:23-31**

²³You who fear the LORD, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him; stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!

²⁴**For he did not despise or abhor the affliction of the afflicted; he did not hide his face from me, but heard when I cried to him.**

²⁵From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will pay before those who fear him.

²⁶**The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the LORD. May your hearts live forever!**

²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; and all the families of the nations shall worship before him.

²⁸**For dominion belongs to the LORD, and he rules over the nations.**

²⁹To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, and I shall live for him.

³⁰**Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord,**

³¹and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that he has done it.

SECOND READING: **Romans 5:1-11**

¹Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not disappoint us, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. ⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. ⁹Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood,

will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. ¹¹But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

GOSPEL: **Mark 8:27-38**

²⁷Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” ²⁸And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” ²⁹He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.” ³⁰And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. ³¹Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.” ³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

THIS WEEK AT BETHANY

Today: February 25th
Second Sunday in Lent

9:15 – Adult SS
9:30 – Youth SS
9:30-Coffee Fellowship
10:30 – Worship

Monday February 26th

7:00-Hand bell Rehearsal

Tuesday: February 20th

8:30AM – Prayer Group

9:30AM – Tuesday coffee at BLC

Wednesday: February 21st

11:30-Lenten Luncheon @ FCC

5:30-Lenten Soup Supper

6:30-Lenten Evening Service

Saturday: March 2nd

8:00-Mens Group

Sunday: March 3rd
Third Sunday in Lent

9:15-Adult

9:30 – Youth SS

9:30-Coffee Fellowship

10:30-Worship w/Communion

4:00-Laurens Care Center Service

5:00-6:30-Youth Group @ BLC

Prayer Concerns: Bethany Lutheran Church members, nursing home residents, Iowa storm victims, those battling COVID-19, Pete Runneberg, Myra Walstead, Elizabeth Dunbar, Bob Winkelmann, Linda Booth, Monica Isom, Don Ehlers, Lisa Anderson, Rodolto Rezarin, Ely Kleszczelski, Bill Alexander, Eli Honer, Dorothy Sandvig, Helen Dodge, Pastor James Puotyuul, Carol Schmidt, Gloria Bell, Cenon Zarzoso, Patricia Bentsen. Our youth, parents & teachers, our military & missionaries. The Family of Colleen Phillips

Lectors: Pat Boughey

Ushers: February 25th -Dean & Eloise Armstrong

March 3rd -Tom & Elaine Anderson

Acolytes: Bethany Youth

Weekly Budget Needs: \$2817.00

Sunday School \$8.00 Adult SS 3 Youth SS 11

Lent \$128.00 Lenten Evening Service 18

Pot Luck \$27.00

Birthdays: Feb. 28th Niels Johnsen; Mar 2 Doug Baker

*****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

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*HYMN *Lift High the Cross* **LBW 377**

*GREETING P.57

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*HYMN OF PRAISE P.59

*PRAYER OF THE DAY *(bulletin-in unison)*

MEDITATION ON GOD'S WORD

Lenten Reading CANDLES

The Greatest Love **Pastor Klappenbach/Pat Boughey**

FIRST READING: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

PSALM: Psalm 22:23-31 *(bulletin – responsively)*

SECOND READING: Romans 5:1-11

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***THE HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 8:27-38**

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CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

HYMN *Chief of Sinners though I Be* **LBW 306**

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OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

OFFERING/ Processional **"Offertory Psalm"** P.75

*OFFERTORY P.75

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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 *Glory Be to Jesus* **LBW 95**

*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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