

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merit of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

First Reading: 1 Kings 19:1-8

19Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. 2Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "So may the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life like the life of one of them by this time tomorrow." 3Then he was afraid; he got up and fled for his life, and came to Beer-sheba, which belongs to Judah; he left his servant there. 4But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors." 5Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." 6He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. 7The angel of the LORD came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you." 8He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

Psalms: Psalm 34:1-8

1I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

2My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad.

3O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together.

4I sought the LORD, and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears.

5Look to him, and be radiant; so your faces shall never be ashamed.

6This poor soul cried, and was heard by the LORD, and was saved from every trouble.

7The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them.

8O taste and see that the LORD is good; happy are those who take refuge in him.

Second Reading: Ephesians 4:17--5:2

17 Now this I affirm and insist on in the Lord: you must no longer live as the Gentiles live, in the futility of their minds. 18They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of their ignorance and hardness of heart. 19They have lost all sensitivity and have abandoned themselves to licentiousness, greedy to practise every kind of impurity. 20That is not the way you learned Christ! 21For surely you have heard about him and were taught in him, as truth is in Jesus. 22You were taught to put away your former way of life, your old self, corrupt and deluded by its lusts, 23and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, 24and to clothe yourselves with the new self, created according to the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness. 25 So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbours, for we are members of one another. 26Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, 27and do not make room for the devil. 28Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labour and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. 29Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. 30And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. 31Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander,

together with all malice, 32and be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. 51Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, 2and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Gospel: John 6:35-51

35Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. 36But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. 37Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away; 38for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me. 39And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. 40This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day." 41Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." 42They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" 43Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. 44No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. 45It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. 46Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. 47Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. 48I am the bread of life. 49Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. 50This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. 51I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

THIS WEEK AT BETHANY

Today: August 11th 11 th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30-Worship 10:30-Coffee Fellowship 4:00-Youth Board Mtg @ UMC 6:00-Bethany Prayer Group Tuesday: August 13th 8:30-Prayer Group 9:30-Tuesday Coffee @ BLC Wednesday: August 14th 7:00-Council Mtg Thursday: August 15th 2:00-Circle Group @ Bethany	Sunday: August 18th 12 th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30-Worship w/Communion 10:30-Coffee Fellowship 6:00-Bethany Prayer Group
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Prayer Concerns: Bethany Lutheran Church members, nursing home residents, Iowa Flood victims, those suffering any illness, Desiree Welty, Roberta Baker, Velma Woodke, Pastor John Mayer, Pete Runneberg, Elizabeth Dunbar, Monica Isom, Don Ehlers, Lisa Anderson, Ely Kleszczelski, Bill Alexander, Eli Honer, Dorothy Sandvig, Cenon Zarzoso, Helen Dodge, Patricia Bentsen. Our youth, parents & teachers, our military & missionaries.

Lectors: Pat Boughey
Ushers: August 11th -Dean & Eloise Armstrong
August 18th -Shirley Kruse & Julie Dawson

Acolytes: Bethany Youth

Weekly Budget Needs: \$2817.00
Faith Promise \$1468.00 Worship 34

Birthdays: August-12 Jean Swanson;16-Tom Shewell
Anniversaries:

***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

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MEDITATION ON GOD'S WORD

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SERMON **Pastor David Klappenbach**
HYMN *Be Still, My Soul* **CH 712**
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OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

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*PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH
Leader: ...Lord in your mercy
Response: **Hear our prayer.**
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OUR SENDING

*BENEDICTION
*HYMN *Onward Christian Soldiers* **LBW 509**
*DISMISSAL

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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 and give to an usher. Please come again!

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