

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**God of all creation, you reach out to call people to your kingdom. As you gather disciples from near and far, count us also among those who boldly confess your Son Jesus Christ as Lord**

### **FIRST READING: Isaiah 29:11-19**

<sup>11</sup>The vision of all this has become for you like the words of a sealed document. If it is given to those who can read, with the command, “Read this,” they say, “We cannot, for it is sealed.” <sup>12</sup>And if it is given to those who cannot read, saying, “Read this,” they say, “We cannot read.” <sup>13</sup>The Lord said: Because these people draw near with their mouths and honor me with their lips, while their hearts are far from me, and their worship of me is a human commandment learned by rote; <sup>14</sup>so I will again do amazing things with this people, shocking and amazing. The wisdom of their wise shall perish, and the discernment of the discerning shall be hidden. <sup>15</sup>Ha! You who hide a plan too deep for the LORD, whose deeds are in the dark, and who say, “Who sees us? Who knows us?” <sup>16</sup>You turn things upside down! Shall the potter be regarded as the clay? Shall the thing made say of its maker, “He did not make me”; or the thing formed say of the one who formed it, “He has no understanding”? <sup>17</sup>Shall not Lebanon in a very little while become a fruitful field, and the fruitful field be regarded as a forest? <sup>18</sup>On that day the deaf shall hear the words of a scroll, and out of their gloom and darkness the eyes of the blind shall see. <sup>19</sup>The meek shall obtain fresh joy in the LORD, and the neediest people shall exult in the Holy One of Israel.

### **PSALM: Psalm 14**

<sup>1</sup>Fools say in their hearts, “There is no God.” They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds; there is no one who does good.

<sup>2</sup>**The LORD looks down from heaven on humankind to see if there are any who are wise, who seek after God.**

<sup>3</sup>They have all gone astray, they are all alike perverse; there is no one who does good, no, not one.

<sup>4</sup>**Have they no knowledge, all the evildoers who eat up my people as they eat bread, and do not call upon the LORD?**

<sup>5</sup>There they shall be in great terror, for God is with the company of the righteous.

<sup>6</sup>**You would confound the plans of the poor, but the LORD is their refuge.**

<sup>7</sup>O that deliverance for Israel would come from Zion! When the LORD restores the fortunes of his people, Jacob will rejoice; Israel will be glad.

### **SECOND READING: Ephesians 5:22-33**

<sup>22</sup>Wives, be subject to your husbands as you are to the Lord. <sup>23</sup>For the husband is the head of the wife just as Christ is the head of the church, the body of which he is the Savior. <sup>24</sup>Just as the church is subject to Christ, so also wives ought to be, in everything, to their husbands. <sup>25</sup>Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, <sup>26</sup>in order to make her holy by cleansing her with the washing of water by the word, <sup>27</sup>so as to present the church to himself in splendor, without a spot or wrinkle or anything of the kind—yes, so that she may be holy and without blemish. <sup>28</sup>In the same way, husbands should love their wives as they do their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. <sup>29</sup>For no one ever hates his own body, but he nourishes and tenderly cares for it, just as Christ does for the church, <sup>30</sup>because we are members of his body. <sup>31</sup>“For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.” <sup>32</sup>This is a great mystery, and I am

applying it to Christ and the church. <sup>33</sup>Each of you, however, should love his wife as himself, and a wife should respect her husband.

### **GOSPEL: Mark 7:1-13**

<sup>7</sup>Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, <sup>2</sup>they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. <sup>3</sup>(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; <sup>4</sup>and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) <sup>5</sup>So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” <sup>6</sup>He said to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, ‘This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; <sup>7</sup>in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.’ <sup>8</sup>You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.” <sup>9</sup>Then he said to them, “You have a fine way of rejecting the commandment of God in order to keep your tradition! <sup>10</sup>For Moses said, ‘Honor your father and your mother’; and, ‘Whoever speaks evil of father or mother must surely die.’ <sup>11</sup>But you say that if anyone tells father or mother, ‘Whatever support you might have had from me is Corban’ (that is, an offering to God)— <sup>12</sup>then you no longer permit doing anything for a father or mother, <sup>13</sup>thus making void the word of God through your tradition that you have handed on. And you do many things like this.”

## THIS WEEK AT BETHANY

Today: August 25<sup>th</sup>  
14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

9:30-Worship  
10:30-Coffee Fellowship  
6:00-Bethany Prayer Group

**Tuesday: August 27<sup>th</sup>**  
8:30-Prayer Group  
9:30-Tuesday Coffee @ BLC

Sunday: September 1<sup>st</sup>  
15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

9:30-Worship w/Communion  
10:30-Coffee Fellowship  
6:00-Bethany Prayer Group

**Prayer Concerns:** : Bethany Lutheran Church members, nursing home residents, Iowa storm/flood victims, those suffering any illness, Janelle Mason, Linda Galbraith, Tim Burton, 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, Pastor James Puotyuual, Carol Schmidt, Gloria Bell, Cenon Zarzoso, Helen Dodge, Patricia Bentsen. Our youth, parents & teachers, our military & missionaries

**Lectors:** Rhonda Shewell

**Ushers:** September 1<sup>st</sup> -Myles & Shirley Pedersen  
September 8<sup>th</sup> -Tom & Elaine Anderson

**Acolytes:** Bethany Youth

**Weekly Budget Needs: \$2017.00**

Faith Promise \$1566.00 Worship 43

**Birthdays:** August 25-Sandy Reese; 31-Mary Runneberg,  
Carol Schmidt

\*\*\*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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### MEDITATION ON GOD'S WORD

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SERMON

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### OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

OFFERING/ Processional "Offertory Psalm" P.75

\*OFFERTORY P.75

\*PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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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 *God's Word is Our Great Heritage* LBW 239

\*DISMISSAL

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**Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

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