

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**Lord God, you call us to work in your vineyard and leave no one standing idle. Set us to our tasks in the work of your kingdom and help us to order our lives by your wisdom; through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.**

### **FIRST READING: Jeremiah 11:18-20**

<sup>18</sup>It was the LORD who made it known to me, and I knew; then you showed me their evil deeds. <sup>19</sup>But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter. And I did not know it was against me that they devised schemes, saying, "Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, let us cut him off from the land of the living, so that his name will no longer be remembered!" <sup>20</sup>But you, O LORD of hosts, who judge righteously, who try the heart and the mind, let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause.

### **PSALM: Psalm 54**

<sup>1</sup>Save me, O God, by your name, and vindicate me by your might.

**<sup>2</sup>Hear my prayer, O God; give ear to the words of my mouth.**

<sup>3</sup>For the insolent have risen against me, the ruthless seek my life; they do not set God before them.

**<sup>4</sup>But surely, God is my helper; the Lord is the upholder of my life.**

<sup>5</sup>He will repay my enemies for their evil. In your faithfulness, put an end to them.

**<sup>6</sup>With a freewill offering I will sacrifice to you; I will give thanks to your name, O LORD, for it is good.**

<sup>7</sup>For he has delivered me from every trouble, and my eye has looked in triumph on my enemies.

### **SECOND READING: James 3:13---4:10**

<sup>13</sup>Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. <sup>14</sup>But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. <sup>15</sup>Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. <sup>16</sup>For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. <sup>17</sup>But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. <sup>18</sup>And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace. <sup>4</sup>Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? <sup>2</sup>You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. <sup>3</sup>You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. <sup>4</sup>Adulterers! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God. <sup>5</sup>Or do you suppose that it is for nothing that the scripture says, "God yearns jealously for the spirit that he has made to dwell in us"? <sup>6</sup>But he gives all the more grace; therefore it says, "God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble." <sup>7</sup>Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. <sup>8</sup>Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your

hearts, you double-minded. <sup>9</sup>Lament and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned into mourning and your joy into dejection. <sup>10</sup>Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

### **GOSPEL: Mark 9:30-37**

<sup>30</sup>They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; <sup>31</sup>for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." <sup>32</sup>But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him. <sup>33</sup>Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" <sup>34</sup>But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. <sup>35</sup>He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." <sup>36</sup>Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, <sup>37</sup>"Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

**THIS WEEK AT BETHANY**

Today: September 22nd 18 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost 9:15-Adult SS 9:15-Youth SS 9:30-Coffee Fellowship 10:30-Worship w/Communion 6:00-Bethany Prayer Group	Sunday: September 29 <sup>th</sup> 19 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost 9:15-Adult SS 9:15-Youth SS 9:30-Coffee Fellowship 10:30-Worship 6:00-Bethany Prayer Group
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**Mon-Thurs: September 23-26**  
Pastor gone to Society of Holy Trinity  
General Chapter Retreat @ Mundelein, IL

**Tuesday: September 24<sup>th</sup>**  
8:30-Prayer Group  
9:30-Tuesday Coffee @ BLC

**Saturday: September 28<sup>th</sup>**  
9:00-IMD Council meeting @ Mason City

**Prayer Concerns:** Bethany Lutheran Church members, nursing home residents, Iowa storm/flood victims, those suffering any illness, John Hawley, Bill Belt, Warren Hawk, 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 Puotyual, Carol Schmidt, Gloria Bell, Cenon Zarzoso, Helen Dodge, Patricia Bentsen. Our youth, parents & teachers, our military & missionaries. Family of Jeannie Meyer

**Lectors:** Tom Anderson  
**Ushers:** September 22<sup>nd</sup>-Kelly & Dawn Gordon  
September 29<sup>th</sup>-Myra Reese & Vicki Fontenot

**Acolytes:** Bethany Youth

**Weekly Budget Needs: \$2817.00**

Faith Promise \$1253.51    Worship 50    Adult SS 6    Youth SS 18  
Sunday School \$14.25    Potluck BBQ \$64.00  
Noisy Offering \$98.39

<b>Birthdays:</b> September 23 – Marian Roberts; 24 – Nick Zurek; 26 – Ken Boughey; 28 – Michelle Gordon <b>Anniversary:</b> September 27 – Pat & Maggie Severson
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\*\*\*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**

*CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS	P.56
*HYMN <i>Son of God, Eternal Savior</i>	<b>LBW 364</b>
*GREETING	P.57
*KYRIE	P.57
*HYMN OF PRAISE	P.59
*PRAYER OF THE DAY	<i>(bulletin-in unison)</i>

**MEDITATION ON GOD’S WORD**

**FIRST READING: Jeremiah 11:18-20**

**PSALM: Psalm 54** *(bulletin – responsively)*

**SECOND READING: James 3:13---4:10**

\*ALLELUA VERSE P.62

\***THE HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 9:30-37**

\*GOSPEL RESPONSES P.63

CHILDREN’S SERMON

SERMON

HYMN *Be Thou My Vision* **CH 562**

APOSTLES’ CREED P.65

**OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD**

OFFERING/ Processional

\*OFFERTORY P.75

\*PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

\*PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Leader: ...Lord in your mercy

Response: Hear our prayer.

\***THE LORD’S PRAYER** **CH 631**

**OUR SENDING**

\*BENEDICTION P.76

\*HYMN *On Our Way Rejoicing* **LBW 260**

\*DISMISSAL



**September 22, 2024**  
**Eighteenth 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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