

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**God of love, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them; keep us from those things that harm us; and guide us in the way of salvation through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.**

### **FIRST READING: Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29**

<sup>4</sup>The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, “If only we had meat to eat!” <sup>5</sup>We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; <sup>6</sup>but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at.” <sup>10</sup>Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the LORD became very angry, and Moses was displeased. <sup>11</sup>So Moses said to the LORD, “Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? <sup>12</sup>Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, ‘Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child,’ to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors? <sup>13</sup>Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, ‘Give us meat to eat!’ <sup>14</sup>I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. <sup>15</sup>If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery.” <sup>16</sup>So the LORD said to Moses, “Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you. <sup>24</sup>So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. <sup>25</sup>Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again. <sup>26</sup>Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. <sup>27</sup>And a young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” <sup>28</sup>And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, “My lord Moses, stop them!” <sup>29</sup>But Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord’s people were prophets, and that the LORD would put his spirit on them!”

## **PSALM: Psalm 104:27-35**

<sup>27</sup>These all look to you to give them their food in due season;

<sup>28</sup>**when you give to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.**

<sup>29</sup>When you hide your face, they are dismayed; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.

<sup>30</sup>**When you send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the ground.**

<sup>31</sup>May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in his works—

<sup>32</sup>**who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke.**

<sup>33</sup>I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

<sup>34</sup>**May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the LORD.**

<sup>35</sup>Let sinners be consumed from the earth, and let the wicked be no more. Bless the LORD, O my soul. Praise the LORD!

### **SECOND READING: James 5:1-20**

<sup>5</sup>Come now, you rich people, weep and wail for the miseries that are coming to you. <sup>2</sup>Your riches have rotted, and your clothes are moth-eaten. <sup>3</sup>Your gold and silver have rusted, and their rust will be evidence against you, and it will eat your flesh like fire. You have laid up treasure for the last days. <sup>4</sup>Listen! The wages of the laborers who mowed your fields, which you kept back by fraud, cry out, and the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. <sup>5</sup>You have lived on the earth in luxury and in pleasure; you have fattened your hearts in a day of slaughter. <sup>6</sup>You have condemned and murdered the righteous one, who does not resist you. <sup>7</sup>Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. <sup>8</sup>You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. <sup>9</sup>Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the

doors! <sup>10</sup>As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. <sup>11</sup>Indeed we call blessed those who showed endurance. You have heard of the endurance of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful. <sup>12</sup>Above all, my beloved, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or by any other oath, but let your “Yes” be yes and your “No” be no, so that you may not fall under condemnation. <sup>13</sup>Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. <sup>14</sup>Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. <sup>15</sup>The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. <sup>16</sup>Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. <sup>17</sup>Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. <sup>18</sup>Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest. <sup>19</sup>My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, <sup>20</sup>you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner’s soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

### **GOSPEL: Mark 9:38-50**

<sup>38</sup>John said to him, “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.” <sup>39</sup>But Jesus said, “Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. <sup>40</sup>Whoever is not against us is for us. <sup>41</sup>For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.” <sup>42</sup>“If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. <sup>43</sup>If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. <sup>45</sup>And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. <sup>47</sup>And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, <sup>48</sup>where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched. <sup>49</sup>“For everyone will be salted with fire. <sup>50</sup>Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

## THIS WEEK AT BETHANY

Today: 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  
Monday: September 30<sup>th</sup>  
7:00-Hand Bell Rehearsal

**Tuesday: October 1<sup>st</sup>**

8:30-Prayer Group  
9:30-Tuesday Coffee @ BLC

**Wednesday: October 2<sup>nd</sup>**

7:00-Catechism class

Sunday: October 6<sup>th</sup>  
20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

9:15-Adult SS  
9:15-Youth SS

9:30-Coffee Fellowship  
10:30-Worship w/Communion

11:30-Special Congregational Mtg  
6:00-Bethany Prayer Group

**Prayer Concerns:** Bethany Lutheran Church members, nursing home residents, Iowa storm/flood victims, those suffering any illness, Pastor Barbara Wills, Bill & Darlene Belt, Warren Hawk, Janelle Mason, Linda Galbraith, Tim Burton, Desiree Welty, Roberta Baker, Velma Woodke, Pastor John Mayer, Elizabeth Dunbar, Monica Isom, Don Ehlers, 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.

**Lectors:**

**Ushers:** September 29-Myra Reese & Vickie Fontenot  
October 6-Jean Swanson & Tamy Oxenreider

**Acolytes:** Bethany Youth

**Weekly Budget Needs: \$2817.00**

Faith Promise \$464.00      Worship 43

Sunday School \$11.16    Youth SS 16      Adult SS 5

**Birthdays:**9- 29-MaggieSeverson; 30-John Runneberg, Kenny Sidergard, 10-2-Denise Hodgell

**Anniversaries:** 9-27-Pat & Maggie Severson

\*\*\*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 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* **LBW 315**  
\*GREETING P.57  
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### **MEDITATION ON GOD'S WORD**

**FIRST READING: Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29**

**PSALM: Psalm 104:27-35** *(bulletin – responsively)*

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CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

HYMN *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* **LBW 439**

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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** P. 71

### **OUR SENDING**

\*BENEDICTION P.76

\*HYMN *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound* **LBW 448**

\*DISMISSAL



**September 29, 2024**  
**Nineteenth 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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