**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Protect us by your strength and save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**FIRST READING: Jeremiah 33:14-16**

14The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. 15In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. 16In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: “The Lord is our righteousness.”

**PSALM: Psalm 25:1-10**

1To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

**2O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame; do not let my enemies exult over me.**

3Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame; let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

**4Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths.**

5Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.

**6Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.**

7Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness’ sake, O Lord!

**8Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.**

9He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.

**10All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.**

**SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13**

9How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? 10Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.11Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. 12And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. 13And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

**GOSPEL: Luke 21:25-36**

25“There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. 26People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. 27Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. 28Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”29Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; 30as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. 31So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. 32Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. 33Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. 34“Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, 35like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. 36Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

**THIS WEEK AT BETHANY**

**Today: December 1st Saturday: December 7th**

**First Sunday of Advent** 8:00 Men’s group

9:15-Adult SS **Sunday: December 8th**

9:30-Coffee Fellowship **Second Sunday of Advent**

10:30-Worship w/Communion 9:15-Adult SS

& Advent Reading 9:15-Youth SS

Decorate Church after Worship 9:30-Coffee Fellowship

**Monday: December 2nd**  10:30-Worship

4:00-W/M Mtg  **December9-11-**Pastor @ STS

7:00-Hand Bell Rehearsal Chapter retreat at Schuyler, NE

**Tuesday: December 3rd**

8:30-Prayer Group

9:30-Tuesday Coffee @ BLC

**Wednesday: December 4th**

7:00-Confirmation

**Prayer Concerns:** Bethany Lutheran Church members, nursing home residents, Iowa storm/flood victims, those suffering any illness, Don DeHaan, Ed Schmidt, Dorothy Smith, Pastor Barbara Wills, Pastor Amy Little, Bill Belt, Janelle Mason, Warren Hawk, Linda Galbraith, Tim Burton, Desiree Welty, Roberta Baker, Pastor John Mayer, Elizabeth Dunbar, Monica Isom, Don Ehlers, Lisa Anderson, 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:** Kelly Gordon

**Ushers:** December 1st-Myles & Shirley Pedersen

 December 8th-Rich & Marilyn Ehlers

**Acolytes:** Bethany Youth

**Weekly Budget Needs: $2817.00**

Faith Promise $867.00 Worship 26

Sunday School $10.00 Adult SS 4 Youth SS 10

Thank Offering $65.00 Thanksgiving Service 16

***Birthdays****:* December 5th-Darin Smith

***Anniversary:*** December 6th -Myles & Shirley Pedersen

**\*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 (for those who are able)*

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****December 1, 2024**

**First Sunday of Advent**

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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. Please come again!

*Welcome to our Communion Sunday Service.*

***All are welcome to receive the Lord's Body and Blood who are baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and believe that Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, is truly present in, with and under the forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation.*** *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 Communion/Visitor card in front of you. Please come again!*