

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**O God, you know that we cannot withstand the dangers which surround us. Strengthen us in body and spirit so that with your help, we may be able to overcome the weakness that our sin has brought upon us; through Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord.**

### FIRST READING: Jeremiah 1:4-10, (17-19)

<sup>4</sup>Now the word of the LORD came to me saying, <sup>5</sup>“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.” <sup>6</sup>Then I said, “Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.” <sup>7</sup>But the LORD said to me, “Do not say, ‘I am only a boy’; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you, <sup>8</sup>Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD.” <sup>9</sup>Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the LORD said to me, “Now I have put my words in your mouth. <sup>10</sup>See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.” <sup>17</sup>But you, gird up your loins; stand up and tell them everything that I command you. Do not break down before them, or I will break you before them. <sup>18</sup>And I for my part have made you today a fortified city, an iron pillar, and a bronze wall, against the whole land—against the kings of Judah, its princes, its priests, and the people of the land. <sup>19</sup>They will fight against you; but they shall not prevail against you, for I am with you, says the LORD, to deliver you.

### PSALM: Psalm 71:1-11

<sup>1</sup>In you, O LORD, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame.

<sup>2</sup>**In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me; incline your ear to me and save me.**

<sup>3</sup>Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress, to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.

<sup>4</sup>**Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of the unjust and cruel.**

<sup>5</sup>For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O LORD, from my youth.

<sup>6</sup>**Upon you I have leaned from my birth; it was you who took me from my mother’s womb. My praise is continually of you.**

<sup>7</sup>I have been like a portent to many, but you are my strong refuge.

<sup>8</sup>**My mouth is filled with your praise, and with your glory all day long.**

<sup>9</sup>Do not cast me off in the time of old age; do not forsake me when my strength is spent.

<sup>10</sup>**For my enemies speak concerning me, and those who watch for my life consult together.**

<sup>11</sup>They say, “Pursue and seize that person whom God has forsaken, for there is no one to deliver.”

### SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:31b---13:13

<sup>31</sup>But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way. <sup>13</sup>If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup>And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. <sup>3</sup>If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. <sup>4</sup>Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant <sup>5</sup>or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; <sup>6</sup>it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. <sup>7</sup>It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. <sup>8</sup>Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. <sup>9</sup>For we know only in part, and we prophesy

only in part; <sup>10</sup>but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. <sup>11</sup>When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. <sup>12</sup>For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. <sup>13</sup>And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

### GOSPEL: Luke 4:31-44

<sup>31</sup>He went down to Capernaum, a city in Galilee, and was teaching them on the sabbath. <sup>32</sup>They were astounded at his teaching, because he spoke with authority. <sup>33</sup>In the synagogue there was a man who had the spirit of an unclean demon, and he cried out with a loud voice, <sup>34</sup>“Let us alone! What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.” <sup>35</sup>But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” When the demon had thrown him down before them, he came out of him without having done him any harm. <sup>36</sup>They were all amazed and kept saying to one another, “What kind of utterance is this? For with authority and power he commands the unclean spirits, and out they come!” <sup>37</sup>And a report about him began to reach every place in the region. <sup>38</sup>After leaving the synagogue he entered Simon’s house. Now Simon’s mother-in-law was suffering from a high fever, and they asked him about her. <sup>39</sup>Then he stood over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her. Immediately she got up and began to serve them. <sup>40</sup>As the sun was setting, all those who had any who were sick with various kinds of diseases brought them to him; and he laid his hands on each of them and cured them. <sup>41</sup>Demons also came out of many, shouting, “You are the Son of God!” But he rebuked them and would not allow them to speak, because they knew that he was the Messiah. <sup>42</sup>At daybreak he departed and went into a deserted place. And the crowds were looking for him; and when they reached him, they wanted to prevent him from leaving them. <sup>43</sup>But he said to them, “I must proclaim the good news of the kingdom of God to the other cities also; for I was sent for this purpose.” <sup>44</sup>So he continued proclaiming the message in the synagogues of Judea.

**Today: February 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
**Fourth Sunday after Epiphany**  
 9:15-Adult SS  
 9:15-Youth SS  
 9:30-Coffee Fellowship  
 10:30-Worship w/Communion  
 Installation of Council  
 4:00-Laurens Care Center Svc  
 6:00-Bethany Prayer Group

**Monday: February 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
 4:00-W/M Mtg

**Tuesday: February 4<sup>th</sup>**  
 8:30-Prayer Group  
 9:30-Tuesday Coffee @ BLC

**Wednesday: February 5<sup>th</sup>**  
 7:00-Confirmation

**Sunday: February 9<sup>th</sup>**  
**Fifth Sunday after Epiphany**  
 9:15-Adult SS  
 9:15-Youth SS  
 9:30-Coffee Fellowship  
 10:30-Worship  
 6:00-Bethany Prayer Group

**Prayer Concerns:** Bethany Lutheran Church members, nursing home residents, storm/flood/fire victims, those suffering any illness, Cenon Zarzoso, John Wills, Tami Hawk, Don DeHaan, Ed Schmidt, Dorothy Smith, Janelle Mason, Linda Galbraith, Tim Burton, Desiree Welty, Roberta Baker, Pastor John Mayer, Elizabeth Dunbar, Monica Isom, Don Ehlers, Bill Alexander, Eli Honer, Dorothy Sandvig, Pastor James Puotyual, Gloria Bell, Helen Dodge, Patricia Bentsen. Our youth, parents & teachers, our military & missionaries. Family of Carol Schmidt.

**Lectors:** Rich Ehlers  
**Ushers:** February 2- Jim & Denise Hodgell  
 February 9<sup>th</sup> -Tom & Rhonda Shewell

**Acolytes: Bethany Youth**

**Weekly Budget Needs: \$2817.00**  
 Faith Promise \$1070.00                      Worship 36  
 Sunday School \$7.00            Adult SS 5            Youth SS 9

**Birthdays:** February 7-Scott Pedersen  
**Anniversary:** February 5-John & Marci Runneberg

**\*\*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)*

**ORDER OF THE SERVICE**  
 PRELUDE/ RINGING OF THE BELL  
 WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WORSHIP OF PRAYER & MEDITATION**

- \*CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS P.56
- \*HYMN *God, Whose Almighty Word* **LBW 400**
- \*GREETING P.57
- \*KYRIE P.57
- \*HYMN OF PRAISE P.60
- \*PRAYER OF THE DAY *(bulletin-in unison)*

**MEDITATION ON GOD'S WORD**

**FIRST READING: Jeremiah 1:4-10, (17-19)**

**PSALM: Psalm 71:1-11** *(bulletin -responsively)*

**SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:31b---13:13**

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\***THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 4:31-44**

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CHILDREN'S SERMON

**SERMON** Pastor David Klappenbach

HYMN *How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds* **LBW 345**

NICENE CREED P.64

**Council Installation**

- \*PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH
- Leader:** "...Lord, in your mercy."
- Response:** "hear our prayer."

\*THE PEACE

**OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD**

OFFERING / \*OFFERTORY P.66

\*OFFERTORY PRAYER P.67

\*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING P.68

\*WORDS OF INSTITUTION P.69

\*THE LORD'S PRAYER P.71

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\*HYMN *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* **LBW 315**

\*DISMISSAL



**February 2, 2025**  
**Fourth Sunday after Epiphany**

**WORSHIP, LOVE, ACCEPT  
 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. 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!*