**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**O God, from whom all good things come; Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to think those things which are right and by your goodness help us to do them; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who live and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever**

**FIRST READING: Act 16:9-15**

9During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.” 10When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. 11We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, 12and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. 13On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. 14A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. 15When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, “If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.” And she prevailed upon us.

**PSALM: Psalm 67**

1May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us,

**2that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations.**

3Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

**4Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.**

5Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

**6The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us.**

7May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere him.

**SECOND READING: Revelation 21:9-14, 21-27**

9Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues came and said to me, “Come, I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb.” 10And in the spirit he carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. 11It has the glory of God and a radiance like a very rare jewel, like jasper, clear as crystal. 12It has a great, high wall with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates are inscribed the names of the twelve tribes of the Israelites; 13on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. 14And the wall of the city has twelve foundations, and on them are the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. 21And the twelve gates are twelve pearls, each of the gates is a single pearl, and the street of the city is pure gold, transparent as glass. 22I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. 23And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. 24The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. 25Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. 26People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. 27But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb’s book of life.

**GOSPEL: John 16:23-33**

23On that day you will ask nothing of me. Very truly, I tell you, if you ask anything of the Father in my name, he will give it to you. 24Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, so that your joy may be complete. 25“I have said these things to you in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures, but will tell you plainly of the Father. 26On that day you will ask in my name. I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf; 27for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God.28I came from the Father and have come into the world; again, I am leaving the world and am going to the Father.” 29His disciples said, “Yes, now you are speaking plainly, not in any figure of speech! 30Now we know that you know all things, and do not need to have anyone question you; by this we believe that you came from God.” 31Jesus answered them, “Do you now believe? 32The hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each one to his home, and you will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone because the Father is with me. 33I have said this to you, so that in me you may have peace. In the world you face persecution. But take courage; I have conquered the world!”

**THIS WEEK AT BETHANY**

**Today: May 25th Sunday: June 1st**

**Sixth Sunday of Easter Seventh Sunday of Easter**

**Memorial Day Weekend** 8:30-Adult SS

8:30-Adult SS 9:30-Worship w/Communion

9:30-Worship 10:30-Coffee Fellowship

10:30-Coffee Fellowship

4:00-Laurens Care Center Svc

6:00-Bethany Prayer Group

**Monday: May 26th**

9:00-Memorial Day Service

**Tuesday: May 27th**

8:30-Prayer Group

9:30-Tuesday Coffee @ BLC

**Prayer Concerns:** Bethany Lutheran Church members, nursing home residents, storm/flood/fire victims, those suffering any illness, Amy Campbell, Myra Reese, Tami Hawk, Don & Brenda DeHaan, Janelle Mason, Linda Galbraith, Tim Burton, Desiree Welty, Roberta Baker, Pastor John Mayer, Elizabeth Dunbar, Monica Isom, Bill Alexander, Eli Honer, Dorothy Sandvig, Gloria Bell, Helen Dodge, Patricia Bentsen.  Our youth, parents & teachers, our military & missionaries

Lector: Cindy Seward

Ushers: May 25th-Michelle Gordon & Shirley Kruse

June 1st -Tom & Elaine Anderson

Acolytes: Bethany Youth

**Weekly Budget Needs:**

Faith Promise Worship

Sunday School Adult SS Youth SS

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***Altar Flowers:***

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\*DISMISSAL

**May 25, 2025**

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

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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!*