

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**O God, our defender, storms rage about us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver you sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us all from unbelief; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 65:1-9**

65I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask, to be found by those who did not seek me. I said, “Here I am, here I am,” to a nation that did not call on my name. <sup>2</sup>I held out my hands all day long to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good, following their own devices; <sup>3</sup>a people who provoke me to my face continually, sacrificing in gardens and offering incense on bricks; <sup>4</sup>who sit inside tombs, and spend the night in secret places; who eat swine’s flesh, with broth of abominable things in their vessels; <sup>5</sup>who say, “Keep to yourself, do not come near me, for I am too holy for you.” These are a smoke in my nostrils, a fire that burns all day long. <sup>6</sup>See, it is written before me: I will not keep silent, but I will repay; I will indeed repay into their laps <sup>7</sup>their iniquities and their ancestors’ iniquities together, says the LORD; because they offered incense on the mountains and reviled me on the hills, I will measure into their laps full payment for their actions. <sup>8</sup>Thus says the LORD: As the wine is found in the cluster, and they say, “Do not destroy it, for there is a blessing in it,” so I will do for my servants’ sake, and not destroy them all. <sup>9</sup>I will bring forth descendants from Jacob, and from Judah inheritors of my mountains; my chosen shall inherit it, and my servants shall settle there.

**PSALM: Psalm 3**

<sup>1</sup>O LORD, how many are my foes! Many are rising against me;

<sup>2</sup>**many are saying to me, “There is no help for you in God.**

<sup>3</sup>But you, O LORD, are a shield around me, my glory, and the one who lifts up my head.

<sup>4</sup>**I cry aloud to the LORD, and he answers me from his holy hill.**

<sup>5</sup>I lie down and sleep; I wake again, for the LORD sustains me.

<sup>6</sup>**I am not afraid of ten thousands of people who have set themselves against me all around.**

<sup>7</sup>Rise up, O LORD! Deliver me, O my God! For you strike all my enemies on the cheek; you break the teeth of the wicked.

<sup>8</sup>**Deliverance belongs to the LORD; may your blessing be on your people!**

**SECOND READING: Galatians 3:23---4:7**

<sup>23</sup>Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. <sup>24</sup>Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. <sup>25</sup>But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, <sup>26</sup>for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. <sup>27</sup>As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. <sup>28</sup>There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. <sup>29</sup>And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham’s offspring, heirs according to the promise. My point is this: heirs, as long as they are minors, are no better than slaves, though they are the owners of all the property; <sup>2</sup>but they remain under guardians and trustees until the date set by the father. <sup>3</sup>So with us; while we were minors, we were enslaved to the elemental spirits of the world. <sup>4</sup>But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup>in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. <sup>6</sup>And because you are children,

God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” <sup>7</sup>So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

**GOSPEL: Luke 8:26-39**

<sup>26</sup>Then they arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. <sup>27</sup>As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. <sup>28</sup>When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, “What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me”— <sup>29</sup>for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) <sup>30</sup>Jesus then asked him, “What is your name?” He said, “Legion”; for many demons had entered him. <sup>31</sup>They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss. <sup>32</sup>Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. <sup>33</sup>Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. <sup>34</sup>When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. <sup>35</sup>Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. <sup>36</sup>Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. <sup>37</sup>Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. <sup>38</sup>The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, <sup>39</sup>“Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.” So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

THIS WEEK AT BETHANY

**Today: June 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
8:30-Adult SS  
9:30-Worship  
10:30-Coffee Fellowship  
6:00-Bethany Prayer Group  
**Monday: June 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
7:00-Handbell Rehearsal  
**Tuesday: June 24<sup>th</sup>**  
8:30-Prayer Group  
9:30-Tuesday Coffee @ BLC

**Sunday: June 29<sup>th</sup>**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
8:30-Adult SS  
9:30-Worship  
10:30-Coffee Fellowship  
6:00-Bethany Prayer Group

**Prayer Concerns:** Bethany Lutheran Church members, nursing home residents, storm/flood/fire victims, those suffering any illness, Paul Gregerson, Myra Reese, Janelle Mason, Desiree Welty, Pastor John Mayer, Monica Isom, Bill Alexander, Eli Honer, Dorothy Sandvig, Gloria Bell, Helen Dodge, Patricia Bentsen. Our youth, parents & teachers, our military & missionaries.

**Lectors:** Pat Boughey  
**Ushers:** June 22<sup>nd</sup> -Myles & Shirley Pedersen  
June 29<sup>th</sup> -Tom & Rhonda Shewell  
**Acolytes:** Bethany Youth

**Weekly Budget Needs: \$2817.00**  
Faith Promise \$1319.00      Worship 26      Adult SS 4

**Birthdays:** June 24 James Hodgell; June 27-Liz Klappenbach;  
**Anniversaries:** June 24-John & Dawn Jamison; June 27-Jim & Kelly Van Sickle

\*\*\*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

\*CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS P.56

\*HYMN *I'm So Glad, Jesus Lifted Me* CH 522

\*GREETING P.57

\*KYRIE P.57

\*HYMN OF PRAISE P.60

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY (bulletin-in unison)

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 65:1-9**

**PSALM: Psalm 3** (bulletin – responsively)

**SECOND READING: Galatians 5:1, 13-25**

\*ALLELUIA VERSE P.62

\***THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 8:26-39**

\*GOSPEL RESPONSES P.63

CHILDREN’S SERMON

SERMON **Pastor David Klappenbach**

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

OFFERING P.75

\*OFFERTORY HYMN 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

\*BENEDICTION P.76

\*HYMN *Our Father, by Whose Name* LBW 357

\*DISMISSAL

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**June 22, 2025**  
**Second Sunday after Pentecost**

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