

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**FIRST READING: 1 Kings 19:9b-21**

<sup>9</sup>At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” <sup>10</sup>He answered, “I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.” <sup>11</sup>He said, “Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by.” Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; <sup>12</sup>and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. <sup>13</sup>When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” <sup>14</sup>He answered, “I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.” <sup>15</sup>Then the LORD said to him, “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. <sup>16</sup>Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. <sup>17</sup>Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. <sup>18</sup>Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.”<sup>19</sup>So he set out from there, and found Elisha son of Shaphat, who was plowing. There were twelve yoke of oxen ahead of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle over him. <sup>20</sup>He left the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said, “Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you.” Then Elijah said to him, “Go back again; for what have I done to you?” <sup>21</sup>He returned from

following him, took the yoke of oxen, and slaughtered them; using the equipment from the oxen, he boiled their flesh, and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out and followed Elijah, and became his servant.

**PSALM: Psalm 16**

<sup>1</sup>Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

**<sup>2</sup>I say to the LORD, “You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you.”**

<sup>3</sup>As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble, in whom is all my delight.

**<sup>4</sup>Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows; their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names upon my lips.**

<sup>5</sup>The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.

**<sup>6</sup>The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; I have a goodly heritage.**

<sup>7</sup>I bless the LORD who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.

**<sup>8</sup>I keep the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.**

<sup>9</sup>Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure.

**<sup>10</sup>For you do not give me up to Sheol, or let your faithful one see the Pit.**

<sup>11</sup>You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

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

<sup>5</sup>For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. <sup>13</sup>For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. <sup>14</sup>For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” <sup>15</sup>If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another. <sup>16</sup>Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. <sup>17</sup>For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. <sup>18</sup>But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. <sup>19</sup>Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, <sup>20</sup>idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, <sup>21</sup>envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. <sup>22</sup>By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup>gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. <sup>24</sup>And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. <sup>25</sup>If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

**GOSPEL: Luke 9:51-62**

<sup>51</sup>When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. <sup>52</sup>And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; <sup>53</sup>but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. <sup>54</sup>When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, “Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?” <sup>55</sup>But he turned and rebuked them. <sup>56</sup>Then they went on to another village. <sup>57</sup>As they were going along the road, someone said to him, “I will follow you wherever you go.” <sup>58</sup>And Jesus said to him, “Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.” <sup>59</sup>To another he said, “Follow me.” But he said, “Lord, first let me go and bury my father.” <sup>60</sup>But Jesus said to him, “Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.” <sup>61</sup>Another said, “I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home.” <sup>62</sup>Jesus said to him, “No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.”

THIS WEEK AT BETHANY

<b>Sunday: June 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sunday: July 6<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b>
8:30-Adult SS	8:30-Adult SS
9:30-Worship	9:30-Worship /Communion
10:30-Coffee Fellowship	10:30-Coffee Fellowship
6:00-Bethany Prayer Group	6:00-Bethany Prayer Group
<b>Tuesday: July 1<sup>st</sup></b>	
8:30-Prayer Group	
9:30-Tuesday Coffee @ BLC	
<b>Friday: July 4<sup>th</sup></b>	
<b>INDEPENDENCE DAY</b>	
<b>Saturday: July 5<sup>th</sup></b>	
8:00-Mens Group	

**Prayer Concerns:** : Bethany Lutheran Church members, nursing home residents, storm/flood/fire victims, those suffering any illness, 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. Family of Paul Gregersen.

**Lectors:** Vicki Fontenot  
**Ushers:** June 29<sup>th</sup> -Tom & Rhonda Shewell  
July 6<sup>th</sup> -Jim & Denise Hodgell  
**Acolytes:** Bethany Youth

**Weekly Budget Needs: \$2817.00**  
Faith Promise \$479.00      Worship 28      Adult SS 4

**Birthdays:** June 30-Jorge Johnsen; July 2-Jackie Hudson;  
4-Shirley McKiernan, John Jamison, Allen Sandvig, Donna Sindergard

\*\*\*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 *O Savior, Precious Savior LBW 514*  
\*GREETING P.57  
\*KYRIE P.57  
\*HYMN OF PRAISE P.59  
\*PRAYER OF THE DAY (bulletin-in unison)  
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SECOND READING: Galatians 5:1, 13-25  
\*ALLELUIA VERSE P.62  
\*THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 9:51-62  
\*GOSPEL RESPONSES P.63  
CHILDREN’S SERMON  
SERMON Pastor David Klappenbach  
HYMN *Precious Lord, Take My Hand CH 684*  
OFFERING P.75  
\*OFFERTORY HYMN 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  
\*BENEDICTION P.76  
\*HYMN *Lead Me, Guide Me insert*  
\*DISMISSAL  
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**June 29, 2025**  
**Third Sunday after Pentecost**

**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 and give to an usher. Please come again!

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**Congregationally-Focused**  
**Church**