

**PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

**Lord God, use our lives to touch the world with your love. Stir us by your spirit, to be neighbor to those in need, serving them with willing hearts; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**First Reading: Leviticus 18:1-5, 19:9-18**

18The LORD spoke to Moses, saying: <sup>2</sup>Speak to the people of Israel and say to them: I am the LORD your God. <sup>3</sup>You shall not do as they do in the land of Egypt, where you lived, and you shall not do as they do in the land of Canaan, to which I am bringing you. You shall not follow their statutes. <sup>4</sup>My ordinances you shall observe and my statutes you shall keep, following them: I am the LORD your God. <sup>5</sup>You shall keep my statutes and my ordinances; by doing so one shall live: I am the LORD. <sup>9</sup>When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap to the very edges of your field, or gather the gleanings of your harvest. <sup>10</sup>You shall not strip your vineyard bare, or gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard; you shall leave them for the poor and the alien: I am the LORD your God.<sup>11</sup>You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; and you shall not lie to one another. <sup>12</sup>And you shall not swear falsely by my name, profaning the name of your God: I am the LORD. <sup>13</sup>You shall not defraud your neighbor; you shall not steal; and you shall not keep for yourself the wages of a laborer until morning. <sup>14</sup>You shall not revile the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind; you shall fear your God: I am the LORD. <sup>15</sup>You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. <sup>16</sup>You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbor: I am the LORD. <sup>17</sup>You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. <sup>18</sup>You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.

**Psalms: Psalm 41**

<sup>1</sup>Happy are those who consider the poor; the LORD delivers them in the day of trouble.

<sup>2</sup>**The LORD protects them and keeps them alive; they are called happy in the land. You do not give them up to the will of their enemies.**

<sup>3</sup>The LORD sustains them on their sickbed; in their illness you heal all their infirmities.

<sup>4</sup>**As for me, I said, “O LORD, be gracious to me; heal me, for I have sinned against you.”**

<sup>5</sup>My enemies wonder in malice when I will die, and my name perish.

<sup>6</sup>**And when they come to see me, they utter empty words, while their hearts gather mischief; when they go out, they tell it abroad.**

<sup>7</sup>All who hate me whisper together about me; they imagine the worst for me.

<sup>8</sup>**They think that a deadly thing has fastened on me, that I will not rise again from where I lie.**

<sup>9</sup>Even my bosom friend in whom I trusted, who ate of my bread, has lifted the heel against me.

<sup>10</sup>**But you, O LORD, be gracious to me, and raise me up, that I may repay them.**

<sup>11</sup>By this I know that you are pleased with me; because my enemy has not triumphed over me.

<sup>12</sup>**But you have upheld me because of my integrity, and set me in your presence forever.**

<sup>13</sup>Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting. Amen and Amen.

**Second Reading: Colossians 1:1-14**

1Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, <sup>2</sup>To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father.<sup>3</sup>In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>4</sup>for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, <sup>5</sup>because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel <sup>6</sup>that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. <sup>7</sup>This you

learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, <sup>8</sup>and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.<sup>9</sup>For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God’s will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, <sup>10</sup>so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. <sup>11</sup>May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully<sup>12</sup>giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. <sup>13</sup>He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, <sup>14</sup>in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

**Gospel: Luke 10:25-37**

<sup>25</sup>Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he said, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” <sup>26</sup>He said to him, “What is written in the law? What do you read there?” <sup>27</sup>He answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.” <sup>28</sup>And he said to him, “You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.” <sup>29</sup>But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” <sup>30</sup>Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. <sup>31</sup>Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. <sup>32</sup>So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. <sup>33</sup>But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. <sup>34</sup>He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. <sup>35</sup>The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, ‘Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.’ <sup>36</sup>Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?” <sup>37</sup>He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

THIS WEEK AT BETHANY

<b>Sunday: July 13<sup>th</sup></b> <b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b> 8:30-Adult SS 9:30-Worship 10:30-Coffee Fellowship 6:00-Bethany Prayer Group <b>Tuesday: July 15<sup>th</sup></b> 8:30-Prayer Group 9:30-Tuesday Coffee @ BLC <b>Thursday: July 17<sup>th</sup></b> 2:00-Circle Group	<b>Sunday: July 20<sup>th</sup></b> <b>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b> 8:30-Adult SS 9:30-Worship/Communion 10:30-Coffee Fellowship 6:00-Bethany Prayer Group
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**Prayer Concerns:** Bethany Lutheran Church members, nursing home residents, storm/flood/fire victims, those suffering any illness, Dennis Hari, 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:** Kelly Gordon  
**Ushers:** July 13<sup>th</sup> -Shirley Kruse & Jan Hersom  
July 20<sup>th</sup>-Dean & Eloise Armstrong

**Acolytes:** Bethany Youth

**Weekly Budget Needs: \$2817.00**  
Faith Promise \$1390.00 Worship 27 Adult SS 4

<b><u>Birthdays:</u></b> July 17-Pat Alexander, Eloise Armstrong; 19-Luke Hersom <b><u>Anniversary:</u></b> July 15-Jim & Denise Hodgell
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\*\*\*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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**July 13, 2025**  
**Fifth 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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