**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**Almighty God, judge of us all, you have placed in our hands the wealth we call our own, give u such wisdom by your Spirit that our possessions may not be a curse in our lives, but an instrument for blessing; through your Son, Jesus Christ.**

**FIRST READING: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14, 2:18-26**

2Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity.12I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, 13applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. 14I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind. 18I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me 19—and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. 20So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, 21because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. 22What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? 23For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity. 24There is nothing better for mortals than to eat and drink, and find enjoyment in their toil. This also, I saw, is from the hand of God; 25for apart from him who can eat or who can have enjoyment? 26For to the one who pleases him God gives wisdom and knowledge and joy; but to the sinner he gives the work of gathering and heaping, only to give to one who pleases God. This also is vanity and a chasing after wind.

**PSALM: Psalm 100**

1Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

**2Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.**

3Know that the Lord is God. It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

**4Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name.**

5For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

**SECOND READING: Colossians 3:1-11**

3So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. 2Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, 3for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. 4When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory. 5Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). 6On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. 7These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life.

8But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. 9Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices 10and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. 11In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

**GOSPEL: Luke 12:13-21**

13Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.” 14But he said to him, “Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?” 15And he said to them, “Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.” 16Then he told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly. 17And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’ 18Then he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. 19And I will say to my soul, ‘Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ 20But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ 21So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”

**THIS WEEK AT BETHANY**

**Sunday: August 3rd Sunday: August 10th**

**8th Sunday after Pentecost 9th Sunday after Pentecost**

9:30-Worship 9:30-Worship

10:30-Coffee Fellowship 10:30-Coffee Fellowship

6:00-Bethany Prayer Group 6:00-Bethany Prayer Group

**Tuesday: August 5th**

9:30-Tuesday Coffee @ BLC

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8:30-Prayer Group

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**Prayer Concerns:**  Bethany Lutheran Church members, nursing home residents, storm/flood/fire victims, those suffering any illness, Todd & Elizabeth Woods, Myles Pedersen, 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:** Rich Ehlers

**Ushers:** August 3rd -Rich & Marilyn Ehlers

 August 10th -Julie Dawson & Michelle Gordon

**Acolytes:** Bethany Youth

**Weekly Budget Needs:**

Faith Promise

Worship Adult SS 4

August 5-Parker Pierce, 6-Riley Oxenreider

***Anniversaries:*** August 4-Pastor David & Elizabeth Klappenbach; 6- Michael & Pamela Kemp

**\*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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**August 3, 2025**

**Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**

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