

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and eternal God, you know our problems and our weaknesses better than we ourselves. In your love and by your power help us in our confusion and in spite of our weakness, make us firm in faith, through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 23:16-29

¹⁶Thus says the LORD of hosts: Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you; they are deluding you. They speak visions of their own minds, not from the mouth of the LORD. ¹⁷They keep saying to those who despise the word of the LORD, “It shall be well with you”; and to all who stubbornly follow their own stubborn hearts, they say, “No calamity shall come upon you.” ¹⁸For who has stood in the council of the LORD so as to see and to hear his word? Who has given heed to his word so as to proclaim it? ¹⁹Look, the storm of the LORD! Wrath has gone forth, a whirling tempest; it will burst upon the head of the wicked. ²⁰The anger of the LORD will not turn back until he has executed and accomplished the intents of his mind. In the latter days you will understand it clearly. ²¹I did not send the prophets, yet they ran; I did not speak to them, yet they prophesied. ²²But if they had stood in my council, then they would have proclaimed my words to my people, and they would have turned them from their evil way, and from the evil of their doings. ²³Am I a God near by, says the LORD, and not a God far off? ²⁴Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the LORD. ²⁵I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, “I have dreamed, I have dreamed!” ²⁶How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? ²⁷They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. ²⁸Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the LORD. ²⁹Is not my word like fire, says the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

PSALM: Psalm 119:81-88

⁸¹My soul languishes for your salvation; I hope in your word.

⁸²**My eyes fail with watching for your promise; I ask, “When will you comfort me?”**

⁸³For I have become like a wineskin in the smoke, yet I have not forgotten your statutes.

⁸⁴**How long must your servant endure? When will you judge those who persecute me?**

⁸⁵The arrogant have dug pitfalls for me; they flout your law.

⁸⁶**All your commandments are enduring; I am persecuted without cause; help me!**

⁸⁷They have almost made an end of me on earth; but I have not forsaken your precepts.

⁸⁸**In your steadfast love spare my life, so that I may keep the decrees of your mouth.**

SECOND READING: Hebrews 11:17-31, 12:1-3

¹⁷By faith Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He who had received the promises was ready to offer up his only son, ¹⁸of whom he had been told, “It is through Isaac that descendants shall be named for you.” ¹⁹He considered the fact that God is able even to raise someone from the dead—and figuratively speaking, he did receive him back. ²⁰By faith Isaac invoked blessings for the future on Jacob and Esau. ²¹By faith Jacob, when dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, “bowing in worship over the top of his staff.” ²²By faith Joseph, at the end of his life, made mention of the exodus of the Israelites and gave instructions about his burial. ²³By faith Moses was hidden by his parents for three months after his birth, because they saw that the

child was beautiful; and they were not afraid of the king’s edict. ²⁴By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called a son of Pharaoh’s daughter, ²⁵choosing rather to share ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. ²⁶He considered abuse suffered for the Christ to be greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking ahead to the reward. ²⁷By faith he left Egypt, unafraid of the king’s anger; for he persevered as though he saw him who is invisible. ²⁸By faith he kept the Passover and the sprinkling of blood, so that the destroyer of the firstborn would not touch the firstborn of Israel. ²⁹By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. ³⁰By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. ³¹By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace. ¹²Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, ²looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God. ³Consider him who endured such hostility against himself from sinners, so that you may not grow weary or lose heart.

GOSPEL: Luke 12:49-56

⁴⁹“I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! ⁵⁰I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! ⁵¹Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! ⁵²From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; ⁵³they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”⁵⁴He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, ‘It is going to rain’; and so it happens. ⁵⁵And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat’; and it happens. ⁵⁶You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?

THIS WEEK AT BETHANY

Sunday: August 17th 9th Sunday after Pentecost 8:30-Adult SS 9:30-Worship w/Communion 10:30-Coffee Fellowship 6:30-Bethany Prayer Group Monday August 18th 4:00-W/M Mtg Tuesday: August 19th 8:30-Prayer Group 9:30-Tuesday Coffee @ BLC Wednesday August 20th 7:00-Council Meeting Thursday: August 21st 2:00-Circle Group	Sunday: August 24th 10th Sunday after Pentecost 8:30-Adult SS 9:30-Worship/ BLESSING SCHOOL SUPPLIES/ BACKPACKS STUDENTS SCHOOL PERSONEL 10:30-Coffee Fellowship 6:30-Bethany youth 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: Kelly Gordon
Ushers: August 17th-Dean & Eloise Armstrong
August 24th-Shirley Kruse & Jan Hersom
Acolytes: Bethany Youth

Weekly Budget Needs: \$2817.00
Faith Promise \$670.50 Worship 24 Adult SS 0

Birthdays: 8-19-Lars Hersom;20-Krystal Yeckley; 23-Peter Runneberg Anniversaries: 8-18-Jerry & Mary Runneberg
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Altar Flowers:

An asterisk () indicates when to stand (for those who are able)*

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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!*