

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

O God you declare you almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity. Grant us the fullness of your grace, that you have promised, we may share your heavenly glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ.

First Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-24

¹¹For thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. ¹²As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. ¹⁴I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. ¹⁶I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.¹⁷As for you, my flock, thus says the Lord GOD: I shall judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and goats: ¹⁸Is it not enough for you to feed on the good pasture, but you must tread down with your feet the rest of your pasture? When you drink of clear water, must you foul the rest with your feet? ¹⁹And must my sheep eat what you have trodden with your feet, and drink what you have fouled with your feet? ²⁰Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. ²¹Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, ²²I will save my

flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. ²³I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. ²⁴And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

Psalm: Psalm 119:169-176

¹⁶⁹Let my cry come before you, O LORD; give me understanding according to your word.

¹⁷⁰**Let my supplication come before you; deliver me according to your promise.**

¹⁷¹My lips will pour forth praise, because you teach me your statutes.

¹⁷²**My tongue will sing of your promise, for all your commandments are right.**

¹⁷³Let your hand be ready to help me, for I have chosen your precepts.

¹⁷⁴**I long for your salvation, O LORD, and your law is my delight.**

¹⁷⁵Let me live that I may praise you, and let your ordinances help me.

¹⁷⁶**I have gone astray like a lost sheep; seek out your servant, for I do not forget your commandments.**

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 1:5-17

⁵But the aim of such instruction is love that comes from a pure heart, a good conscience, and sincere faith. ⁶Some people have deviated from these and turned to meaningless talk, ⁷desiring to be teachers of the law, without understanding either what they are saying or the things about which they make assertions. ⁸Now we know that the law is good, if one uses it legitimately. ⁹This means understanding that the law is laid down not for the innocent but for the lawless and disobedient, for the godless and sinful, for the unholy and profane, for those who kill their father or mother, for murderers, ¹⁰fornicators,

sodomites, slave traders, liars, perjurers, and whatever else is contrary to the sound teaching ¹¹that conforms to the glorious gospel of the blessed God, which he entrusted to me. ¹²I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, ¹³even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, ¹⁴and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. ¹⁶But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. ¹⁷To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Gospel: Luke 15:1-10

¹Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. ²And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.” ³So he told them this parable: ⁴“Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? ⁵When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. ⁶And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ ⁷Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. ⁸“Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ ¹⁰Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

THIS WEEK AT BETHANY

Sunday: September 14th 14th Sunday after Pentecost 8:30-Adult SS 9:30-Worship 10:30-SS Teachers Mtg 10:30-Coffee Fellowship 6:00-Bethany Prayer Group Monday September 15th 4:00-W/M Meeting Tuesday: September 16th 8:30-Prayer Group 9:30-Tuesday Coffee @ BLC Wednesday: September 17th 7:00-Confirmation Class 7:00-Council Meeting	Thursday: September 18th 2:00-Circle Group @ BLC Saturday: September 20th 9:00-3:30 IMD Convocation @ Le Mars, IA September 21st 15th Sunday after Pentecost Rally Sunday 9:15-Adult SS 9:15-Youth SS 9:30-Coffee Fellowship 10:30-Worshipw/Communion 11:30-Potluck 6:00-Bethany Prayer Group September 22-25: Pastor @ STS Retreat September 30: Pastor & family gone to North Carolina
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Prayer Concerns: Bethany Lutheran Church members, nursing home residents, storm/flood/fire victims, those suffering any illness ,Todd & Elizabeth Woods, Jerry Runneberg, 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. Family of Bill Alexander.

Lectors: Vicki Fontenot

Ushers: September 14th -Tom & Elaine Anerson
September 21st -Julian Johnsen Family

Acolytes: Bethany Youth

Weekly Budget Needs: \$2817.00
Faith Promise \$1354.00 Worship 39 Adult SS 9

Birthdays: 9-17-Alex Runneberg; 18-Ethan Baumeister,
Anniversaries: September 15 – Doug & Becky Baker; 9-18-Allen & Theresa Sandvig

***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

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Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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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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