

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

God of love, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them; keep us from those things that harm us; and guide us in the way of salvation through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

First Reading: Amos 6:1-7

6Alas for those who are at ease in Zion, and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria, the notables of the first of the nations, to whom the house of Israel resorts! ²Cross over to Calneh, and see; from there go to Hamath the great; then go down to Gath of the Philistines. Are you better than these kingdoms? Or is your territory greater than their territory, ³O you that put far away the evil day, and bring near a reign of violence? ⁴Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory, and lounge on their couches, and eat lambs from the flock, and calves from the stall; ⁵who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp, and like David improvise on instruments of music; ⁶who drink wine from bowls, and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph! ⁷Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile, and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

Psalm: Psalm 146

¹Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

²I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

³Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help.

⁴When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish.

⁵Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD their God,

⁶who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever;

⁷who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets the prisoners free;

⁸the LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.

⁹The LORD watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

¹⁰The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the LORD!

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 3:1-13

³The saying is sure: whoever aspires to the office of bishop desires a noble task. ²Now a bishop must be above reproach, married only once, temperate, sensible, respectable, hospitable, an apt teacher, ³not a drunkard, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, and not a lover of money. ⁴He must manage his own household well, keeping his children submissive and respectful in every way— ⁵for if someone does not know how to manage his own household, how can he take care of God’s church? ⁶He must not be a recent convert, or he may be puffed up with conceit and fall into the condemnation of the devil. ⁷Moreover, he must be well thought of by outsiders, so that he may not fall into disgrace and the snare of the devil. ⁸Deacons likewise must be serious, not double-tongued, not indulging in much wine, not greedy for money; ⁹they must hold fast to the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience. ¹⁰And let them first be tested; then, if they prove themselves blameless, let them

serve as deacons. ¹¹Women likewise must be serious, not slanderers, but temperate, faithful in all things. ¹²Let deacons be married only once, and let them manage their children and their households well; ¹³for those who serve well as deacons gain a good standing for themselves and great boldness in the faith that is in Christ Jesus.

Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

¹⁹“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. ²²The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.’ ²⁵But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. ²⁶Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ ²⁷He said, ‘Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house— ²⁸for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ ²⁹Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ ³⁰He said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ ³¹He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’”

THIS WEEK AT BETHANY

Sunday: September 28th
16th Sunday after Pentecost
9:15-Adult SS
9:15-Youth SS
9:30-Coffee Fellowship
10:30-Worship
G/S Mtg after Worship
6:00-Bethany Prayer Group

Tuesday: September 30th
8:30-Prayer Group
9:30-Tuesday Coffee @ BLC

Wednesday: October 1st
7:00-Confirmation

Saturday: October 4th
8:00-Mens Group

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 Janelle Mason

Lectors: Kelly Gordon
Ushers: September 28th – Kelly & Dawn Gordon
October 5th -Jean Swanson & Tammy Oxenreider

Acolytes: Bethany Youth

Weekly Budget Needs: \$2817.00
Faith Promise \$1064.00 Worship 44 Youth SS 15 Adult SS 4
Noisy Offering \$145.94 Potluck \$53.00

Birthdays:9-28 Michelle Gordon;29-Maggie Severson; 30-John Runneberg, Kenny Sindergard; 10-1-Laura Beth Latham 10-2-Denise Hodgell

Anniversaries:

***Please note that the blue CH (Celebration Hymnal) is located under the pew in front of you.
Altar Flowers:

Thank You Tom Anderson for the Service this Morning

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 *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise LBW 526*
*GREETING P.57
*KYRIE P.57
*HYMN OF PRAISE P.60
*PRAYER OF THE DAY (bulletin-in unison)
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PSALM: Psalm 146 (bulletin – responsively)
SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 3:1-13
*ALLELUIA VERSE P.62
*THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 16:19-31
*GOSPEL RESPONSES P.63
CHILDREN’S SERMON
SERMON Tom Anderson
HYMN *O Master, Let Me Walk with You LBW 492*
APOSTLES CREED P.65
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
*BENEDICTION P.76
*HYMN *Lord of All Hopefulness LBW 469*
*DISMISSAL

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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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