

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**Almighty God, Gracious Lord, pour out your Holy Spirit upon your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your Word, protect and comfort them in all temptations, defend them against all enemies, and bestow on the Church your saving peace; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**FIRST READING: Revelation 14:6-7**

<sup>6</sup>Then I saw another angel flying in midheaven, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who live on the earth—to every nation and tribe and language and people. <sup>7</sup>He said in a loud voice, “Fear God and give him glory, for the hour of his judgment has come; and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water.”

**PSALM: Psalm 46**

<sup>1</sup>God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

**<sup>2</sup>Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;**

<sup>3</sup>though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

**<sup>4</sup>There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.**

<sup>5</sup>God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns.

**<sup>6</sup>The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts.**

<sup>7</sup>The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah

**<sup>8</sup>Come, behold the works of the LORD; see what desolations he has brought on the earth.**

<sup>9</sup>He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire.

**<sup>10</sup>“Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth.”**

<sup>11</sup>The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

**SECOND READING: Romans 3:19-28**

<sup>19</sup>Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. <sup>20</sup>For “no human being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin. <sup>21</sup>But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, <sup>22</sup>the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, <sup>23</sup>since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; <sup>24</sup>they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ

Jesus, <sup>25</sup>whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; <sup>26</sup>it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus. <sup>27</sup>Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. <sup>28</sup>For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

**GOSPEL: John 8:31-36**

<sup>31</sup>Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; <sup>32</sup>and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” <sup>33</sup>They answered him, “We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, ‘You will be made free’?” <sup>34</sup>Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup>The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. <sup>36</sup>So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.



THIS WEEK AT BETHANY

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| <b>Sunday: October 26<sup>th</sup></b><br><b>Reformation Sunday</b><br><b>20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b><br>9:15-Adult SS/ Youth SS<br>9:30-Coffee Fellowship<br>10:30-Worship w/Communion<br>6:00-Bethany Prayer Group<br><b>Tuesday: October 28<sup>th</sup></b><br>8:30-Prayer Group<br>9:30-Tuesday Coffee @ BLC<br><b>Wednesday: October 29<sup>th</sup></b><br>7:00-Confirmation<br><b>Saturday: November 1</b><br>8:00-Mens Group | <b>Sunday: November 2<sup>nd</sup></b><br><b>All Saints Day</b><br><b>21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b><br>9:15-Adult SS/ Youth SS<br>9:30-Coffee Fellowship<br>10:30-Worship w/Communion<br>A Litany of Remembrance<br>w/Candles<br>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 ,Todd & Elizabeth Woods, Myles Pedersen, Myra Reese, 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:** Tom Anderson  
**Ushers:** October 26<sup>th</sup> -Rich & Marilyn Ehlers  
November 2<sup>nd</sup> -Dean & Eloise Armstrong

**Acolytes:** Bethany Youth

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| <b>Birthdays :</b> October 26-Theresa Sandvig; 28-Steve Roberts; 29-AnthonyGordon |
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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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| <b><u>ORDER OF THE SERVICE</u></b>        |                                 |
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| <b>PSALM: Psalm 46</b>                    | (bulletin – responsively)       |
| <b>SECOND READING: Romans 3:19-28</b>     |                                 |
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| *DISMISSAL                                |                                 |
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**October 26, 2025**  
**Reformation Sunday**  
**Twentieth 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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*Christ-Centered*  
*Mission-Driven*  
*Traditionally-Grounded*  
*Congregationally-Focused*  
*Church*