

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord God, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit that, always keeping in mind the end of all things and the day of judgement, we may be stirred up to holiness of life here and may live with you forever in the world to come, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord

FIRST READING: Malachi 4:1-6

⁴See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. ²But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall. ³And you shall tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet, on the day when I act, says the LORD of hosts. ⁴Remember the teaching of my servant Moses, the statutes and ordinances that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel. ⁵Lo, I will send you the prophet Elijah before the great and terrible day of the LORD comes. ⁶He will turn the hearts of parents to their children and the hearts of children to their parents, so that I will not come and strike the land with a curse.

PSALM: Psalm 98

¹O sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things. His right hand and his holy arm have gotten him victory.

²**The LORD has made known his victory; he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.**

³He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

⁴**Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises.**

⁵Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody.

⁶**With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD.**

⁷Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it.

⁸**Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy**

⁹at the presence of the LORD, for he is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

SECOND READING: 2 Thessalonians 3:1-13

³Finally, brothers and sisters, pray for us, so that the word of the Lord may spread rapidly and be glorified everywhere, just as it is among you, ²and that we may be rescued from wicked and evil people; for not all have faith. ³But the Lord is faithful; he will strengthen you and guard you from the evil one. ⁴And we have confidence in the Lord concerning you, that you are doing and will go on doing the things that we command. ⁵May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the steadfastness of Christ.⁶Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. ⁷For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, ⁸and we did not eat anyone’s bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. ⁹This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. ¹⁰For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. ¹¹For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. ¹²Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. ¹³Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

GOSPEL: Luke 21:5-36

⁵When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, ⁶“As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.” ⁷They asked him, “Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?” ⁸And he said, “Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is near!’ Do not go after them. ⁹“When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.” ¹⁰Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against

kingdom; ¹¹there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. ¹²“But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. ¹³This will give you an opportunity to testify. ¹⁴So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; ¹⁵for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷You will be hated by all because of my name. ¹⁸But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹By your endurance you will gain your souls.”²⁰“When you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation has come near. ²¹Then those in Judea must flee to the mountains, and those inside the city must leave it, and those out in the country must not enter it; ²²for these are days of vengeance, as a fulfillment of all that is written. ²³Woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing infants in those days! For there will be great distress on the earth and wrath against this people; ²⁴they will fall by the edge of the sword and be taken away as captives among all nations; and Jerusalem will be trampled on by the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled. ²⁵“There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. ²⁶People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. ²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”²⁹Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; ³⁰as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. ³¹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³²Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. ³³Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. ³⁴“Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, ³⁵like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

THIS WEEK AT BETHANY

Today: November 16th
23rd Sunday after Pentecost
9:15-Adult SS
9:30-Youth SS
9:30-Coffee Fellowship
10:30-Worship w/communion
SS Sing, Noisy Offering/Blessing
Operation Christmas Child
11:30-Potluck
11:45-Bethany Prayer Group
4:00-4H Mtg @ BLC
6:00-Bethany Prayer Group
Monday: November 17th
7:00-Hand Bell Rehearsal
Tuesday: November 18th
8:30 Prayer Group
9:30-Tuesday Coffee @ BLC
Wednesday: November 19th
7:00-Confirmation
Thursday: November 20th
2:00-Circle Group @ BLC

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, Eli Honer, Dorothy Sandvig, Gloria Bell, Helen Dodge, Patricia Bentsen. Our youth, parents & teachers, our military & Missionaries
Lector: Julian Johnsen
Ushers: November 16th -Tom & Elaine Anderson
November 23rd-Julie Dawson & Myra Reese
Acolytes: Bethany Youth

Weekly Budget Needs: \$2817.00
Faith Promise \$882.75 Worship 47 Thank Offering \$100.00
Sunday School \$12.00 Adult SS 5 Youth SS 18



***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

PRELUDE/ RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS P.56

*HYMN *Jesus, Still Lead On* **LBW 341**

*GREETING P.57

*KYRIE P.57

*HYMN OF PRAISE P.60

*PRAYER OF THE DAY (bulletin-in unison)

FIRST READING: Malachi 4:1-6

PSALM: Psalm 98 (bulletin -responsively)

SECOND READING: 2 Thessalonians 3:1-13

*ALLELUIA VERSE P.62

***THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 21:5-36**

*GOSPEL RESPONSES P.63

CHILDREN’S SERMON SS Sing, Noisy Offering, Blessing Boxes

SERMON **Pastor David Klappenbach**

HYMN *Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word* **LBW 230**

NICENE CREED P.64

*PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Leader: “...Lord, in your mercy.”

Response: “hear our prayer.”

*THE PEACE

OFFERING / *OFFERTORY P.66

*OFFERTORY PRAYER P.67

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING P.68

*WORDS OF INSTITUTION P.69

*THE LORD’S PRAYER P.71

*LAMB OF GOD P.72

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BLESSING P.72

*POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE P.72

*BENEDICTION P.76

*HYMN *Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer* **LBW 343**

*DISMISSAL

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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. 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!