

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Protect us by your strength and save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 2:1-5**

<sup>1</sup>The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. <sup>2</sup>In days to come the mountain of the Lord’s house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. <sup>3</sup>Many peoples shall come and say, “Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.” For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. <sup>4</sup>He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore. <sup>5</sup>O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

**PSALM: Psalm 122**

<sup>1</sup>I was glad when they said to me, “Let us go to the house of the LORD!”

**<sup>2</sup>Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.**

<sup>3</sup>Jerusalem—built as a city that is bound firmly together.

**<sup>4</sup>To it the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, as was decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the LORD.**

<sup>5</sup>For there the thrones for judgment were set up, the thrones of the house of David.

**<sup>6</sup>Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: “May they prosper who love you.**

<sup>7</sup>Peace be within your walls, and security within your towers.”

**<sup>8</sup>For the sake of my relatives and friends I will say, “Peace be within you.”**

<sup>9</sup>For the sake of the house of the LORD our God, I will seek your good.

**SECOND READING: Romans 13:8-14**

<sup>8</sup>Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup>The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet”; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” <sup>10</sup>Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. <sup>11</sup>Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; <sup>12</sup>the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness

and put on the armor of light; <sup>13</sup>let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup>Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

**GOSPEL: Matthew 24:36-44**

<sup>36</sup>“But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>37</sup>For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup>For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, <sup>39</sup>and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>40</sup>Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. <sup>41</sup>Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. <sup>42</sup>Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. <sup>43</sup>But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>44</sup>Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

THIS WEEK AT BETHANY

Today: November 30 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday: December 7 <sup>th</sup>
First Sunday of Advent	Second Sunday of Advent
9:15-Adult SS	9:15-Adult SS
9:15-Youth SS	9:15-Youth SS
9:30-Coffee Fellowship	9:30-Coffee Fellowship
10:30-Worship w/Advent reading	10:30- Worship w/communion
Decorate the Church	Advent Reading
11:45-Bethany Prayer Group	11:45-Bethany Prayer Group
Monday: December 1 <sup>st</sup>	December 8-10-Pastor @ STS
4:00-W/M Mtg	Retreat @ Schuyler NE
7:00-Handbell Rehearsal	
Tuesday: December 2 <sup>nd</sup>	
8:30 Prayer Group	
9:30-Tuesday Coffee @ BLC	
Wednesday: December 3 <sup>rd</sup>	
8:15-Matins & A Meal	
7:00-Confirmation Class	
Saturday: December 6 <sup>th</sup>	
8:00-Mens Group	

**Prayer Concerns:** Bethany Lutheran Church members, nursing home residents, storm/flood/fire victims, those suffering any illness Mary Roat, 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. The Family of Narciso Zarsoso.

**Lectors:** Pat Boughey  
**Ushers:** November 30<sup>th</sup> -Kelly & Dawn Gordon  
December 7<sup>th</sup>-Myles & Shirley Pedersen

**Acolytes:** Bethany Youth  
**Weekly Budget Needs: \$2817.00**  
Faith Promise \$609.00 Thank Offering \$150.00  
Sunday School \$5.00 SS 8 Adult SS 6 Worship 37

**Birthdays:** December 5-Darin Smith  
**Anniversary:** December 6-Myles & Shirley Pedersen

\*\*\*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 (as able)*  
**ORDER OF THE SERVICE**  
PRELUDE/ RINGING OF THE BELL  
WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS  
\*CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS P.56  
\*HYMN *Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding* insert  
\*GREETING P.57  
\*KYRIE P.57  
\*PRAYER OF THE DAY (bulletin-in unison)  
ADVENT READING Pat Boughey  
FIRST READING: Isaiah 2:1-5  
PSALM: Psalm 122 (bulletin – responsively)  
SECOND READING: Romans 13:8-14  
\*ALLELUA VERSE P.62  
\*THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 24:36-44  
\*GOSPEL RESPONSES P.63  
CHILDREN’S SERMON  
SERMON  
HYMN *The Advent of Our God* LBW 22  
APOSTLES’ CREED P.65  
OFFERING/ P.75  
\*PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH  
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Leader: ...Lord in your mercy  
Response: Hear our prayer.  
\*THE LORD’S PRAYER P.71  
\*BENEDICTION P.76  
\*HYMN *Abide With Us, Our Savior* LBW 263  
\*DISMISSAL  
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November 30, 2025  
First Sunday of Advent

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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 and give to an usher. Please come again!

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Congregationally-Focused  
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