

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**O God, we thank you for your Son who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow his commands; through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**FIRST READING: Jeremiah 15:15-21**

<sup>15</sup>O LORD, you know; remember me and visit me, and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer insult. <sup>16</sup>Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart; for I am called by your name, O LORD, God of hosts. <sup>17</sup>I did not sit in the company of merrymakers, nor did I rejoice; under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation. <sup>18</sup>Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail. <sup>19</sup>Therefore thus says the LORD: If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth. It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them. <sup>20</sup>And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the LORD. <sup>21</sup>I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

**PSALM: Psalm 26**

<sup>1</sup>Vindicate me, O LORD, for I have walked in my integrity, and I have trusted in the LORD without wavering.

<sup>2</sup>**Prove me, O LORD, and try me; test my heart and mind.**

<sup>3</sup>For your steadfast love is before my eyes, and I walk in faithfulness to you.

<sup>4</sup>**I do not sit with the worthless, nor do I consort with hypocrites;**

<sup>5</sup>I hate the company of evildoers, and will not sit with the wicked.

<sup>6</sup>**I wash my hands in innocence, and go around your altar, O LORD,**

<sup>7</sup>singing aloud a song of thanksgiving, and telling all your wondrous deeds.

<sup>8</sup>**O LORD, I love the house in which you dwell, and the place where your glory abides.**

<sup>9</sup>Do not sweep me away with sinners, nor my life with the bloodthirsty,

<sup>10</sup>**those in whose hands are evil devices, and whose right hands are full of bribes.**

<sup>11</sup>But as for me, I walk in my integrity; redeem me, and be gracious to me.

<sup>12</sup>**My foot stands on level ground; in the great congregation I will bless the LORD.**

**SECOND READING: Romans 12:9-21**

<sup>9</sup>Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; <sup>10</sup>love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. <sup>11</sup>Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. <sup>13</sup>Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. <sup>14</sup>Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. <sup>15</sup>Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. <sup>16</sup>Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. <sup>17</sup>Do

not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. <sup>18</sup>If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. <sup>19</sup>Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.” <sup>20</sup>No, “if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.” <sup>21</sup>Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

**GOSPEL: Matthew 16:21-28**

<sup>21</sup>From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. <sup>22</sup>And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.” <sup>23</sup>But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”<sup>24</sup>Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>25</sup>For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. <sup>26</sup>For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? <sup>27</sup>“For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. <sup>28</sup>Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

THIS WEEK AT BETHANY

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| Today: August 30 <sup>th</sup>          | Sunday: September 6 <sup>th</sup>       |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost | 15 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost |
| 9:30-Worship                            | 9:30-Worshipw/Communion                 |
| 10:30-Coffee Fellowship                 | 10:30-Coffee Fellowship                 |
| 6:00-Bethany Prayer Group               | 6:00-Bethany Prayer Group               |
| Tuesday: September 5 <sup>th</sup>      |                                         |
| 9:30-Tuesday Coffee @ BLC               |                                         |
| Wednesday: September 1 <sup>st</sup>    |                                         |
| 8:30-Matins & A Meal                    |                                         |

**Prayer Concerns:** Bethany Lutheran Church member8:30s, nursing home residents, storm/flood/fire victims, those suffering any illness, Lucas Sorensen, Myles & Shirley Pedersen, Kelly Gordon, Ireneo Zarzoso, Pastor David Klappenbach, Elaine Anderson, Roger Schulz, Shannon Hersom, Ken & Pat Boughey, Marie Rogers, Jeanette Jardee, Mary Roat, Todd & Elizabeth Wood, Pastor John Mayer, Monica Isom, Eli Honer, Dorothy Sandvig, Gloria Bell, Helen Dodge, Patricia Bentsen. Our youth, parents & teachers, our military & missionaries.

**Lector:** Kelly Gordon  
**Ushers:** August 30<sup>th</sup>-Jim & Denise Hodgell  
September 8<sup>th</sup>-Myles & Shirley Pedersen  
**Acolytes:** Bethany Youth

**Weekly Budget Needs:**  
Faith Promise \$ 632.00      Worship 22

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| <b><u>Birthdays:</u></b>   | August 31-Mary Runneberg; September 3-James H Hodgell; 4-Tom Anderson, Mark Hersom, Keegan Jamison, Harlan Jr, Johnsen, Shirley Kruse; 5-Dawn Gordon John |
| <b><u>Anniversary:</u></b> | September 1-John & Michelle Hersom                                                                                                                        |

\*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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| PRELUDE/ RINGING OF THE BELL            |                           |
| WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS                   |                           |
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| *DISMISSAL                              |                           |
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August 30, 2026  
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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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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Mission-Driven  
Traditionally-Grounded  
Congregationally-Focused  
Church.*