

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Our Lord Jesus Christ, you have endured the doubts and questions of every generation. Forgive us for trying to be judge over you and grant us the confident faith to acknowledge you as Lord

FIRST READING: Isaiah 25:6-9

⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. ⁷And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. ⁸Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. ⁹It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

PSALM: Psalm 23

¹The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

²He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;

³he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

⁴Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me.

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.

SECOND READING: Philippians 4:4-13

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near.

⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. ⁸Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you. ¹⁰I rejoice in the Lord greatly that now at last you have revived your concern for me; indeed, you were concerned for me, but had no opportunity to show it. ¹¹Not that I am referring to being in need; for I have learned to be content with whatever I have. ¹²I know what it is to have little, and I know what it is to have plenty. In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of being well-fed and of going hungry, of having plenty and of being in need. ¹³I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

GOSPEL: Matthew 22:1-14

²²Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying:

²⁴“The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴Again he sent other slaves,

saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ ⁵But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. ⁷The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ ¹⁰Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. ¹¹“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹²and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. ¹³Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ¹⁴For many are called, but few are chosen.”

THIS WEEK AT BETHANY

Sunday: October 11th
20th Sunday after Pentecost

9:15-Youth SS
9:30-Coffee Fellowship
10:30-Worship
11:30-Bethany Prayer Group

Monday: October 12th

4:00-W/M Mtg
7:00-Hand Bell Rehearsal

Tuesday: October 13th

9:00-Morning Coffee@ BLC

Wednesday: October 14th

7:00-Council Mtg

Thursday: October 15th

2:00-Circle Group @ Bethany
7:00-Confirmation

Sunday: September 18th

21st Sunday after Pentecost

9:15-Youth SS
9:30- Coffee Fellowship
10:30- Worship w/Communion
11:30-Bethany Prayer Group

Prayer Concerns: Bethany Lutheran Church members, nursing home residents, storm/flood/fire victims, those suffering any illness, Dave Alstott 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: Shirley Kruse

Ushers: October 11th -Jean Swanson & Tammy Oxenreider
October 18th-Jim & Denise Hodgell

Acolytes: Bethany Youth

Weekly Budget/Worship

Faith Promise \$1129.00 Worship 25
Sunday School \$7.00 SS 9.00 Matins & A Meal \$ 33.00
Matins 11

Birthdays: October 11-Kaydance Fansega, Addy Sorenson 14-Vicki Fontenot; 17-Jessica Bauermeister

Anniversaries: October 13-Julian & Mackenzie Johnsen

*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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PRELUDE/ RINGING OF THE BELL

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*HYMN *You Servants of God* **LBW252**

*GREETING **P.57**

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*PRAYER OF THE DAY (*bulletin-in unison*)

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PSALM: Psalm 23 (*bulletin- responsively*)

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HYMN *O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts* **LBW356**

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*PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Leader: "...Lord, in your mercy."

Response: "hear our prayer."

*The Lord's Prayer P.76

*BENEDICTION P.76

*HYMN *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee* **LBW 551**

*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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