Daily Prayer For Individuals and Families

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September 27th, 2026 A.D. **18th Sunday after Pentecost**

This brief service is intended as a simple form of daily prayer for individuals and families. When more than one person is present, the Psalm and other parts of the service may be spoken responsively, with one person reading the words in regular type and the others responding with the words in bold type. The Creed and Prayers that are in bold type are to be said by all.

The sign of the cross ✢ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the ✢ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Psalm From *Psalm 147*

The LORD lifts up the humble;
he casts the wicked to the ground.
Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God;
for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.
The LORD builds up Jerusalem;
he gathers the outcasts of Israel.
He heals the brokenhearted
and binds up their wounds.
He determines the number of the stars;
he gives to all of them their names.
Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;
his understanding is beyond measure.

Scripture Lesson (*Matthew 21:23-27*)

23When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came up to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" 24Jesus answered them, "I also will ask you one question, and if you tell me the answer, then I also will tell you by what authority I do these things. 25The baptism of John, from where did it come? From heaven or from man?" And they discussed it among themselves, saying, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' 26But if we say, 'From man,' we are afraid of the crowd, for they all hold that John was a prophet." 27So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things."

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
and of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.
And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✢ of the world to come. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever.
Amen.

Bethany's Prayer List

Thanksgiving
- Fall Festival held 9/20

Entrusting into God's Care
- LCMS Missionaries

Healing
- Pat Krekeler– health issues
- Fran Struck- recovering after surgery
- Linda Patten - recovering at Cottage Grove after surgery
- Emily Kroemer– recovering after surgery
- Carol McGinnis– recovering after surgery
- Dave Johnson– health issues
- Ben Mims– recovering after surgery
- Earlene Francik– health issues
- Vern Piering– recovering after hospitalization
- Jennine Robinson– recovering after surgery
- Ron Prescott– recovering after surgery
- Karen Swalley– health issues
- Philip Hackbardt– health issues
- Tom Larson - health issues

Homebound
- Carol Grimminger– Cottage Grove

Grief (family and friends of)
- Betty (mother of Ann Balvanz, aunt of Dan Balvanz– died 9/19
- Ken (brother of Beth Wright)- died 9/12
- Ray Hopkins (former member)– died 8/31

Serving Our Country
- Charles Clark- IA National Guard
- Hunter Ealy- IA National Guard
- Eli (brother of Ashton Berberich)- Marines
- Aiden (grandson of Foremans)- US Army
- Amber (daughter of Ann Balvanz)- US Army
- Ben (son of Kroemers)- IA National Guard
- Mitchell & Benjamin (relatives of Schoens & Smiths)- US Navy

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, You exalted Your Son to the place of all honor and authority. Enlighten our minds by Your Holy Spirit that, confessing Jesus as Lord, we may be led into all truth; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Concluding Prayers

O God, you resist the proud and give grace to the humble. Grant us true humility after the likeness of Your only Son that we may never be arrogant and prideful and thus provoke Your wrath but in all lowliness be made partakers of the gifts of Your grace; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

Together we pray… **I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that you would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Announcements

Sunday is **Stewardship Sunday**! Stewardship packets will be available for Bethany members outside the sanctuary. Please pick yours up and start to prayerfully consider your tithes and offerings for 2027. Plan to return your pledge card to Bethany on October 11th or October 18th.

On **Sunday, October 4**, we will celebrate **LWML Sunday** with churches around the world. The LWML supports missions around the world and here at Bethany. **Visit the LWML display in the Gathering Area to learn more** about how to get involved. A mite box will be out; **bring your mites** to support LWML district and national mission grants.

Calling all ***moms*** with young children! A **moms' bible study** is starting on **Saturday, October 10th**! All mothers with young children are invited to the **Bethany nursery at 9 a.m.** to let your children play and for the moms to get acquainted. A bible study (and snacks!) will be provided. You may choose to discuss the bible study together or take it home. Contact Cindy Goerdt with questions. **We hope to see you there!**

Join your Bethany friends for a **bike ride** on **Sunday October 11**, followed by **ice cream at Almost Famous**! We will meet at 2:00 p.m. at the parking lot at 2nd St SE and 11th Ave SE in NewBo, bike south along the Cedar River Trail, and return for ice cream at Almost Famous at 3:30ish. This bike ride is designed to work for all ages and abilities, with different groups that end up biking longer or shorter distances while meeting back at the start at the same time. **Please sign up at the Welcome Center** so we know who and how many to expect, and feel free to invite a friend to join us!

The American Red Cross will host a **blood drive** at Bethany on **Tuesday, October 27, starting at 1:00 PM**. To make an appointment to donate blood, please visit **scan the QR code on the bulletin board by the front doors,** or **call 1-800-RED-CROSS. It's not to early to reserve your spot!**

An **informational meeting** will be held on **September 30 at 5:30 pm for parents of students in grades 8th-12th** interested in next summer's **High School Youth Mission Trip**. Please make plans to attend. Contact DCE Kierra Hanson at dce.bethanycr@gmail.com or 319-364-6026 with questions prior to the meeting.