Daily Prayer For Individuals and Families

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October 11, 2026 A.D. **The 20th 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 Isaiah 61 and Psalm 146*

I will praise the LORD as long as I live;
C I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.
I will greatly rejoice in the LORD;
my soul shall exult in my God,
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

Scripture Lesson (*Matthew 22:1-14*)

[1]Again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, [2]"The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, [3]and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. [4]Again he sent other servants, saying, 'Tell those who are invited, See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.' [5]But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, [6]while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. [7]The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. [8]Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. [9]Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.' [10]And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests.

[11]"But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. [12]And he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?' And he was speechless. [13]Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot and cast him

into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' [14]For many are called, but few are chosen."

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
-Bella Novitch married Logan Martensen 10/3

Entrusting into God's Care
- Lutheran Bible Translators

Healing
- Jerry (father of Jolene Trent)- hospitalization
- Angie (friend of Dave Johnson) - cancer
- Tom Larson – recovering after surgery
- Taylor (niece of Dawn Thomas)- pregnancy complications
- Jim Heitland- upcoming procedure 10/13
- Sven (brother of Pete Larson)- cancer treatment
- Emily Kroemer– fractured foot
- Leonard Tiedt– recovering after surgery
- Pat Krekeler– health issues
- Fran Struck- recovering after surgery
- Linda Patten - recovering at Cottage Grove after surgery
- Carol McGinnis– recovering after surgery
- Ben Mims– recovering after surgery
- Earlene Francik– health issues
- Vern Piering– recovering after hospitalization
- Jennine Robinson– recovering after surgery
- Karen Swalley– health issues
- Philip Hackbardt– health issues

Homebound
- Velma Ziesemer- 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

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 invite us to trust in You for our salvation. Deal with us not in the severity of Your judgment but by the greatness of Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Concluding Prayers

Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scripture to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
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.

Stewardship packets have been distributed. If you did not receive one, please contact the church office at 319-365-6026. As we look ahead to 2027, we invite you to prayerfully consider your tithes and offerings and how God is calling you to support the mission and ministry of Bethany. **Please return your pledge card by October 18**. **Thank you for your faithful generosity and partnership in ministry.**

Thank you to all who donated supplies, Thrivent Cards and your time making backpacks for **Orphan Grain Train**. If you are interested in visiting the **Central Iowa Orphan Grain Train for a tour and volunteer the morning of Tuesday, October 20**, sign-up at the Welcome Counter. Contact Tina Freese if you have questions.

Quilting for Lutheran World Relief meets **Tuesday, October 13 from 9:00 a.m.–noon.** Come enjoy a morning of fellowship while helping create quilts that provide warmth and comfort to people in need around the world. **Everyone is welcome**—no quilting experience or special skills needed!

Join us for **Senior Worship** on **Thursday, October 15 at 11:00 a.m**., followed by a time of fellowship and lunch together. **Planning to attend? Please let the church office know by calling 319-364-6026.** We look forward to worshiping and sharing a meal with you!

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 scan the QR code or call 1-800-RED-CROSS. **It's not to early to reserve your spot!** Contact the church office with questions.