Daily Prayer For Individuals and Families

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October 18, 2026 A.D. 21st 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 responses 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 121*)

The Lord is your keeper;
the Lord is your shade on your right hand.
I lift up my eyes to the hills.
From where does my help come?
My help comes from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.
He will not let your foot be moved;
he who keeps you will not slumber.
Behold, he who keeps Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.
The Lord will keep you from all evil;
he will keep your life.
The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in
from this time forth and forevermore.

Scripture Lesson (*Matthew 22:15-22*)

15 Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle [Jesus] in his talk. 16 And they sent
their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are true and
teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone's opinion, for you are not
swayed by appearances. 17 Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?"
18 But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? 19 Show me the
coin for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. 20 And Jesus said to them, "Whose likeness and
inscription is this?" 21 They said, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Therefore render to Caesar the

things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." [22]When they heard it, they marveled. And they left him and went away.

Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven And sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit; The holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; The forgiveness of sins; The resurrection of the body; And the life ☩ everlasting. 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
- Ben Mims– recovered after surgery
- Earlene Francik– improved health
- Carol McGinnis– recovered after surgery

Entrusting into God's Care
- Mission Central

Healing
- Lee (husband of Brenda Heims)- upcoming surgery 10/19
- Nylotis Moeller- cancer treatment
- David Behrens- recovering after procedure
- Jim Heitland- recovering after procedure
- Michael (relative of Randy Schmitt)- recovering after surgery
- Susie (sister of Randy Schmitt)- recovering after hospitalization

- Jerry (father of Jolene Trent)- hospitalization
- Rob Willms -health issues
- Angie (friend of Dave Johnson) - cancer
- Tom Larson – recovering after surgery
- Taylor (niece of Dawn Thomas)- pregnancy complications
- 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
- Vern Piering– recovering after hospitalization
- Jeannine Robinson– recovering after surgery
- Karen Swalley– health issues
- Philip Hackbardt– health issues

Homebound
- Dorothy Freese- Keystone Cedars

Grief (family and friends of)
- Betty (mother of Ann Balvanz, aunt of Dan Balvanz– died 9/19

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

Let us pray… O God, the protector of all who trust in You, have mercy on us that with You as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not the things eternal; 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.

Announcements

Thank you for your faithful generosity and partnership in ministry. If you have not already, please **return your pledge card today.**

Let's Support Our Bethany Students! Show our Bethany youth you care by cheering them on at their school activities—sports, concerts, plays, and more! Parents: **Share your child's upcoming events using the QR Code**. Include ticket and parking details. Let's show our students their Bethany family is cheering them on! **Calendar of student events will be published as activities are added.**

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.

Our pantry supporters are appreciated! Thank you to everyone who has served Bethany Lutheran Food Pantry in any capacity over the years—volunteering, donating, etc.—it takes an army! **All are invited to a pantry appreciation breakfast on Thursday, November 5.** Please plan to join us at **Bethany at 10:30 a.m. for breakfast** and a presentation to celebrate how God is at work.

The **LWML** will hold an **Election Day Bake Sale** on **November 3**. We are asking for **donations from anyone that likes to bake!** You may drop off baked goods (packaged on paper products) at church on November 2 from 3:00 - 6:30, or any time before noon on November 3. Proceeds from the sale will support organizations such as Bridgehaven, Camp Courageous, His Hands Free Medical Clinic, Salvation Army, Matthew 25 and Willis Dady.

Our **annual congregational voters' meeting** will be held on **Sunday, November 22 at 12:30 p.m**. All members are encouraged to attend this important meeting. Please plan to attend the voters' meeting after services in the Family Life Center.