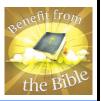


Bethlehem Lutheran Church – 2025

Truth – Forgiveness – Assurance – Peace – Guidance

Saturday, 5/10 at 4 pm; Sunday, 5/11 at 9 am



5 + 5 - Part 1: JESUS - The BIG 5

Church Year: Fourth Sunday of Easter | Divine Service: Setting One, LSB 151-166

WELCOME:

- © <u>Visitors</u>: Welcome! Please fill out an attendance slip insert and let us know how we can help!
- © **Prayer Request:** Use a "yellow" card (Narthex).
- © <u>Young Children</u>: Activity bags (by worship entrance); Little Lamb Room (off Narthex).
- (join us).
- © Phone: Please put on silent.
- (i) **Hearing Assistance**: Available in the Narthex.
- © <u>Service Folder</u>: Available on your smartphone: www.BLC7500.com/ServiceFolder
- © Worship From Your Car: Receive at our main entrance; then listen from your car (FM 89.9).

BELL and CANDLELIGHTING – Please be seated!

PRELUDE: We listen in silence...

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

Ps. 51:1-12

A Psalm of David after his sins of adultery and murder

- L: In the name of the Father and of the **†** Son and of the Holy Spirit. *Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]*
- C: Amen.
- L: <u>Let us pray</u>: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;
- C: according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.
- L: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
- C: and cleanse me from my sin!
- L: For I know my transgressions,
- C: and my sin is ever before me.

- L: Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight,
- C: so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.
- L: Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,
- C: and in sin did my mother conceive me.
- L: Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being,
- C: and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.
- L: Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
- C: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
- L: Let me hear joy and gladness;
- C: let the bones that you have broken rejoice.
- L: Hide your face from my sins,
- C: and blot out all my iniquities.
- L: Create in me a clean heart, O God,
- C: and renew a right spirit within me.
- L: Cast me not away from your presence,C: and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
- L: Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
- C: and uphold me with a willing spirit.
- Good news! God loves us and has sent His Son to buy us back! For all who *have godly sorrow and *are trusting in Jesus for eternal life, be sure − based on God's unshakable promises − that your sins are forgiven!
- C: Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Saturday → Hymn

Sunday → Entrance Hymn and Procession

↑ HYMN: Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us See the words below / LSB 711

- Savior, like a shepherd lead us; Much we need Your tender care. In Your pleasant pastures feed us, For our use Your fold prepare. Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, You have bought us; we are Yours. Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, You have bought us; we are Yours.
- We are Yours; in love befriend us, Be the guardian of our way; Keep Your flock, from sin defend us, Seek us when we go astray. Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, Hear us children when we pray. Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, Hear us children when we pray.

KYRIE ~ Lord, Have Mercy

Mark 10:47

- L: In peace let us pray to the Lord.
- C: Lord, have mercy.
- L: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
- C: Lord, have mercy.
- L: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.
- C: Lord, have mercy.
- L: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
- C: Lord, have mercy.
- L: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- C: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE: This Is the Feast

LSB 155

Revelation 5:12-13; 19:5-9

Refrain: This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu - ia.

- Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
- 2. Pow er, rich es, wis dom, and strength, and hon or, bless ing, and glo ry are his. *Refrain*
- Sing with all the peo ple of God, and join in the hymn of all cre-a - tion: Bless - ing, honor, glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A - men. *Refrain*
- 4. For the Lamb_____ who was slain__ has be gun his reign. Al-le-lu-----ia. *Refrain*

SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY:

L: The LORD be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

- C: And also with you.
- L: Let us pray: Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd, we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- **C**: **Amen. ♦** *Children! Please come forward!*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: C – Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord.

Colossians 3:20

Everyone is encouraged to memorize the ABC Verses!

FIRST READING: Acts 20:17-35

NAS-20

See Below / Pew Bible Page 1729 / Own Bible

Farewell to Ephesus

¹⁷ From Miletus he sent *word* to Ephesus and called to himself the elders of the church. ¹⁸ And when they came to him, he said to them,

"You yourselves know, from the first day that I set foot in Asia, how I was with you the whole time, ¹⁹ serving the Lord with all humility and with tears and trials which came upon me through the

plots of the Jews; ²⁰ how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was beneficial, and teaching you publicly and from house to house, ²¹ solemnly testifying to both Jews and Greeks of repentance toward God and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. ²² And now, behold, bound by the Spirit, I am on my way to Jerusalem, not knowing what will happen to me there, ²³ except that the Holy Spirit solemnly testifies to me in every city, saying that chains and afflictions await me. ²⁴ But I do not consider my life of any account as dear to myself, so that I may finish my course and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify solemnly of the gospel of God's grace.

²⁵ "And now behold, I know that all of you, among whom I went about preaching the kingdom, will no longer see my face. ²⁶ Therefore, I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all people. ²⁷ For I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole purpose of God. ²⁸ Be on guard for yourselves and for all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood. 29 I know that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; 30 and from among your own selves men will arise, speaking perverse things to draw away the disciples after them. ³¹ Therefore, be on the alert, remembering that night and day for a period of three years I did not cease to admonish each one with tears. ³² And now I entrust you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. 33 I have coveted no one's silver or gold or clothes. 34 You yourselves know that these hands served my own needs and the men who were with me. 35 In everything I showed you that by working hard in this way you must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus,

that He Himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

HYMN: The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want See the words below / TLH 436 / LSB 710

- 1 The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want; He makes me down to lie In pastures green; He leadeth me The quiet waters by.
- 2 My soul He doth restore again And me to walk doth make Within the paths of righteousness, E'en for His own name's sake.
- 3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, Yet will I fear no ill; For Thou art with me, and Thy rod And staff me comfort still.
- 4 My table Thou hast furnished In presence of my foes; My head Thou dost with oil anoint, And my cup overflows.
- 5 Goodness and mercy all my life Shall surely follow me; And in God's house forevermore My dwelling place shall be.

SECOND READING: Rev. 7:9-17 NAS-20 See Below / Pew Bible Page 1921 / Own Bible

A Multitude from the Tribulation

⁹ After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could count, from every nation and *all the* tribes, peoples, and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, and palm branches *were* in their hands; ¹⁰ and they cried out with a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation *belongs* to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb." ¹¹ And all the angels were standing around the throne and *around* the elders and the four living creatures; and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² saying, "Amen, blessing, glory, wisdom, thanksgiving, honor, power, and might *belong* to our God forever and

ever. Amen."

¹³ Then one of the elders responded, saying to me, "These who are clothed in the white robes, who are they, and where have they come from?" 14 I said to him, "My lord, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. 15 For this reason they are before the throne of God, and they serve Him day and night in His temple; and He who sits on the throne will spread His tabernacle over them. ¹⁶ They will no longer hunger nor thirst, nor will the sun beat down on them, nor any scorching heat: ¹⁷ for the Lamb in the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and will guide them to springs of the water of life; and God will wipe every tear from their eyes."

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

↑ ALLELUIA and VERSE

LSB 156

John 6:68

Al-le-lu—ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e-ter-nal life. Al-le-lu—ia, al-le-lu—ia.

HOLY GOSPEL: John 10:22-30

NAS-20

See Below / Pew Bible Page 1667 / Own Bible

- L: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter.
- C: Glory to You, O LORD.

²² At that time the Feast of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem; ²³ it was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple *area*, in the

portico of Solomon. ²⁴ The Jews then surrounded Him and *began* saying to Him, "How long will You keep us in suspense? If You are the Christ, tell us plainly." ²⁵ Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe; the works that I do in My Father's name, these testify of Me. ²⁶ But you do not believe, because you are not of My sheep. ²⁷ My sheep listen to My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; ²⁸ and I give them eternal life, and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand. ²⁹ My Father, who has given *them* to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch *them* out of the Father's hand. ³⁰ I and the Father are one."

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

HYMN: I Know That My Redeemer Lives See the words below / TLH 200 / LSB 461

- 1 I know that my Redeemer lives; What comfort this sweet sentence gives! He lives, He lives, who once was dead; He lives, my ever-living head.
- He lives triumphant from the grave;
 He lives eternally to save;
 He lives all-glorious in the sky;
 He lives exalted there on high.
- 3 He lives to bless me with His love; He lives to plead for me above; He lives my hungry soul to feed; He lives to help in time of need.
- He lives to grant me rich supply;
 He lives to guide me with His eye;
 He lives to comfort me when faint;
 He lives to hear my soul's complaint.

SERMON: 5 + 5 – Part 1: JESUS – The BIG 5

Jesus' <u>birth</u>, <u>life</u>, <u>death</u>, <u>resurrection</u>, and <u>ascension</u>! Let's consider how each item is ⇒BIG and ⇒for our eternal benefit.

Get the new brochure next week with parts 1 & 2

HYMN: I Know That My Redeemer Lives See the words below / TLH 200 / LSB 461

- He lives to silence all my fears;
 He lives to wipe away my tears;
 He lives to calm my troubled heart;
 He lives all blessings to impart.
- 6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend; He lives and loves me to the end; He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing; He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.
- 7 He lives and grants me daily breath; He lives, and I shall conquer death; He lives my mansion to prepare; He lives to bring me safely there.
- 8 He lives, all glory to His name!
 He lives, my Jesus, still the same;
 Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:
 I know that my Redeemer lives!

APOSTLES' CREED: See the back of either hymnal.

Offering: Plates in the center aisle. THANKS!!!

↑ PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:

1 Timothy 2:1-4

Request a Prayer: Complete a PRAYER REQUEST card (available in the Narthex).

Prayer List Procedure: Names with a (3) need to be renewed by Wednesday at 3:00. Contact your person; update Kathy (call: 440-845-2230; text: 440-785-3802).

After Each Petition: L: LORD, in Your mercy.
C: Hear our prayer.

Nation

► Mothers and Families: Father in heaven, we are in awe of Your plan to bring countless multitudes of people into the world through Adam and Eve, including each one of us. You are worthy of our trust, and our parents deserve our honor – since we would not exist without them. Therefore, whenever possible,

- *move children to honor their parents and grandparents and *move parents and grandparents first to thoroughly know Your word and second to consistently impress it upon their children and grandchildren.
- **USA**: Pray for repentance, guidance, unity.
- ▶ <u>US Armed Forces and Police</u>: Praying for all, especially: *Rachel Cepis, Kevin Mild, Eric Mild, Teagan Dedula, Nick Riviotta, Brad Sala, Chris Sala, Jacob Smith, Hayden Sweeny, Drew Tenney, Chris Weseloh*.

Congregation

- Proper Response: Since the LORD is faithful to us, let us rightly and faithfully respond to Him!
- **Be Equipped with God's Word**: Memorize the ABC Bible Verses (brochures by main entrance).
- Care List: Helga B, Sandy C, Carole G, Hilda K, Edmund & Christl K, Bill M, Regina M, Rose R, June R, Jean S, Mike & Susanna T. (They receive regular mailings and visits. Pray for those making the visits: Pastor, Harold, and Linda Blaha.)
- → <u>Stephen Ministry</u>: Norma S (leader), Linda B, Alan C, Klara S, and Rhonda S (ministers). Please pray for them and their care receivers.
- Grief Share: Tuesdays at 6:30; guidance for our facilitators and comfort for the attendees.

Temporary Health Issues:

- <u>Cedrick Hilliker</u> (2) shoulder; get through the workman's comp red tape: healing!
- <u>Matt Kussmaul</u> eye issues: *peace, healing*.
- Tom Merkle chemo, rad \rightarrow 6/6: success.
- Cindy Taress (2) broken hip: healing, rehab.
- Bill Sweeny (2) breathing issue, at Fairview: prop. diag.; 5/9 arm surgery: cont. healing.

For Others

Temporary Health Issues:

- <u>Ed</u> (3) brain, pancreatic cancer: *chemo, rad*.
- Joyce (2) had radiation: continued healing.

- Kimberly Borland (1) connective tissue disease: proper treatment, healing.
- Tim (2) brain tumor; chemo, rad.: healing.
- Henry Byham lethargy, decline: comfort.
- Melanie Himmelberger cancer: comfort.
- Mike Leone (1) thyroid surgery 6/10: peace.
- Shirley Prok (3) prop. diag.: good health.
- <u>Audrey Splete</u> (3) (mother of Tracy C) recovering from a fall: *healing*, *guidance*.
- Rev. Kurt Ziemann (1) cancer, stem cell transplant: peace, healing, success.

Celebrate and Give Thanks

Physical Birthdays:

5/16 Caleb Hlavacek

Spiritual Birthdays:

5/15 Tim Chilton

5/15 Susan Shust

5/17 Matthias Moyer

Conclusion:

- L: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C: Amen. **↓**

THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

SELF-EXAMINATION MUSIC

LORD'S SUPPER SELF-EXAMINATION: 1 Cor. 11:28

Should I receive the Lord's Supper today?

Use these 10 questions to examine yourself...

Learn More: Read through a Self-Examination Brochure

Part 1 - Basics of Being a Christian:

1. Do I believe the Bible is true? Y N John 17:17

2. Am I sorry for my sins? Y N 2 Cor. 7:10

3. Am I trusting in Jesus for eternal life? Y N Ac. 4:12

4. Am I baptized? Y N Matt. 28:19; Acts 2:38-39; Tit. 3:5

5. Do I desire to live for Christ? Y N 2 Cor. 5:15

<u>Part 2</u> – Forgiveness and Reconciliation:

- **6.** Am I forgiving all others? Y N Mark 11:25
- 7. Am I doing my part to reconcile? Y N Rom. 12:18

<u>Part 3</u> – Elements and Benefits of the Lord's Supper:

- 8. Are the elements of the Lord's Supper bread, body, wine, and blood? Y N 1 Cor. 10:16
- 9. Is the main benefit of the Supper the assurance of the forgiveness of sins? Y N Matt. 26:26-28

<u>Part 4</u> – Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS):

10. Do you understand and agree with the basic teachings of the LCMS? Y N 1 Cor. 10:15-22

↑ LUTHER'S SMALL CATECHISM: The Sixth Chief Part – The Sacrament of the Altar

- L: **Question 3:** How can bodily eating and drinking do such great things?
- C: Certainly not just eating and drinking do these things, but the words written here: "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." These words, along with the bodily eating and drinking, are the main thing in the Sacrament. Whoever believes these words has exactly what they say: "forgiveness of sins."
- L: Question 4: Who receives this sacrament worthily?
- C: Fasting and bodily preparation are certainly fine outward training. But that person is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words: "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." But anyone who does not believe these words or doubts them is unworthy and unprepared, for the words "for you" require all hearts to believe.

PRAYER FOR RIGHT RECEPTION:

L: Dear Father, in the beginning You created all things by the Word, who is Your Son; then, in the fullness of time, the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth. Now, with repentant hearts, as we receive the body He gave – along with the bread, and the blood He shed – along with the wine,

help us to rejoice in Your love and forgiveness, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER: See the back of either hymnal.

L: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

A: Our Father who art in heaven... Matt. 6:9-13

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD:

Combining: Mt 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19-20; 1Co 11:23-25

PAX DOMINI ~ Peace of the Lord

John 20:1

L: The peace of the Lord be with you always!

C: Amen.

AGNUS DEI ~ Lamb of God

John 1:29

See the words below / LSB 163

Lamb of God, You take a – way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.

Lamb of God, You take a – way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.

Lamb of God, You take a – way the sin of the world; grant - - - - us peace.

DISTRIBUTION INSTRUCTIONS:

- If you are ready to receive: Come forward now.
- Receiving at your pew: Please inform an usher.
- Alcohol-Removed Wine: Center of each tray.
- Receive. Go in peace. Return via a side aisle.
- Main dismissal: After everyone has returned.

MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION

LORD'S SUPPER DISMISSAL

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT: Let Us Pray

- L: Blessed Savior, Jesus Christ, You have given Yourself to us in this holy Sacrament. Keep us in Your faith and favor that we may live in You even as You live in us. May Your body and blood preserve us in the true faith to life everlasting.
- C: Amen.

HYMN: Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us See the words below / LSB 711

- 3 You have promised to receive us,
 Poor and sinful though we be;
 You have mercy to relieve us,
 Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
 Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
 Early let us turn to You.
 Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
 Early let us turn to You.
- 4 Early let us seek Your favor,
 Early let us do Your will;
 Blessèd Lord and only Savior,
 With Your love our spirits fill.
 Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
 You have loved us, love us still.
 Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
 You have loved us, love us still.

BENEDICTION ~ Blessing

Num. 6:24-26

- L: The Lord the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit ◆be within you to refresh you, ◆be before you to guide you, ◆be around you to protect you, ◆be beneath you to uphold you, and ◆be above you to bless you.
- C: Amen.

CANDLE EXTINGUISHING and POSTLUDE

May Newsletter - Available in the Narthex

Desire a Prayer? See a Stephen Minister – Linda B, Alan C, Klara S, Rhonda S, or Norma S.

Ascension Day – Free Meal & Service

Thursday, May 29: Meal 6:00; Service 7:00

- Ascension is important (1 of the BIG 5).
- Planning to attend the meal? Please tell us on your church attendance slip.
- Consider bringing a dessert to share!

Thanks to all who helped do the outdoor cleanup on May 10

Volunteers Needed – Will You Serve?

- BLC Pictorial Directory help us make it happen. Call/text Kathy: 440-785-3802
- Altar Guild prepare/clean up after the Lord's Supper – receive training, then serve.
 Call/text Kathy: 440-785-3802
- <u>Saturday Greeter</u> give attendees a warm welcome. Call/text Rhonda: 330-260-5194
- Outreach Teammate serve under Rhonda, the Team Leader: call/text: 330-260-5194
- <u>Thank You</u> to Will Mild for his willingness to make the repairs by the main entrance.

FREE SEWING MACHINE

Contact Larry at 440-552-6128.

Schedule: 5/11/25 - 5/18/25

5/13 – Tuesday

6:30 – Grief Share

5/15 – Thursday

10:00 - Living the Lutheran Lectionary

5/17 - Saturday

3:00 - Bible Class

4:00 - Divine Service

5/18 – Sunday

9:00 - Divine Service

10:30 – Bible Classes and Sunday School

Thanks For Serving on 5/10 & 5/11

Altar Guild: Don & Carol D

Saturday: Organist: Jim V Usher: Matt K

Welcome & Distribution: Alan C

Sunday: Organist: Gayle P

Pastor Team - Welcome: Matthias M

Distribution - Cedrick H

Ushers: Matthias M, Mel B, Nick B

<u>Refreshments</u>: The Hilliker Family & others Sunday School: Kathy G, Harold/Cedrick

Financial Team: Natalia F, Financial Assistants

Thanks For Serving on 5/17 & 5/18

Altar Guild: Heather H

Saturday: Organist: Jim V Usher: Matt K

Welcome & Distribution: Alan C

Sunday: Organist: Gayle P

Pastor Team - Welcome: Matthias M

Distribution – Matthias M

Ushers: Matthias M, Mel B, Nick B

<u>Refreshments</u>: The Hilliker Family & others <u>Sunday School</u>: Heather H, Harold/Cedrick

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Numbers From Last Week

Received God's Gifts – Services:

Saturday at 4:00 – Inside: 32; car: 4
 Sunday at 9:00 – Inside: 46; car: 1

Studied God's Word – Classes:

Saturday at 3:00: 11

Sunday at 10:30: 37

Thursday at 10: 7

Supported God's Work:

 Needed each week to cover the budget: 5,443

• Received last week for the

budget: **5,344**

YTD Budget Surplus as of

last week: 7,337



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