

Bethlehem Lutheran Church – 2025

Truth – Forgiveness – Assurance – Peace – Guidance

Saturday, 5/31 at 4 pm; Sunday, 6/1 at 9 am



Judas Iscariot: What Can We Learn From Judas?

Church Year: Seventh Sunday of Easter | Divine Service: Setting Three, LSB 184-202

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
- (a) 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...

Saturday → Christ Is The World's Redeemer Chalk

Sunday → Christ Is the World's Redeemer Gerike

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION:

Adapted from The Lutheran Hymnal, Page 48, NAS-95

- L: In the name of the Father and of the **†** Son and of the Holy Spirit. *Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]*
- C: Amen.
- L: And now I ask you before God, who searches the heart: Do you sincerely confess that you have sinned against God and deserve His wrath and punishment?
- C: I do confess.
- L: Certainly, we should confess; for Holy Scripture declares: "If we say that we have no

- sin, we are deceiving ourselves, and the truth is not in us" (1 John 1:9).
- L: Are you sorry for all your sins?
- C: I am sorry.
- L: Certainly, we should be sorry, as were the penitent sinners: <u>King David</u>, who prayed for a contrite heart; <u>Peter</u>, who wept bitterly; <u>the prodigal son</u>; and <u>others</u>.
- L: Do you sincerely believe that God, by grace, for Jesus' sake, will forgive you all your sins?
- C: I do believe.
- L: Certainly, we should so believe, for Holy Scripture declares: "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life" (John 3:16).
- L: Do you intend that with the aid of the Holy Spirit you will take action to correct your sinful life?
- C: I do intend.
- L: Certainly, we should so intend, for Christ, the Lord, says: "Let you light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven" (Matt. 5:16).
- L: Finally, do you believe that through me, a called servant of God, you will receive the forgiveness of all your sins?
- C: I do believe.

- L: Certainly, we should so believe, for Christ, the Lord, says: "If you forgive the sins of any, their sins have been forgiven them" (John 20:23).
- L: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

[John 20:19-23]

C: Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Saturday **→ ↑ HYMN**:

Up through Endless Ranks of Angels

Sing to the tune of LSB 924

Turn to LSB 491, vv. 1 & 3 - maroon hymnal

Sunday → HYMN: Christ, is the World's Redeemer

Choir: vv. 1-3 (congregation is seated)

Choir + Congregation: ↑ v. 4

Please turn to LSB 539 - maroon hymnal

To Sing with the NO PRACTICE Choir:

Send an email request to Harold: weselohduh@gmail.com

KYRIE ~ Lord, Have Mercy

Mark 10:47

L: O Lord, C: have mercy upon us. L: O Christ, C: have mercy upon us.

L: O Lord, C: have mercy upon us.

SALUTATION and COLLECT:

L: The LORD be with you. 2 Timothy 4:22

C: And also with you.

L: Let us pray: O King of glory, Lord of hosts,

•uplifted in triumph far above all heavens,

♦ having all things in subjection under Your feet, and ₱ ruling over all things for the good of the Church, which is Your body, help us to live with willing obedience unto God's glory; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen. Ψ *Children!* Please come forward!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: F – Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who sins against us.

Luke 11:4

FIRST READING: Acts 1:12-26

NAS-20

See Below / Pew Bible Page 1691 / Own Bible

¹² Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mountain called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. ¹³ When they had entered *the city*, they went up to the upstairs room [the upper room] where they were staying, that is, Peter, John, James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus, Simon the Zealot, and Judas the son of James. ¹⁴ All these were continually devoting themselves with one mind to prayer, along with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers.

¹⁵ At this time [within days after Jesus' ascension] Peter stood up among the brothers and sisters (a group of about 120 people was there together), and said, 16 "Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit foretold by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. ¹⁷ For he was counted among us and received his share in this ministry." 18 (Now this man acquired a field with the price of his wickedness, and falling headlong, he burst open in the middle and all his intestines gushed out. 19 And it became known to all the residents of Jerusalem; as a result that field was called Hakeldama in their own language, that is, Field of Blood.) 20 "For it is written in the book of Psalms:

> 'MAY HIS RESIDENCE BE MADE DESOLATE, AND MAY THERE BE NONE LIVING IN IT'; and, 'MAY ANOTHER TAKE his OFFICE.'

²¹Therefore it is necessary that of the men who have accompanied us all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us— ²² beginning with the baptism of John until the day that He was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us of His resurrection." ²³ So they put forward two men. Joseph called Barsabbas (who was also called Justus), and Matthias. 24 And they prayed and said, "You, Lord, who know the hearts of all people, show which one of these two You have chosen ²⁵ to occupy this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." ²⁶ And they drew lots for them, and the lot fell to Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

PSALM: 133

ESV

See Below / Front of LSB / Own Bible

- Behold, how good and pleas- | ant it is* when brothers dwell in | unity!
- 2 It is like the precious oil on the head, running down on the beard, on the beard of | Aaron,* running down on the collar | of his robes!
- 3 It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of | Zion!*

For there the LORD has commanded the blessing, life for- | evermore.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son* and to the Holy | Spirit; as it was in the be- | ginning,* is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

SECOND READING: Revelation 22:1-20 NAS-20 See Below / Pew Bible Page 1938 / Own Bible

The River and the Tree of Life

¹ And he showed me a river of the water of life, clear as crystal, coming from the throne of God and of the Lamb, ² in the middle of its street. On either side of the river was the tree of life,

bearing twelve *kinds of* fruit, yielding its fruit every month; and the leaves of the tree *were* for the healing of the nations. ³ There will no longer be any curse; and the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and His bond-servants will serve Him; ⁴ they will see His face, and His name *will be* on their foreheads. ⁵ And there will no longer be *any* night; and they will not have need of the light of a lamp nor the light of the sun, because the Lord God will illuminate them; and they will reign forever and ever.

⁶ And he said to me, "These words are faithful and true"; and the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, sent His angel to show His bond-servants the things which must soon take place.

The Final Message

¹² "Behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward *is* with Me, to reward each one as his work deserves. ¹³ I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."

¹⁴ Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life, and may enter the city by the gates. ¹⁵ Outside are the dogs, the sorcerers, the sexually immoral persons, the murderers, the idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices lying.

¹⁶ "I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you of these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star."

¹⁷ The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." And let the one who hears say, "Come." And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires, take the water of life without cost.

¹⁸ I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book; ¹⁹ and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his part from the tree of life and from the holy city, which are written in this book.

²⁰ He who testifies to these things says, "Yes, I am coming quickly." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

↑ ALLELUIA (second option) - Sung by All LSB 190 Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL: John 17:20-26 NAS-20 See Below / Pew Bible Page 1680 / Own Bible

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

[Jesus is praying...] ²⁰ "I am not asking on behalf of these alone, but also for those who believe in Me through their word, ²¹ that they may all be one; just as You, Father, *are* in Me and I in You, that they also may be in Us, so that the world may believe that You sent Me.

Disciples' Future Glory

²² "The glory which You have given Me I also have given to them, so that they may be one, just as We are one; ²³ I in them and You in Me, that they may be perfected in unity, so that the world may know that You sent Me, and You loved them, just as You loved Me. ²⁴ Father, I desire that they also, whom You have given Me, be with Me where I am, so that they may see My glory which You have given Me, for You loved Me before the foundation of the world.

²⁵ "Righteous Father, although the world has not known You, yet I have known You; and these have known that You sent Me; ²⁶ and I have made Your name known to them, and will make it known, so that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them."

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN: By All Your Saints in Warfare

Sing to the tune of LSB 442

See the words below / LSB 517

- By all Your saints in warfare,
 For all Your saints at rest,
 Your holy name, O Jesus,
 Forevermore be blest!
 For You have won the battle
 That they might wear the crown;
 And now they shine in glory
 Reflected from Your throne.
- 13 For one in place of Judas,
 Th' apostles sought God's choice;
 The lot fell to Matthias
 For whom we now rejoice.
 may we like true apostles
 Your holy Church defend,
 And not betray our calling
 But serve You to the end.
- Then let us praise the Father
 And worship God the Son
 And sing to God the Spirit,
 Eternal Three in One,
 Till all the ransomed number
 Fall down before the throne,
 Ascribing pow'r and glory
 And praise to God alone.

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SERMON: Judas Iscariot:

What Can We Learn From Judas?

Get a Full and Sharable Copy of the Sermon

Narthex / Website / YouTube / Facebook / Email

SERMON RESPONSE: Sung by all!

See the words below / LSB 192-193

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation; and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

ATHANASIAN CREED – Part 1 of 3 (LSB, 319-320): The amazing relationship within the Holy Trinity!

Parts 2 and 3 on the next two weekends!

- L: (1) Whoever desires to be saved must, above all, hold the *catholic faith.
- C: (2) Whoever does not keep it whole and undefiled will without doubt perish eternally.
- L: (3) And the catholic faith is this,
- C: (4) that we worship one God in Trinity and Trinity in Unity, neither confusing the persons nor dividing the substance.
- L: (5) For the Father is one person, the Son is another, and the Holy Spirit is another.
- C: (6) But the Godhead of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit is one: the glory equal, the majesty coeternal.
- L: (7) Such as the Father is, such is the Son, and such is the Holy Spirit.
- C: (8) The Father uncreated, the Son uncreated, and the Holy Spirit uncreated;
- L: (9) The Father infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite;
- C: (10) The Father eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal.
- L: (11) And yet they are not three Eternals but one Eternal.
- C: (12) just as there are not three Uncreated or three Infinites but one Uncreated and one Infinite.
- L: (13) In the same way, the Father is almighty, the Son almighty, the Holy Spirit almighty;
- C: (14) and yet they are not three Almighties but one Almighty.
- L: (15) So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God;
- C: (16) And yet they are not three Gods, but one God.
- L: (17) So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, and the Holy Spirit is Lord.

C: (18) and yet they are not three Lords but one Lord.

◆ The "catholic" faith (with a small "c") is what the true Church of all times and all places has confessed. The "true Church" is not the Roman Catholic Church, but all who have godly sorrow and trust in Jesus for eternal life.

Offering: Plates are available in the center aisle.

Thanks for Honoring the LORD!

↑ 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

- **USA**: Pray for repentance, guidance, unity.
- US Armed Forces and Police: 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

- **▶ Be Equipped with God's Word**: Memorize the ABC Bible Verses (brochures by main entrance).
- Care List: Helga B, Zach B, Doris C, Sandy C, Jim F, Carole G, Hilda K, Edmund & Christl K, Bill M, Regina M, Rose R, June R, Jean S, Bill S, Mike & Susanna T (they are offered regular mailings and visits; please pray for our visitors).
- Grief Share: Tuesdays at 6:30; guidance for our facilitators and comfort for the attendees.
- **Stephen Ministry:** Norma S (leader), Linda B, Alan C, Klara S, and Rhonda S (ministers).

 Please pray for them and their care receivers.
- Temporary Health Issues:

- Ed Cepis (3) heart: peace, continued healing.
- Cedrick Hilliker (2) shoulder; get through the workman's comp red tape: healing!
- Matt Kussmaul eye issues: peace, healing.
- Tom Merkle chemo, rad \rightarrow 6/6: success.
- Regina Mild (2) fall, broken arm: healing.
- **Dennis Montick** pacemaker: *cont. healing.*
- <u>Cindy Taress</u> (2) broken hip: *healing, rehab*.
- <u>Bill Sweeny</u> (1) breathing: proper diagnosis; rehab: encouragement, success.

For Others

Temporary Health Issues:

- <u>Eileen</u> (1) hip surg. 5/19: healing, rehab.
- <u>Tim</u> (1) chemo: *peace, success, healing*.
- Steve (2) (friend of the Liddy's) cancer, blood cell transplant (6/10): success, healing.
- <u>Kimberly Borland</u> (2) mini stroke: *healing*.
- Mikey Beauchesne (2) home: cont. healing.
- Henry Byham lethargy, decline: comfort.
- Stacey Dames (1) prop. diag.: peace, healing.
- <u>Melanie Himmelberger</u> cancer: *comfort*.
- Mike Leone (1) thyroid surgery 6/10: peace, success, healing.
- <u>Linda McKay</u> skull surgery 6/16: *peace*.
- **Diane Miller** (3) continued healing.
- Bethany Transue (sister of Briar) (1) possible cancer diag.: peace, prop. Diag., guidance.

Celebrate and Give Thanks

Physical Birthdays:

- 6/4 Mike Dickau
- 6/4 Aruna James
- 6/5 Paul Moyer Sr.
- 6/6 Tim Chilton

Spiritual Birthdays:

- 6/3 Cedrick Hilliker Jr.
- 6/4 Caleb Hlavacek
- 6/4 Kevin Mild
- 6/7 Matt Hlavacek

Wedding Anniversaries:

6/6 Don & Carol Dickau (55th)

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

SUPPER PREPARATION HYMN:

Saturday → The Summons - Will You Come And Follow Me?

Sunday 🖈

LORD'S SUPPER SELF-EXAMINATION: 1 Cor. 11:2

Should I receive the Lord's Supper today?

Use these 10 questions to examine yourself...

<u>Learn More</u>: Read through a Self-Examination Brochure

Part 1 - Basics of Being a Christian:

- Do I believe the Bible is true? Y N
 Am I sorry for my sins? Y N
 2 Cor. 7:10
- 2. Am I trusting in locus for stornal life? V. N. A. 443
- Am I trusting in Jesus for eternal life? Y N Ac. 4:12
 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

Part 3 – 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

↑ 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 20:19

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

C: Amen.

AGNUS DEI ~ Lamb of God

LSB 198

John 1:29

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us thy peace. Amen.

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:

Saturday → Alleluia Sing To Jesus

Many

Sunday → Be Thou My Vision

Arr. Paul Manz

LORD'S SUPPER DISMISSAL

THANKSGIVING:

Psalm 107:1

L: O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

C: and His mercy endures forever.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER: Let Us Pray

L: Father in heaven, with sorrow we came to the Supper, with faith we have received Your gift of forgiveness, and with peace we have returned to our places; help us now — by the instruction of Your Word and the power of Your Spirit — to live unto Your glory; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

HYMN: Sent Forth by God's Blessing
See the words below / LSB 643

Sent forth by God's blessing,

Our true faith confessing,

The people of God from His dwelling take leave.

The Supper is ended.

O now be extended

The fruits of this service in all who believe.

The seed of His teaching,

Receptive souls reaching,

Shall blossom in action for God and for all.

His grace did invite us,

His love shall unite us

To work for God's kingdom and answer His call.

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SALUTATION and BENEDICAMUS:

L: The Lord be with you.

2 Tim. 4:22

C: And also with you.

L: Bless we the Lord.

[Psalm 103:1]

C: Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION ~ Blessing

Jum 6:21 20

- L: The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; the Lord lift up His countenance (face) upon you and give you peace.
- C: Amen.

CANDLE EXTINGUISHING and POSTLUDE:

Saturday → The Doxology

Sunday → Christ Is the World's Redeemer

Gerike

June Newsletter – Available in the Narthex

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

Volunteers Needed – Will You Serve?

BLC Pictorial Directory – thank you to Rand Stender and Tracy Crites for volunteering!

- Altar Guild clean up after the Lord's Supper thank you to Michael B and Kelly S!
- Entrance thank you to Will Mild for his plans to do repairs by the main entrance.
- <u>Saturday Greeter</u> give attendees a warm welcome. Call/text Rhonda: 330-260-5194
- Outreach Teammate serve with Rhonda, the Team Leader: call/text: 330-260-5194

FREE SEWING MACHINE

Contact Larry at 440-552-6128.

Schedule: 6/1/25 - 6/8/25

6/3 – Tuesday

6:30 - Grief Share

6/4 - Wednesday

1:00 – Sisters of Light

<u>6/5 – Thursday</u>

10:00 - Living the Lutheran Lectionary

6/7 – Saturday

3:00 - Bible Class

4:00 - Divine Service

6/8 – Sunday

9:00 - Divine Service

10:30 - Bible Classes and Sunday School

Thanks For Serving on 5/31 & 6/1

Altar Guild: Nancy B., Heather H

Saturday: Organist: Jim V Usher: Matt K

Welcome & Distribution: Mike C

Sunday: Organist: Gayle P

Pastor Team - Welcome: Tim C

Distribution - Harold W

Ushers: Carl B, Michael B

Refreshments: The Hilliker Family & others

Sunday School: Stacey J, Harold/Cedrick

Financial Team: Natalia F, Financial Assistants

Thanks For Serving on 6/7 & 6/8

Altar Guild: Carol & Don D

Saturday: Organist: Jim V Usher: Matt K

Welcome & Distribution: Brad S

Sunday: Organist: Gayle P

Pastor Team - Welcome: Matthias M

<u>Distribution</u> – Matthias M Ushers: Carl B, Michael B

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

Financial Team: Natalia F, Financial Assistants

Numbers From Last Week

Received God's Gifts – Services:

Saturday at 4:00 – Inside: 30; car: 0
 Sunday at 9:00 – Inside: 54; car: 0

Studied God's Word – Classes:

Saturday at 3:00: 10

Sunday at 10:30: 45

Thursday at 10: 10

Supported God's Work:

 Needed each week to cover the budget: 5,443

Received last week for the hudget 3 010

budget: **3,019**

YTD Budget Surplus as of

last week: **3,184**



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