



Bethlehem Parma (LCMS)

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2026

Saturday, 5/16 at 4:00

Sunday, 5/17 at 9:00

Let's Learn about Judas, Judgment, and Glory

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

Note: For this service, you can use this folder, or pages 184-202 in a Lutheran Service Book

WELCOME:

- ☺ **Visitors:** *Welcome! See our Welcome Table, sign our book, take a bag, and tell us how we can help!*
- ☺ **Prayer Request:** *Use a "yellow" card (Narthex).*
- ☺ **Young Children:** *Activity bags (by worship entrance); Little Lamb Room (off Narthex).*
- ☺ **All Children:** *Children's Message (join us).*
- ☺ **Phone:** *Please put on silent.*
- ☺ **Hearing Assistance:** *Available in the Narthex.*
- ☺ **Service Folder:** *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...

Beautiful Savior

Wood/ Raney

↑ CONFESSON AND ABSOLUTION

- L: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit. *Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]*
- C: **Amen.**
- L: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, begging Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the LORD. *[Heb. 10:22]*

C: **Who made heaven and earth.** *Ps. 124:8*

L: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the LORD.

C: **And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Ps. 32:5

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Right Column – If Using LSB

- L: Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- C: **O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**
- L: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He

that believes and is baptized shall be saved.
Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

Mark 16:16; John 1:12

C: Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Saturday ➔ Hymn

Sunday ➔ Entrance Hymn and Procession

HYMN: *Beautiful Savior*

See the words below / TLH 657/ LSB 537

- 1 Beautiful Savior,
King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love Thee,
Truly I'd serve Thee,
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
- 4 Beautiful Savior,
Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor,
Praise, adoration
Now and forevermore be Thine!

Saturday ➔ **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.**

Sunday ➔ **This Kyrie and Gloria are sung by all!**

KYRIE ~ *Lord, Have Mercy* *Mark 10:47* **LSB 186**

Lord, have mer – cy up – on us.
Christ, have mer – cy up – on us.
Lord, have mer – cy up – on us.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS ~ *Glory to God in the Highest*

Lk 2:14; Jn 1:29

LSB 187

Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace,
goodwill toward men. We praise Thee, we bless
Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give
thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.

O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father
Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus
Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the
Father, that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the
sin of the world, receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the
Father, have mercy upon us. For Thou only art
holy; Thou only art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

SALUTATION and COLLECT:

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

C: And with thy spirit.

L: Let us pray. O King of glory, Lord of hosts,
uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, fill
us with the Holy Spirit, grow our love for You,
and help us to keep Your commandments; for
You live and reign with the Father and the
Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: *Jesus Is My Rock!*

He died for my sins, is risen, and is returning!

FIRST READING: Acts 1:12-26 *NAS-2020*

¹²...they returned to Jerusalem from the
mountain called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem...

¹⁵...Peter stood up... 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. ¹⁷For 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.’

²¹ Therefore 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 ...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 chosen²⁵ 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: 68:1-6 ESV

- 1 God shall arise, his enemies shall be | scattered;*
and those who hate him shall flee be- | fore him!
- 2 As smoke is driven away, so you shall drive | them away;*
as wax melts before fire, so the wicked shall perish be- | fore God!
- 3 But the righteous shall be glad; they shall exult be- | fore God;*
they shall be jubilant | with joy!
- 4 Sing to God, sing praises | to his name;*
lift up a song to him who rides through the deserts; his name is the LORD; exult be- | fore him!
- 5 Father of the fatherless and protector of | widows*
is God in his holy habi- | tation.

- 6 God settles the solitary in a home; he leads out the prisoners to pros- | perity,*
but the rebellious dwell in a | parched land.

**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: 1 Peter 4:12-18 NAS-2020

Share the Sufferings of Christ

¹² Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal among you, which comes upon you for your testing, as though *something* strange were happening to you; ¹³ but to the degree that you share the sufferings of Christ, keep on rejoicing, so that at the revelation of His glory you may also rejoice and be overjoyed. ¹⁴ If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory, and of God, rests upon you.

¹⁵ Make sure that none of you suffers as a murderer, or thief, or evildoer, or a troublesome meddler; ¹⁶ but if *anyone suffers* as a Christian, he is not to be ashamed, but is to glorify God in this name. ¹⁷ For *it is* time for judgment to begin with the household of God; and if *it begins* with us first, what *will be* the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God? ¹⁸ AND IF IT IS WITH DIFFICULTY THAT THE RIGHTEOUS IS SAVED, WHAT WILL BECOME OF THE GODLESS MAN AND THE SINNER?

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 17:1-5 NAS-2020

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the seventeenth chapter.

C: **Glory to You, O LORD.**

¹ Jesus... raising His eyes to heaven, He said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify Your Son, so

that the Son may glorify You, ² just as You gave Him authority over all mankind, so that to all whom You have given Him, He may give eternal life. ³ And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. ⁴ I glorified You on the earth by accomplishing the work which You have given Me to do. ⁵ And now You, Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world existed.

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED: See back of either hymnal ↓

HYMN: *What Is the World to Me*

See the words below / TLH 430 / LSB 730

- 1 What is the world to me
With all its vaunted pleasure
When You, and You alone,
Lord Jesus, are my treasure!
You only, dearest Lord,
My soul's delight shall be;
You are my peace, my rest.
What is the world to me!
- 3 The world seeks after wealth
And all that mammon offers
Yet never is content
Though gold should fill its coffers.
I have a higher good,
Content with it I'll be:
My Jesus is my wealth.
What is the world to me!
- 4 What is the world to me!
My Jesus is my treasure,
My life, my health, my wealth,
My friend, my love, my pleasure,
My joy, my crown, my all,
My bliss eternally.
Once more, then, I declare:
What is the world to me!

SERMON:

Let's Learn about Judas, Judgment, and Glory

FIRST READING: Acts 1:16-19

Peter – after the ascension – spoke to Jesus' disciples: ¹⁶ "...Judas... became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. ¹⁷ ...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... ¹⁹ And it became known to all the residents of Jerusalem...)

1. How did Judas share in Jesus' ministry?
2. Did Judas go to heaven?

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 4:17-18

Peter wrote: ¹⁷ *...it is time for judgment to begin with the household of God; and if it begins with us first, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey [believe] the gospel of God?* ¹⁸ **AND IF IT IS WITH DIFFICULTY THAT THE RIGHTEOUS IS SAVED, WHAT WILL BECOME OF THE GODLESS MAN AND THE SINNER?**

1. Judgment on believers:
2. Judgment on unbelievers:

HOLY GOSPEL: John 17:4-5

Jesus prayed to His Father on Good Friday: ⁴ **I glorified You on the earth by accomplishing the work which You have given Me to do.** ⁵ **And now You, Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world existed.**

1. How Did Jesus Glorify the Father?
2. How Did the Father Glorify the Son?
3. How Do We Glorify the Father?

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↑ **OFFERTORY: Sung by all** Ps. 51:10-12 **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.**

Offering: Plates are available in the center aisle.

The LORD has blessed us with life, salvation, and all we need, let us trust Him, thank Him, honor Him!

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:

1 Timothy 2:1-4

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

RENEW Your Request: Names with a **(3)** must 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:** Dear LORD, grant wisdom and truth to our politicians, unity among our citizens, and the best course of action with other nations!
- ➔ **US Armed Forces:** *Kohen Berkley, Teagan Dedula, Nick Riviotta, Chris Sala, Nevin Sherepita, Jacob Smith, Hayden Sweeny, Drew Tenney, Chris Weseloh.*

Congregation

- ➔ **Inactive Members:** Dear Holy Spirit, grant us wisdom to reach our non-attending members.
- ➔ **Community Outreach:** Dear Holy Spirit, help us reach our community for Christ.
- ➔ **Grief Share:** Bless our facilitators & attendees!
- ➔ **Stephen Ministry:** Bless our Stephen Ministers and those who receive their care!
- ➔ **Care List:** **Helga** B, **Pat** B, **Zach** B, **Doris** C, **Sandy** C, **Jim** F, **Trudy** F, **Carole** G, **Esther** H, **Hilda** K, **Edmund** & **Christl** K, **Bill** M, **Regina** M, **Rose** R, **June** R, **Jean** S, **Cindy** T, **Mike** & **Susanna** T, **Vicki** T, **Jim** V (most are offered regular mailings and visits).

➔ Temporary Health Issues:

- **Pat Beal** (3) *continued strength and rehab.*
- **Michael Browning** (2) *brain cysts: comfort.*
- **Sandy Crites** (3) *blood clot: peace, healing.*
- **Natalia Ford** (3) *cancer: successful chemo.*
- **Matt Hlavacek** – *Lyme disease: cont. healing.*
- **Matt Kusmaul** – *eye issues: cont. healing.*
- **Cindy Taress** (3) *cont. healing, strength.*
- **Tami Taylor** (3) *home: cont. strength, rehab.*
- **Susanna Tischler** (3) *RSV: healing, strength.*
- **Lynda Tomasch** (2) *knee surg: healing, rehab.*

Others

➔ Temporary Health Issues:

- **Jim Allen** (1) **5/21** *surgery: peace, success.*
- **Angelia** (2) *car accident: peace, healing.*
- **Dr. Vince** (3) *surgery 5/6: continued healing.*
- **Kim Borland** (1) *gut: prop. diag., healing.*
- **Richard Browning** (1) *chemo: peace, success.*
- **Melanie Himmelberger** – *peace, healing.*
- **Marlene McKinzey** (1) *continued healing.*
- **Bernice Mease** (3) *kidney cancer: healing.*
- **Jim Vrabel** (1) *cont. healing, patience, rehab.*

Celebrate and Give Thanks

Physical Birthdays:

5/10 Greg Taylor (*Happy Belated!*)

5/16 Caleb Hlavacek

5/19 Zachary Blaha

5/19 David Liddy

5/20 Pastor Green

Spiritual Birthdays:

5/17 Matthias Moyer

Wedding Anniversaries:

5/18 Jim & Eillen Kovach (30th)

5/19 Don & Tracy Crites (36th)

5/20 Mike & Hilda Kaderle (65th)

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.** ↓

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

SUPPER PREPARATION HYMN:

Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise

See the words below / LSB 680

- 1 Thine the amen Thine the praise
Alleluias angels raise
Thine the everlasting head
Thine the breaking of the bread
Thine the glory Thine the story
Thine the harvest then the cup
Thine the vineyard then the cup is lifted up
lifted up.
- 3 Thine the truly Thine the yes
Thine the table we the guest
Thine the mercy all from Thee
Thine the glory yet to be
Then the ringing and the singing
Then the end of all the war
Thine the living Thine the loving evermore
evermore.

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LORD'S SUPPER PREPARATION:

1 Cor. 11:27-28: "...whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy way, shall be guilty of the body and the blood of the Lord. But a person must examine himself, and in so doing he is to eat of the bread and drink of the cup."

Please examine yourself by asking these questions:

1. **Bible:** Do I believe the Bible is true?
2. **Repentance:** Do I desire to turn from my sins?
3. **Salvation:** Am I trusting in Jesus for heaven?
4. **Supper:** Do I believe the supper is bread & body and wine & blood for the forgiveness of sins?
5. **Unity:** Do I agree with the contents of Luther's Small Catechism?

Unsure about Receiving? Pick up these Lord's Supper brochures: [Overview](#) and [How to Benefit](#).

Pick up: [A Simple Explanation of Christianity](#)
[Contact Pastor with your Questions or Concerns](#)

↑ PREFACE and PROPER PREFACE:

- L: The Lord be with you. *2 Tim. 4:22*
C: **And with thy spirit.**
L: Lift up your hearts.
C: **We lift them up onto the Lord.** *[Col. 3:1]*
L: Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.
C: **It is meet *[proper]* and right so to do.** *[Ps. 136]*
L: It is truly **meet**, right, and beneficial that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You during this Easter Season for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the Ultimate Passover Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS ~ *Holy, Holy, Holy* *Is. 6:3; Matt. 21:9*

Hosanna = *save us now* ♦ See below / **LSB 195**

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that
cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

LORD'S PRAYER: *See back of either hymnal*

- L: Let us 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* John 1:29 **LSB 198**

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:

Meditation On: How Great Thou Art

Stuart Hine/ arr. Abel

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 COLLECT:

L: Let us pray. O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Armed Forces Day – Third Saturday in May:

➔ **Those Serving Now:** Lord God Almighty, we give You thanks for sustaining our nation through many courageous people, *especially those who serve today in our Armed Forces*. Grant willingness, skill, courage, and strength as they serve. We give You thanks for our mighty weapons of war *but let our trust always remain in You*.

➔ **Military Chaplains:** O Lord, almighty God, as You have always granted special gifts of the Holy Spirit to Your Church on earth, grant Your continual blessing to all who minister in Your name in the Armed Forces, that by Your gracious working they may honor Christ and advance the good of those under their care.

HYMN: *Eternal Father, Strong to Save*

Please turn to LSB 717

SALUTATION and BENEDICAMUS:

L: The Lord be with you.

2 Tim. 4:22

C: **And with thy spirit.**

L: Bless we the Lord.

[Psalm 103:1]

C: **Thanks be to God.**

BENEDICTION ~ *Blessing*

Num. 6:24-26

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:

Beautiful Savior, King of All Creation

Tune/ St. Elizabeth

May Newsletter – Available in the Narthex

2026 Graduates

If you are graduating from 8th grade, high school, trade school, military service, or college; Bethlehem would like to include you on the

prayer list on the weekend of **May 24**. Please contact the church office or text Kathy G 440-785-3802 with: name; school graduating from; name of future school, vocation by May 20.

The Constitution of the United States

Free copies are available in the Narthex.

Schedule: 5/17/26 – 5/24/26

5/18 – Monday – 7:00 – Leadership Team Mtg.

5/19 – Tuesday – 6:30 – Grief Share

5/20 – Wednesday – 1:00 – Sisters of Light

5/21 – Thursday

10:00 – Living the Lutheran Lectionary

5/23 – Saturday

9:00 – Spring Clean-up

3:00 – Bible Class

4:00 – Divine Service

5/24 – Sunday

9:00 – Divine Service

10:30 – Bible Class & Sunday School

Thanks For Serving 5/16/26 & 5/17/26

Altar Guild: Kathy G

Saturday: Organist: Gayle P Usher: Matt K
Distribution: Mike C

Sunday: Organist: Gayle P
Distribution – Matthias M
Ushers: Carl B, Michael B
Acolytes: Noah H, Leo J

Sunday School: Stacey J, Cedrick/Harold

Financial Team: Natalia F, Financial Assistant

Thanks For Serving 5/23/26 & 5/24/26

Altar Guild: Heather H, Nancy B

Saturday: Organist: Gayle P Usher: Matt K
Distribution: Mike C

Sunday: Organist: Gayle P
Distribution – Harold W
Ushers: Carl B, Michael B
Acolytes: Carte & Shelby R
Sunday School: Kathy G, Cedrick/Harold

Financial Team: Natalia F, Financial Assistant

Numbers From Last Week

Received God's Gifts – Services:

- Saturday at 4:00 – Inside: **44**; car: **3**
- Sunday at 9:00 – Inside: **66**; car: **0**

Studied God's Word – Classes:

- Saturday at 3:00: **16**
- Sunday at 10:30: **39**
- Wednesday at 10:00: **6**

Weekly Financial Stewardship:

- Needed: **6,769**
- Received: **2,792**
- Actual YTD: **120,868**
- Budget YTD: **128,611**
- Over/(Short): **(7,745)**



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Regular Services: Saturdays at 4:00; Sundays at 9:00

Studies: Wed 1; Thurs 10; Sat 3; Sun 10:30

Church Office: Wed & Thu: 9:30-3:30; Sat: 2:00-6:00

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