



— AT THE —  
CROSSROADS



BETRAYAL

*"We invite, encourage, educate and empower all people to follow God and serve others."*

1<sup>st</sup>

Sunday in Lent

February 18, 2018

*Welcome to Week One in the At the Crossroads series, a special series of services for the season of Lent.*

*Each service in the series reveals in some way how Christ and his cross lead us to decide the path of God's will in our many crossroads in life. Today we hear from Judas Iscariot as he comes to the point where he must either listen to Jesus or listen to the devil and he chooses to betray Jesus. When we are tempted by Satan to betray our Lord, we gain strength from our Savior to say, "No" to the devil. Let this service's Scripture, children's sermon, sermon dialog with Judas and hymns help us avoid the crossroads of betrayal.*

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## RINGING OF THE BELL

## INVOCATION

*In the name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

## CALL TO WORSHIP

*I love the Lord, for he heard my voice; he heard my cry for mercy.*

**Because he turned his ear to me, I will call on him as long as I live.**

*I have chosen the way of faithfulness; I set your rules before me.*

*I cling to your testimonies, O Lord; let me not be put to shame!*

*For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit.*

**Therefore we give glory to God who raised him up and gave us the promise of salvation. Amen.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*Lord of all mercy,*

**We come to you with bowed heads and bended knees seeking your pardon. We confess that we have turned away from the Savior in thought, word and deed. We have sought our own way, forgotten his sacrifice for us, chosen the easy way at the crossroads of betrayal. Forgive us, Lord. Strengthen our faith, confirm our commitment to Jesus' way, empower us by the Spirit to live the life of faithful witness to your love for us in Jesus Christ.**

*At the command of the Savior who offered himself for us, I announce to you the full and free forgiveness of all of your sins. May the peace of Christ dwell in your hearts and fill your lives.*

**HYMN**

***“Take My Life and Let It Be”***

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**GREETING**

*The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*

**And also with you.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*Lord our God, your Son Jesus Christ had to undergo the humiliation of being betrayed and denied by those he called his friends. But he made his suffering and death into instruments of love and reconciliation.*

**Make us with him people-for-others, who accept difficulties, even betrayals and misunderstanding of our best intentions, and turn them into sources of life and joy for those around us. Keep us faithful to you and to one another through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

**Isaiah 33:13-16** Hear, you who are far off, what I have done; and you who are near, acknowledge my might The sinners in Zion are afraid; trembling has seized the godless: “Who among us can dwell with the consuming fire? Who among us can dwell with everlasting burnings?” He who walks righteously and speaks uprightly, who despises the gain of oppressions, who shakes his hands, lest they hold a bribe, who stops his ears from hearing of bloodshed and shuts his eyes from looking on evil, he will dwell on the heights; his place of defense will be the fortresses of rocks; his bread will be given him; his water will be sure.

*The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

**SCRIPTURE READING**

**John 13:21-30**

After saying these things, Jesus was troubled in his spirit, and testified, “Truly, truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me.” The disciples looked at one another, uncertain of whom he spoke. One of his disciples, whom Jesus loved, was reclining at table at Jesus’ side, so Simon Peter motioned to him to ask Jesus of whom he was speaking. So that disciple, leaning back against Jesus, said to him, “Lord, who is it?” Jesus answered, “It is he to whom I will give this morsel of bread when I have dipped it.” So when he had dipped the morsel, he gave it to Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot. Then after he had taken the morsel, Satan entered into him. Jesus said to him, “What you are going to do, do quickly.” Now no one at the table knew why he said this to him. Some thought that, because Judas had the moneybag,

Jesus was telling him, “Buy what we need for the feast,” or that he should give something to the poor. So, after receiving the morsel of bread, he immediately went out. And it was night.

*The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

**WELCOME THE CHILDREN**      *Step by Step*

Oh God, You are my God,  
And I will ever praise You. (repeat both lines)  
I will seek You in the Morning, and I will learn to walk in your ways,  
And step by step You'll lead me, and I will follow You all of my days.

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**SONG**      *Step by Step*

**SERMON**      *“Betrayal”*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**      *“Chief of Sinners Though I Be”*

#609

**APOSTLES CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
and born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
On the third day he rose again;  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.  
Amen**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*In your mercy, Hear us, oh Lord.*

OFFERING

*Special Music by Martin Mead*

OFFERTORY

*"We Are An Offering"*

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WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN

*"Jesus, I Will Ponder Now"*

#345

DISMISSAL

*Go in peace. Serve the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God!**

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**ITEMS FOR PERSONAL  
CARE KITS**

- 1 towel, light or medium weight, dark color, minimum 20" x 40", maximum 27" x 52"
- 2 regular size bars of soap
- 1 Adult toothbrush
- 1 sturdy comb
- 1 nail clipper

\*Please give new items only, do not donate items with any religious symbols, messages or your congregation's name, items decorated with a U.S. flag, patriotic or military symbols, or references to the armed forces, including camouflage. Please place items in the box provided in the narthex.



Our Savior's WELCA is putting together personal health care kits for Lutheran World Relief. These kits are shared with people all over the world who have lost everything from a natural disaster or life-threatening violence. This month our Mission will be to team up with WELCA and DOG Night to support this project.

**"Give Hope through a Bar of Soap"**

Lutheran World Relief is a nonprofit organization that helps families in the world's poorest communities build the resilience they need to thrive. Money donated will be used to purchase any supplies needed to complete the kits and help with postage.



***WELCOME to our worship service***

*If you would like to be added to our church mailing list or have other information you would like us to know, please fill out an information card located with the hymnals.*

**Today, February 18th**

**9:30** Worship/Communion

**11:00** Church Council Meets

**Monday, February 19th**

President's Day – office closed

**5:30pm** Lenten Bible Study – Topic is 'Betrayal'

**Tuesday, February 20th**

**7:00am and 8:30am** Lenten Bible Study – Topic is 'Betrayal'

**7:00am** Men's Breakfast

**Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>**

**5:15-7pm** D.O.G. night

**Thursday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>**

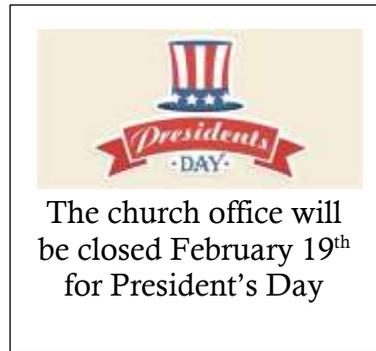
**6:00pm** Freewill donation dinner at St. Michael's Catholic Church- Community

Lenten Service follows at **6:30pm**. Everyone is welcome.

**Sunday, February 25th**

**9:30** Worship/Potluck

**1:00-4:00pm** Youth Group – A Day at the Museum – Meet at OSL



# SERVE

## **SERVING TODAY:**

**Greeters/ Ushers** – Butch and Lois Rudd

**Reader** – Martin Mead

**Music** – Peg Tesch and Karen Lescarboursa

**Communion Prep**- Alicja Mead and The Rudds

**Communion Assistant**—Rod Grismer

**Fellowship Servers**—Alicja Mead and The Rudds

If you would like to be added to a Care & Serve Team, there is a sign-up sheet on the downstairs bulletin board. The more the merrier!

## **SERVING NEXT SUNDAY:**

**Greeter**– Bob Tesch

**Usher** – Butch Rudd

**Reader** – Peg Tesch

**Music** – Marie Kennedy

**Potluck setup/cleanup:** Alicja Mead and Lois Rudd



This year, St. Michael's Catholic Church and Our Savior's Lutheran Church, will be partnering together to provide midweek Community Lenten Services. Everyone is welcome and invited!

Please spread the word!

### **Midweek Community Lenten Services Schedule**

Thursday, February 22: 6:30pm (with supper at 6:00pm) at St. Michael's

Thursday, March 1: 6:30pm (with supper at 6:00pm) at Our Savior's Lutheran

Thursday, March 8: 6:30pm (with supper at 6:00pm) at St. Michael's

Thursday, March 15: 6:30pm (with supper at 6:00pm) at Our Savior's Lutheran

Thursday, March 22: 6:30pm (with supper at 6:00pm) at St. Michael's



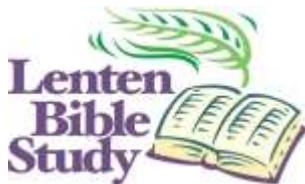
*Praying for one another is vital to our community of faith and part of being a member of the priesthood of all believers. If you or a family member wishes to be included in this printed prayer list, please contact Josie in the church office.*

We pray for the comfort and strength for those who have recently lost loved ones, especially the friends and family of **John Guthmiller** (Carol's brother-in-law).

We pray for the health and healing of those ill or hospitalized and their caregivers, including **Elana Bush** (Peg's granddaughter), **Joyce Thompson** (sister of John and Bruce Sunding), **Todd Ennen**, **Jody Gittings** (Julie Gittings' brother), **Suzan Heidelberger**, and **Crystal Swenson** (friend of Pastor Deb).

We pray for those in special circumstances, especially for all those that are affected and fall victim to violence, with special prayers for the families that lost loved ones in the school shooting in Parkland, Florida, as well as their community as a whole.

We pray for those with ongoing concerns: **Darius** (son of Dakota and Blake Hunsaker), **Don Aduddell**, **Val** (Steve & Patti Pendegraft's sister-in-law), **Bernie Quaschnick**, **Rodney Shay**, **Talon Gibson** (Tenaya Gibson's son), **Kelly Edwards**, **Glenyce** (Carla's cousin), **Dennis Hempler** (Dixie Clark's brother), and **Heidi** (Hunsaker's niece.)



Monday Nights  
(starting February 19th)

**5:30pm**

Tuesday Mornings  
(starting February 20th)

**7:00am and 8:30am**

