

Conclusion of Bible Reading

¹⁶⁻¹⁷ But Ruth said, “Don’t force me to leave you; don’t make me go home. Where you go, I go; and where you live, I’ll live. Your people are my people, your God is my god; where you die, I’ll die, and that’s where I’ll be buried, so help me God—not even death itself is going to come between us!”

¹⁸⁻¹⁹ When Naomi saw that Ruth had her heart set on going with her, she gave in. And so the two of them traveled on together to Bethlehem.

When they arrived in Bethlehem the whole town was soon buzzing: “Is this really our Naomi? And after all this time!”

²⁰⁻²¹ But she said, “Don’t call me Naomi; call me Bitter. The Strong One has dealt me a bitter blow. I left here full of life, and God has brought me back with nothing but the clothes on my back. Why would you call me Naomi? God certainly doesn’t. **The Strong One ruined me.**”

²² And so Naomi was back, and Ruth the foreigner with her, back from the country of Moab. They arrived in Bethlehem at the beginning of the barley harvest.

Upcoming Events

June 7: Family Worship/Communion Sunday

June 8: Food Truck

June 10: Supper House

June 14: Laketon Bethel Students

June 22 - 24: VBS - Illumination Station

More information in Announcements

Special Senior: Donna Doctor

Please sign the card located on the table in the entryway

Today’s Volunteers

1st Service Coffee Server: Ed Kawaleski

2nd Service Coffee Servers: Jill Mouw & Dianna Ockaski

1st Service Nursery: Amy Kunnen

2nd Service Nursery: Melissa Wynsma

Deep Sheet

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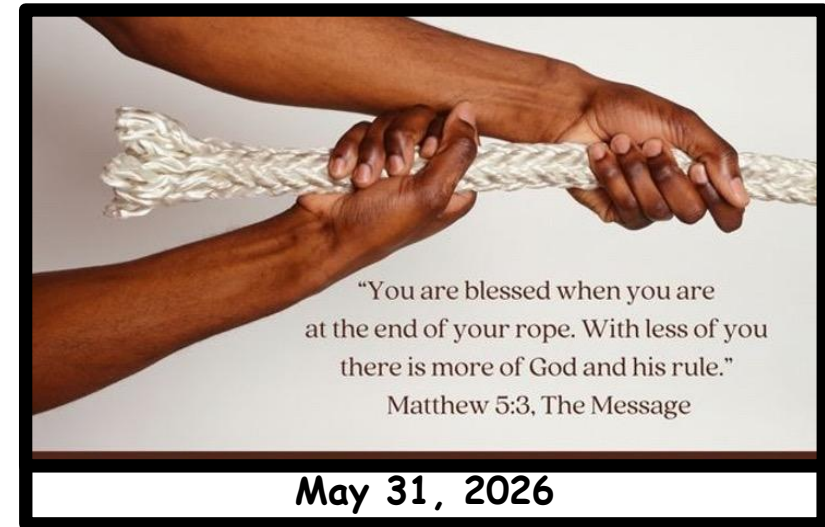
Isaiah 45.7 reads: “ I create the light and make the darkness. I send good times and bad times. I, the Lord, am the one who does these things.” What crosses your mind as you read this?

Have you ever felt that God is testing you?

How can you ace the test?

May/June Weekly Bible Readings

Date	Day	New Testament	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Special Prayer	Old Testament	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
31	Su	Revelation 21			Ezekiel 34	
1	Mo	Revelation 22			Ezekiel 35	
2	Tu	Matthew 1			Ezekiel 36	
3	We	Matthew 2			Ezekiel 37	
4	Th	Matthew 3			Ezekiel 38	
5	Fr	Matthew 4			Ezekiel 39	
6	Sa	Matthew 5			Ezekiel 40	
7	Su	Matthew 6			Ezekiel 41	



Laketon Bethel’s Core Values:

A. ACCEPTANCE:

Everyone, regardless of who they are, what they have done, or what they are doing, will be accepted here. Laketon Bethel will be a safe place to explore your relationship with Jesus.

B. BIBLE:

The teachings of Jesus, contained in the Bible, are the final authority for faith and practice. We will study these teachings with open minds and the best scholarship available.

C. CONNECTION:

We invite people to connect with Jesus and with each other in all that we do.

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Office Hours Tues. - Fri. 9am - 1pm

Order of Worship - 9:00am

Gathering Song

“Just a Little Talk With Jesus”

Call to Worship

“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”

Welcome & Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Worship in Song

“I Know Who Holds Tomorrow”

“Be Still, My Soul”

Crosstalk - “When God Sends Bad Times”

Offering

“Sheltered in the Arms of God”

Benediction

“Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”



Order of Worship - 11:00am

Gathering Song

“House of the Lord”

Call to Worship

“God So Loved”

Welcome & Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Worship in Song

“Friend in Jesus”

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

“Friend of God”

Crosstalk - “When God Sends Bad Times”

Offering

“Make It Well”

Benediction

“God Be With You”

Announcements

Please keep the family of Loretta Dexter, sister of Tom (Sue) Dexter in your prayers.

Family Worship/Communion Sunday Next Sunday, June 7th is Family Worship Sunday. There will be no Children’s Church and Communion will be celebrated. Family Worship Sundays are the first Sunday in February, April, June, August, October and December.

VBS 2026: Illumination Station Join us this summer from 6:00–8:00pm June 22–24! Kids Preschool – 5th Grade are invited to be part of Illumination: Jesus is the Light of the World. Each night will include Bible lessons, games, crafts, and music. Register Online at laketonbethel.org under the **Ministries** tab or sign up at our VBS table. We’d love to have your kids join us!

Laketon Bethel Students Middle & High School students are welcome to join us **June 14th** for games, real-life Bible discussion, and meaningful community. Come as you are. Bring a friend! We will meet the 2nd and 3rd Sundays of most months from 12:30 - 2:30pm in the Youth Center (Old Sanctuary). **There will be no session on Father’s Day, June 21st.** See Mia Fick for more information.

Sub Sandwich Sale If you have ordered Sandwiches, they are ready to be picked up today! The proceeds of this sale will go toward repairing the damage to the building caused by the roof problems. Thanks for your support!

Service Opportunities

Sacred Suds (Helping Every Living Person Survive) With warmer weather coming soon, T-shirts, short sleeve shirts, light jackets etc. will be appreciated. Towels, toothbrushes and toothpaste, deodorant, soap or body wash are always welcome donations also.

Ruth 1.1-22, The Message

1 ¹⁻²Once upon a time—it was back in the days when judges led Israel—there was a famine in the land. A man from Bethlehem in Judah left home to live in the country of Moab, he and his wife and his two sons. The man’s name was Elimelech; his wife’s name was Naomi; his sons were named Mahlon and Kilion—all Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They all went to the country of Moab and settled there.

3-5 Elimelech died and Naomi was left, she and her two sons. The sons took Moabite wives; the name of the first was Orpah, the second Ruth. They lived there in Moab for the next ten years. But then the two brothers, Mahlon and Kilion, died. Now the woman was left without either her young men or her husband.

6-7 One day she got herself together, she and her two daughters-in-law, to leave the country of Moab and set out for home; she had heard that God had been pleased to visit his people and give them food. And so she started out from the place she had been living, she and her two daughters-in-law with her, on the road back to the land of Judah.

8-9 After a short while on the road, Naomi told her two daughters-in-law, “Go back. Go home and live with your mothers. And may God treat you as graciously as you treated your deceased husbands and me. May God give each of you a new home and a new husband!” She kissed them and they cried openly.

10 They said, “No, we’re going on with you to your people.”

11-13 But Naomi was firm: “Go back, my dear daughters. Why would you come with me? Do you suppose I still have sons in my womb who can become your future husbands? Go back, dear daughters—on your way, please! I’m too old to get a husband. Why, even if I said, ‘There’s still hope!’ and this very night got a man and had sons, can you imagine being satisfied to wait until they were grown? Would you wait that long to get married again? No, dear daughters; this is a bitter pill for me to swallow—more bitter for me than for you. **God has dealt me a hard blow.**”

14 Again they cried openly. Orpah kissed her mother-in-law good-bye; but Ruth embraced her and held on.

15 Naomi said, “Look, your sister-in-law is going back home to live with her own people and gods; go with her.”

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