

## Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2024

Pastor Dawn Busch

Serving the congregations of Medora, Belfield, Daglum

Musical Accompanists

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A warm welcome to you!

We hope you are blessed in worship today.



### ORDER OF SERVICE

Announcements

*\*Stand*

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

#### **Gathering**

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

#### ***Confession and Forgiveness***

*All may make the sign of the cross.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination*

To you, O God,

**all hearts are open, to you all desires known. We come to you, confessing our sins. Forgive us in your mercy, and remember us in your love. Show us your ways; teach us your paths; and lead us in justice and truth, for the sake of your goodness in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

By water and the Holy Spirit God gives you a new birth, and through the death and resurrection of ✚ Jesus Christ, God forgives you all your sins. The God of mercy and might strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life.

**Amen.**

**Hymn #148 – Now the Green Blade Rises**

1 Now the green blade ris - es from the bur - ied grain,  
 2 In the grave they laid him, love by ha - tred slain,  
 3 Forth he came at Eas - ter like the ris - en grain,  
 4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,

wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;  
 think - ing that he would nev - er wake a - gain,  
 he that for three days in the grave had lain;  
 your touch can call us back to life a - gain,

love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been;  
 laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen;  
 raised from the dead, my liv - ing Lord is seen;  
 fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;

love is come a - gain like wheat a - ris - ing green.

Text: John MacLeod Campbell Crum, 1872–1958  
 Music: NOËL NOUVELET, French carol  
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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.**

### Kyrie

Leader or All  
 Se - ñor, ten pie - dad de no - so - tros. Cris - to, ten pie - dad.  
 O Lord, have . . . mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy.

All  
 Se - ñor, ten pie - dad de no - so - tros. Cris - to, ten pie - dad.  
 O Lord, have . . . mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy.

Leader or All All  
 Se - ñor, ten pie - dad. Se - ñor, ten pie - dad.  
 Have mer - cy, O Lord. Have mer - cy, O Lord.

## Canticle Of Praise

1 ¡Glo-ria a Dios, glo-ria a Dios, glo - ria en los cie - los!  
1 Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!

¡Glo-ria a Dios, glo-ria a Dios, glo - ria en los cie - los!  
Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!

¡A Dios la glo-ria por siem-pre! ¡A Dios la glo-ria por siem-pre!  
To God be glo-ry for - ev - er! To God be glo-ry for - ev - er!

¡A - le - lu - ya! ¡A - mén! ¡A - le - lu - ya! ¡A - mén! ¡A - le - lu - ya! ¡A - mén!  
Al - le - lu - ia! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

¡A - le - lu - ya! ¡A - mén! ¡A - le - lu - ya! ¡A - mén! ¡A - le - lu - ya! ¡A - mén!  
Al - le - lu - ia! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

¡A - le - lu - ya! ¡A - mén! ¡A - le - lu - ya! ¡A - mén!  
Al - le - lu - ia! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

The Lord be with you  
And also with You.

### Prayer of the Day

Let us pray

**O God, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*\*Congregation is seated*

### Word

#### First Reading: Acts 8:26-40

<sup>26</sup>An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) <sup>27</sup>So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship <sup>28</sup>and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. <sup>29</sup>Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." <sup>30</sup>So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" <sup>31</sup>He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. <sup>32</sup>Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a

sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. <sup>33</sup>In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth." <sup>34</sup>The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" <sup>35</sup>Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. <sup>36</sup>As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" <sup>38</sup>He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. <sup>39</sup>When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. <sup>40</sup>But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 22:25-31**

<sup>25</sup>From you comes my praise in the great assembly; I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.

<sup>26</sup>**The poor shall eat and be satisfied, Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts live forever!**

<sup>27</sup>All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; all the families of nations shall bow before God.

<sup>28</sup>**For dominion belongs to the LORD, who rules over the nations.**

<sup>29</sup>Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship; all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel before the LORD.

<sup>30</sup>**Their descendants shall serve the LORD, whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.**

<sup>31</sup>They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying to them, "The LORD has acted!"

### **Second Reading: 1 John 4:7-21**

<sup>7</sup>Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup>Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. <sup>9</sup>God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. <sup>10</sup>In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. <sup>11</sup>Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. <sup>12</sup>No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. <sup>13</sup>By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. <sup>14</sup>And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. <sup>15</sup>God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. <sup>16</sup>So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them.

<sup>17</sup>Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. <sup>18</sup>There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. <sup>19</sup>We love because he first loved us. <sup>20</sup>Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. <sup>21</sup>The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*\*Stand*

### Gospel Acclamation

A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya. A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya. El Se - ñor re - su - ci - tó.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ is ris - en, ris' n in - deed.

The musical score consists of two systems. Each system has a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The first system contains the first two lines of lyrics. The second system contains the next two lines of lyrics. The music is written in a simple, rhythmic style with many chords and some melodic lines.

### The Holy Gospel: John 15:1-8

The Holy Gospel according to \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_ chapter.

#### Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said: <sup>1</sup>"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. <sup>2</sup>He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup>You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup>Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. <sup>5</sup>I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup>Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. <sup>7</sup>If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup>My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

The Gospel of the Lord

#### Praise to you, O Christ.

*\*Congregation is seated*

### Children's Sermon

#### Sermon

### Hymn #272 - Abide with Me



1 A - bide with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide.  
 2 I need thy pres - ence ev - 'ry pass - ing hour;  
 3 Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;  
 4 I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;  
 5 Hold thou thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes,



The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide.  
 what but thy grace can foil the tempt - er's pow'r?  
 earth's joys grow dim, its glo - ries pass a - way;  
 ills have no weight, and tears no bit - ter - ness.  
 shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;



When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,  
 Who like thy - self my guide and stay can be?  
 change and de - cay in all a - round I see;  
 Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy vic - to - ry?  
 heav'n's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain shad - ows flee;



help of the help - less, oh, a - bide with me.  
 Through cloud and sun - shine, oh, a - bide with me.  
 O thou who chang - est not, a - bide with me.  
 I tri - umph still, if thou a - bide with me!  
 in life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me.

Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1793–1847  
 Music: EVENTIDE, William H. Monk, 1823–1889

*\*Stand*

**Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God,  
 the Father, the Almighty,  
 maker of heaven and earth,  
 of all that is, seen and unseen.**  
**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
 the only Son of God,  
 eternally begotten of the Father,  
 God from God, Light from Light,  
 true God from true God,  
 begotten, not made,  
 of one Being with the Father.**  
**Through him all things were made.**  
**For us and for our salvation**  
**he came down from heaven;**  
**by the power of the Holy Spirit**

he became incarnate from the virgin Mary,  
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen

### *Prayers of Intercession*

With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

Prayer Response: God of grace.  
**Hear our prayer.**

**Remembering those in our prayers:** The Durgin triplets, **Randy** Wolfgram, **Russell** Sandaker, **Randy** Urban, **Roger** Malkowski, **Tom** Adams, **Rena** Olheiser, **Linda** Wagner, **Duane** Tessier, **Noah** Hoon, **Madella** Brinkman, **Gerry** Suomala, **JoAnne** Suomala, **Shirley** Olson, **Julie** Augusto, **Bambi** Mansfield, **Josephine** Shypkoski-Thompson, **Barbara** Hurt, **Shelly** Dukart, **Brady** Thompson, **Todd** Corneil, **Delores** Roy, **Cord** Kessel, **Halle** Blain, **Mary** Knotts, **Lanie** Nichols, **Mark** Trechock, **Glenda** Buckman, **Bernadette** Obrugewitch, **Maurice** Obrugewitch, **Craig** McLaughlin, **Johnny** Syminow, **Lincoln** Lee Johnson, **Marilyn** Oyhus, **Mindy** O'Brien, **Monica** Hushka, those who have lost jobs, those seeking Sobriety, those struggling with infertility, all troops, including SPC Cole Potter, and their families and those working for peace in our world.

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**Amen.**

### *Peace*

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you**

*\*Congregation is seated*

### **Meal**

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

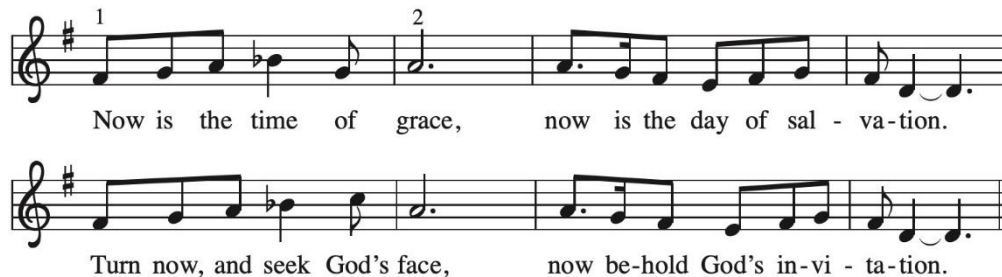
## Offering

One of the ways we worship God is through the giving of our offerings. We worship when we give our hearts back to God through singing, through prayer, and through our offerings. We receive back from God the gifts of forgiveness and grace. Through financial giving we praise God for the blessings of having the resources to offer back to God that which has been given to us. Please take a moment to prayerfully consider how God is encouraging you to share your gifts. If you have not already left your offerings as you came in, please do so as you depart. Or, you may give online at [belfieldlutheran.org](http://belfieldlutheran.org) or [medoralutheranchurch.org](http://medoralutheranchurch.org) and click on the support tab. We give thanks for the gifts you offer and pray for God's abundant blessings in return.

### Special Music - "A Path to Calvary"

Sung by Lants Hurt & Sherri O'Brien

## Offering Song



1  
Now is the time of grace, now is the day of sal - va - tion.

2  
Turn now, and seek God's face, now be-hold God's in - vi - ta - tion.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950, based on 2 Corinthians 6:2 and Isaiah 58:6-9  
Music: TIME OF GRACE, Marty Haugen  
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## Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

**O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

*\*Stand*

## Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

*\*Congregation is seated*



## Sending

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

## *Blessing*

### Hymn #557 - Let All things Now Living

1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to  
2 God rules all the forc - es: the stars in their cours-es and

God the cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise,  
sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;

who fash - ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us, who  
the hills and the moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains, the

still guides us on to the end of our days.  
deeps of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.

God's ban - ners are o'er us, God's light goes be -  
We too should be voic - ing our love and re -

fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night,  
joic - ing; with glad ad - o - ra - tion a song let us raise

till shad - ows have van - ished and dark - ness is ban - ished, as  
till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks - giv - ing: "To

for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.  
God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!"

Text: Katherine K. Davis, 1892-1980, alt.  
Music: THE ASH GROVE, Welsh folk tune  
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## *Dismissal*

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

## Postlude

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\*\* Welcome and thank you to Ellie Papineau for leading worship in Medora and Belfield today.

\*\*Pastor Dawn is on vacation through April 30<sup>th</sup>. For emergencies, please contact Pastor Beth Parks, Our Redeemer's Lutheran in New England at (218) 790-7270 .

\*\* 2024 Synod Assembly – May 31-June 2, 2024. Each church in our Parish can send 2 voting members. If you are interested, please reach out to Pastor Dawn or Craig McLaughlin. The following is from Bishop Craig concerning the Assembly:

“I am so excited for our upcoming 2024 Synod Assembly in Watford City. We will meet at the Roughrider Center, one of North Dakota's premier conference centers. This is our first time holding the Synod Assembly in Watford City.

Throughout Synod Assembly we will worship and pray together, hear about many of the amazing ways God is at work in every corner of this church, meet new and old friends in Christ, receive updates on the work we are doing together as synod, consider at least six different resolutions being brought before the assembly, and center ourselves once again on how we are witnessing Jesus in all that we say and do.”

\*\* Thrivent Community Event - May 1st - 2-6pm - Veterans Memorial Park, Dickinson, in the Bandshell area. This event is called the May Day March, and is a family friendly event with games, May Day Basket station, music, food, and more. The main purpose of this event is to do a 'march' or walk the path we will have there and each lap will include donations to AMEN food pantry.

\*\* BLC Sound/Video - Do you know how to use a cell phone?!? We simply turn on the sound system, add batteries to the microphone(s), and then turn on the appropriate microphone during worship. There are 10 easy steps to starting the video, and if you can use a cell phone, you have all the skills it takes! Are you already trained to help? Please sign up on the sign-up sheet on the back table of the fellowship hall so the same person doesn't have to do it every week. We need YOU!

\*\* BLC hymnals - Would you be interested in sponsoring a hymnal? If so, there is a sign-up sheet at the back table of the fellowship hall where you may indicate how many you are sponsoring and if you are donating in honor of or in memory of someone specific. Each hymnal, including shipping, costs approximately \$30. Please note on the envelope of your contribution that your donation is for hymnals.

**Today**

- 8:30 am – Medora Lutheran Worship
- 9:00 am – Sunday School at Belfield Lutheran Church
- 9:00 am – Choir Practice at Belfield Lutheran Church
- 10:00 am – Belfield Lutheran Worship
- 11:00 pm – BDM Parish Council Meeting
- 6:00 pm – Bible Study at Dwelle’s Please RSVP

**Tuesday, April 30**

- 8:00 pm - AA Meeting at Belfield Lutheran Church

**Wednesday, May 1**

- 5:30 pm – Confirmation at Belfield Lutheran Church
- 8:00 pm – AA Meeting at Medora Lutheran Church

**Thursday, May 2**

- 7:00 am – Bible Study at Belfield Lutheran Church

**Sunday, May 5**

- 8:30 am – Medora Lutheran Worship
- 9:00 am – Choir Practice at Belfield Lutheran Church
- 10:00 am – Belfield Lutheran Worship
- 11:45 pm – Daglum Lutheran Worship
- 6:00 pm – Bible Study at Dwelle’s Please RSVP

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