

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 4, 2024

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Musical Accompanists

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A warm welcome to all visitors and friends.

We hope you are blessed by worshipping with us today.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Announcements

**Stand*

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 looks upon us in compassion, forgives our sin, and heals our lives.

Amen.

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

Silence for reflection and self-examination

Have mercy, O God,

against you, you alone, we have sinned. In your compassion, cleanse us from our sin and take away our guilt. Create in us a new heart and give us a steadfast spirit. Do not cast us away, but fill us with your Holy Spirit and restore your joy within us. Amen.

As tender as parent to child, so deep is God's compassion for you. As high as heaven is above earth, so vast is God's love for you. As far as east is from west, so far God removes your sin from you, renewing your life through Jesus Christ. Blessed be God who crowns us with mercy and love.

Blessed be God forever.

Hymn #403 – Lord Speak to Us That We My Speak

1 Lord, speak to us, that we may speak in
 2 Oh, lead us, Lord, that we may lead the
 3 Oh, teach us, Lord, that we may teach the
 4 Oh, fill us with your full - ness, Lord, un -

liv - ing ech - oes of your tone; as you have sought, so
 wan - d'ring and the wa - v'ring feet; oh, feed us, Lord, that
 pre - cious truths which you im - part; and wing our words, that
 til our ver - y hearts o'er - flow in kin - dling thought and

let us seek your stray - ing chil - dren, lost and lone.
 we may feed your hun - g'ring ones with man - na sweet.
 they may reach the hid - den depths of man - y_a heart.
 glow - ing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879, alt.
 Music: CANONBURY, Robert Schumann, 1810–1856

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

Kyrie eleison. **Lord, have mercy.**

Christe eleison. **Christ, have mercy.**

Kyrie eleison. **Lord, have mercy.**

Song Of Praise

Glory to you, God, for yours is the earth; yours the anointing, the radiant worth.
Ours the rejoicing for spirits aflame; ours the thanksgiving to your holy name.
Ours be the telling of deeds greatly done; yours be the glory, O God, yours alone.

Prayer Of The Day

Let us pray

O God, eternal goodness, immeasurable love, you place your gifts before us; we eat and are satisfied. Fill us and this world in all its need with the life that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

**Congregation is seated*

Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song

First Reading: Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

²The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. ³The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger." ⁴Then the LORD said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not." ⁹Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining.'" ¹⁰And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. ¹¹The LORD spoke to Moses and said, ¹²"I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.'" ¹³In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. ¹⁴When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. ¹⁵When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 78:23-29

²³So God commanded the clouds above and opened the doors of heaven,

²⁴**raining down manna upon them to eat and giving them grain from heaven.**

²⁵So mortals ate the bread of angels; God provided for them food enough.

²⁶**The LORD caused the east wind to blow in the heavens and powerfully led out the south wind,**

²⁷raining down flesh upon them like dust and flying birds like the sand of the seas,

²⁸**letting them fall in the midst of the camp and round about the dwellings.**

²⁹So the people ate and were well filled, for God gave them what they craved.

Second Reading: Ephesians 4:1-16

¹I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ²with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love,

³making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴There is one body and

one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. ⁷ But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. ⁸ Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people." ⁹ When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? ¹⁰ He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things. ¹¹ The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, ¹² to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³ until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. ¹⁴ We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. ¹⁵ But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶ from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**Stand*

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Our hearts burn within us as you open to us the scriptures.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel: John 6:24-35

The holy gospel according to _____.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁴ When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were beside the sea, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus. ²⁵ When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" ²⁶ Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. ²⁷ Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." ²⁸ Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" ²⁹ Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." ³⁰ So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing?" ³¹ Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.' " ³² Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³ For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." ³⁴ They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." ³⁵ Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

**Congregation is seated*

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Hymn #222 - O Bread of Life from Heaven



1 O Bread of life from heav - en, O Food to pil - grims giv -
2 O Fount of grace re - deem - ing, O Riv - er ev - er stream -
3 We love you, Je - sus, ten - der, in all your hid - den splen -



en, O Man - na from a - bove: feed with the bless - ed sweet -
ing from Je - sus' wound - ed side: come now, your love be - stow -
dor with - in these means of grace. Oh, let the veil be riv -



ness of your di - vine com - plete - ness the souls that want and need your love.
ing on thirst - ing souls, and flow - ing till all are ful - ly sat - is - fied.
en, and our clear eye in heav - en be - hold your glo - ry face to face.

Text: Latin hymn, c. 1661; tr. Hugh T. Henry, 1862–1946, sts. 1, 3; Philip Schaff, 1819–1893, st. 2; alt.
Music: OWELT, ICH MUSS DICH LASSEN, Heinrich Isaac, c. 1450–1517

**Stand*

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 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: Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Remembering those in our prayers:

Family of Rena Olheiser, Family of Fran Dwelle, Family of Deane Nichols, The Durgin triplets, Jackson Busch, Colton Schaeffer, Christine Perrin, Barb Newton, Denise Tibbs, Jean Franklin, Cody Northrop, Violet Olson, Paulette Dorval, Terry Dwelle, Thumper Braun, Loren Bock, Randy Wolfgram, Russell Sandaker, Randy Urban, Tom Adams, Roger Malkowski, Duane Tessier, Madella Brinkman, Shirley Olson, Gerry Suomala, JoAnne Suomala, Mary Knotts, Shelly Dukart, Bambi Mansfield, Delores Roy, Cord Kessel, Halle Blain, Marilyn Oyhus, Craig McLaughlin, Josephine Shypkoski-Thompson, Lanie Nichols, Mark Trechock, Mindy O'Brien, Johnny Syminow, Lincoln Lee Johnson, those who have lost jobs, those seeking Sobriety, those struggling with infertility, all troops, 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 or 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.

Offering Song – Let the Vineyards be Fruitful

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.

Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.

Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer.

Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980

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Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty.

Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. Amen.

**Stand*

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,.....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and God of might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Thanksgiving at the Table

We praise you, all-holy God, for the universe beyond our knowing, and for friends and strangers and family. We praise you for your covenant people, and for centuries of faithful Christians.

We praise you for your Son Jesus Christ,

Words of Institution

And so we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Nourish us with the body and blood of Christ, and renew the world with your mercy, with your healing, your justice, and your peace. We praise you, all-holy God, now and forever.

Amen.

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*

Communion Distribution

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Please come forward and hold out your hands in the form of a cross or a cradle to receive the body of Christ. Choose a cup of red wine or white grape juice. If you are only able to receive one of the two elements, please know that you receive the fullness of Christ in one element. You may choose to receive a simple blessing if you prefer. Please notify an usher or the pastor if you have difficulty coming forward and communion will be brought to you.

*Stand

Song After Communion

**Thankful hearts and voices raise; tell ev'ryone what God has done.
Let ev'ryone who seeks the Lord rejoice and bear the name of Christ.
Send us with your promises and lead your people forth in joy
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980
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Prayer after Communion

Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life.

In your name we pray.

Amen.

Sending

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

Blessing

Hymn #343 - Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer



1 Guide me ev - er, great Re - deem - er, pil - grim through this
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain where the heal - ing
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but you are might - y; hold me with your
wa - ters flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me all my
fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, land me safe on



pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer, strong de - liv - 'rer,
Ca - naan's side. Songs and prais - es, songs and prais - es,



feed me now and ev - er - more, feed me now and ev - er - more.
shield me with your might - y arm, shield me with your might - y arm.
I will raise for - ev - er - more, I will raise for - ev - er - more.

Text: William Williams, 1717-1791; tr. William Williams and Peter Williams, 1722-1796, alt.
Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873-1932

Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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**** Parish Pavilion Meal** – Our Parish Pavilion Meal is scheduled for August 14, 2024 at the pavilion in Belfield. We are serving Tacos. Desserts, salads and help are needed. Signup sheets will be placed at each church.

If you have Thrivent, you can also help by applying for a \$250 gift card that can be used for site rental and supplies. If you can help in this way, please let Craig know so arrangements can be made.

**** Pancake Breakfast** – Belfield Lutheran will be hosting a delicious pancake breakfast on Saturday, August 17th 2024 from 8:00-10:00 prior to the Hoedown Parade! If you are interested in helping, please contact Dana Wanner. We will need people to serve, greet, make pancakes, wash dishes, floaters, etc. If you would like to donate monetary donations for food or Thrivent Gift Cards, we will accept them.

**** The Sweet Deal for C.A.R. Fundraiser** – The sweet deal for C.A.R fundraiser is back!! Please find tubes of M&M's near the offering plate in the back. Please take a couple for each family to enjoy, then return the tube with a check inside made out to the church (please note CAR in the memo), or some bills or quarters as you are inspired to give. A simple water well or other water point can help as many as 500 families gain access to clean, safe water. We would like see how many \$2,500 wells we provide for through the church in C.A.R.

**** Lunch & Learns – JUSTmove: Becoming God’s Breach Repairers in a Polarized World**

How do we invite people into God’s Breach Repairing work of justice in a way that does not alienate them? While many Diversity, Equity, and inclusion efforts can utilize “guilt, Blame, and Shame”, there is a way to graciously invite people into a new vision of humanity that makes space for all people. In these engaging educational modules, Just move (David Scherer and Joe Davis) will give us tools and resources to start cou-rageous conversations that bring us closer to Gospel inclusion (Every other Thursday from June 13-Aug 22 @ 12pm Noon CST).



“Wounded Healers” (Aug 8)

How do we metabolize the racialized trauma that each of us carry in our bodies? If we know so much about the system of oppression that harms people in our minds, why have our bodies not gotten the memo? This session will give practical tools and a methodology that can help us re-member the body of Christ that we are a part of to create the change that we wish to see.

To log in use the QR Code or click here: [Meeting Zoom Link](#)

** 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. We're $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way there!

Announcements - Please send any announcements by Wednesday evening to Tami Elefson: call or text 701-290-4107 or email: belfieldlutheran@gmail.com or medoralutheranchurch@gmail.com

Today

8:30 am - Medora Lutheran Worship
10:00 am - Belfield Lutheran Worship
11:45 am - Daglum Lutheran Worship

Tuesday, August 6

3:30 pm - Pastor's Bible Study at Belfield Lutheran Church
8:00 pm - AA Meeting at Belfield Lutheran Church

Wednesday, August 7

2:00 pm - Confirmation at Medora Lutheran Church
8:00 pm - AA Meeting at Medora Lutheran Church

Thursday, August 8

7:00 pm - Bible Study at Belfield Lutheran Church

Sunday, August 11

8:30 am - Medora Lutheran Worship
10:00 am - Belfield Lutheran Worship
6:00 pm - Bible Study at Dwelle's

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