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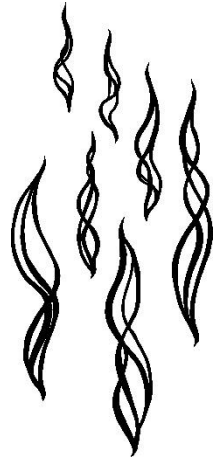
Serving the congregations of Medora, Belfield, Daglum

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A warm welcome to you!

We hope you are blessed in worship today.



## ORDER OF SERVICE

Announcements

*\*Stand*

### **Gathering**

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

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

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, the one who fashions us, the one who heals us, the one who reforms us again and again.

**Amen**

Let us confess our sin, calling for God's transforming power.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

Source of all life,

**We confess that we have not allowed your grace to set us free. We fear that we are not good enough. We hear your word of love freely given to us, yet we expect others to earn it. We turn the church inward, rather than moving it outward. Forgive us. Stir us. Reform us to be a church powered by love, willing to speak for what is right, act for what is just, and seek the healing of your whole creation. Amen.**

God hears our cry and sends the Spirit to change us and empower our lives in the world. Our sins are forgiven, God's love is unconditional, and we are raised up as God's people, who will always be made new in the name of Jesus Christ +.

**Hymn #688 – O Holy Spirit, Root of Life**

1 O Ho - ly Spir - it, root of life, cre - a - tor,  
 2 E - ter - nal Vig - or, Sav - ing One, you free us  
 3 O ho - ly Wis - dom, soar - ing pow'r, en - com - pass  
 cleans - er of all things: a - noint our wounds, a -  
 by your liv - ing Word, be - com - ing flesh to  
 us with wings un - furled, and car - ry us, en -  
 wak - en us with lus - trous move - ment of your wings.  
 wear our pain, and all cre - a - tion is re - stored.  
 cir - cling all a - bove, be - low, and through the world.

Text: Jean Janzen, b. 1933, based on Hildegard of Bingen, 1078–1179  
 Music: PUER NOBIS, European tune, 15th cent., adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571–1621  
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### *Call to Worship*

Here we have gathered as God's people, inspired by the Spirit ... to witness more effectively, to listen more deeply, to speak more truthfully, to live more peacefully, to love more energetically, to teach more eloquently, to pray more seriously, to worship more enthusiastically, to celebrate more joyfully, to sing more faithfully, to give more generously, to serve more compassionately.

Come, Holy Spirit, come. Be the wind and fire that transform our lives.

**Breathe upon us as we study your word of life.**

Kindle faith from our believing doubt.

**Cleanse us from our waywardness.**

Deepen our passion for sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ.

**Give us voice to proclaim your mighty works in every tongue.**

**Fill your church with power. Come, Holy Spirit, come!**

### *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*

Let us pray

**Mighty God, you breathe life into our bones, and your Spirit brings truth to the world. Send us this Spirit, transform us by your truth, and give us language to proclaim your gospel, 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

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

### **First Reading: Acts 2:1-21**

<sup>1</sup>When the day of Pentecost had come, the apostles were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup>Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup>All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. <sup>5</sup>Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup>And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup>Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" <sup>8</sup>And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup>Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup>Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup>Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." <sup>12</sup>All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" <sup>13</sup>But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." <sup>14</sup>But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. <sup>15</sup>Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. <sup>16</sup>No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: <sup>17</sup>'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. <sup>18</sup>Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. <sup>19</sup>And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. <sup>20</sup>The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. <sup>21</sup>Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' "

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 104:24-34, 35b**

<sup>24</sup>How manifold are your works, O LORD! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

<sup>25</sup>**Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too many to number, living things both small and great.**

<sup>26</sup>There go the ships to and fro, and Leviathan, which you made for the sport of it.

<sup>27</sup>**All of them look to you to give them their food in due season.**

<sup>28</sup>You give it to them; they gather it; you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

<sup>29</sup>**When you hide your face, they are terrified; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.**

<sup>30</sup>You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; and so you renew the face of the earth.

<sup>31</sup>**May the glory of the LORD endure forever; O LORD, rejoice in all your works.**

<sup>32</sup>You look at the earth and it trembles; you touch the mountains and they smoke.

<sup>33</sup>**I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will praise my God while I have my being.**

<sup>34</sup>May these words of mine please God. I will rejoice in the LORD.

<sup>35b</sup>**Bless the LORD, O my soul. Hallelujah!**

## **Second Reading: Romans 8:22-27**

<sup>22</sup>We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; <sup>23</sup>and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup>For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? <sup>25</sup>But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. <sup>26</sup>Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. <sup>27</sup>And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*\*Stand*

## **The Holy Gospel: John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15**

The Holy Gospel according to \_\_\_\_\_.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said, <sup>26</sup>“When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. <sup>27</sup>You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning. <sup>16:4b</sup>“I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. <sup>5</sup>But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ <sup>6</sup>But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. <sup>7</sup>Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. <sup>8</sup>And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: <sup>9</sup>about sin, because they do not believe in me; <sup>10</sup>about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; <sup>11</sup>about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. <sup>12</sup>“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. <sup>13</sup>When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. <sup>14</sup>He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. <sup>15</sup>All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*\*Congregation is seated*

## **Children’s Sermon**

Hymn -  
As the Wind Song

1 As the wind song through the trees, as the stir - ring of the  
2 As the rain - bow af - ter rain, as the hope that's born a -

breeze, so it is with the Spir - it of God,  
gain, so it is with the Spir - it of God,

as the heart made strange-ly warm, as the voice with - in the  
as the green in the . . . spring, as a kite on a . . .

storm, so it is with the Spir - it of God.  
string, so it is with the Spir - it of God,

Nev - er seen, ev - er known where this wind has  
mak - ing worlds that are new, mak - ing peace come

blown bring-ing life, bring-ing pow'r to the world,  
true, bring-ing gifts, bring-ing love to the world,

as the danc - ing tongues of fire, as the soul's most deep de -  
as the ris - ing of the yeast, as the wine at the . . .

sire, so it is with the Spir - it of God.  
feast, so it is with the Spir - it of God.

Text: Shirley Erena Murray, 1931–2020  
Music: WAIRUA TAPU, Lim Swee Hong, b. 1963  
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The Sermon

Hymn #486 - Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

\*Stand

1 Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart;  
 2 I ask no dream, no proph - et ec - sta - sies,  
 3 Have you not bid me love you, God and King;  
 4 Teach me to love you as your an - gels love,  
 wean it from earth, through all its puls - es move;  
 no sud - den rend - ing of the veil of clay,  
 all, all your own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind?  
 one ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame:  
 stoop to my weak - ness, strength to me im - part,  
 no an - gel vis - i - tant, no op - 'ning skies;  
 I see your cross; there teach my heart to cling,  
 the bap - tism of the heav'n - de - scend - ed dove,  
 and make me love you as I ought to love.  
 but take the dim - ness of my soul a - way.  
 Oh, let me seek you and, oh, let me find!  
 my heart an al - tar, and your love the flame.

Text: George Croly, 1780–1860  
 Music: MORECAMBE, Frederick C. Atkinson, 1841–189

### *Affirmation of Faith*

**We believe in God the Creator, the risen Christ and ever-present Spirit.**

**We believe God whirled fire and wind into a closed room to stir up the hesitant and cautious disciples.**

**We believe God still stirs things up, turns things upside down, sets people on fire with inspiration and zeal.**

**We believe the Holy Spirit moves unexpectedly, creating opportunity, guiding reconciliation, fostering community.**

**The Holy Spirit will not be bound by narrow rules or closed minds or doors.**

**The Holy Spirit is like wind and fire, and we believe the church is most alive when we dare to cooperate with the surprising, creating, loving Spirit of God.**

*Modified from homiletics.org*

### *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:** Family of Donna Fritz, The Durgin triplets, Terry Dwelle, Thumper Braun, Loren Bock, Randy Wolfgram, Russell Sandaker, Randy Urban, Tom Adams,

**Roger Malkowski, Rena Olheiser, Linda Wagner, Duane Tessier, Madella Brinkman, Shirley Olson, Gerry Suomala, JoAnne Suomala, Julie Augusto, Bambi Mansfield, Shelly Dukart, Josephine Shypkoski-Thompson, Todd Corneil, Delores Roy, Cord Kessel, Halle Blain, Mary Knotts, Lanie Nichols, Mark Trechock, Glenda Buckman, Bernadette Obrigewitch, Maurice Obrigewitch, Marilyn Oyhus, Craig McLaughlin, Johnny Syminow, Lincoln Lee Johnson, Mindy O'Brien, Monica Hushka,** 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, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**Amen.**

### *Sharing of God's Peace*

The peace of the Lord 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.*

### ***Offertory Prayer***

Gracious Spirit,

**you have showered us with your gifts, and we embrace you with thanksgiving. May our embrace be arms wide open, ready to share, to serve and to love. Use our spiritual gifts that we may live the spiritual life, moving according to the Spirit's heated touch and bending in the direction of God's holy will. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

### ***The 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 him thanks and praise.**



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

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God Al - might - y!  
Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!  
God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

Text: Reginald Heber, 1783–1826, alt.  
Music: NICAEA, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

### *Words of Institution*

#### *The Lord's Prayer*

**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.**

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### Communion Song

1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, but you have  
2 Your gift of love we cru - ci - fied. We laughed and  
3 I was so lost, I should have died, but you have

sent him from your side to walk up - on this guilt - y  
scorned him as he died. The hum - ble king we named a  
brought me to your side to be led by your staff and

sod and to be - come the Lamb of God. O Lamb of  
fraud and sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God.  
rod and to be called a lamb of God.

God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the ho - ly Lamb of God. Oh, wash me

in your pre - cious blood, my Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

### 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

### Post-Communion Prayer

Faithful God, you have adopted us as your children, made us members of the body of Christ and chosen us as inheritors of your kingdom. We thank you that at your table, you renew your promises within us, empower us by your Spirit to witness and to serve, and send us out as disciples of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**


### Sending

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

### Blessing

### Hymn - Every Time I Feel the Spirit

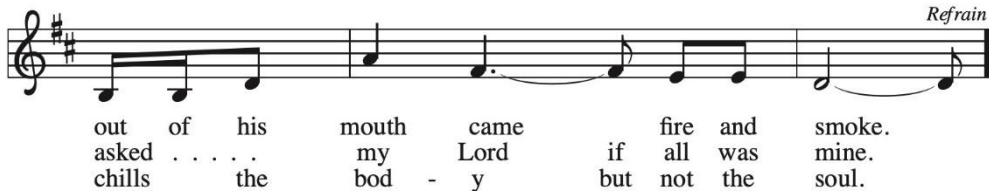
*Refrain*



Ev - 'ry time I feel the spir - it mov - ing  
in my heart, I will pray. Ev - 'ry time I feel the  
spir - it mov - ing in my heart, I will pray.

1 Up - on the moun - tain my Lord spoke,  
2 . . All a - round me looked so fine,  
3 . . Jor - dan riv - er, chilly and cold,

*Refrain*



out of his mouth came fire and smoke.  
asked . . . . my Lord if all was mine.  
chills the bod - y but not the soul.

Text: African American spiritual  
Music: PENTECOST, African American spiritual; arr. Melva W. Costen, b. 1933  
Arr. © 1990 Melva W. Costen, admin. Augsburg Fortress

### *Dismissal*

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Postlude

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\*\* WELCA Convention - WELCA Synod Biennial Convention - Friday/Saturday June 21-22nd at Trinity Lutheran Church in Bismarck. Bring a guest if you'd like, share fellowship, Bible study, and friendship. The keynote speaker is Jackie Stebbins, formerly of Bowman, ND. She has a wonderful story to share as inspiration for you. For additional details, please contact the church office or check out the back table in the fellowship hall in Belfield.

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\*\* 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  
9:30 am - Workday at Medora Lutheran  
10:00 am - Belfield Lutheran Worship  
11:45 am - Daglum Lutheran Worship  
6:00 pm - Bible Study at Dwelle's

### **Monday, May 20**

6:30 pm - Belfield Council Meeting at Belfield Lutheran Church

### **Tuesday, May 21**

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

### **Wednesday, May 22**

8:00 pm - AA Meeting at Medora Lutheran Church

### **Thursday, May 23**

7:00 am - Bible Study at Belfield Lutheran Church

### **Sunday, May 26**

8:30 am - Medora Lutheran Worship  
10:00 am - Belfield Lutheran Worship  
2:00 pm - Belfield High School Graduation  
6:00 pm - Bible Study at Dwelle's

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