

## Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

February 12, 2023

**Pastor Dawn Busch**

Serving the congregations of Medora, Belfield, Daglum

Musical Accompanists

Tami Elefson – Medora    Jean Franklin – Belfield

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 forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

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

*Silence for reflection and self-examination*

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**Amen.**

**Hymn #718 – Gather Us In - WOV**



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness  
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who  
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the  
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings  
 yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,  
 bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,  
 light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.  
 called to be light to the whole hu - man race.  
 call us a - new to be salt for the earth.  
 now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath-er us in, the  
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty, gath-er us in, the  
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas - sion, give us to eat the  
 Gath-er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,  
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,  
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion  
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.  
 give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.  
 lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.  
 fire . . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

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 Music: GATHER US IN, Marty Haugen  
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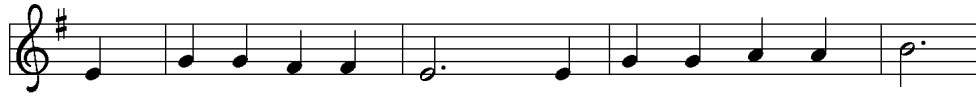
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### Greeting

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



1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.  
2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.  
3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.  
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.  
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

## Canticle Of Praise



3 Ho - ly One we now ac - claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

## Prayer Of The Day

Let us pray.

**Lord God, with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*\*Congregation is seated*

## Word

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

### First Reading - Isaiah 58:1-9a

<sup>1</sup>Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. <sup>2</sup>Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God. <sup>3</sup>"Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?" Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. <sup>4</sup>Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. <sup>5</sup>Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to

lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD? <sup>6</sup>Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? <sup>7</sup>Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? <sup>8</sup>Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. <sup>9a</sup>Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 112:1-9**

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the LORD and have great delight in God's commandments!

<sup>2</sup>**Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

<sup>3</sup>Wealth and riches will be in their house, and their righteousness will last forever.

<sup>4</sup>**Light shines in the darkness for the upright; the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**

<sup>5</sup>It is good for them to be generous in lending and to manage their affairs with justice.

<sup>6</sup>**For they will never be shaken; the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.**

<sup>7</sup>They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; their heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD.

<sup>8</sup>**Their heart is established and will not shrink, until they see their desire upon their enemies.**

<sup>9</sup>They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast forever; they will hold up their head with honor.

### **Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 2:1-12**

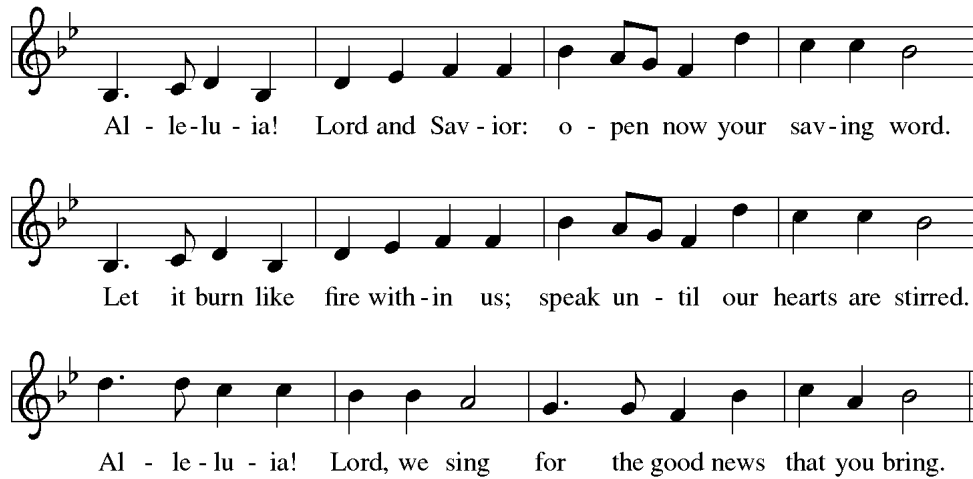
<sup>1</sup>When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. <sup>2</sup>For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. <sup>3</sup>And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. <sup>4</sup>My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, <sup>5</sup>so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God. <sup>6</sup>Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. <sup>7</sup>But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. <sup>8</sup>None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. <sup>9</sup>But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him" — <sup>10</sup>these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. <sup>11</sup>For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. <sup>12</sup>Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*\*Stand*

*Gospel Acclamation*



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.

Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.

Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

### Gospel - Matthew 5:13-20

The holy gospel according to \_\_\_\_\_.

#### Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said: <sup>13</sup>"You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. <sup>14</sup>"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. <sup>15</sup>No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. <sup>16</sup>In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. <sup>17</sup>"Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. <sup>18</sup>For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. <sup>19</sup>Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>20</sup>For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

The gospel of the Lord.

#### Praise to you, O Christ.

*\*Congregation is seated*

### Children's Sermon

#### Hymn - This Little Light of Mine



1 This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
 2 Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
 3 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;

this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
 ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;

this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine,  
 ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine,  
 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine,

let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.  
 let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.  
 let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Text: African American spiritual  
 Music: THIS JOY, African American spiritual

## Sermon

### Hymn #770 - Borning Cry

1 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.  
 2 "When you heard the won - der of the Word I was there to cheer you on;  
 3 "In the mid - dle a - ges of your life, not too old, no lon - ger young,

I re - joiced the day you were bap - tized to see your life un - fold.  
 you were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord, to whom you now be - long.  
 I'll be there to guide you through the night, com - plete what I've be - gun.

I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;  
 If you find some - one to share your time and you join your hearts as one,  
 When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you shut your wea - ry eyes,

in a blaze of light you wan - dered off to find where de - mons dwell."  
 I'll be there to make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun."  
 I'll be there as I have al - ways been, with just one more sur - prise."

4 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.

I re - joiced the day you were bap - tized to see your life un - fold."

Text: John C. Ylvisaker, b. 1937  
 Music: WATERLIFE, John C. Ylvisaker  
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*Presentation for Holy Baptism*

Kylie is presented for Baptism

*Presentation for Affirmation of Baptism*

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for these people, one with us in the body of Christ, whom we welcome as new members into the life and ministry of this congregation.

Alexis Malkowski, Kiah Ridl, and Kasey Malkowski.

Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you for these sisters and brothers, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.

**Amen.**

*\*Stand*

*Profession of Faith*

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
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,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

*\*Congregation is seated*

*Affirmation of Baptism*

People of God,

do you promise to support *those* who are baptized today, and *those* making public affirmation of *their* baptism, and to pray for *them* in *their* life in Christ?

**We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

### *Thanksgiving at the Font*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We give you thanks, O God,  
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world,  
calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and  
his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river  
your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and  
resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you. Pour out  
your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism  
may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity  
of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### *Baptism*

Response following the baptism: **You belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized. Alleluia.**

### *Welcome*

Let us welcome the newly baptized and rejoice with *those* making public affirmation of baptism.

**We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God  
and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

### *Peace*

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you**

### *Prayers of Intercession*

Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

Prayer Response: God of Glory.

**Hear our prayer.**

**Remembering those in our prayers:** Family of Dick Schuhrke, Family of Audrey Kuntz,  
Rosemary Walter, Halle Blain, Kwirt Johnson, Pastor Beth Parks, Maurice Obrigewitch,  
Craig McLaughlin, Doris Urban, Randy Mosser, Al Urban, JoAnne Suomala, Dale Oyhus,  
Mary Knotts, Bryce Wigert, Norma Newton, Lanie Nichols, Margaret Braun, Johnny Syminow,  
Mark Hinrichs, Nicole Koegl, Lincoln Lee Johnson, Duane Davis, Carmen Ruud, Becky Yadon,  
Carol Johnson, Monica Hushka, Mark Trechock, Janeen Nichols, Marilyn Oyhus, Mindy O'Brien,  
Chandler Nichols, Bennette Mansfield, those who have lost their jobs, those with mental illness,  
those seeking Sobriety, those struggling with infertility, all troops and their families & those working  
for peace in our world.

Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you, through Jesus Christ our  
Lord.

**Amen.**



## Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

## Offering

### Offering Song #732 - Create in Me - WOV

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right  
spir-it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres-ence, and  
take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store un - to me the  
joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

Text: Psalm 51:10-12  
Music: FRANCKE, J.A. Freylinghausen, 1670-1739

## Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

**God of love, you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table. Receive our lives and the gifts we offer. Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world; for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ. 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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,  
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.  
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
 san-na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

*Words of Institution*

*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 Song - Lamb of God*

1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
 2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
 3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
 you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
 you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
 e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

## 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

## Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

**We give you thanks, gracious God, for we have feasted on the abundance of your house. Send us to bring good news and to proclaim your favor to all, strengthened with the richness of your grace in your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## Sending

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

## Blessing

## Hymn #233 - Thy Strong Word v 1,2,5,6



1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; at thy  
2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark - ness, dark as  
3 Thy strong Word be - speaks us righ - teous; bright with  
4 From the cross thy wis - dom shin - ing break - eth



speak - ing it was done. For cre - at - ed light we  
night and deep as death, broke the light of thy sal -  
thine own ho - li - ness, glo - rious now, we press toward  
forth in con - qu'ring might; from the cross for - ev - er



thank thee, while thine or - dered sea - sons run.  
va - tion, breathed thine own life - breath - ing breath.  
glo - ry, and our lives our hopes con - fess.  
beam - eth all thy bright re - deem - ing light.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise to thee who light dost send!



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!

5 Give us lips to sing thy glory,  
tongues thy mercy to proclaim,  
throats that shout the hope that fills us,  
mouths to speak thy holy name.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
May the light which thou dost send  
fill our songs with alleluias,  
alleluias without end!

6 God the Father, light-creator,  
to thee laud and honor be.  
To thee, Light of Light begotten,  
praise be sung eternally.  
Holy Spirit, light-revealer,  
glory, glory be to thee.  
Mortals, angels, now and ever  
praise the holy Trinity!

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Music: EBENEZER, Thomas J. Williams, 1869–1944  
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Go in peace. Christ is with you.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

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\*\* We rejoice with Trevor and Apryl Ridl as their daughter Kylie is baptized today. Kylie Mae Ridl was born January 23rd, 2023, in Dickinson. Kylie's baptismal sponsors are Tyler and Jerica Ridl.

\*\*We give thanks for the gift of baptism and for these people, one with us in the body of Christ, whom we welcome as new members into the life and ministry of our congregations and parish: Alexis Malkowski, Kasey Malkowski, and Kiah Ridl (Belfield) and Irene Johnson (Medora)

\*\* Our Parish will be hosting a blood drive on February 27 from 2:00pm-6:00pm at Belfield Lutheran Church. Contact Sara Bock for more info! Sign up at [vitalant.org](http://vitalant.org) or call the church office at 701-575-4703.

\*\* Coats For Kids - If you know of a kid in need of a winter coat, please contact Carmen Waldo at 701-590-3934. The only information needed is the size and whether it's for a boy or girl. The coats will be provided (free of charge) back to the requestor.

\*\* The Belfield Lutheran Cemetery is looking for a Sexton/Sexton apprentice, to work alongside Wes Schuhrke. Take care of the cemetery and help families when they are in need of a plot. If you are interested in learning this very important job, please contact Cory Smith at 701-590-4662.

### **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  
11:30 am – BDM Council Meeting at Belfield Lutheran Church  
6:00 pm – Bible Study at Dwelle's home – please RSVP

### **Monday, February 13**

6:30 pm – Belfield Council Meeting @ Belfield Lutheran Church

### **Tuesday, February 14**

3:30 pm – Pastor's Bible Study at Belfield Lutheran or on Zoom  
8:00 pm – AA Meeting at Belfield Lutheran Church

### **Wednesday, February 15**

5:30 pm – Confirmation at Belfield Lutheran Church

### **Thursday, February 16**

7:00 am – Bible Study at Belfield Lutheran Church

### **Friday, February 17**

8:00 pm – AA Meeting at Medora Lutheran Church

### **Sunday, February 19**

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  
11:45 am – Daglum Lutheran Worship  
6:00 pm – Bible Study at Dwelle's home – please RSVP

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