

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 21, 2024

Pastor Dawn Busch

Serving the congregations of Medora, Belfield, Daglum

Musical Accompanists

Tami Elefson – Medora Jean Franklin – Belfield

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 #128 – Christ the Lord is Risen Today; Alleluia!



1 Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day; Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 Christ, the vic - tim un - de - filed, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Chris-tians, on this ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!



Chris-tians, has - ten on your way; Al - le - lu - ia!
 sin - less in the sin - ner's stead. Al - le - lu - ia!
 God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled, Al - le - lu - ia!
 all your grate - ful hom - age pay; Al - le - lu - ia!



of - fer praise with love re - plete, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!
 when con - tend - ing death and life, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!



at the pas - chal vic - tim's feet. Al - le - lu - ia!
 now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!
 met in strange and awe - some strife. Al - le - lu - ia!
 now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: attr. Wipo of Burgundy, d. c. 1050; tr. Jane E. Leeson, 1807–1882, alt.
 Music: LLANFAIR, Robert Williams, 1781–1821


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



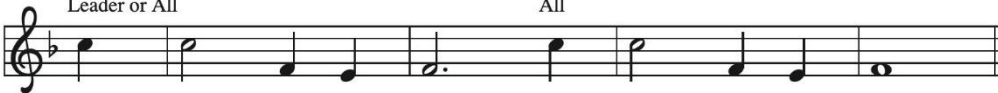
Se - ñor, ten pie - dad de no-so - tros. Cris - to, ten pie - dad.
O Lord, have . . . mer-cy up-on us. Christ, have mer - cy.

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



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!



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The Lord be with you
And also with You.

Prayer of the Day

O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**Congregation is seated*

Word

First Reading: Acts 4:5-12

⁵The next day the rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" ⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. ¹¹This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.' ¹²There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23

Hymn #451 - The Lord's My Sheppard



1 The Lord's my shep-herd; I'll not want. He makes me down to lie
2 My soul he doth re - store a - gain, and me to walk doth make
3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet will I fear no ill;
4 My ta - ble thou hast fur - nish - ed in pres - ence of my foes;
5 Good-ness and mer - cy all my life shall sure - ly fol - low me,



in pas - tures green; he lead - eth me the qui - et wa - ters by.
with - in the paths of righ - teous-ness, e'en for his own name's sake;
for thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me com - fort still;
my head thou dost with oil a - noint, and my cup o - ver - flows.
and in God's house for - ev - er - more my dwell-ing-place shall be;



He lead - eth me, he lead - eth me the qui - et wa - ters by.
with - in the paths of righ - teous-ness, e'en for his own name's sake.
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Text: Psalter, Edinburgh, 1650

Music: BROTHER JAMES' AIR, J. L. Macbeth Bain, c. 1840-1925

Second Reading: 1 John 3:16-24

¹⁶We know love by this, that Jesus Christ laid down his life for us — and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. ¹⁷How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? ¹⁸Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. ¹⁹And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him ²⁰whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; ²²and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. ²³And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

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 Holy Gospel: John 10:11-18

The Holy Gospel according to _____, the _____ chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said: ¹¹"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away — and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

**Congregation is seated*

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Hymn #456 - The King of Love My Shepherd Is



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose good - ness
2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my ran - somed
3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in
4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear



fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
soul he lead - eth and, where the ver - dant
love he sought me, and on his shoul - der
Lord, be - side me, thy rod and staff my



I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.
pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
com - fort still; thy cross be - fore to guide me.

**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, **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** Obrigewitch, **Maurice** Obrigewitch, **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

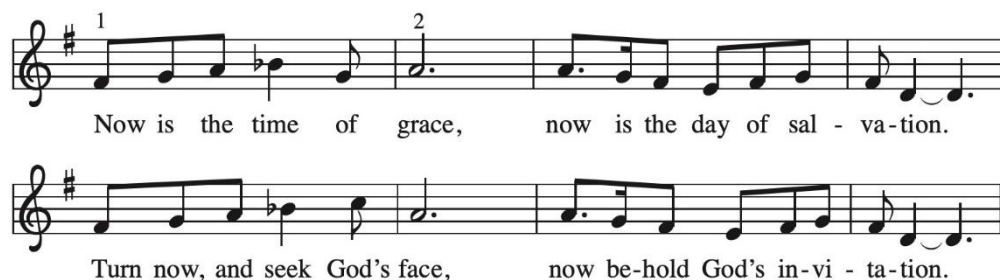
God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

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 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.

Choir Anthem - "Sing to the Lord a New Song"

Offering Song



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.

Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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:

San-to, san - to, san - to Dios de glo - ria y po - der,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly God of pow - er and might,

cie - los y tie - rra pro - cla - man tu glo - ria.
heav - en and earth . . . are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na en los cie - los.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na en los cie - los.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

Ben - di - to a - quel que vie - ne en el nom - bre de Dios.
Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of our God.

Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na en los cie - los.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na en los cie - los.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

Thanksgiving at the Table

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

Words of Institution

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, 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 Song

Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui - tas el pe -
 O Lamb . . of God, you . . take a - way the

ca - do del mun - do: ten pie - dad de no - so - tros.
 sin of the world; . . . have . . mer - cy up - on us.

Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui - tas el pe -
 O Lamb . . of God, you . . take a - way the

ca - do del mun - do: ten pie - dad de no - so - tros.
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Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui - tas el pe -
 O Lamb . . of God, you . . take a - way the

ca - do del mun - do: ten pie - dad de no -
 sin of the world; . . . have . . mer - cy up -

so - tros, ten pie - dad de no - so - stros.
 on us, have . . . mer - cy up - on us.

Da - nos tu paz. A - mén.
 Grant us your peace. A - mén.

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

O God, in this holy communion you have welcomed us into your presence, nourished us with words of mercy, and fed us at your table. Amid the cares of this life, strengthen us to love you with all our heart, serve our neighbors with a willing spirit, and honor the earth you have made; through Christ our Lord.

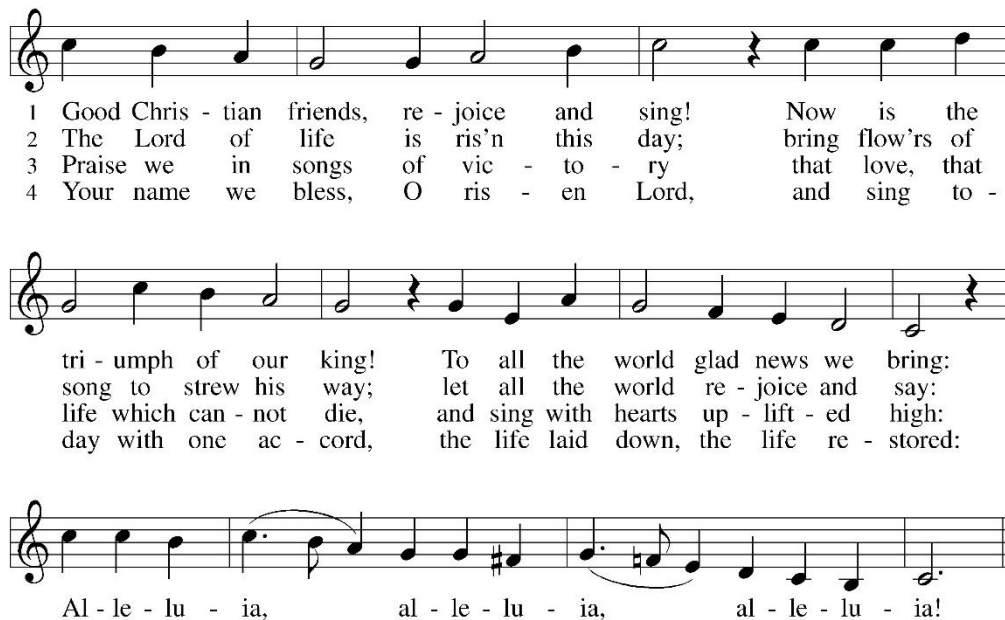
Amen.

Sending

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

Blessing

Hymn #144 - Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing



1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice and sing! Now is the
2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day; bring flow'rs of
3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that
4 Your name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to -

tri - umph of our king! To all the world glad news we bring:
song to strew his way; let all the world re - joice and say:
life which can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:
day with one ac - cord, the life laid down, the life re - stored:

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Cyril A. Alington, 1872–1955, alt.
Music: GELOBT SEI GOTT, Melchior Vulpus, c. 1570–1615

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Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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****Pastor Dawn will be on vacation April 24th – 30th. 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.”

**** 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** – At Belfield's annual meeting in January, it was agreed that our worship space is in need of new 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
11:45 am – Daglum Lutheran Worship
6:00 pm – Bible Study at Dwelle's Please RSVP

Tuesday, April 23

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

Wednesday, April 24

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

Thursday, April 25

7:00 am – Bible Study at Belfield Lutheran Church

Sunday, April 28

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

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

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