# Third Sunday of Easter

April 14, 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.

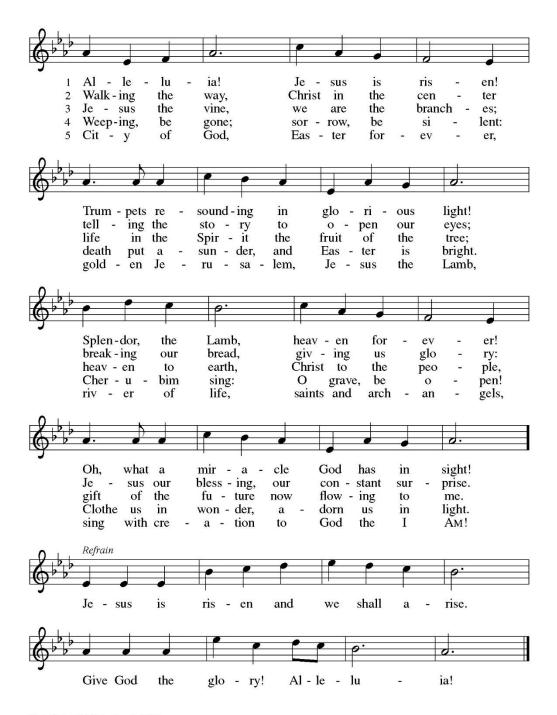
Silence for reflection and self-examination

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  $\pm$  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 #674 - Alleluia! Jesus is Risen!



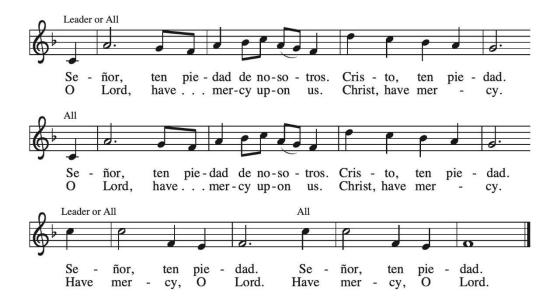
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## Greeting

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**



## Canticle Of Praise



The Lord be with you **And also with You.** 

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray

Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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#### Word

## First Reading: Acts 3:12-19

<sup>12</sup>Peter addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk?<sup>13</sup>The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. <sup>14</sup>But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, <sup>15</sup>and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. <sup>16</sup>And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. <sup>17</sup>"And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. <sup>18</sup>In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. <sup>19</sup>Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

#### Psalm 4

- <sup>1</sup>Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; you set me free when I was in distress; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.
- <sup>2</sup>"You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; how long will you love illusions and seek after lies?"
- <sup>3</sup>Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful; the LORD will hear me when I call.
- <sup>4</sup>Tremble, then, and do not sin; speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.
- <sup>5</sup>Offer the appointed sacrifices, and put your trust in the LORD.
- 6Many are saying, "Who will show us any good?" Let the light of your face shine upon us, O LORD.
- <sup>7</sup>You have put gladness in my heart, more than when grain and wine abound.
- 8In peace, I will lie down and sleep; for you alone, O LORD, make me rest secure.

#### Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-7

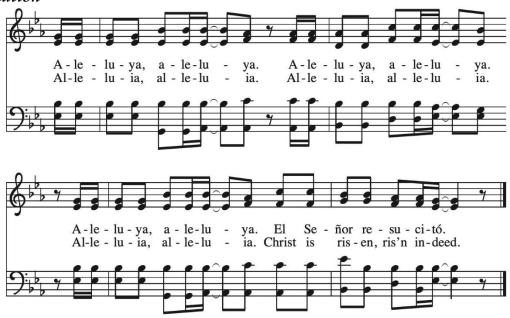
<sup>1</sup>See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup>Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. <sup>3</sup>And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. <sup>4</sup>Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. <sup>5</sup>You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. <sup>6</sup>No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. <sup>7</sup>Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

The word of the Lord.

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#### \*Stand

## Gospel Acclamation



## The Holy Gospel: Luke 24:36b-48

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

## Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>36b</sup>Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, "Peace be with you." <sup>37</sup>They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. <sup>38</sup>He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup>Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." <sup>40</sup>And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. <sup>41</sup>While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" <sup>42</sup>They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup>and he took it and ate in their presence. <sup>44</sup>Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you – that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things."

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

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#### Children's Sermon

#### Sermon

Hymn #496 - Around you, O Lord Jesus

\*Stand



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#### 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: Family of Janice Corneil, The Durgin triplets, Roger Malkowski, Tom Adams, Rena Olheiser, Linda Wagner, Duane Tessier, Noah Hoon, Madella Brinkman, Gerry 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, Marilyn Oyhus, Glenda Buckman, JoAnne Suomala, Craig McLaughlin, Johnny Syminow, Bernadette Obrigewitch, Maurice Obrigewitch, Lincoln Lee Johnson, 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

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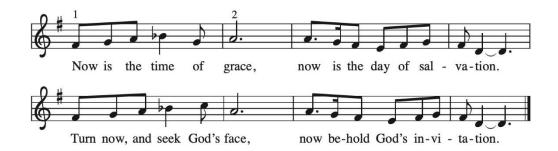
#### Meal

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



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.

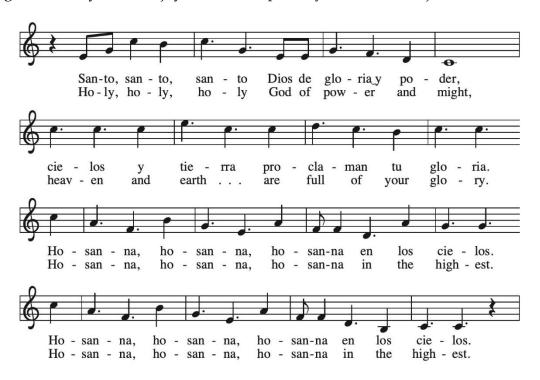
Lift up your hearts.

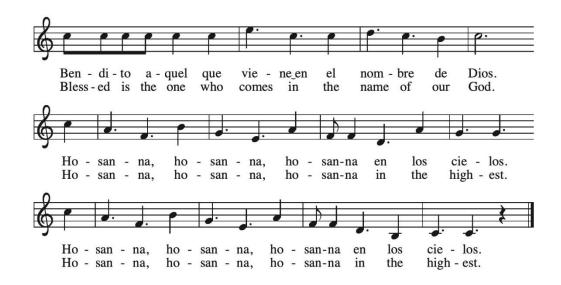
We lift them to the Lord.

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:





## 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.

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#### Communion Song



#### 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 #135 - The Strife is O'er the Battle Done



Text: Symphonia Sirenum, Köln, 1695; tr. Francis Pott, 1832–1909 Music: VICTORY, Giovanni P. da Palestrina, 1525–1594, adapt.

#### Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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\*\* <u>2024 Synod Assembly - May 31-June 2, 2024</u>. 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."

"I'm thrilled that Synod Assembly will be the beginning of a relationship with JUSTmove, a ministry led by our friends David Scherer and Joe Davis. At Synod Assembly, JUSTmove will share some of their Gospel Inclusion work with the larger assembly. This will include worship, music, poetry, dialogue, and storytelling all designed to deepen conversations of the "differences that make a difference" and how the Gospel compels us to "work for justice and peace in the world" (as it says in our baptismal vows).

\*\* <u>BLC Sound/Video</u> – 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!

\*\* <u>BLC hymnals</u> – 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.

#### **Medora Easter Lilies**

#### In Memory of Donated By Herb & Charlotte Broschat Lynn Peterson Vivienne Johnson & Larry & Chris Johnson Sophie Gawryluk Bud Griffin & Dean & Debbie Rodne Jeanie Vanvig Norman Kruckenberg & Mark & Rebecca Orville Rodne Kasian Reinold & Edith Peterson Tami Elefson Robert Erickson & Carol & Greg Kostka Donald Kostka

#### **Belfield Easter Lilies**

In Memory of	Donated By
Grandparents	Kasey & <u>Darnyl</u> Malkowski & Family
Dick <u>Schuhrke</u> & April Peterson	Sharlene <u>Schuhrke</u>
Jordan Binstock	Grandma & Grandpa Binsotck
Tim O'Brien	Ryan Hugelen
In Honor of	_
Family & Friends	Lants & Barbara Hurt
BDM Parish	Pastor Dawn
Family & Friends	Jean Franklin
Family & Friends	Dana Wanner
Family & Friends	Carmen Waldo
Family & Friends	Ken & Barb Newton
Family	Nita Northrop

#### **Today**

8:30 am - Medora Lutheran Worship

9:00 am - Sunday School at Belfield Lutheran Church

10:00 am - Belfield Lutheran Worship

11:00 am - Choir Practice at Belfield Lutheran Church

2:00 pm - Medora Council Meeting at Medora Lutheran Church

6:00 pm - Bible Study at Dwelle's Please RSVP

## Monday, April 15

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

## Tuesday, April 16

3:30 pm - Pastor's Bible Study at Belfield Lutheran or on Zoom

8:00 pm - AA Meeting at Belfield Lutheran Church

# Wednesday, April 17

5:30 pm - Confirmation at Belfield Lutheran Church

6:30 pm - Youth Group at Belfield Lutheran Church

8:00 pm - AA Meeting at Medora Lutheran Church

# Thursday, April 18

7:00 am - Bible Study at Belfield Lutheran Church

## Sunday, April 21

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

**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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