

# Seventh Sunday of Easter

June 1, 2025

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

#### **Gathering**

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

*\*Stand*

#### ***Brief Order for Confession & Forgiveness {p 94}***

In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**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.*

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. 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 #855 – Crown Him with Many Crowns**



- 1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
- 2 Crown him the vir - gin's Son, the God in - car - nate born,
- 3 Crown him the Lord of love— be - hold his hands and side,
- 4 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave
- 5 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time,



hark, how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.  
whose arm those crim-son tro - phies won which now his brow a - dorn;  
rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.  
and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.  
cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fab - ly sub - lime.



A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
fruit of the mys - tic rose, yet of that rose the stem,  
No an - gels in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,  
His glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on high,  
All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;



and hail him as thy match-less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
the root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, the babe of Beth - le - hem.  
but down - ward bend their burn - ing eyes at mys - ter - ies so bright.  
who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.  
thy praise and glo - ry shall not fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty.

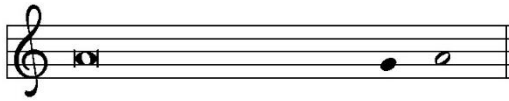
Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800–1894, sts. 1–3, 5; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 4  
Music: DIADEMATA, George J. Elvey, 1816–1893

### *Greeting {p 147}*

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.**

### *The Kyrie {p 147}*



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



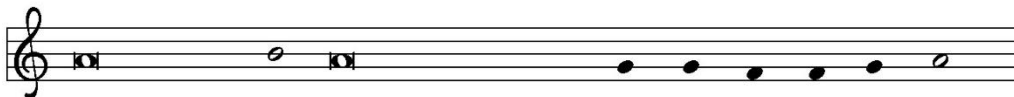
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

## Hymn of Praise {p 148}

Assisting minister



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

All



Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.



For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray

O God, form the minds of your faithful people into your one will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found, your Son, Jesus Christ our 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 16:16-34**

<sup>16</sup> One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. <sup>17</sup> While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." <sup>18</sup> She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour. <sup>19</sup> But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. <sup>20</sup> When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews <sup>21</sup> and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." <sup>22</sup> The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. <sup>23</sup> After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. <sup>24</sup> Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks. <sup>25</sup> About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. <sup>26</sup> Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. <sup>27</sup> When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. <sup>28</sup> But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." <sup>29</sup> The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. <sup>30</sup> Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" <sup>31</sup> They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." <sup>32</sup> They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. <sup>33</sup> At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. <sup>34</sup> He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 97**

<sup>1</sup> The Lord reigns; let the earth rejoice; let the multitude of the isles be glad.

<sup>2</sup> **Clouds and darkness surround the Lord, righteousness and justice are the foundations of God's throne.**

<sup>3</sup> Fire goes before the Lord, burning up enemies on every side.

<sup>4</sup> **Lightnings light up the world; the earth sees and trembles.**

<sup>5</sup> The mountains melt like wax before the Lord of all the earth.

<sup>6</sup> **The heavens declare your righteousness, O Lord, and all the peoples see your glory.**

<sup>7</sup> Confounded be all who worship carved images and delight in false gods! Bow down before the Lord, all you gods.

<sup>8</sup> **Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice, because of your judgments, O Lord.**

<sup>9</sup> For you are the Lord, most high over all the earth; you are exalted far above all gods.

<sup>10</sup> **You who love the Lord, hate evil! God guards the lives of the saints and rescues them from the hand of the wicked.**

<sup>11</sup> Light dawns for the righteous, and joy for the honest of heart.

<sup>12</sup> **Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous, and give thanks to God's holy name.** Second Reading:

## Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

<sup>12</sup> "See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. <sup>13</sup> I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." <sup>14</sup> Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates. <sup>16</sup> "It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star." <sup>17</sup> The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." And let everyone who hears say, "Come." And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift. <sup>20</sup> The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! <sup>21</sup> The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*\*Stand*

"Alleluia" {p 151}



## The Holy Gospel: John 17:20-26

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus prayed: <sup>20</sup> "I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, <sup>21</sup> that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. <sup>22</sup> The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, <sup>23</sup> I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. <sup>24</sup> Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. <sup>25</sup> "Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. <sup>26</sup> I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*\*Congregation is seated*

## Children's Sermon

**The Sermon**

**Hymn - Bind Us Together**

Refrain  
F Dm Gm

Bind us to - geth - er, Lord, bind us to - geth - er with cords that

C<sup>7</sup> F F

can - not be bro - ken. Bind us to - geth - er, Lord,

Dm Gm C F

bind us to - geth - er, Lord; bind us to - geth - er in love.

F C<sup>7</sup> F F C<sup>7</sup> F

1 There . . is on - ly one God. There . . is on - ly one King.  
2 You are the fam - ly of God. You are the prom - ise di - vine.

F C<sup>7</sup> F F C<sup>7</sup> F B<sup>b</sup>/C

There . . is on - ly one Bod-y; that . . is why we can sing:  
You are God's cho - sen de - sire, you are the glo - rious new wine.

Refrain

Text: Bob Gillman, b. 1946  
Music: Bob Gillman, b. 1946  
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BIND US TOGETHER  
6 7 7 6 and refrain

\*Stand

### *Apostles' Creed {p 105}*

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.

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.

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 {p152}*

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 Johnny Syminow, Family of Roger Kiwimagi, **Sherri O'Brien, Rick Baxter, Kris Hastings, Bonnie Steitz, Debbie Baca, Robin Sandaker, Barb Newton, Elaine Tjelde, Sandy Simnioniw, Rick Wolfgram, Tom Adams, Emma Hlibichuk, Christine Perrin, Denise Tibbs, Randy Wolfgram, Duane Tessier, Shirley Olson, Gerry Suomala, Mary Knotts, JoAnne Suomala, Dolores Roy, Cord Kessel, Halle Blain, Marilyn Oyhus, Mark Trechock, Craig McLaughlin, Lincoln Lee Johnson, Josephine Shypkoski-Thompson, Mindy O'Brien**, 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 {p 152}*

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](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 Hymn - #186 -*

**Create in Me a Clean Heart**

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 to me the joy of  
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923

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### *The Lord's Prayer {p 154}*

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.**

### **Sending**

#### *Blessing {p 155}*

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**Amen.**

### **Hymn #860 – I'm so Glad Jesus Lifted Me**

1 I'm so glad I'm so glad  
2 Sa - tan had me bound, Je-sus lift-ed me. Sa - tan had me bound,  
3 When I was in trou - ble, When I was in trou - ble,

Je-sus lift-ed me. I'm so glad  
Sa - tan had me bound, Je-sus lift-ed me,  
When I was in trou - ble,

sing-ing glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! Je - sus lift - ed me.

Text: African American spiritual  
Music: JESUS LIFTED ME, African American spiritual

### *Dismissal*

Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Postlude**

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\*\* Thank you, Terry Dwelle for leading worship this morning. You are greatly appreciated!  
For emergencies or pastoral care contacts & information please call 701-575-4703.

\*\* Blood Drive – Tuesday, June 24, 2025 at Belfield Lutheran Church. 12:30pm – 5:45pm. Register to donate by calling Tami Elefson 70-290-4107, online at [vitalant.com](https://vitalant.com) or scan the QR code.

\*\* Parsonage Maintenance – The BDM Parish council is looking for someone to oversee the maintenance projects we have planned for 2025. If you are interested in helping the parish in this way, please contact Darnyl Malkowski.

If you wish to donate toward the upkeep of the parsonage list Parsonage Maintenance in the memo of your check or give online at [belfieldlutheran.org](https://belfieldlutheran.org) or [medoralutheranchurch.org](https://medoralutheranchurch.org) and click on the Support tab. Thank you.

\*\* Belfield Cemetery Sexton – Belfield Lutheran is looking for someone to be the Sexton for the cemetery. If you are interested, please contact Marty Braun.

\*\* Foster Care Awareness Month – May is Foster Care Awareness Month, and at Nexus-PATH Family Healing there are lots of ways to help when and where you can in foster care. At any given time, there are around 30 children in North Dakota waiting for a foster home. We want every child to have a safe and loving home, and we are looking for individuals or families who are willing to provide that for a child. To learn more about fostering or how you can help us support our foster families, reach out to Nexus-PATH Family Healing at [NPH-info@nexuspath.org](mailto:NPH-info@nexuspath.org) or visit our website at [NexusPath.org](https://NexusPath.org). Your next step could be the start of a child's healing journey.

### **Today**

8:30 am – Medora Lutheran Worship  
10:00 am – Belfield Lutheran Worship  
11:45 am – Daglum Lutheran Worship  
2:00 pm – Bible Study at Dwelle's

### **Tuesday, June 3**

8:00 pm - AA Meeting at Belfield Lutheran Church

### **Wednesday, June 4**

6:00 pm – AA Meeting at Medora Lutheran Church

### **Thursday, June 5**

7:00 pm – Bible Study at Belfield Lutheran Church

### **Sunday, June 8**

8:30 am – Medora Worship  
10:00 am – Belfield Worship  
2:00 pm – Bible Study at Dwelle's

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