

# Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 24, 2025

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Congregations of Medora, Belfield, Daglum

Musical Accompanists

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A warm welcome to you!

We hope you are blessed in worship today.



## ORDER OF SERVICE

Announcements

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### **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 looks upon us in compassion, forgives our sin, and heals our lives.

**Amen.**

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

*Silence for reflection and self-examination*

Have mercy, O God,

**against you, you alone, we have sinned. In your compassion, cleanse us from our sin and take away our guilt. Create in us a new heart and give us a steadfast spirit. Do not cast us away, but fill us with your Holy Spirit and restore your joy within us. Amen.**

As tender as parent to child, so deep is God's compassion for you. As high as heaven is above earth, so vast is God's love for you. As far as east is from west, so far God removes your sin from you, renewing your life through Jesus Christ. Blessed be God who crowns us with mercy and love.

**Blessed be God forever.**

**Hymn #858 – Praise to the Lord the Almighty**



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion!  
2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won-drous-ly reign - ing  
3 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de - fend you;  
4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a - dore him!



O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and sal - va - tion!  
and, as on wings of an ea - gle, up - lift - ing, sus - tain - ing.  
sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall dai - ly at - tend you.  
All that has life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore him!



Let all who hear now to his tem - ple draw near,  
Have you not seen all that is need - ful has been  
Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can do  
Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a - gain.



join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!  
sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?  
if with his love he be - friend you.  
Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

Text: Joachim Neander, 1650–1680; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.  
Music: LOBE DEN HERREN, *Ernewerten Gesangbuch*, Part II, Stralsund, 1665

### 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



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

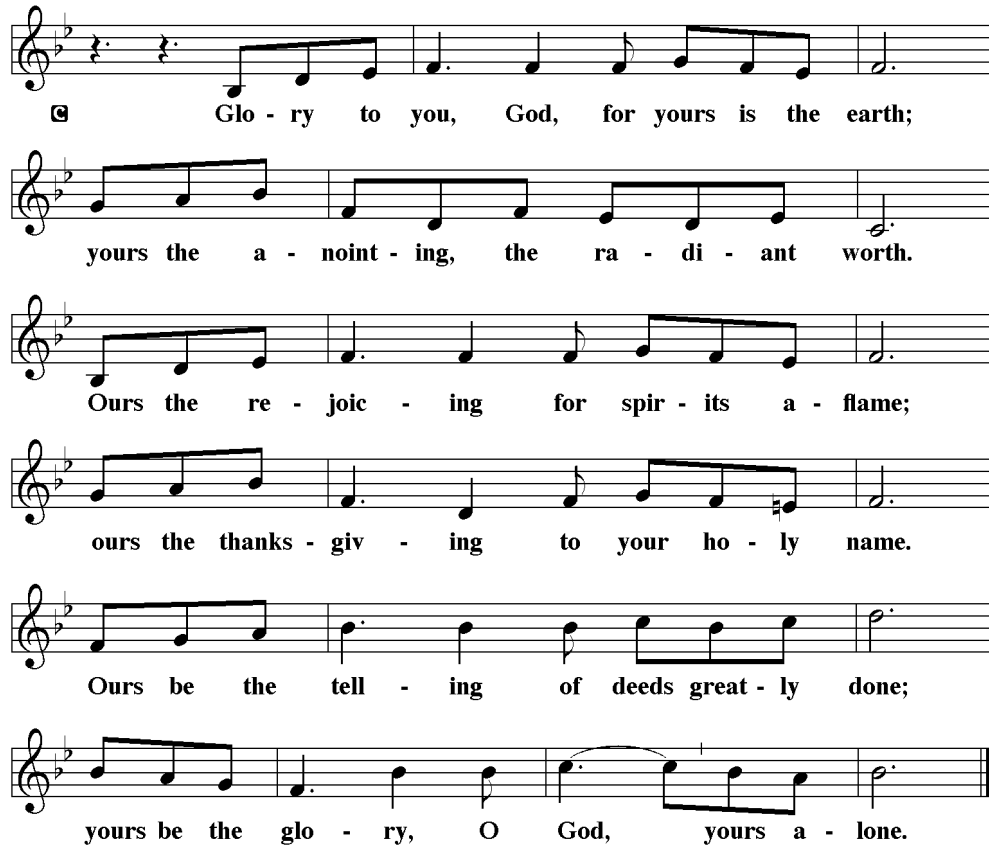


Chris - te e - lei - son. Christ, have mer - cy.



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

## Song Of Praise



Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.  
Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;  
ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.  
Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;  
yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

## Prayer Of The Day

Let us pray

### Prayer of the Day

O God, mighty and immortal, you know that as fragile creatures surrounded by great dangers, we cannot by ourselves stand upright. Give us strength of mind and body, so that even when we suffer because of human sin, we may rise victorious through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

*\*Congregation is seated*

## Word

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

### First Reading: Isaiah 58:9b-14

<sup>9b</sup> If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, <sup>10</sup> if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. <sup>11</sup> The LORD will guide you continually and satisfy your needs in parched places and make your bones strong, and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water whose waters never fail. <sup>12</sup> Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in. <sup>13</sup> If you refrain from trampling the Sabbath, from pursuing your own interests on my holy day; if you call the Sabbath a delight and the holy day of the LORD honorable; if you honor it, not going your own ways, serving your own interests or pursuing your own affairs; <sup>14</sup> then you shall take delight in the LORD, and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth; I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 103:1-8

<sup>1</sup> Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

<sup>2</sup> **Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all God's benefits —**

<sup>3</sup> who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases;

<sup>4</sup> **who redeems your life from the grave and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy;**

<sup>5</sup> who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

<sup>6</sup> **O LORD, you provide vindication and justice for all who are oppressed.**

<sup>7</sup> You made known your ways to Moses and your works to the children of Israel.

<sup>8</sup> **LORD, you are full of compassion and mercy, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

## Second Reading: Hebrews 12:18-29

<sup>18</sup> You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, <sup>19</sup> and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. <sup>20</sup> For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death." <sup>21</sup> Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear." <sup>22</sup> But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, <sup>23</sup> and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, <sup>24</sup> and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. <sup>25</sup> See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking, for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! <sup>26</sup> At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven." <sup>27</sup> This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken — that is, created things — so that what cannot be shaken may remain. <sup>28</sup> Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe, <sup>29</sup> for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*\*Stand*

## Gospel Acclamation



## Gospel: Luke 13:10-17

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>10</sup> Now Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. <sup>11</sup> And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. <sup>12</sup> When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." <sup>13</sup> When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. <sup>14</sup> But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the Sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured and not on the Sabbath day." <sup>15</sup> But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger and lead it to water? <sup>16</sup> And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from

this bondage on the Sabbath day?" <sup>17</sup> When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame, and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things being done by him.

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*\*Congregation is seated*

## Children's Sermon

### Sermon

#### Hymn #612 – Healer of Our Every Ill

*Refrain*



Heal - er of our ev - 'ry ill, light of each to - mor - row,



give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.



1 You who know our fears and sad - ness, grace us with your  
2 In the pain and joy be - hold - ing how your grace is  
3 Give us strength to love each oth - er, ev - 'ry sis - ter,  
4 You who know each thought and feel - ing, teach us all your



*Refrain*

peace and glad - ness; Spir - it of all com - fort, fill our hearts.  
still un - fold - ing, give us all your vi - sion, God of love.  
ev - 'ry broth - er; Spir - it of all kind - ness, be our guide.  
way of heal - ing; Spir - it of com - pas - sion, fill each heart.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: HEALER OF OUR EVERY ILL, Marty Haugen

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### *Apostles' Creed*

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He 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,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again 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***

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: Kevin Kuntz, Diedra Hlibichuk, Terry Dwelle, Sherri O'Brien, Rick Baxter, Kris Hastings, Bonnie Steitz, Debbie Baca, Robin Sandaker, Barb Newton, Sandy Simnioniw, Rick Wolfgram, Tom Adams, Randy Wolfgram, Emma Hlibichuk, Denise Tibbs, Christine Perrin, Duane Tessier, Shirley Olson, Gerry Suomala, JoAnne Suomala, Mary Knotts, Dolores Roy, Cord Kessel, Halle Blain, Marilyn Oyhus, Craig McLaughlin, Lincoln Lee Johnson, Mindy O'Brien, Josephine Shypkoski-Thompson,** 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***

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.*

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

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The first staff ends with a repeat sign, and the fourth staff ends with a double bar line.

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

*Offering Prayer*

Let us pray.

**Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty.  
Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we  
receive here, your body for the life of the world. 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*

We praise you, all-holy God, for the universe beyond our knowing, and for friends and strangers and family. We praise you for your covenant people, and for centuries of faithful Christians. We praise you for your Son Jesus Christ,

### *Words of Institution*

And so we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Nourish us with the body and blood of Christ, and renew the world with your mercy, with your healing, your justice, and your peace. We praise you, all-holy God, 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 - Be known to us, Lord Jesus*

Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### *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*

Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life.

In your name we pray.

**Amen.**

### **Sending**

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

### *Blessing*

The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, keep your hearts and your minds in  
✝ Christ Jesus.

**Amen.**

### **Hymn #886 - Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing**

1 Oh, for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's praise,  
 2 My gra-cious Mas-ter and my God, as-sist me to pro-claim,  
 3 The name of Je-sus charms our fears and bids our sor-rows cease,  
 4 He speaks, and lis-t'ning to his voice, new life the dead re-ceive;

the glo-ries of my God and king, the tri-umphs of his grace!  
 to spread through all the earth a-broad the hon-ors of your name.  
 sings mu-sic in the sin-ner's ears, brings life and health and peace.  
 the mourn-ful, bro-ken hearts re-joice, the hum-ble poor be-lieve.

5 Look unto him, your Savior own,  
 O fallen human race!  
 Look and be saved through faith alone,  
 be justified by grace!

6 To God all glory, praise, and love  
 be now and ever giv'n  
 by saints below and saints above,  
 the church in earth and heav'n.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.  
 Music: AZMON, Carl G. Gläser, 1784–1829; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

### *Dismissal*

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**Thanks be to God.**

### *Postlude*

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\*\*Belfield WELCA meeting will be held August 31 after church in Belfield. We will discuss the cluster meeting and the Fall Retreat.

\*\* BDM Parish Pavillion Meal will be held on Wednesday, August 27, 2025 at the Belfield Pavillion. Tacos will be served. Help is need to prepare on the 26<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm and on the 27<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm. Bars and Salads are needed. Please let Carmen know if you can help.

\*\* Choir Practice will begin at Belfield Lutheran on Wednesday, September 3, 2025 at 7:00pm. Everyone is welcome to join.

\*\* Confirmation meeting for PARENTS AND STUDENTS September 10th, 5:30 PM in the fellowship hall of Belfield Lutheran Church. Any student in 7th grade or older is welcome to participate. Please call Carmen Waldo at 701-590-3934 or Dana Wanner at 701-260-5776 for more information. Confirmation classes begin the following Wednesday, September 17th, and will be from 5:30 to 7 PM each week.

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

\*\*Newsletter – Would you like to receive our monthly newsletter? You can receive it via mail or e-mail. To receive the newsletter contact Tami Elefson or Dana Wanner, send an email to [newsletter@belfieldlutheran.org](mailto:newsletter@belfieldlutheran.org) or [medoralutheranchurch@gmail.com](mailto:medoralutheranchurch@gmail.com) or visit one of the church websites at [medoralutheranchurch.org](http://medoralutheranchurch.org) or [belfieldlutheran.org](http://belfieldlutheran.org).

**Announcements** – Please send any announcements by Wednesday evening to Tami Elefson: call or text 701-290-4107 or email: [office@belfieldlutheran.org](mailto:office@belfieldlutheran.org) or [medoralutheranchurch@gmail.com](mailto:medoralutheranchurch@gmail.com)

### **Today**

8:30 am – Medora Worship

10:00 am – Belfield Worship

### **Tuesday, August 26**

8:00 pm - AA Meeting at Belfield Lutheran Church

### **Wednesday, August 27**

5:30 pm – 7:00 pm – BDM Parish Pavillion Meal at the Belfield Pavillion

6:00 pm – AA Meeting at Medora Lutheran Church

### **Thursday, August 28**

7:00 pm – Bible Study at Belfield Lutheran Church

### **Sunday, August 31**

8:30 am – Medora Worship

10:00 am – Belfield Worship

11:00 am – Belfield WELCA Meeting at Belfield Lutheran

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