

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 7, 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*

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 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 #699 – Blessed Assurance WOV

¹ Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his
blood.

This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior, all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820-1915

² Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my
sight;
angels descending bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior, all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.

³ Perfect submission, all is at rest;
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking
above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his
love.

This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior, all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.

Greeting

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Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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.

Hymn of Praise #151 - Jesus Christ is Risen Today



1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!
our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!



who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
now a - bove the sky he's king, Al - le - lu - ia!
praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!



suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Latin carol, 14th cent., sts. 1-3; tr. J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708, alt.: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, st. 4
Music: EASTER HYMN, J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708

Prayer Of The Day

Let us pray

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he 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 7:55-60

⁵⁵Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶“Look,” he said, “I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!” ⁵⁷But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. ⁵⁸Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” ⁶⁰Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this, he died.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

¹In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; deliver me in your righteousness.

²Incline your ear to me; make haste to deliver me.

³Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold; for the sake of your name, lead me and guide me.

⁴Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, for you are my tower of strength.

⁵Into your hands I commend my spirit, for you have redeemed me, O LORD, God of truth.

¹⁵My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

¹⁶Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.”

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:2-10

²Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation – ³if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. ⁴Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and ⁵like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶For it stands in scripture: “See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.” ⁷To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner,” ⁸and “A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.” They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. ⁹But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**Stand*

Gospel Acclamation

Nothing in all creation can separate us from the love of God. You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel: John 14:1-14

The holy gospel according to _____.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to the disciples: ¹“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. ²In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to the place where I am going.” ⁵Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.” ⁸Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” ⁹Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. ¹²Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

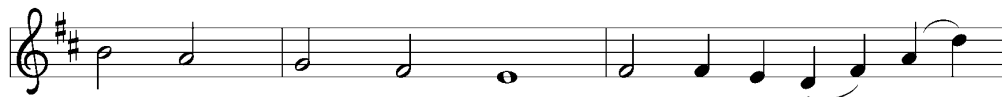
**Congregation is seated*

Children’s Sermon

Hymn #352 - I Know that my Redeemer Lives v1,2,5,8



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives! What com - fort
2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; he lives e -
3 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; he lives to
4 He lives to si - lence all my fears; he lives to



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who
ter - nal - ly to save; he lives ex - alt - ed,
guide me with his eye; he lives to com - fort
wipe a - way my tears; he lives to calm my



once was dead; he lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head!
throned a - bove; he lives to rule his church in love.
me when faint; he lives to hear my soul’s com - plaint.
trou - bled heart; he lives all bless - ings to im - part.

- 5 He lives to bless me with his love;
he lives to plead for me above;
he lives my hungry soul to feed;
he lives to help in time of need.
- 6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;
he lives and loves me to the end;
he lives, and while he lives, I'll sing;
he lives, my prophet, priest, and king!
- 7 He lives and grants me daily breath;
he lives, and I shall conquer death;
he lives my mansion to prepare;
he lives to bring me safely there.
- 8 He lives, all glory to his name!
He lives, my Savior, still the same;
what joy this blest assurance gives:
I know that my Redeemer lives!

Text: Samuel Medley, 1738-1799, alt.
Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

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Sermon

Hymn #671 - Alleluia, Alleluia Give Thanks WOV

Refrain F Dm Gm C

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, give thanks to the ris - en Lord;

F Dm Gm C F

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, give praise to his name.

F Dm B^b C

1 Je - sus is Lord of all the earth;
2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth;
3 We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ;
4 God has pro - claimed the just re - ward;
5 Come, let us praise the liv - ing God,

F Dm B^b C *Refrain*

he is the king of cre - a - tion.
Je - sus has died and has ris - en.
now we shall live . . . for - ev - er.
life for all peo - ple, al - le - lu - ia.
joy - ful - ly sing to our Sav - ior.

Text: Donald Fishel, b. 1950
Music: Donald Fishel, b. 1950; arr. Betty Pulkingham, b. 1928
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ALLELUIA NO. 1
8 8 and refrain

**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

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you

**Congregation is seated*

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

Special Music

Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

God of goodness and growth, all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is sure. Word and water, life and growth: these are signs of your abundant grace. Receive the gifts we bring, and nourish us to proclaim your abiding love in our communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song. 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.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are worthy to be held in reverence by all the mortal race. We give you thanks for the innumerable blessings which, despite our unworthiness, you have showered upon us. God of New Life,

Hear our prayer.

We praise you especially that you have preserved for us in their purity your saving Word and the sacred ordinances of your house. Grant and preserve to your Church throughout the world purity of doctrine and faithful pastors who shall preach your Word with power, and help all who hear rightly to understand and firmly to believe your Word of truth. God of New Life,

Hear our prayer.

Protect and defend your people in time of tribulation and danger, that we, in communion with your Church and in unity with all Christian people, may fight the good fight of faith and in the end receive the fullness of salvation. God of New Life,

Hear our prayer.

Upon all the nations of the earth bestow your grace. Especially we ask you to bless our land and all its inhabitants and all who are in authority. Cause your glory to dwell among us, and let mercy and truth, justice and peace everywhere prevail. We commend to your care all our schools, and those preparing for graduation, that virtue and useful knowledge may be nourished and the wholesome fruits of life may abound. God of New Life,

Hear our prayer.

In your mercy defend us from all calamities by fire and water, from war and pestilence, from scarcity and famine. Protect and prosper all who labor, and cause all useful arts to flourish among us. Show yourself to be the helper of the sick and needy, the comforter of the forsaken and distressed, especially...

Remembering those in our prayers: The Family of Tim O'Brien, The family and friends of Sergeant Jason Wallace, Bud Griffin, Larry Hanson, Lisa Solberg, Cory Tuhy, Halle Blain, Kathy Malkowski, Bryce Wigert, Glenda Buckman, Rosemary Walter, Kwirt Johnson, Dale Oyhus, Mary Knotts, Pastor Beth Parks, Bernadette Obrigewitch, Maurice Obrigewitch, Craig McLaughlin, Lanie Nichols, JoAnne Suomala, Norma Newton, Margaret Braun, Johnny Syminow, Mark Hinrichs, Becky Yadon, Lincoln Lee Johnson, Carmen Ruud, Carol Johnson, Monica Hushka, Mark Trechock, Janeen Nichols,

Marilyn Oyhus, Mindy O'Brien, Chandler Nichols, Bennette Mansfield, those who have lost their jobs, those seeking Sobriety, those struggling with infertility, all troops and their families & those working for peace in our world.

Accept, we pray, our bodies and souls, our hearts and minds, our talents and powers, together with these gifts, as our offering of praise. God of New Life,

Hear our prayer.

And as we are strangers and pilgrims on earth, help us to prepare for the world to come, doing the work which you have given us to do while it is day, before that night comes when no one can work. And, when our last hour shall come, support us by your power and receive us into your everlasting kingdom, where, with your Son our Lord Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, you live and reign, God forever.

Amen. (*LBW Service of the Word*)

**Stand*

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.**

Sending

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

Blessing

Hymn #780 - What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine WOV



1 What a fel - low-ship, what a joy di - vine, lean - ing on the ev - er -
 2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil - grim way, lean - ing on the ev - er -
 3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean - ing on the ev - er -



last - ing arms; what a bless - ed - ness, what a peace is mine,
 last - ing arms; oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,
 last - ing arms? I have bless - ed peace with my Lord so near,



lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
 lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
 lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

Refrain



Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se - cure from all a - larms;



lean - ing, lean - ing, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

Text: Elisha A. Hoffman, 1839–1929
 Music: SHOWALTER, Anthony J. Showalter, 1858–1924

Dismissal

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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From the Western ND Synod Addiction and Mental Health Task Force: May is Mental Health Month

1 Peter 2:1-10

In God’s eyes, “the people are called a chosen people—even though the world rejected them, God still chooses them”.

As we consider the journey through mental health, often those who struggle deeply forget that they are indeed chosen by God.

The challenge with mental health is to see where the mind creates stories and colors reality that only allows one to see the struggles versus the opportunity where God is present & chooses them.

If you or a loved one struggles with emotional dysregulation, where can you become skilled in challenging your thoughts if they are leaning towards a woeful experience? The ability to change your thoughts can reframe your experience to be chosen for this life & create opportunities to experience Joy.

**Thank you to Dave Gabbert for sharing the good news and leading worship today for us.

**Pastor Dawn is on vacation through May 11. For emergencies please contact Pastor Dorothy Stein – Dunn County Parish at 701-300-1421.

** Vacation Bible School will be held July 10 – 13, 2023 at Belfield Lutheran Church. For more information please contact Amanda Johnson at aa_joh@yahoo.com or 701-690-7880. Registration forms need to be returned to Belfield Lutheran by July 2nd. Attn: Amanda Johnson, 13298 35th St SW, Belfield, ND 58622

** Thank you to those that have given, we have raised \$550 toward this project. The parsonage is in need of new windows on the main floor. The current windows are original to the house and frost up in the winter. 10 windows are needed at an average cost of \$2000 per window for a total of \$20,000 for all of them. If you would like to donate to this project, please do one of the following: Online donations can be given at: medoralutheranchurch.org or belfieldlutheran.org then click “Support” for either website. If you prefer to give by check, please put “Parsonage Fund” in the memo.

Today

8:30 am – Medora Lutheran Worship
9:00 am – Choir Practice
10:00 am – Belfield Lutheran Worship
11:45 am – Daglum Lutheran Worship
6:00 pm – Bible Study at Dwelle’s home – please RSVP

Tuesday, May 9

8:00 pm - AA Meeting at Belfield Lutheran Church

Thursday, May 11

7:00 pm – Bible Study at Belfield Lutheran Church

Friday, May 12

8:00 pm – AA Meeting at Medora Lutheran Church

Sunday, May 14

Senior Recognition

8:30 am – Medora Lutheran Worship
9:00 am – Choir Practice
10:00 am – Belfield Lutheran Worship
6:00 pm – Bible Study at Dwelle’s home – 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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Badlands Ministries Day Camp Registration Form:

For the safety of your child, please do not leave any spaces blank.

Parents / Guardians:

1. Name _____
 Home Phone # _____ Cell # _____
 Email _____

2. Name _____
 Home Phone # _____ Cell # _____
 Email _____

Mailing Address:
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 City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Send Registrations To:
 Amanda Johnson
 13298 35th St SW
 Belfield, ND 58622
 Deadline—July 2nd

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Parent / Guardian Info	
Extended Family Info	
Camper Program Session	
Camper Church Scholarships	
Medical Form	
Apply Payment	

Emergency Contact: (In case parent cannot be reached)

Name _____
 Home Phone # _____ Cell # _____
 Relationship to child _____

Home Church: _____

The child(ren) registered on this form have permission to fully participate in *Badlands Ministries Day Camp*. I agree *Badlands Ministries*, or the *ELCA* will not be held responsible for accidents arising thereof. I am responsible for any medical obligations incurred during camp activities and give *Badlands Ministries* permission to seek treatment in the case of injury or illness. I give permission to *Badlands Ministries* and the *ELCA* to use any photographs of the registered child(ren) for use in publicity materials, including websites. I understand that I am ultimately responsible for my child's behavior at camp and that he / she will be expected to sign and live by the camp covenant which states: **"I will show respect for God, others, and myself."** I know that violation of this covenant can and will result in my child's being removed from the program, without refund.

Parent / Guardian's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____
 Other things we should know about your child(ren): *Please make sure this form is filled out all the way for our records... Thank you!*

Please clearly PRINT Each Camper's Name	Birth Date	Spring 2023 Grade	Male or Female	Medications or Allergies	T-Shirt: Child - S, M, L Adult S, M, L, XL	Cost \$10	Form of Payment	Are you an SIT?	