

Hunger Sunday

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A warm welcome to you!
We hope you are blessed in worship today.



ORDER OF SERVICE

Announcements

**Stand*

Gathering

Confession

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us approach God with confidence, knowing that as we offer our personal prayers of confession, forgiveness is already occurring.

Silent Moment of Personal Prayers of Confession

Holy God, forgive us for receiving so much from you and still turning away. Forgive us for times our thanks is absent. Forgive us for resisting transformation of our lives. Turn our hearts to you and to one another, in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Forgiveness

Great is our God. Abundant is God's mercy. Rejoice this day. By the power of Jesus Christ your sins are forgiven. You are made new.

Thanks be to God.

Passing of the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

**Congregation is seated*

Hymn #479 – We Come to the Hungry Feast

1 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a word of peace.
 2 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a world re - leased
 3 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry that the hun - ger cease,
 To hun - gry hearts un - sat - is - fied the love of God is
 from hun - gry folk of ev - 'ry kind, the poor in bod - y,
 and know - ing, though we eat our fill, the hun - ger will stay
 not de - nied. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
 poor in mind. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
 with us; still we come, we come to the hun - gry feast.

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 Music: HUNGRY FEAST, Ray Makeever
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Prayer of the Day

Let us pray

Precious Lord, we are in awe of your power. Scripture rings with the wonders of your love in action; creating, blessing, restoring, forgiving, calling. Throughout history and still today your compassion meets needs, heals and restores with undeserved mercy. Ready us to join you in compassionate love and mercy in action. Amen.

**Congregation is seated*

Word

First Reading: James 2:15-17

¹⁵ If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, ¹⁶ and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill', and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that?

¹⁷ So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 111

¹ Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

² **Great are your works, O LORD, pondered by all who delight in them.**

³ Majesty and splendor mark your deeds, and your righteousness endures forever.

⁴ **You cause your wonders to be remembered; you are gracious and full of compassion.**

⁵ You give food to those who fear you, remembering forever your covenant.

⁶ **You have shown your people the power of your works in giving them the lands of the nations.**

⁷ The works of your hands are faithfulness and justice; all of your precepts are sure.

⁸ **They stand fast forever and ever, because they are done in truth and equity.**

⁹ You sent redemption to your people and commanded your covenant forever; holy and awesome is your name.

¹⁰ **The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all who practice this have a good understanding. God's praise endures forever.**

Children's Sermon

The Holy Gospel: Luke 17:11-19

The Holy Gospel according to _____.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹¹ On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³ they called out, saying, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!' ¹⁴ When he saw them, he said to them, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' And as they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵ Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶ He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ Then Jesus asked, 'Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they?' ¹⁸ Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?' ¹⁹ Then he said to him, 'Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

**Congregation is seated*

The Sermon

Hymn - Build a Longer Table



1 Build a long - er ta - ble, not a high - er wall,
2 Build a saf - er ref - uge, not a larg - er jail;
3 Build a broad - er door - way, not a long - er fence.
4 When we lived as ex - iles, ref - u - gees a - broad,



feed - ing those who hun - ger, mak - ing room for all.
where the weak find shel - ter, mer - cy will not fail.
Love pro - tects all peo - ple, spar - ing no ex - pense.
Christ be - came our door - way to the reign of God.



Feast - ing to - geth - er, strang - er turns to friend,
For an - y place where jus - tice is de - nied,
When we em - brace com - pas - sion more than fear,
So must our ta - bles wel - come those who roam.



Christ breaks walls to piec - es; false di - vi - sions end.
Christ will breach the jail wall, free - ing all in - side.
Christ tears down our fenc - es; all are wel - come here.
None can be ex - clud - ed; all must find a home.

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Music: NOËL NOUVELET, French carol

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Prayers of Intercession

Together with all God's hungry people, let us turn to the Lord in prayer, asking for the provision that only God can give.

Prayer Response: Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Remembering those in our prayers: Family of Jere Freiboth, Family of George Wolf, **Kevin Kuntz, Diedra Hlibichuk, Sherri O'Brien, Rick Baxter, Kris Hastings, Bonnie Streitz, Debbie Baca, Robin Sandaker, Barb Newton, Sandy Simnioniw, Tom Adams, Rick Wolfgram, 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.

Trusting in the abundance of your grace, we commend our hunger and the hunger of all nations to your mercy, in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

Invitation to the Offering

What a joy it is to worship, and a privilege to serve at our God's good lead. Our offerings today strengthen the ministry of our church and extend God's mercy and healing far beyond these walls.

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 – “Ten Thousand Reasons”

Minute for Mission

“For I was hungry and you gave me food.” In Matthew 25:35, Jesus instructs us to care for our neighbors by giving them food to eat. Did you know there **IS more than enough** food to feed the world? Sadly, it is not distributed well. According to ELCA World Hunger (elca.org) one in ten people in the world (733 million) experience hunger. In America alone, one in seven households suffers food insecurity (foodrescue.us).

How can we feed the hungry? Begin by being aware of hunger matters and praying for solutions. The challenge is to be creative about food distribution. Look at your local community; venture to support it, by volunteering time or finances. Programs like: a backpack program to feed school children who need support, or setting up a local workplace food drive to fill a food bank, or serving at a soup kitchen, or problem solving what can be done to salvage food that ordinarily is thrown away... are all worthy efforts! Search “ELCA Feeding Ministries Guide” for more great ideas.

On a global scale, choosing to give to the Lutheran World Hunger program or purchasing items at the ELCA Good Gifts program like: a microloan to a woman starting a small business, supplying a month's worth of necessities for a refugee family, donating to a fruit-tree farm, or a safe water project; all make a beautiful difference to alleviate hunger. The Lutheran World Hunger program, officially known as ELCA World Hunger, was founded in 1974. It was established by Lutherans in the United

States to address the global increase in hunger and poverty during that period. Over the past 50 years, ELCA World Hunger has mobilized significant resources to support its work, with over \$650 million contributed by Lutherans to date. It collaborates with various partners, to maximize its impact. It is a joy to be partners in ministry together across the ELCA. Believe that our God is gracious and will make a way to end hunger!

**Stand*

Offertory Prayer

Mighty God, to a hungry world you sent your Son to preach, heal, forgive, and show mercy. In Jesus' death and resurrection you brought salvation to all. Bless these offerings and those who worship, that having received your Living Word, we might be sent out with Christ to extend mercy and love. In partnership with you may we meet the needs of our neighbors and indeed this whole world that you love. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

**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*

Sending

Commissioning & Blessing

Go with mercy. Give thanks. Turn to God and one another.

May the love of God shape you, the mercy of Christ direct you, and the power of the Holy Spirit grant courage to you this day and forevermore.

Amen.

Hymn #543 – Go My Children, With My Blessing



1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.
Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.
Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com - fort stilled you.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."
Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."
Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."

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Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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** Hunger Sunday – Today, October 12, 2025 is “Hunger Sunday” in the Western North Dakota Synod. Bring a nonperishable food item to help support the Belfield/Medora Food Pantry.

** First Communion – Anyone interested in First Communion Classes for their children, please reach out to Darnyl Malkowski 701-290-1373.

** Blood Drive – St. Bernards Knights of Columbus blood drive will be held on Monday October 20th - 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm. Appointments can be made online at vitalant.org or contact Tom Tessier at 701-690-0951.

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

Today

8:30 am – Medora Worship

10:00 am – Belfield Worship

Tuesday, October 13

8:00 pm - AA Meeting at Belfield Lutheran Church

Wednesday, October 14

3:30 pm – Wednesday School at Medora Lutheran Church

5:30 pm – Confirmation Meeting at Belfield Lutheran Church

6:00 pm – AA Meeting at Medora Lutheran Church

7:15 pm – Choir Practice at Belfield Lutheran Church

Thursday, October 15

7:00 pm – Bible Study at Belfield Lutheran Church

Sunday, October 19

8:30 am – Medora Worship

10:00 am – Belfield Worship

11:45 am – Daglum Worship

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