

Baptism of Our Lord

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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.



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Announcements

**Stand*

Gathering

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

Confession and Forgiveness {p 94}

All may make the sign of the cross.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

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

Gracious God,

have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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 #423 - Shall We Gather at the River



1 Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod,
 2 On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,
 3 Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down;
 4 Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, soon our pil - grim - age will cease;



with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow - ing by the throne of God?
 we will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the hap - py gold - en day.
 grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro - vide a robe and crown.
 soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the mel - o - dy of peace.

Refrain



Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, the beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;



gath - er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

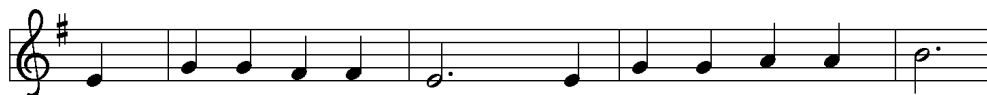
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Greeting {p 203}

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



1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
 Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
 Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

Canticle Of Praise {p 204}

3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;
 Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:
 Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.
 For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray

Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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: Isaiah 43:1-7

¹ But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. ² When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. ³ For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. ⁴ Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. ⁵ Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; ⁶ I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth— ⁷ everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 29

¹ Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

² **Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**

³ The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

⁴ **The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.**

- ⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
⁶**the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**
⁷The voice of the LORD bursts forth in lightning flashes.
⁸**The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**
⁹The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare. And in the temple of LORD all are crying, "Glory!"
¹⁰**The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.**
¹¹O LORD, give strength to your people; give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

Second Reading: Acts 8:14-17

¹⁴Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. ¹⁵The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit ¹⁶for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ¹⁷Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**Stand*

Gospel Acclamation {p 205}

Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.

Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.

Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

The Holy Gospel: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

The holy gospel according to _____.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁵As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." ²¹Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²²and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

**Congregation is seated*

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Hymn #445 - Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters



1 Wash, O God, our sons and daughters, where your cleans-ing wa-ters flow.
2 We who bring them long for nur-ture; by your milk may we be fed.
3 Oh, how deep your ho-ly wis-dom! Un-im-ag-ined, all your ways!



Num-ber them a-mong your peo-ple; bless as Christ blessed long a-go.
Let us join your feast, par-tak-ing cup of bless-ing, liv-ing bread.
To your name be glo-ry, hon-or! With our lives we wor-ship, praise!



Weave them gar-ments bright and spark-ling; com-pass them with love and light.
God, re-new us, guide our foot-steps; free from sin and all its snares,
We your peo-ple stand be-fore you, wa-ter-washed and Spir-it-born.



Fill, a-noint them; send your Spir-it, ho-ly dove and heart's de-light.
One with Christ in liv-ing, dy-ing, by your Spir-it, chil-dren, heirs.
By your grace, our lives we of-fer. Re-cre-ate us; God, trans-form!

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**Stand*

Apostles' Creed {p105}

**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**

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 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 #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.

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Offering Prayer

God of love,

you call us beloved children and welcome us into this gathering space. Receive our lives and the gifts we offer. Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world; for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ. 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: Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Remembering those in our prayers: The Kostka Family, **Jake Streitz, Pastor Dawn & Brett Busch, Robin Sandaker, Elaine Tjelde, Steve & Denise Cowan, Sandy Simnioniw, Rick Wolfgram, Kim Shade, Emma Hlibichuk, Bert Salo, Christine Perrin, Denise Tibbs, Tom Adams, Randy Wolfgram, Duane Tessier, Madella Brinkman, Shirley Olson, Gerry Suomala, Mary Knotts, JoAnne Suomala, Delores Roy, Cord Kessel, Halle Blain, Marilyn Oyhus, Mark Trechock,**

Craig McLaughlin, Johnny Syminow, Mindy O'Brien, Lincoln Lee Johnson, 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.

Lord's Prayer {p208}

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*

Sending

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

Blessing

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 #304 - Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized



1 Christ, when for us you were bap - tized, God's Spir - it on you
 2 God called you, "My be - lov - ed Son"; you are God's ser - vant
 3 Straight-way and stead - fast un - til death you then o - beyed the
 4 Bap - tize us with your Spir - it, Lord; your cross on us be



came, as peace - ful as a dove, and yet as
 true, sent to pro - claim the reign of heav'n, God's
 call to serve with free and will - ing heart, to
 signed, that like - wise in God's ser - vice we may



ur - gent as a flame, as ur - gent as a flame.
 ho - ly will to do, God's ho - ly will to do.
 give your life for all, to give your life for all.
 per - fect free - dom find, may per - fect free - dom find.

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 Music: LOBT GOTT, IHR CHRISTEN, Nikolaus Herman, 1480–1561
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Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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** Thank you Dawsyn Malkowski for leading worship today. You are greatly appreciated!
For emergencies, please contact Craig McLaughlin - 701-206-0203

** Annual Meetings - January is the time for our annual meetings to begin taking place. All members are encouraged to attend and take part in the annual meeting for your congregation. The meetings will be held as follows:

Today - 11:15 am - BDM Parish Council Meeting at Belfield Lutheran
Sunday, January 19 - 12:45 pm - Daglum Church Annual Meeting at Daglum Lutheran
Sunday, January 26 - 11:15 am - Belfield Church Annual Meeting at Belfield Lutheran
Sunday, February 2 - 9:30 am - Medora Church Annual Meeting at Medora Lutheran
Sunday, February 9 - 11:15 am - BDM Parish Council Annual Meeting at Belfield Lutheran

** Coats for Kids - If you know of a kid in need of a winter coat, please contact Carmen Waldo 701-590-3934. The only information needed is the size and if it is for a boy or girl. The coats are provided (free of charge) back to the requestor.

Today

8:30 am - Medora Lutheran Worship
9:00 am - Choir Practice at Belfield Lutheran Church
9:15 am - Sunday School at Belfield Lutheran Church
10:00 am - Belfield Lutheran Worship
11:15 am - BDM Parish Council Meeting at Belfield Lutheran Church
6:00 pm - Bible Study at Dwelle's

Monday, January 13

6:30 pm - Belfield Council Meeting at Belfield Lutheran Church

Tuesday, January 14

3:30 pm - Bible Study at Belfield Lutheran Church
8:00 pm - AA Meeting at Belfield Lutheran Church

Wednesday, January 15

3:30 pm - Sunday School at Medora Lutheran Church
5:30 pm - Confirmation at Belfield Lutheran Church
8:00 pm - AA Meeting at Medora Lutheran Church

Thursday, January 16

7:00 pm - Bible Study at Belfield Lutheran Church

Sunday, January 19

8:30 am - Medora Lutheran Worship
9:00 am - Choir Practice at Belfield Lutheran Church
9:15 am - Sunday School at Belfield Lutheran Church
10:00 am - Belfield Lutheran Worship
11:45 am - Daglum Lutheran Worship
12:45 pm - Daglum Annual Meeting at Daglum Lutheran Church
6:00 pm - Bible Study at Dwelle's

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

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