

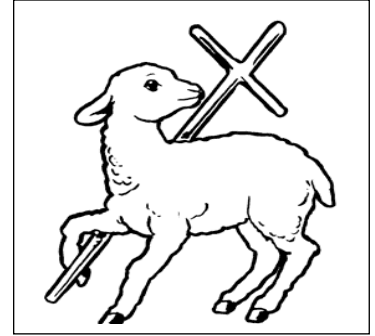
Perley Parish
Time after Pentecost – Lectionary 28
October 17, 2021

Gathering Hymn: Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I might have the grace to let you be my servant, too.

We are pilgrims on a journey, we are trav'lers on the road.
We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.

I will weep when you are weeping, when you laugh I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow till we've seen this journey through.



Welcome and Announcements

- Meatball Dinner Bake & Quilt Sale at Kirkebo 11-2
- Council meeting Monday night at 6:30 (Nora)
- Confirmation met
- 9AM streaming will continue
- Reach out

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, +one God, whose teaching is life, whose presence is sure,
and whose live is endless. Amen

Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

God our comforter:

Like lost sheep, we have gone astray. We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity. We turn our face away from injustice and oppression. We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed. Free us from our sin, gracious God. Listen when we call out to you for help. Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves. Amen

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. By the gift of grace in +Christ Jesus,
God makes you righteous. Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.
Amen.

Prayer of the Day:

Sovereign God, you turn your greatness into goodness for all the peoples on earth. Shape us into willing servants of your kingdom, and make us desire always and only your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Psalm 91:9-16 (read responsively)

P: Because you have made the LORD your refuge, the Most High your dwelling place,

C: no evil shall befall you, no scourge come near your tent.

P: For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.

C: On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.

P: You will tread on the lion and the adder, the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot.

C: Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name.

P: When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honor them.

C: With long life I will satisfy them, and show them my salvation.

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 53:4-12

⁴ Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. ⁵ But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. ⁶ All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. ⁷ He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. ⁸ By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future? For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people. ⁹ They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb^[a] with the rich,^l although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. ¹⁰ Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him with pain. When you make his life an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days; through him the will of the LORD shall prosper.

¹¹ Out of his anguish he shall see light; he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge. The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. ¹² Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he poured out himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

Holy Gospel according to Mark 10:35-45 Glory to you O Lord

³⁵ James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." ³⁶ And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" ³⁷ And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." ³⁸ But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" ³⁹ They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; ⁴⁰ but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared."

⁴¹ When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. ⁴² So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. ⁴³ But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴ and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of

all. ⁴⁵ For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.” The Gospel of our Lord, **Praise to you, O Christ**

Giftng of Bibles:

Melissa: In your hands, you are holding a book that is filled with words and stories
Ki which tell us about God and the love God has for us. Some of the stories are funny. Some of the stories are sad. Sometimes the people in the stories do very good things. At other times, they do very bad things. But through it all, in story after story, we read about how God continues to try to bring hope, healing, forgiveness and love into the lives of all the people - even when they don't deserve it!

And most importantly of all, the Bible tells us the story of how God became a human being in the person of Jesus. In Jesus, God came to live among us. In Jesus, God came to know what it is like to be a person with feelings, with hurts, with hopes and with dreams. In Jesus, God came to live the kind of life God wants all of us to live.

It is with great pleasure and hope that the people of Nora Lutheran Church gives you this Bible.

Pastor: Receive the Word of God. Learn its stories and study its words. Its stories belong to us all, and these words speak to us all. They tell us who we are. They tell us that we belong to one another, for we are the people of God.

Children: We receive these Bibles with our hands, our hearts, and our minds. Thank you. We will read and study the Bible together.

Congregation: We rejoice in this step in your journey with God. We pray God will guide you, your family, and us as you use this Holy Bible in your home, in our church for classes and worship. We will learn together and grown in our love for God's Word. Amen.

Children's Message:

For some people, the best thing about having chicken for dinner is the "wishbone." After you finish eating, two people each hold one side of the wishbone, close your eyes and make a wish. Then you pull on the wishbone until it breaks apart. The one who gets the biggest piece is supposed to have his or her wish come true. (If you have a wishbone, allow a boy and girl to try it.)

Have you ever wished for something? On the count of three, say out loud what you wish or: 1, 2, 3. (Pause for responses.)

Sometimes we make a wish without thinking about what would happen if our wish really came true.

Have you ever planned to have a picnic and it rained? Perhaps you sat and watched the rain and grumbled to yourself, "I wish it would stop raining." What if that wish came true and it really stopped raining FOREVER? There would be no grass, no trees, no flowers. Rivers, lakes, and streams would dry up, and all life would begin to disappear. This world would be a miserable place if it stopped raining, wouldn't it?

James and John were two brothers who were disciples of Jesus. One day, the two of them came to Jesus and said to Him, "Teacher, we want You to do for us whatever we ask."

"What do you want Me to do for you?" Jesus replied.

"In Your glorious Kingdom, we want to sit in places of honor next to You, one at Your right and the other at Your left." You see, they thought Jesus was going to set up an earthly kingdom, and they wanted to sit beside Him on the throne. They wanted to share in His glory and greatness.

Jesus answered, "You don't know what you are asking." Then He explained that whoever wants to be great must be a servant of all. He said, "For even I, the Son of Man, came here not to be served but to serve others, and to give My life as a ransom for many."

I don't think that being a servant was exactly what James and John were wishing for!

Sometimes you and I may say, "I wish I could be more like Jesus." But is that really our wish? If we really want that wish to come true, we must live as servants the way Jesus did. Only then can we be truly great and show God's love to the world.

Dear God, help us to mean it when we say, "I wish I could be more like Jesus." Please show us each day how to become a greater servant to those around us. In Jesus' name, amen.

Message

ace and peace to you from our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen

I know this may not be true for all of you (as some of you are still young), but my eye sight has gone from bad to worse. I can't see a thing most of the time and then add in my issues with memory some days – I struggle. How many of you use reading glasses?? How many of you have had to purchase multiple pairs and leave them all over the place because you can never find them when you need them. Worse yet, how many of you have searched and searched for a pair of readers only to realize that they are sitting on top of your head? Our minds and our eyes can play tricks on us. Sometimes things can be sitting in plain sight and we still can't seem to see them – like the glasses on your head or maybe your car keys sitting on the table, or the TV remote sitting on the stand. Sometimes we only really see what we want to see.

There are also times when things are camouflaged or hidden so that we can't see them even when we are looking directly at them. Like when you think or look at the city of Las Vegas and all of its lights and excitement day AND night. We see fun and enjoyment but we often times don't see or think about the exploitation that goes on there, the addiction that some many have with gambling and even all of the poverty just blocks away from the "strip".

Mark uses this idea of sight in our gospel this morning. Last week we looked at how Jesus told the disciples to let the children – all children – come to him. There were a few verses that we missed in this chapter that lead right into this morning's gospel. Let's look at those *"They were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking ahead of them; they were amazed, and those who followed were afraid. He took the twelve aside again and began to tell them what was to happen to him,"*³³ saying, *"See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be handed over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death; then they will hand him over to the Gentiles;"*³⁴ *they will mock him, and spit upon him, and flog him, and kill him; and after three days he will rise again."*

This is Jesus third predication of what is to come. Once again he predicts his arrest, his torture and of course his execution. He does also include his prediction of resurrection – a sure sign and promise of hope despite all that is ahead. This idea though of Jesus' Messiah – the suffering and persecuted servant – is very different than what the disciples have envisioned for the man they have been following. They want and are following this Messiah because they believe him to be a political force. One that can set up God's kingdom here on earth – not a suffering and weak servant as he is predicting.

Jesus prediction is not what they are expecting or wanting – it's just down-right ugly and repulsive and they don't want to accept it. In fact they turn away from it and refuse to believe what he is saying. They refuse to SEE what is right in front of them. Now we might want to judge them for this – they have witnessed all the good and stood by him and believed him. Why then should they doubt and not accept what he is saying? But wait, remember we are like them at times too, we too might have moments where we question or refuse to see what the Holy Spirit wants to show us as well. How many times do we cast a blind eye or camouflage our sinful ways? How many times do we struggle to forgive or love others because of what they said or did even though we are forgiven always by God?

James and John, are perhaps the most blind to things because they not only want a powerful Jesus but they want – they expect – him to share HIS power with him. They want Jesus to tell him that they – James and John – will sit at his right and his left hands. This is a position of not only authority in a monarchy but one of power and position. And what do the other 10 disciples think? They are upset and angry because they too think those exact spots should be theirs for the taking as well. They struggle with which in their group – which of the 12 are greatest. A mark of the kingdom this greatness will be and therefore they all don't want to give up their vision of what that kingdom on earth will be and their importance in that kingdom. That way of thinking though goes against everything that Jesus is and has been teaching. These twelve are thinking of themselves – their place in the kingdom and their greatness – not about being the servant disciple that Jesus is and that they are being called to be too.

The kingdom of God life is very different than it is in this world and in our society. Success and position doesn't show greatness in God's kingdom. In fact, greatness in God's kingdom is determined by faithful obedience to the leading of the Holy Spirit, God's will and the act of serving others and loving our neighbors. We just have to not only be willing to see what the Holy Spirit is showing us but be able and willing to follow through with the commands that God has given us to be a servant and to love one another. That's a tall order sometimes of course.

Jesus didn't want us to sit back and watch all the he did but rather he wanted us to do like him, follow the Holy Spirit and do as the Bible tells us to in how to serve

others. I think Matthew 22:37-39 guides us quite well. *He said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." 38 This is the greatest and first commandment. 39 And a second is like it: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."* The two commands that Jesus gives us are really at the root of all service. If we love God, we will indeed serve Him and therefore if we love our neighbors we will serve them too.

With all the gifts and promises that Jesus has given us and done for us we really should be willing and ready to give something back. We should be able to serve in thanksgiving, pay forward a small token or gesture of what He has given to us. He doesn't want us to just believe, he wants us to love our lives with our faith apparent in EVERYTHING we do. The world should be able to SEE that we are Christians by our attitudes, our actions, and by our love for others.

Serving one another is what Jesus was trying to show us. Look and see friends, family and neighbors in need. Look for ways to honor God and show Jesus' love in our words and in our hearts AND in our service. We have a lot to learn from Jesus. His actions showed us an example of love, motives, and honoring God in service. It's time to put what we learned into action. Amen!

Hymn of the Day/Offering: Lord Whose Love in Humble Service

Lord, whose love in humble service
Bore the weight of human need,
Who upon the cross, forsaken,
Worked Your mercy's perfect deed:
We, Your servants, bring the worship
Not of voice alone, but heart;
Consecrating to Your purpose
Every gift which You impart.

As we worship, grant us vision,
Till your love's revealing light
In its height and depth and greatness
Dawns upon our quickened sight,
Making known the needs and burdens
Your compassion bids us bear,
Stirring us to ardent service,
Your abundant life to share.

Offering Procession: We Give Thee but Thine Own

*We give Thee but Thine own,
Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone,
A trust, O Lord, from Thee.*

Apostles Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by 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**

Christian/catholic Church, the communion of the saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen

Prayers of the people: (Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer**)

Set free from sin and death and nourished by the word of truth, we join in prayers for all of God's creation. Holy One, for the gift of the church handed down through the ages and for all who carry on the servant ministry of Jesus, we praise you. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer**

Creating One, for the habitat that you provide for all your creatures, we praise you. Provide healing for the earth where it is dry, drying for the land where there has been too much rain, rain for the areas that are dealing with fire and guide all of us to take care of the world that we live in. Provide healing for the creatures of the Earth who dwells in these uncertain areas and help them to not only live but flourish. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer**

Suffering One, for all who work toward peace and who lead nations with a servant's heart, we praise you. Bring justice for all who suffer violence, persecution, discrimination, hunger, poverty, homelessness and create places of refuge for all people. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer**

Merciful One, for all who do the work of healing in mind, body and spirit, we praise you. Surround and comfort all who are struggles with illness. We lift up today Sonya and Roger, Daniel and Terry, Marlis and Whitney, Jaime, Anne and Brent, and all those we name silently now in our own hearts..... Help them to healing and wholeness when the path forward seems so long and often times bleak. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer**

Confident that you hear us, O God. We boldly place our prayers into your hands, through Jesus Christ, our truth and life. Amen

Meal

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection and ascension, we await his coming in glory. **Pour out your Holy Spirit, that by this Holy Communion we may know the unity we share with all your people in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Words of Institution and 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. 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

Invitation Communion: All who hunger and thirst, come. The table is ready.

After Communion Prayer:

Lord of life, in the gift of your body and blood you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation. Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy, hearing witness to the abundance of your love in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

Blessing:

People of God you are Christ's body, bringing new life to a suffering world. The holy Trinity, +one God, bless you now and forever. Amen

Sending Song: Rise Up O Saints of God

Rise up, O saints of God!

From vain ambitions turn;

Christ rose triumphant that your hearts

with nobler zeal might burn.

Commit your hearts to seek
the paths which Christ has trod;
and, quickened by the Spirit's pow'r,
rise up, O saints of God!

Dismissal: Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you. **Thanks be to God.**

Mark Your Calendars:

Sunday, October 17th – 9am at Nora w/3rd and 4th Graders getting Bibles - Meatballs at Kirkebo 11-2

Monday, October 18th – Council at 6:30 Nora

Sunday, October 24th – 9am at Kirkebo w/3rd & 4th Graders getting Bibles – Nora at 11am

Service Saturday at Nora – 9am on October 30th – looking for projects contact Wayne or Vern

Halloween Bingo at Kirkebo – October 31st

To Be Like Jesus

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The puzzle is based on Mark 10:35-45



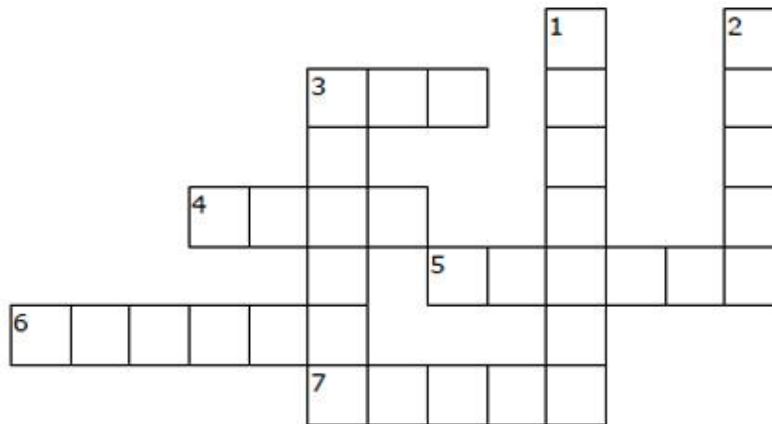
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SERVANT	SUFFER	THRONE	RULER	HONOR
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FIRST	SIT	RIGHT	LEFT	PLACE

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ACROSS

3. To occupy a chair
4. The direction that is the opposite of right
5. to be in front; to be first
6. A special chair used by a king or queen
7. The direction that is the opposite of left

DOWN

1. A person who works for another person
2. To do something to help someone, often after they ask you to do it
3. To feel physical or mental pain

LEFT	LEADER	SERVANT	FAVOR
RIGHT	SIT	SUFFER	THRONE

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Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.



A	Q	L	G	P	D	R	Z	V	X	W	H	M	C	I	K	S	T	E	B	U	F	N	Y	O	J
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- 18-12-7-25-23-19 _____
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- 3-19-22-18 _____
- 17-21-22-22-19-7 _____
- 7-21-3-19-7 _____
- 11-25-7-3-6 _____
- 3-19-1-6-19-7 _____
- 17-19-7-9-1-23-18 _____
- 7-1-23-17-25-13 _____

LEADER	RIGHT	LEFT	FAVOR	WORLD
RANSOM	SERVANT	SUFFER	THRONE	RULER