

## Bell

### Benediction

P Prepare the way of the Lord! Make straight in the desert a highway for our God!

**C Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.**

P So that whatever we do, in word or deed.

**C We do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus.**

P Giving thanks to God the Father through him because

**C Nothing is impossible with our God!**

**Sending Hymn:** Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers!

Rejoice, rejoice, believers and let your lights appear!

The evening is advancing and darker night is near.

The Bridegroom is arising and soon he will draw nigh

Up, watch in expectation! At midnight comes the cry.

Our hope and expectation O Jesus, now appear;

Arise, O Son so longed for above the darkened sphere

With hearts and hands uplifted we please, O Lord, to see

That day of earth's redemption that sets your people free!

**Dismissal:** Go in peace. Christ is with you. **Thanks be to God.**

Please note:

- December 4<sup>th</sup> – 9am Service at Nora w/10am Sunday School  
11am Service at Kirkebo
- December 7<sup>th</sup> – Confirmation Class at 6:15 - Nora
- December Ushers: Josie & Clint Hayden and Brittany & Jesse Hayden

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**Perley Parish  
First Sunday of Advent  
November 27, 2022**

*We ponder your steadfast love, O God, in the midst of your temple.  
Psalm 48:9*

*Help us consider ways in which we can ponder the meaning of the birth of our Savior  
through the reading of Scripture and through reflection. Mary serves as a model for us  
in this pondering in the Annunciation.*

## **Prelude and Bell**

**Gathering Hymn:** Come Thou Long, Expected Jesus

Come, Thou long expected Jesus. Born to set Thy people free;  
From our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in Thee.  
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth Thou art;  
Dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

Born Thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a King,  
Born to reign in us forever, now Thy gracious kingdom bring.  
By Thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;  
By Thine all-sufficient merit, raise us to Thy glorious throne.

## **Invocation and Call to Worship**

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C Amen.**

P Prepare the way of the Lord! Make straight in the desert a highway for our God!

**C Be strong and courageous, be careful to live according to everything Moses commanded.**

P Do not let God's Word depart from your mouth.

**C But meditate on it day and night.**

P Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.

**C Singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts because nothing is impossible with our God!**

## **Welcome and Announcements**

### **Confession and Absolution**

P Almighty God, because nothing is impossible with you, we come into your presence confessing our sin, confident of your mercy and forgiveness. For lack of reverence; for calculating minds; for going along with the majority—

**C O Christ, forgive us.**

P For selfishness that dares not face truth; laziness content with half-truth; for artificial life and worship—

### **Apostle's 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 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** (response: **nothing is impossible with God**)

### **Meal**

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

**C: In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.**

### **Words of Institution**

P: Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

**C: 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.**

P: Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

**C: all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. Amen**

### **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*

**C O Christ, forgive us.**

P For self-indulgence; for being pompous and puffed up with self-importance—

**C O Christ, forgive us.**

P For cynicism about our fellow Christians; for cruel indifference; for being satisfied with things as they are and failing to trust that with you nothing is impossible—

**C O Christ, forgive us.**

P For token concern for the poor, the lonely and the loveless people; for confusing faith with good feelings—

**C O Christ, forgive us.**

P For everything in us that hides your divine power—

**C Lord, have mercy! Christ, have mercy! Lord, have mercy!**

P Hear the good news! Because of his death and resurrection, Jesus is our Savior. The Lord God has given to him the throne of his father David. Jesus reigns over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end. Therefore, you are fully and forever forgiven in Jesus' name.

**C Nothing is impossible with our God!**

### Prayer of the Day

**Pour your grace into our hearts, O Lord, that we who have known the incarnation of your Son Jesus Christ, announced by the angel Gabriel to the Virgin Mary, may by his cross and resurrection be convinced anew that absolutely nothing is impossible with you; for you live and reign with the Father and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

### Lighting of the Advent Wreath

P: In this season of Advent, we long for God's presence.

**C: Christ is our light and the source of our hope**

P: In this season of Advent, we search God's truth

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P: In this season of Advent, we remember God's promise.

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**O Come, O Come Emmanuel**

O come, O come Emmanuel and ransom captive Israel  
That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel. Shall come to thee, O Israel

**Old Testament Reading**, Joshua 1:7-9

**Epistle Reading**, Colossians 3:15-17

**Word of God, Word of Life. Thanks be to God.**

**Holy Gospel** according to Luke 1:26-38, **Glory to you O Lord**

The Gospel of our Lord, **Praise to you, O Christ**

### Children's Message

**Message – “Open the Door”**

**Hymn of the Day/Offering:** Your Little Ones Dear Lord

Your little ones, dear Lord, are we, and come your lowly bed to see;  
enlighten every soul and mind, that we the way to you may find.

With songs we hasten you to greet, and kiss the ground before your feet.  
Oh, blessed hour, oh, sweetest night that gave you birth, our soul's delight.

Oh, draw us wholly to you, Lord, and to us all your grace accord;  
true faith and love to us impart, that we may hold you in our heart.

**Offering Response – We give thee but thine own, whatever the gift may be.  
All that we have is thine alone a trust o, Lord in thee.**

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