

## Blessing (sung)

The Lord bless you and keep you  
Make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you  
The Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace  
Amen, amen, amen. Amen, amen, amen

## Bell

**Sending Hymn:** Lift High the Cross  
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
till all the world adore his sacred name.

Come, Christians, follow where the Master trod,  
our King victorious, Christ the Son of God.  
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
till all the world adore his sacred name.

So shall our song of triumph ever be:  
praise to the Crucified for victory!  
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
till all the world adore his sacred name.

**Dismissal:** Go in peace. Serve in love. **Thanks be to God**

Mark your Calendars:

- Wednesday, March 8<sup>th</sup> -Lenten Dinner at 6/Service at 7PM -Kirkebo
- Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup> – 9am at Kirkebo, Sunday School at 10am and 11am **Confirmation Service** at Nora w/potluck following

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Perley Parish  
Second Sunday in Lent  
March 5, 2023

## Prelude and Bell

**Gathering Hymn:** How Firm a Foundation  
How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord  
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word  
What more can He say than to you He hath said  
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled

Fear not, I am with thee; oh be not dismayed.  
For I am thy God and will still give thee aid  
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand  
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand

## Welcome and Announcements

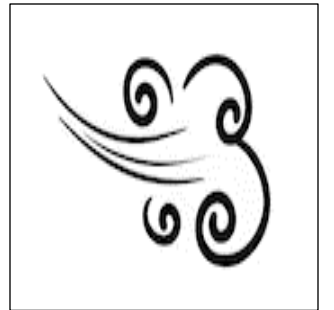
## Confession and Forgiveness

Holy God,  
**we confess to you our faults and failings. Too often we neglect and do not trust your holy words; we take for ourselves instead of giving to others; we spoil rather than steward your creation; we cause hurt though you call us to heal; we choose fear over compassion. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, as we seek to follow in your way of life. Amen**

**Prayer of the Day: O God, our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, on God, now and forever. Amen.**

## Psalm 121 (Read Responsively)

I lift up my eyes to the hills - from where will my help come? **My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.** He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber. **He who keeps**



**Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.** The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade at your right hand. **The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.** The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. **The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.**

**First Reading:** Genesis 12:1-4

**Second Reading:** Romans 4:1-5, 13-17  
Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

**Holy Gospel** according to John 3:1-17,, **Glory to you O Lord**  
The Gospel of our Lord, **Praise to you, O Christ**

### **Children's Message**

#### **Message**

**Hymn of the Day/Offering/Noisy Offering:** Children of the Heavenly Father  
Children of the heav'nly Father safely in His bosom gather;  
Nestling bird nor star in heaven such a refuge e'er was given.

Though He giveth or He taketh, God His children ne'er forsaketh;  
His the loving purpose solely to preserve them pure and holy.

**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.*

### **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: (Merciful God, receive our Prayer)**

### **Meal**

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

**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**

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.**

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

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

### **Lord's Prayer (spoken)**

***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***