

**Perley Parish**  
**Seventh Sunday of Easter**  
**May 21, 2023**

**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.**

**Blessing**

**The God of all, who raised Jesus from the dead, blesses us by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation. Amen**

**Bell**

**Sending Hymn: Spirit of Gentleness**

**Refrain:** Spirit, Spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness calling and free, Spirit, Spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

You moved on the waters, you called to the deep, then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep; and over the eons you called to each thing: "Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings." **Refrain.**

**Dismissal:** Go in peace. Serve the Risen One. **Thanks be to God**

Mark your calendars:

- Sunday, May 28 - 9am at Kirkebo
- Nora May Ushers: Sean & Anita Jalbert & Vern & Claudia Cleveland

**Prelude and Bell**

**Gathering Hymn: Lord, You Give the Great Commission**

Lord, you give the great commission: "Heal the sick and preach the word." Lest the church neglect its mission, and the gospel go unheard, help us witness to your purpose with renewed integrity. **Refrain**

Lord, you bless with words assuring: "I am with you to the end." Faith and hope and love restoring, may we serve as you intend and, amid the cares that claim us, hold in mind eternity. **Refrain**

**Refrain:** With the Spirit's gifts empow'r us for the work of ministry

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

Most merciful God,

**We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

**Prayer of the Day: O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**READING:** 1 Corinthians 15: 13-14

If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL:** Luke 24: 13-27

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?' He asked them, 'What things?' They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.' Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

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

**Children's Message/Message**

**Hymn of the Day/Offering: O Holy Spirit, Enter In**

O Holy Spirit, enter in, And in our hearts your work begin,  
And make our hearts your dwelling. Sun of the soul, O Light divine,  
Around and in us brightly shine, Your strength in us upwelling.  
In your radiance Life from heaven  
Now is given Overflowing,  
Gift of gifts beyond all knowing.

O mighty Rock, O Source of life, Let your good Word in doubt and strife  
Be in us strongly burning, That we be faithful unto death  
And live in love and holy faith, From you true wisdom learning.  
Lord, your mercy On us shower;  
By your power Christ confessing,  
We will cherish all your blessing.

**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:** (Hear us, O God, Your mercy is great)

As brothers and sisters in Christ, let us say together the prayer that 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. 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***

