

Prayer: We thank you, generous God, for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table. Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world, through the one who is our dearest treasure, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen

Blessing

The God who calls across the cosmos and speaks in the smallest seed+ bless, keep and sustain you now and to the end of the age. **Amen.**

Bell

Sending Hymn: Faith of Our Fathers (LBW #500)

Faith of our fathers, living still in spite of dungeon, fire and sword.
Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy. Whene'er we hear that glorious word.

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Faith of our fathers, holy faith, we will be true to thee til death.

The martyrs, chained in prisons dark, were still in heart and conscience free;
And blest would be their children's fate if they, like them, should die for thee.

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Faith of our fathers! We will love both friend and foe in all our strife;
Proclaim thee, too, as love knows how, by saving Word and faithful life.

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Dismissal: Go in peace. Share the harvest. **Thanks be to God**

Mark your calendars:

- Sunday, August 20 - 9am at Nora
- Joint Council following service at Nora
- Sunday, August 27 - 9am at Kirkebo
- Sunday, September 17 – LUTEFISK DINNER AT NORA!! 11-1:30
- Sunday, October 15 – MEATBALL DINNER AT KIRKEBO!! 11-2:00

Perley Parish
11th Sunday after Pentecost
August 13, 2023

Prelude and Bell

Gathering Hymn: You Servants of God (LBW #252 vss 1-2, 4)

You servants of God, your master proclaim and publish broad his wonderful name;
The name, all victorious, of Jesus extol; His kingdom is glorious and rules over all!

Our God rules on high, almighty to save; and still he is nigh, his presence we have.
The great congregation his triumph shall sing, ascribing salvation to Jesus, our King!

Then let us adore and give him his right, all glory and pow'r and wisdom and might,
All honor and blessing, with angels above, and thanks never ceasing and infinite love!

Welcome and Announcements: Community Picnic today at Kirkebo following service.

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, +one God, who greets us in this and every season,
whose word never fails, whose promise is sure. Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of our neighbors.
Righteous God, we confess that we have sinned. We have failed to be honest.
We have lacked the courage to speak. We have spoken falsely. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy. Amen.

God is a cup of cold water when we thirst. God offers boundless grace when we fail.
Claim the gift of God's mercy: you are freed and forgiven in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Prayer of the Day: O God, our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Psalm 85:8-13

Let me hear what God the LORD will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.

Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land.

Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other. Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky. The LORD will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase. **Righteousness will go before him, and will make a path for his steps**

First Reading: 1 Kings 19:9-18

Second Reading: Romans 10:5-15

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

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew 14:13-21

Glory to you O Lord

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

Message

Hymn of the Day/Offering: My Faith Looks Up to Thee (LBW #479)

My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine!
Now hear me while I pray, take all my guilt away,
O let me from this day be wholly thine!

May thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart, my zeal inspire!
As thou hast died for me, O may my love to thee
Pure, warm and changeless be, a living fire!

While life's dark maze I tread and griefs around me spread, be thou my guide;
Bid darkness turn to day, wipe sorrow's tears away,
Nor let me ever stray from thee aside.

When ends life's transient dream, when death's cold, sullen stream shall o'er me roll;
Blest Savior, then, in love fear and distrust remove; Oh, bear me safe above, a ransomed soul!

Offering Response: *We give thee but thine own, whatever the gift may be. All that we have is thine alone a trust, Oh 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.**)

Receive our prayers and answer us, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

As brothers and sisters in Christ, let us pray 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***

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. Amen.

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. Amen.**

All people are called to Christ's table. Come, eat what is good.