

Bell

Sending Hymn: Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing (LBW #259 vss 1,2)

Lord, dismiss us with your blessing, fill our hearts with joy and peace;
Let us each, your love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace.
Oh, refresh us; oh, refresh us, trav'ling through this wilderness.

Thanks we give and adoration for your Gospel's joyful sound,
May the fruits of your salvation in our hearts and lives abound.
Ever faithful, every faithful to your truth may we be found.

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

Mark your calendars:

- Sunday, September 24 – 9:30am at Kirkebo, Sunday School 10:30 at Nora
- Sunday, October 1 – 9:30 am at Nora with Sunday School at 10:30
- Sunday, October 8 – 9:30 am at Kirkebo with Sunday School at 10:30 at Nora
- Sunday, October 15 – 9:30 am at Nora with Sunday School at 10:30
- Sunday, October 22 – **MEATBALL DINNER AT KIRKEBO!! 11-1:30
9:30 am at Nora with Sunday School at 10:30**
- Sunday, October 29 – NO SERVICE

AND:

Pork Dinner at Dilworth Lutheran on Sept. 24 11:30am – 2pm
Potato Dumpling Dinner at Halstad Living Center on Sept. 27 5-7pm

**Perley Parish
16th Sunday after Pentecost
September 17, 2023**

Prelude and Bell

Gathering Hymn: Jesus Shall Reign (LBW#530 vss 1,2,4,5)

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun does its successive journeys run;
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.

To him shall endless prayer be made, and praises throng to crown his head;
His name like sweet perfume shall rise with ev'ry morning sacrifice.

Blessings abound where'er he reigns: the pris'ners leap to lose their chains,
The weary find eternal rest, and all who suffer want are blest.

Let ev'ry creature rise and bring honor peculiar to our King;
Angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud amen.

Welcome and Announcements: LUTEFISK DINNER AT NORA 11 TO 1:30

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 Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, though Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Psalm 103:8-13 (read responsively)

The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. **He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger for ever.** He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. **For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love towards those who fear him;** as far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us. **As a father has compassion for his children, so the LORD has compassion for those who fear him.**

First Reading: Genesis 50:15-21

Second Reading: Romans 14:1-12

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

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew 18:21-35 Glory to you O Lord

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

Message

Hymn of the Day/Offering: Jesus Calls Us; O'er the Tumult (LBW #494 vss 1,3,4,5)

Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult of our life's wild, restless sea,
Day by day his clear voice sounding, saying "Christian, follow me."

As of old St. Andrew heard it by the Galilean lake,
Turned from home and toil and kindred, leaving all for his dear sake.

Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain world's golden store,
From each idol that would keep us, saying "Christian, love me more."

In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease,
Still he calls, in cares and pleasures, "Christian, love me more than these."

Jesus calls us! In your mercy, Savior, make us hear your call,
Give our hearts to your obedience, serve and love you best of all.

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 (Merciful God, receive our prayer.)

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.

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.**