

Bell

Sending Hymn: Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng! (LBW 553 vss. 1,3,5)

Rejoice, O pilgrim throng! Rejoice, give thanks and sing; your festal banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.

REFRAIN: Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

With all the angel choirs, with all the saints on earth pour out the strains of joy and bliss, true rapture, noblest mirth. **REFRAIN.**

Still lift your standard high, still march in firm array, as pilgrims through the darkness wend till dawns the gold day. **REFRAIN.**

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

Mark your calendars:

- 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

Perley Parish
18th Sunday after Pentecost
October 1, 2023

Prelude and Bell

Gathering Hymn: Just as I Am, without One Plea (LBW #296 vss 1,2,5,6)

Just as I am, without one plea, but that thy blood was shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me come to thee. O Lamb of god, I come, I come.

Just as I am, and waiting not to rid my soul of one dark blot, to thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve; because thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am; thy love unknown has broken ev'ry barrier down; now to be thine, yea, thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Welcome and Announcements:

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: God of love, giver of life, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Psalm 145:1-8 (read responsively)

I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name for ever and ever. **Every day I will bless you, and praise your name for ever and ever.** Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; his greatness is unsearchable. **One generation shall laud your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts.** On the glorious splendour of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate. **The might of your awesome deeds shall be proclaimed, and I will declare your greatness.** They shall celebrate the fame of your abundant goodness, and shall sing aloud of your righteousness. **The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

First Reading: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

Second Reading: Philippians 2:1-13 Word of God, Word of Life. Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew 21:23-32 Glory to you O Lord

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

Message

Hymn of the Day/Offering: O Jesus I Have Promised (LBW #503 vss 1,3,4)

O Jesus, I have promised to serve Thee to the end;
Be Thou forever near me, my Master and my Friend.
I shall not fear the battle If Thou art by my side,
Nor wander from the pathway if Thou wilt be my Guide.

Oh, let me hear you speaking in accents clear and still;
Above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will.
Now speak to reassure me, to hasten or control;
Now speak and make me listen, O Guardian of my soul

O Jesus, you have promised to all who follow you
That where you are in glory, your servant shall be too.
And Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end;
Oh, give me grace to follow, my master and my friend

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.**