

## 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: On, O King Eternal (LBW# 495 all verses)

Lead on, O King eternal! The day of march has come; henceforth in fields of conquest your tents will be our home. Through days of preparation your grace has made us strong; and now, O King eternal, we lift our battles song.

Lead on, O King eternal, till sin's fierce war shall cease, and holiness shall whisper the sweet amen of peace. For not with swords loud clashing, nor roll of stirring drums, but deeds of love and mercy the heav'nly kingdom comes.

Lead on, O King eternal: We follow, not with fears, for gladness breaks like morning where'er your face appears. Your cross is lifted o'er us; we journey in its light; the crown awaits the conquest; lead on, O God of might!

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

### Mark your calendars:

- Saturday, October 14 Ham Dinner & Bake Sale at Christ the King Lutheran Church in Moorhead from 4-7 pm
- 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  
19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
October 8, 2023

## Prelude and Bell

### Gathering Hymn: When Morning Gilds the Skies (LBW #546, vss.1-4)

1. When morning gilds the skies, my heart awaking cries: May Jesus Christ be praised! When evening shadows fall, this rings my curfew call: May Jesus Christ be praised!
2. When mirth for music longs, this is my song of songs: May Jesus Christ be praised! God's holy house of prayer has none that can compare with "Jesus Christ be praised!"
3. To him, my highest and best, I sing, when love possessed: may Jesus Christ be praised! What e'er my hands begin, this blessing shall break in: may Jesus Christ be praised!
4. No lovelier antiphon in all high heav'n is known than "Jesus Christ be praised"! There to the eternal Word the eternal psalm is heard: Oh Jesus Christ be praised!

### Welcome and Announcements: **MEATBALL DINNER AT KIRKEBO ON OCTOBER 22 FROM 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:** Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**Psalm 80:7-15 (read responsively)**

Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved. **You brought a vine out of Egypt; you drove out the nations and planted it.** You cleared the ground for it; it took deep root and filled the land. **The mountains were covered with its shade, the mighty cedars with its branches;** it sent out its branches to the sea, and its shoots to the River. **Why then have you broken down its walls, so that all who pass along the way pluck its fruit?** The boar from the forest ravages it, and all that move in the field feed on it. **Turn again, O God of hosts; look down from heaven, and see; have regard for this vine,** the stock that your right hand planted.

**First Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7**

**Second Reading: Philippians 4:4b-14**

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

**The Holy Gospel according to Matthew 21:33-46** **Glory to you O Lord**

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

**Message**

**Hymn of the Day/Offering: O God, Our Help in Ages Past (LBW#320 vss 1-4)**

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,  
Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home:

Under the shadow of your throne your saints have dwelt secure;  
Sufficient is your arm alone, and our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood or earth received its frame,  
From everlasting you are God, to endless years the same.

A thousand ages in your sight are like an evening gone,  
Short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.

**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 (God of grace, hear 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**