

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: How Firm a Foundation (LBW #507, all vss.)

1. How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!

What more can he say than to you he has said, who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?

2. Fear not, I am with you. Oh, be not dismayed, for I am your God and will still give you aid;

I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand, upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

3. When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie, my grace, all sufficient, shall be they supply; the flame shall not hurt you; I only design your dross to consume and your gold to refine.

4. Throughout all their lifetime my people shall prove my sov'reign, eternal, unchangeable love; And then, when gray hairs shall their temples adorn, like lambs they shall still in my bosom be borne.

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

Mark your calendars:

- 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
- Nov. 5 – All Saints Sunday—9:30am at Nora with Sunday School at 10:30
- Nov. 12 – 9:30 at Kirkebo, Sunday School at Nora at 10:30

Perley Parish
20th Sunday after Pentecost
October 15, 2023

Prelude and Bell

Gathering Hymn: O Worship the King (LBW #548 vss. 1-4)

1. Oh, worship the King, all glorious above, Oh, gratefully sing, his pow'r and his love; Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days, Pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.

2. Oh, tell of his might; oh, sing of his grace, Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space; His chariots of wrath the deep thunder-clouds form, And dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

3. The earth with its store of wonders untold, Almighty, your pow'r has founded of old; Established it fast by a changeless decree, And round it has cast, like a mantle, the sea.

4. Your bountiful care what tongue can recite? It breathes in the air, it shines in the light, It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain, And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

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: Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Psalm 23 (read responsively)

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want. **He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;** he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. **Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me.** You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.

First Reading: : Isaiah 25:1-9

Second Reading: Philippians 4:1-9

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

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew 22:1-14. **Glory to you O Lord**

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

Message

Hymn of the Day/Offering: Come, You Thankful People, Come (all vss)

1. Come you thankful people, come; raise the song of harvest home

All is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin.

God, our maker, does provide for our wants to be supplied,

Come to God's own temple, come; raise the song of harvest home.

2. All the world of God's own field, fruit unto his praise to yield.

Wheat and tares together sown, unto joy or sorrow grown.

First the blade and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear.

Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.

3. For the Lord our God shall come and shall take his harvest home.

From his field shall in that day all offenses purge away,

Give his angels charge at last in the fire that tares to cast.

But the fruitful ears to store in his garner evermore.

4. Even so, Lord, quickly come to your final harvest home.

Gather all your people in, free from sorrow, free from sin,

There, forever purified, in your garner to abide.

Come, with all your angels, come, raise the glorious harvest home!

Offering Response: We give thee but thine own, whatever that 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 (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**