

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: Lead on, O King Eternal (LBW#495 all vss.)

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:

- Advent Sunday, December 3 – 9:30 at Nora with Sunday School at 10:30
- December 10 – 9:30 at Kirkebo with Sunday School at Nora at 10:30
- December 17 – 9:30 at Nora with Sunday School at 10:30

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Perley Parish
26th Sunday After Pentecost
November 26, 2023

Prelude and Bell

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

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.

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.

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.

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

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. Amen.

Psalm 95:1-7 (read responsively)

O come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! **Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!** For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods. **In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also.** The sea is his, for he made it, and the dry land, which his hands have formed. **O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!** For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. O that today you would listen to his voice!

First Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-15,20-24

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:15-23

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

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew 25:31-46. Glory to you O Lord

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

Message

Hymn of the Day/Offering: Rise Up, O Saints of God (LBW# 383, vss. 1,2,3,5)

Rise up, O saints of God! From vain ambitions turn;
Christ rose triumphant that your hearts with nobler zeal might burn.

Speak out, O saints of God! Despair engulfs earth's frame;
As heirs of God's baptismal grace, His word of hope proclaim.

Rise up, O saints of God! His kingdom's task embrace;
Redress sin's cruel consequence; give justice larger place.

Commit your hearts to seek the paths which Christ has trod.
And quickened by the Spirit's power, rise up, O saints of God!

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 (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.*****