

**Prayer:** Generous God, in bread and cup you have revealed your glory for all people to see together. Nourished by this meal, send us out to proclaim your good news of liberation and release, brought to birth in Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

### **Blessing**

The God of peace bless you, the love of Christ sustain you in hope and the anointing of the Spirit remain upon you. **Amen.**

### **Bell**

#### **Sending Hymn: I Love to Tell the Story (LBW#390)**

I love to tell the story of unseen things above, of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love. I love to tell the story, because I now it's true; it satisfies my longings as nothing else would do. Refrain.

**Refrain:** I love to tell the story; I'll sing this theme in glory and tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

I love to tell the story: how pleasant to repeat what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet! I love to tell the story, for some have never heard the message of salvation from God's own holy Word. **Refrain.**

I love to tell the story, for those who know it best seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest. And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song, I'll sing the old, old story that I have loved so long. **Refrain**

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

#### **Mark your calendars:**

- December 10 – 9:30 at Kirkebo with Sunday School at Nora at 10:30
- December 17 – **Sunday School Christmas Program during service at Nora at 9:30. Brunch potluck to follow.**
- December 24 – Christmas Eve Day service at Kirkebo at 9:30am, no Sunday School
- **No Sunday School from December 17 until January 7.**

**Perley Parish  
First Sunday of Advent  
December 3, 2023**

### **Prelude and Bell**

### **Advent Opening and Candlelighting**

#### **Gathering Hymn: Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel (LBW #34)**

Oh, come, oh, come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.

**Refrain:** Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

Oh, come, oh, come, great Lord of might, who to your tribes on Sinai's height in ancient times once gave the law in cloud and majesty and awe. **Refrain**

Oh, come, strong Branch of Jesse, free your own from Satan's tyranny; from depths of hell your people save and give them vict'ry o'er the grave. **Refrain.**

Oh, come, blest Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by your advent here; disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight.

**Refrain**

**\*Welcome and Announcements: Nora Sunday School Christmas Program on December 17 during 9:30am service. Potluck brunch to follow the service.**

### **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 80:1-7,17-19 (read responsively)**

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock! You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth **before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh. Stir up your might, and come to save us!** Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved. **O LORD God of hosts, how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?** You have fed them with the bread of tears, and given them tears to drink in full measure. **You make us the scorn of our neighbours; our enemies laugh among themselves.** Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved. **But let your hand be upon the one at your right hand, the one whom you made strong for yourself.** Then we will never turn back from you; give us life, and we will call on your name. **Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.**

**First Reading: Isaiah 64:1-9**

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9**

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

**The Holy Gospel according to Mark 13:24-37. Glory to you O Lord**

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

**Message**

**Hymn of the Day/Offering: Joy to the World (LBW#39)**

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive its King; let ev'ry heart prepare him room and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ, while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sin and sorrow grow nor thorns infest the ground; he comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the nations prove the glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.

**Offering Response:** We give thee but thine own, whatever that gift may be. All that we have is thine alone, a trust, O, Lord, from 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, hear our prayer.)**

Listen to these and all our prayers, O God of hosts, and restore us with your great and everlasting mercy. **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.\*\*\***