

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: Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart (LBW#486 vss 1-3-4)

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart; wean it from earth, through all its pulses move;
Stoop to my weakness, strength to me impart, and make me love as I ought to love.

Have you not bid me love you, God and King; all, all your own, soul, heart, and strength and mind?

I see your cross; there teach my heart to cling. Oh, let me seek you and, oh, let me find!

Teach me to love you as your angels love, one holy passion filling all my frame:
The baptism of the heav'n descended dove, my heart an altar and your love the flame.

Dismissal: Go in Peace. You are God's beloved. **Thanks be to God.**

Mark your calendars:

- January 14 – 9:30 at Kirkebo with Nora Sunday School at 10:30
- January 21 – 9:30 at Nora with Sunday School at 10:30
- January 28 – 9:30 at Kirkebo with Nora Sunday School at 10:30

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**Perley Parish
Baptism of Our Lord
First Sunday after Epiphany
January 7, 2024**

Prelude and Bell

Gathering Hymn: The First Noel (LBW#56 vss 1-4)

The first Noel the angel did say was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
in fields where they lay, keeping their sheep, on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Refrain: Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel! Born is the King of Israel.

They looked up and saw a star shining in the east beyond them far; and to the earth it gave great light, and so it continued both day and night. **Refrain.**

And by the light of that same star three Wise Men came from country far; to seek for a king was their intent, and to follow the star wherever it went. **Refrain.**

And this star drew near to the northwest, o'er Bethlehem it took its rest; and there it did both stop and stay right over the place where Jesus lay. **Refrain.**

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 29 (read responsively)

Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength. **Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name; worship the LORD in holy splendour.** The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over mighty waters. **The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.** The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon. **He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.** The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire. **The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.** The voice of the LORD causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare; and in his temple all say, 'Glory!' **The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king for ever.** May the LORD give strength to his people! May the LORD bless his people with peace!

First Reading: Genesis 1:1-5

Second Reading: Acts 19:1-7

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

The Holy Gospel according to Mark 1:4-11 Glory to you O Lord

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

Message

Hymn of the Day/Offering: You Servants of God (LBW#252 vss 1-2-4)

You servants of God, your master proclaim and publish broad his wonderful name;
The name, all victorious, of Jesus extol; His kingdom is glorious and rules over all!

Our God rules on high, almighty to save; and still he is nigh, his presence we have.
The great congregation his triumph shall sing, ascribing salvation to Jesus, our King!

Then let us adore and give him his right, all glory and pow'r and wisdom and might,
All honor and blessing, with angels above, and thanks never ceasing and infinite 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 (God of grace, receive our prayer.)

Knowing the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we offer these prayers and the silent prayers of our hearts in the name of our Savior, 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.**

At Jesus's table, heaven and earth are joined as one. Come and see.