

**Prayer:** Giver of every gift, Christ's body is our food and we are Christ's body. Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

## **Bell**

**Blessing:** God who names you, Christ who claims you and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you, bless you and remain with you always.

## **Sending Hymn: O Savior, Precious Savior (LBW#514)**

O Savior, precious Savior, whom yet unseen we love; O name of might and favor, all other names above: We worship thee; we bless thee; to thee alone we sing; we praise thee and confess thee, our holy Lord and King.

O Bringer of salvation, who wondrously has wrought, thyself the revelation of love beyond our thought: We worship thee; we bless thee; to thee alone we sing; we praise thee and confess thee, our gracious Lord and King.

In thee all fullness dwelleth, all grace and pow'r divine; the glory that excelleth, O Son of God, is thine. We worship thee; we bless thee; to thee alone we sing; we praise thee and confess thee, our glorious Lord and King.

Oh, grant the consummation of this our song above, in endless adoration and everlasting love; Then shall we praise and bless thee where perfect praises ring, and evermore confess thee, our Savior and our King!

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

## **Mark your calendars:**

- **February 4 – 9:30 at Nora with Sunday School at 10:30**
- **February 11 – 9:30 at Kirkebo with Annual Mtg to follow church service. Potluck lunch to follow.**
- **February 11 – SUNDAY SCHOOL AT NORA AT 10:30**
- **February 18 – 9:30 at Nora with Annual Mtg to follow church service. Potluck lunch to follow. No Sunday School.**

**Perley Parish**  
**Fourth Sunday after Epiphany**  
**January 28, 2024**

## **Prelude and Bell**

### **Gathering Hymn: Whose Love in Humble Service (LBW #423)**

Lord whose love in humble service bore the weight of human need; who upon the cross forsaken offered mercy's perfect deed. We your servants bring the worship not of voice along but heart; consecrating to Your purpose ev'ry gift that You impart.

Still your children wander homeless; still the hungry cry for bread; still the captives long for freedom; still in grief we mourn our dead. As you, Lord, in deep compassion healed the sick and freed the soul, by your Spirit send your power to our world to make it whole.

As we worship, grant us vision, till your love's revealing light in its height and depth and greatness dawns upon our quickened sight, making known the needs and burdens your compassion bids us bear, stirring us to ardent service, your abundant life to share.

**Welcome and Announcements: Kirkebo Annual Meeting will be held on February 11 after our regular service. Potluck lunch to follow.**

## **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 111 (read responsively)**

Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation. **Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them.** Full of honour and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures for ever. **He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds; the LORD is gracious and merciful.** He provides food for those who fear him; he is ever mindful of his covenant. **He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the heritage of the nations.** The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy. **They are established for ever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.** He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant for ever. Holy and awesome is his name. **The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practise it have a good understanding. His praise endures for ever.**

**First Reading:** Deuteronomy 18:15-20

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

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

### **The Holy Gospel according to Mark 1:21-28** Glory to you O Lord

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

### **Message**

#### **Hymn of the Day/Offering: Songs of Thankfulness and Praise (LBW#90)**

Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus, Lord to thee we raise; manifested by the star to the sages from afar, Branch of royal David's stem in the thy birth at Bethlehem: Anthems be to thee addressed, God in flesh made manifest.

Manifest at Jordan's stream, Prophet, Priest and King supreme; and at Cana wedding guest in thy Godhead manifest; Manifest in pow'r divine, changing water into wine; anthems be to thee addressed, God in flesh made manifest.

Manifest in making whole palsied limbs and fairing soul; manifest in valiant fight, quelling all the devil's might; Manifest in gracious will, ever bringing good from ill: anthems be to thee addressed, God in flesh made manifest.

Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, present in thy holy Word; grace to imitate thee now and be pure, as pure art thou;  
That we might become like thee at thy great epiphany, and may praise thee, ever blest, God in flesh made manifest.

**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.