

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: Sent Forth by God's Blessing (LBW#221)

Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing, the people of God from his dwelling take leave.

The supper is ended. Oh, now be extended the fruits of this service in all who believe.

The seed of his teaching, receptive souls reaching, shall blossom in action for God and for all.

His grace did invite us, his love shall unite us to work for God's kingdom and answer his call.

With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living, the tasks of our everyday life we will face.

Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring, embracing his children of each tribe and race.

With your feast you feed us, with your light now lead us; unite us as one in this life that we share.

Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving give honor to Christ and his name that we bear.

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

Mark your calendars:

- **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
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
February 4, 2024**

Prelude and Bell

Gathering Hymn: God, Whose Almighty Word (LBW#400)

God, whose almighty word chaos and darkness heard and took their flight: Hear us, we humbly pray, and where the Gospel day sheds not its glorious ray, Let there be light!

Lord, who once came to bring, on your redeeming wing, healing and sight, Health to the sick in mind, sight to the inly blind: Oh, now to humankind. Let there be light!

Spirit of truth and love, lifegiving holy dove, speed forth your flight; Move on the water's face bearing the lamp of grace, and in earth's darkest place. Let there be light!

Holy and blessed three, glorious Trinity, wisdom, love, might! Boundless as ocean's tide, rolling in fullest pride, through the earth, far and wide, Let there be light!

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 147:1-11,20 (read responsively)

Praise the LORD! How good it is to sing praises to our God; for he is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting. **The LORD builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel.** He heals the broken-hearted, and binds up their wounds. **He determines the number of the stars; he gives to all of them their names.** Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure. **The LORD lifts up the downtrodden; he casts the wicked to the ground.** Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; make melody to our God on the lyre. **He covers the heavens with clouds, prepares rain for the earth, makes grass grow on the hills.** He gives to the animals their food, and to the young ravens when they cry. **His delight is not in the strength of the horse, nor his pleasure in the speed of a runner;** but the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him, in those who hope in his steadfast love. **He has not dealt thus with any other nation; they do not know his ordinances. Praise the LORD!**

First Reading: Isaiah 40:21-31

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:16-23

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

The Holy Gospel according to Mark 1:29-39 Glory to you O Lord

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

Message

Hymn of the Day/Offering: Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me (LBW#333)

Lord, take my hand and lead me upon life's way;
Direct, protect and feed me from day to day.
Without your grace and favor I go astray;
So take my hand, O Savior, and lead the way.

Lord, when the tempest rages, I need not fear;
For you, the Rock of Ages, are always near.
Close by your side abiding, I fear no foe,
For when your hand is guiding, in peace I go.

Lord, when the shadows lengthen and night has come,
I know that you will strengthen my steps toward home,
And nothing can impede me, O blessed Friend!
So, take my hand and lead me unto the end.

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.