

Prayer: Generous God, at this table of we have tasted your immeasurable grace. As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf to feed the world; in the name of Jesus Christ, the Bread of life. **Amen.**

Bell

Blessing: Beloved, we are God's own people, holy, washed, renewed. God bless you and keep you, shower you with mercy, fill you with courage, and give you peace. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn: Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus LBW#487

Let us ever walk with Jesus, follow his example pure, through a world that would deceive us and to sin our spirits lure. Onward in his footsteps treading, pilgrims here, our home above, full of faith and hope and love, let us do our Father's bidding.

Let us suffer here with Jesus and with patience bear our cross. Joy will follow all our sadness; where he is there is no loss Though today we sow no laughter, we shall reap celestial joy: all discomforts that annoy shall give way to mirth hereafter.

Let us also live with Jesus, he has risen from the dead that to life we may awaken. Jesus, since you are head,, we are your own living members; where you live, there we shall be in your presence constantly, living there with you forever.

Dismissal: Go in Peace. Share your bread. **Thanks be to God.**

ANNUAL MEETING FOLLOWING SERVICE

Mark your calendars:

- **February 28 – Nora – Lenten Service. Soup & sandwich at 6:15 with service starting at 7:0**
- **March 3 – 9:30 service at Nora with Sunday School at 10:30.**
- **March 6 – Kirkebo – Lenten Service. Soup & sandwich at 6:15 with service starting at 7:00**
- **March 10 – 9:30 service at Kirkebo with Nora Sunday School at 10:30**

**Perley Parish
Second Sunday in Lent
February 25, 2024**

Prelude and Bell

Gathering Hymn: O Word of God Incarnate LBW#231

O Word of God incarnate, O Wisdom from on high, O Truth unchanged, unchanging, O Light of our dark sky: We praise you for the radiance that from the hallowed page, a lantern to our footsteps, shines on from age to age.

The Church from you, dear Master, received the gift divine; and still that light is lifted o'er all the earth to shine. It is the chart and compass that, all life's voyage through, mid mists and rocks and quicksands still guide, O Christ, to you.

Oh, make your Church, dear Savior, a lamp of burnished gold to bear before the nations your true light, as of old; oh, teach your wand'ring pilgrims by this their path to trace, till, clouds and darkness ended, they see you face to face.

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 22:23-31 (read responsively)

You who fear the LORD, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him; stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel! **For he did not despise or abhor the affliction of the afflicted; he did not hide his face from me, but heard when cried to him.** From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will pay before those who fear him. **The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the LORD. May your hearts live for ever!** All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; and all the families of the nations shall worship before him. **For dominion belongs to the LORD, and he rules over the nations.** To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, and I shall live for him. **Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord,** and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that he has done it.

First Reading: Genesis 17:1-7,15-16

Second Reading: Romans 4:13-25

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

The Holy Gospel according to Mark 8:31-38 Glory to you O Lord

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

Message

Hymn of the Day/Offering: How Firm a Foundation LBW#507

1. How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,

Is laid for your father in his excellent Word!

What more can he say than to you he has said

Who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?

2. Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dismayed,

For I am your God and will still give you aid;

I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,

Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

3. When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,

My grace all sufficient, shall be your supply.

The flames shall not hurt you; I only design

Your dross to consume and your gold to refine.

4. Throughout all their lifetime my people shall prove

My sov'reign, eternal, unchangeable love;

And then, when gray hairs shall their temples adorn,

Like lambs they shall still in my bosom be borne.

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 (Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**)

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.