

**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: God of Grace and God of Glory (LBW#415)**

God of grace and God of glory, on your people pour your pow'r; crown you ancient Church's story; bring its bud to glorious flow'r. Grant us wisdom, grand us courage for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.

Lo! The hosts of evil round us scorn the Christ, assail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the living of these days, for the living of these days.

Cure your children's warring madness; bend our pride to your control; shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wisdom, grand us courage, lest we miss your kingdom's goal, lest we miss your kingdom's goal.

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore; let the gift of your salvation be our glory evermore. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving you whom we adore, serving you whom we adore.

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

## **Mark your calendars:**

- **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**
- **March 13 – Nora Lenten Service. Soup & sandwich at 6:15 with service starting at 7:00**

**Perley Parish  
Third Sunday in Lent  
March 3, 2024**

## **Prelude and Bell**

## **Gathering Hymn: Oh, that the Lord Would Guide My Way (LBW#480)**

Oh, that the lord would guide my ways to keep his statutes still! Oh, that my God would grant me grace to know and do his will!

Order my footsteps by your Word and make my heart sincere; let sin have no dominion, Lord, but keep my conscience clear.

Assist my soul, too apt to stray, a stricter watch to keep; and should I e'er forget your way, restore your wand'ring sheep.

Mae me to walk in your commands, 'tis a delightful road; nor let my head or heart or hands offend against my God.

## **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 19 (read responsively)**

The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork. **Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.** There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard; **yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun,** which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy, and like a strong man runs its course with joy. **Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them; and nothing is hidden from its heat.** The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the LORD are sure, making wise the simple; **the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eyes;** the fear of the LORD is pure, enduring for ever; the ordinances of the LORD are true and righteous altogether. **More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.** Moreover by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward. **But who can detect their errors? Clear me from hidden faults.** Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression. **Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.**

**First Reading:** Exodus 20:1-17

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

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

**The Holy Gospel according to John 2:13-22** **Glory to you O Lord**

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

### **Message**

**Hymn of the Day/Offering: In the Cross of Christ I Glory LBW #104**

1. In the cross of Christ I glory, tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of sacred story gathers round its head sublime.
2. When the woes of life o'er take me, hopes deceive, and fears annoy, never shall the cross forsake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.
3. When the sun of bliss is beaming light and love upon my way, from the cross the radiance streaming adds more luster to the day.
4. Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure, by the cross are sanctified; peace is there that knows no measure, joys that through all time abide.

**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.