

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: Lift High the Cross LBW#377

REFRAIN: Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name.

Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod, our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. REFRAIN.

Led on their way by this triumphant sign, the hosts of god in conqu'ring ranks combine. REFRAIN.

All newborn soldiers of the Crucified bear on their brows the seal of him who died. REFRAIN.

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree, as thou hast promised, draw us all to thee. REFRAIN.

So shall our song of triumph ever be: Praise to the Crucified for victory! REFRAIN.

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

Mark your calendars:

- **March 13 – Nora Lenten Service. Soup & sandwich at 6:15 with service starting at 7:00**
- **March 17 – 9:30 at Nora with Sunday School at 10:30**
- **March 20 – Kirkebo Lenten Service. Soup & sandwich at 6:15 with service at 7:00**

**Perley Parish
Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 10, 2024**

Prelude and Bell

Gathering Hymn: Just as I Am, without One Plea LBW #296 (vss 1-3-5-6)

Just as I am, without one plea, but that thy blood was shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me come to thee. O Lamb of god, I come, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about with many a conflict, many a doubt, fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve; because thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am; thy love unknown has broken ev'ry barrier down; now to be thine, yea, thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

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 107:1-3,17-22 (read responsively)

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures for ever.

Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, those he redeemed from trouble

and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south. **Some were sick through their sinful ways, and because of their iniquities endured affliction;** they loathed any kind of food, and they drew near to the gates of death. **Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he saved them from their distress;** he sent out his word and healed them, and delivered them from destruction. **Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to humankind.** And let them offer thanksgiving sacrifices, and tell of his deeds with songs of joy.

First Reading: Numbers 21:4-9

Second Reading: Ephesians 2:1-10

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

The Holy Gospel according to John 3:14-21 Glory to you O Lord

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

Message

Hymn of the Day/Offering: Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound (LBW#448)

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.

‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved; how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils and snares I have already come; ‘tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me; his Word my hope secures; He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

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.