

**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:** Praise the Savior, Now and Ever LBW#155 (all vss)

Praise the Savior, now and ever: praise him, all beneath the skies; come before him and adore him, God's own perfect sacrifice; vict'ry gaining, life obtaining, now in glory see him rise!

Day of gladness! Gone is sadness; Christ has bruised the serpent's head; death no longer is the stronger; hell itself is captive led. Christ our Savior lives forever; o'er the tomb his light is shed.

Anthems glorious, hymns victorious, raise we to our paschal King. Bonds are broken, heav'n is open; sing, O ransomed mortals, sing! Christ is risen from death's prison, healing in his wings to bring.

Earth rejoices; all its voices glory to the Father sing! Praise the Savior, laud him ever, Son of God, our Lord and King! Praise the Spirit, through Christ's merit life eternal see him bring!

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

## **Mark your calendars:**

- **April 21 - 9:30 a.m. at Nora with Sunday School at 10:30**
- **April 28 - 9:30 a.m. at Kirkebo with Nora Sunday School at 10:30**

**Perley Parish  
Third Sunday of Easter  
April 14, 2024**

## **Prelude and Bell**

**Gathering Hymn:** Now the Green Blade Rises LBW#148 (all vss)

Now the green blade rises from the buried grain, wheat that in dark earth many days has lain; love lives again, that with the dead has been; Love is come again like wheat arising green.

In the grave they laid him, love by hatred slain, thinking that he would never wake again, laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen; Love is come again like wheat arising green.

Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain, He that for three days in the grave had lain; raised from the dead, my living Lord is seen; Love is come again like wheat arising green.

When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain, your touch can call us back to life again, fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been; Love is come again like wheat arising green.

## **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 4 (read responsively)**

Answer me when I call, O God of my right! You gave me room when I was in distress. Be gracious to me, and hear my prayer. **How long, you people, shall my honour suffer shame? How long will you love vain words, and seek after lies?** But know that the LORD has set apart the faithful for himself; the LORD hears when I call to him. **When you are disturbed, do not sin; ponder it on your beds, and be silent.** Offer right sacrifices, and put your trust in the LORD. **There are many who say, 'O that we might see some good! Let the light of your face shine on us, O LORD!'** You have put gladness in my heart more than when their grain and wine abound. **I will both lie down and sleep in peace; for you alone, O LORD, make me lie down in safety.**

**First Reading:** Acts 3:12-19

**Second Reading:** 1 John 3:1-7

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

**The Holy Gospel according to Luke 24:36b-48** Glory to you O Lord

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

### **Message**

**Hymn of the Day/Offering:** How Blest Are They Who Hear God's Word LBW#227

How blest are they who hear God's Word, who keep in faith what they have heard, who daily grow in wisdom. From light to light they shall increase and journey on life's way in peace; they have the oil of gladness to soothe their pain and sadness.

Through sorrow's night my sun shall be God's Word, a treasure dear to me, my shield and buckler ever. My title as his child and heir the Father's hand has written there, his promise failing never: "You will be mine forever."

Today his voice with joy I heard and fed upon his holy Word, that bread so freely given. May grace a stronger faith maintain so that its fruit shall all remain when my account is given before God's throne in heaven.

**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, **hear 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.