

Prayer: Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. **Amen.**

Bell

Blessing: Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!** The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy and the Spirit of Easter hope bless you now and always. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn: Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing! LBW#144 (1,3,4)

Good Christian friends, rejoice and sing! Now is the triumph of our King!
To all the world glad news we bring: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord of life is ris'n this day; bring flow'rs of song to strew his way;
Let all the world rejoice and say: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Praise we in songs of victory that love, that life which cannot die, and sing with heart uplifted high: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Your name we bless, O risen Lord, and sing today with one accord, the life laid down, the life restored: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Dismissal: Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad. **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Mark your calendars:

- **April 28 - 9:30 a.m. at Kirkebo No Sunday School until fall schedule**
- **May 5 – 11am service at Nora with potluck following. Confirmation of Noah Christensen, son of John & Melissa Christensen, and Cait Weible, daughter of Curt & Stacie Weible. Pastor Babs Coler with preside over confirmation. Pastor Ovre will preside over the service.**
- **May 12 – 9:30 am at Kirkebo**
- **May 19 – 9:30 at Nora with senior recognition during the service.**
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Special Event: Help celebrate Jan Tracy's 80th birthday on April 27 from 2-4 pm at the Perley Barn & Event Center, east of Perley on hwy 39.

Perley Parish
Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 21, 2024

Prelude and Bell

Gathering Hymn: Christ the Lord is Risen Today; Alleluia! LBW#128 (vss 1-2-4)

Christ the Lord is ris'n today; Alleluia! Christians hasten on your way; Alleluia!
Offer praise with love replete, Alleluia! At the paschal victim's feet. Alleluia!

For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Alleluia! Sinless in the sinner's stead. Alleluia!
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia! Now he lives, no more to die. Alleluia!

Christians, on this holy day, Alleluia! All your grateful homage pay; Alleluia!
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia! Now he lives, no more to die. Alleluia!

Welcome and Announcements: Today is the last day of Sunday School until the fall schedule. Change in time for May 5 service at Nora: 11am instead of 9:30. Confirmation Sunday.

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 23 (read responsively)

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want. **He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;** he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. **Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me.** You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long**

First Reading: Acts 4:5-12

Second Reading: 1 John 3:16-24

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

The Holy Gospel according to John 10:11-18 Glory to you O Lord

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

Message

Hymn of the Day/Offering: The King of Love My Shepherd Is LBW#456(1-3-6)

The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never; I nothing lack if I am his and he is mine forever.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me, and on his shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing, brought me.

And so, through all the length of days, thy goodness faileth never. Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.

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.