

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: Abide with Us, Our Savior LBW#263 (all vss)

Abide with us, our Savior, nor let your mercy cease; from Satan's might defend us, and grant our souls release.

Abide with us, our Savior, sustain us by your Word; that we with all your people to life may be restored.

Abide among us always, Lord, with your faithfulness; O Jesus, leave us never, but help us in distress.

Abide with us, our Savior, O Light of endless light, bestow on us your blessing and save us by your might.

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

Mark your calendars:

- **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 high school senior recognition during the service.**
- **May 26 – 9:30 am at Kirkebo**

Perley Parish
Fifth Sunday of Easter
April 28, 2024

Prelude and Bell

Gathering Hymn: Give to Our God Immortal Praise LBW#520 (all vss)

Give to our God immortal praise! Mercy and truth are all his ways; wonders of grace to God belong; repeat his mercies in your song.

He sent his Son with pow'r to save from guilt and darkness and the grave. Wonders of grace to God belong; repeat his mercies in your song.

Give to the Lord of lords renown; the King of kings with glory crown. His mercies ever shall endure when lords and kings are known no more!

Welcome and Announcements: Check out the Mark Your Calendar section today.

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 22:25-31 (read responsively)

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: Acts 8:26-40

Second Reading: 1 John 4:7-21

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

The Holy Gospel according to John 15:1-8 Glory to you O Lord

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

Message

Hymn of the Day/Offering: Chief of Sinners Though I Be LBW#306 (vss. 1-2-5)

Chief of sinners though I be, Jesus shed his blood for me, died that I might live on high, lives that I might never die. As the branch is to the vine, I am his and he is mine.

Oh, the height of Jesus' love! Higher than the heav'ns above, deeper than the depths of sea, lasting as eternity. Love that found me—wondrous thought—found me when I sought him not.

O my Savior, help afford by your Spirit and your Word! When my wayward heart would stray, keep me in the narrow way; grace in time of need supply while I live and when I die.

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.