

Prayer: Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. **Amen**

Bell

Blessing: The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us and journeys with us, be upon you.

Sending Hymn: How Firm a Foundation (LBW #507 vss. 1&2)

How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!
What more can he say than to you he has said
Who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?

Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dismayed,
For I am your God and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

Dismissal: Go in peace. You are the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Mark your calendars:

- **September 8** – Kirkebo at 9:30
- **September 15** – Nora at 9:30
- **September 22** – Kirkebo at 9:30
- **September 29** – **No Service 5th Sunday**

Perley Parish The Sixteenth Sunday in Pentecost September 8, 2024

Prelude and Bell

Gathering Hymn: God, Whose Almighty Word (LBW#400 vss. 1,2,3)

God, whose almighty word chaos and darkness heard and took their flight: Hear us, we humbly pray, and where the Gospel day sheds not its glorious ray,
Let there be light!

Lord, who once came to bring, on your redeeming wing, healing and sight,
Health to the sick in mind, sight to the inly blind: Oh, now to humankind.
Let there be light!

Spirit of truth and love, lifegiving holy dove, speed forth your flight;
Move on the water's face bearing the lamp of grace, and in earth's darkest place.
Let there be light!

Welcome and Announcements: Just a reminder that September 29 is the 5th Sunday and, therefore, there will be no church service.

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 146 (read responsively)

Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul! **I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.** Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help. **When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish.** Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD their God, **who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith for ever; who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry.** The LORD sets the prisoners free; **the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.** **The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.** The LORD watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin. **The LORD will reign for ever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the LORD!**

First Reading: Isaiah 35:4-7

Second Reading: James 2:1-10, 14-17

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

The Holy Gospel according to Mark 7:24-37

Glory to you O Lord

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

Message

Hymn of the Day/Offering: My Faith Looks Up to Thee (LBW #479 all vss.)

My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine!

Now hear me while I pray, take all my guilt away, O let me from this day be wholly thine!

May thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart, my zeal inspire!

As thou hast died for me, O may my love to thee pure, warm and changeless be, a living fire!

While life's dark maze I tread and griefs around me spread, be thou my guide;
Bid darkness turn to day, wipe sorrow's tears away, Nor let me ever stray from thee aside.

When ends life's transient dream, when death's cold, sullen stream shall o'er me roll;
Blest Savior, then, in love fear and distrust remove; Oh, bear me safe above,
a ransomed soul!

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.**

We entrust these and all our prayer to you, holy God, in the name of your beloved child, Jesus Christ, our Savior. **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.

