

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.**

Jesus welcomes you to this table. Come, here is your God

Prayer: Amen.

Bell

Blessing:

Sending Hymn: Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus (LBW#30)

Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free; from our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee. Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art, dear desire of ev'ry nation, joy of ev'ry longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver, born a child, and yet a king; born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring. By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone; by thine all sufficient merit raise us to thy glorious throne.

Dismissal: . Thanks be to God.

Mark your calendars:

- **December 8** – Kirkebo at 9:30
- **December 15** – Nora at 9:30
- **December 22** – Nora at 9:30 **Sunday School Christmas Program**
- **December 29** – **Christmas Service at Kirkebo 4pm**

Perley Parish
First Sunday of Advent
December 1, 2024

Prelude and Bell

Gathering Hymn: Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers (LBW#25)

Rejoice, rejoice, believers, and let your lights appear; the evening is advancing, and darker night is near. The bridegroom is arising and soon is drawing nigh. Up, pray and watch and wrestle; at midnight comes the cry.

The watchers on the mountain proclaim the bride-groom near; go forth as he approaches with alleluias clear. The marriage feast is waiting; the gates wide open stand. Arise, O heirs of glory; the bride-groom is at hand.

The saints, who here in patience their cross and sufferings bore, shall live and reign forever when sorrow is no more. Around the throne of glory the Lamb they shall behold; in triumph cast before him their diadems of gold.

Our hope and expectation, O Jesus, now appear; arise, O Sun so longed for, o'er this benighted sphere. With hearts and hands uplifted, we plead, O Lord, to see the day of earth's redemption that sets your people free!

Welcome and Announcements: Nora Sunday School Christmas Program scheduled for December 22 at 9:30am

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing. Gracious God, **have mercy on us. We confess that we have honored you with our lips but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues. The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes. In our desire to be first, we make distinctions among ourselves. We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last. In your great mercy, forgive us our sins. Draw near to us with grace in time of need and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.** God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven. **Amen.**

Prayer of the Day. Amen.

Psalm 25:1-10 (read responsively)

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul. **O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame; do not let my enemies exult over me.** Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame; let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous. **Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths.** Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long. **Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.** Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness' sake, O LORD! **Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.** He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way. **All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.**

First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Word of Life. Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel according to Luke 21:25-36

Glory to you O Lord

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

Message

Hymn of the Day/Offering: Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying (LBW #31)

Wake, awake, for night is flying, the watchmen on the heights are crying; awake, Jerusalem, at last. Midnight hears the welcome voices, and at the thrilling cry rejoices: "Come forth, you maidens! Night is past. The bridegroom comes! Awake; your lamps with gladness take!" Alleluia! Prepare yourselves to meet the Lord, whose light has stirred the waiting guard.

Zion hears the watchmen singing and in her heart new joy is springing. She wakes, she rises from her gloom, for her Lord comes down all glorious, the strong in grace, in truth victorious. Her star is ris'n; her light is come. Oh, come, you Blessed One, Lord Jesus, God's own Son. Sing hosanna! We go until the halls we view where you have bid us dine with you.

Now let all the heav'ns adore you, and saints and angels sing before you. The harps and cymbals all unite. Of one pearl each shining portal, where, dwelling with the choir immortal, we gather round your dazzling light. No eye has seen, no ear has yet been trained to hear. What joy is ours! Crescendos rise; your halls resound; hosannas blend in cosmic sound.

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 Lord, in you mercy, **receive our prayer**

Savior of the nations, come and receive these prayers and the pleas of our hearts, in the name of 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***