

**Prayer:** Amen.

**Bell**

**Blessing:**

**Sending Hymn: Joy to the World LBW#39**

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive its King; let ev'ry heart prepare him room and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sin and sorrow grow nor thorns infest the ground; He comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the nations prove the glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.

**Dismissal:** . Thanks be to God.

**Mark your calendars:**

- **December 22** – Nora at 9:30 **Sunday School Christmas Program**
- **December 24** – **Christmas Service at Kirkebo 4pm**
- **December 29** – **No Service (5<sup>th</sup> Sunday)**

**Perley Parish  
Third Sunday of Advent  
December 15, 2024**

**Prelude and Bell**

**Gathering Hymn: Prepare the Royal Highway LBW#26**

Prepare the royal highway; the King of kings is near! Let ev'ry hill and valley a level road appear! Then greet the King of glory, foretold in sacred story:  
REFRAIN.

**REFRAIN:** Hosanna to the Lord, for he fulfills God's Word!

Then fling the gates wide open to greet your promised king! Your king, yet ev'ry nation its tribute too may bring. All lands will bow before him; their voices join your singing: REFRAIN.

His is no earthly kingdom; it comes from heav'n above. His rule is peace and freedom and justice, truth, and love. So let your praise be sounding for kindness so abounding: REFRAIN.

**Welcome and Announcements:** Nora Sunday School Program on **Dec. 22** following Service. Potluck following program. Christmas Eve service at Kirkebo on **Dec. 24 at 4pm**

**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.**

**Isaiah 12:2-6 (read responsively)**

Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid, for the LORD GOD is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation. **With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.** And you will say on that day: Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name; make known his deeds among the nations; proclaim that his name is exalted. **Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously; let this be known in all the earth.** Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

**First Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-20**

**Second Reading: Philippians 4:4-7**

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

**The Holy Gospel according to Luke 3:7-18**

**Glory to you O Lord**

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

**Message**

**Hymn of the Day/Offering: The Bells of Christmas LBW#62 vss. 1,4,5,6**

The bells of Christmas chime once more; the heav'nly guest is at the door. He comes to earthly dwellings still with new year gifts of peace, good will.

Oh, join with me, in gladness sing, to keep our Christmas with our king, until our song, from loving souls, like rushing mighty water rolls!

O patriarchs' Joy, O prophets' Song, O Dayspring Bright, awaited long, O Son of Man, incarnate Word, great David's Son, great David's Lord:

Come, Jesus, glorious heav'nly guest, and keep your Christmas in our breast; then David's harpstrings, hushed so long, shall swell our jubilee of song.

**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***

**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