

**Perley Parish
Seventh Sunday after Epiphany
February 23, 2025**

Prelude and Bell

Gathering Hymn: Lord Jesus, Think on Me (LBW #309)

Welcome and Announcements: Kirkebo Annual Meeting today with potluck to follow.

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

O Lord Jesus, make us instruments of your peace, that where there is hatred, we may sow love, where there is injury, pardon, and where there is despair, hope. Grant, O divine master, that we may seek to console, to understand, and to love in your name for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Psalm 37:1-11,39-40 (read responsively by verse)

Do not fret because of the wicked; do not be envious of wrongdoers; **for they will soon fade like the grass, and wither like the green herb.** Trust in the Lord, and do good; so you will live in the land and enjoy security; **Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart.** Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act. **He will make your vindication shine like the light, and the justice of your cause like the noonday.** Be still before the Lord and wait patiently

for him; do not fret over those who prosper in their way, over those who carry out evil devices. **Refrain from anger and forsake wrath. Do not fret, it leads only to evil.** For the wicked shall be cut off, but those who wait for the Lord shall inherit the land. **Yet a little while, and the wicked will be no more; though you look diligently for their place, they will not be there.** But the meek shall inherit the land, and delight in abundant prosperity. **The salvation of the righteous is from the Lord; he is their refuge in the time of trouble.** The Lord helps them and rescues them; he rescues them from the wicked, and saves them, because they take refuge in him.

First Reading: Genesis 45:3-11,15

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:35-38,42-50

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

The Gospel according to Luke 6:27-38

Glory to you, O Lord

The Gospel of Our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ**

Message

Hymn of the Day/Offering: Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise (LBW #526 all vss)

Offering Response: *We give thee but thine own, what'er the gift may be. All that we have is thine alone a trust, O, Lord from thee.*

Apostles 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.**

With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world and all of creation.

We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people. **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.**

A child has been born for us, a Son given to us. Come, receive the gift of Jesus

Prayer after Communion:

Nourishing God, at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink. Strengthen us for service and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray, **Amen.**

Bell

Blessing: The Spirit of the triune God bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion and send you in love. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn: Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word (LBW #230, all vss)

Dismissal: Go in peace. Live in hope. **Thanks be to God.**

Mark your calendars:

- March 2: 9:30 at Nora, Sunday School to follow
- March 5: Ash Wednesday at Kirkebo; meal at 6pm, service at 6:30
- March 9: 9:30 at Kirkebo