

**Perley Parish
Second Sunday of Easter
April 27, 2025**

Prelude and Bell

Gathering Hymn: Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain (LBW #132 vss. 1, 3, 5)

Welcome and Announcements:

**May 1st: Veterans Honor Flight Fundraiser at Legion Center in Halstad 4:30-8:00
Dinner/Auction/Bingo**

**May 4th: We will celebrate the confirmation of Emme Jalbert; service will be 11am at
Nora with a potluck celebration following**

May 11th: 9:30 Kirkebo

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 God of life, you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands of your risen Son. By your Spirit's breath revive our faith in your mercy, and strengthen us to be the body of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Psalm 118: 14-24 (read responsively)

The Lord is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation. **There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous: 'The right hand of the Lord does valiantly; The right hand of the Lord is exalted; the right hand of the Lord does valiantly. 'I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord. The Lord has**

punished me severely, but he did not give me over to death. **Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.** This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it. **I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.** The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. **This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.** This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. **Save us, we beseech you, O Lord! O Lord, we beseech you, give us success!** Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. We bless you from the house of the Lord. **The Lord is God, and he has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.** You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I will extol you. **O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures for ever.**

First Reading: Acts 5:27-32

When they had brought them, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, 'We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us.' But Peter and the apostles answered, 'We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, so that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.'

Second Reading: Revelation 1:4-8

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. 'I am the Alpha and the Omega', says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

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

The Gospel according to John 20:19-31

Glory to you, O Lord

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia.* Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe. *Alleluia.*

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they

saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.' But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe. A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.' Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

Message

Hymn of the Day/Offering: Halleluia! Jesus Lives! (LBW #147 all vss. 1, 3, 4)

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 Here us O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

Inspire the church with the breath of your Holy Spirit, that we sing the good news of the resurrection. Inspire deacons and pastors, lay leaders and bishops to boldly proclaim your love for all people. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Preserve the earth as a safe home for all creatures. Restore habitats contaminated by pollution or overuse, strengthen efforts to shape more sustainable communities, and make us mindful of the impacts of our daily lives on the well-being of creation. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Kindle in the nations a spirit of cooperation and mutual care. Raise up creative and courageous leaders committed to shaping just solutions to complex challenges in our local and global communities. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Embrace all who carry wounds, that they might know your compassion. Draw near to those with chronic pain or anxiety, and all for whom death is near. Comfort individuals and communities suffering in any way especially Synthia Johnson, Dan, Terry, Brent, Linda, Ona, Sylvia, Helen, Veronica and Ryan. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Transform our fear into curiosity and love, especially across differences in race, religion, sexuality, gender identity, and economic situations. Unravel stereotypes that lead to discrimination and destroy oppressive systems that marginalize vulnerable communities. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

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. All who are hungry, come! The feast of grace is spread.

Prayer after Communion:

Generous Host, you have shared your feast with us and made us new. Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities, that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom, in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Bell

Blessing: God our tender parent, God the crucified one, God the reconciling Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn: **Now the Green Blade Rises (LBW #148, all vss)**

Dismissal: Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you. **Thanks be to God.**

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