

Mark your calendars:

- January 11th: 9:30 at Kirkebo; Sunday School 10:30 at Nora
- January 18th: 9:30 at Nora; Sunday School 10:30 at Nora
- Kirkebo council meeting January 11th after service
- Nora council meeting January 18th after service

**Perley Parish
Second Sunday After Christmas
January 4, 2026**

Prelude and Bell

Gathering Hymn: The Bells of Christmas (LBW #62 vss. 1, 4, 5, 6)

Welcome and Announcements:

- January 11th - 9:30 service at Kirkebo, Council mtg after service
- January 18th - 9:30 service at Nora, Council mtg after service

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, Wonderful Counselor, Mighty Savior, Prince of Peace. **Amen.**

Trusting in God's steadfast love and faithfulness, let us confess our sin. Reconciling God, **we yearn for your presence to transform our grief, pain, and despair. We confess that we have not always prepared room in our hearts for your love; we have not always recognized your presence among us; we have not always embraced your message of peace. We cry out, weary with the burden of violence, oppression, and fear. We confess our failure to make room for those seeking refuge; our participation in violent systems that harm your innocent ones; our reluctance to embody your good news. Be born in us today and teach us to sing the joyful song of your salvation. Amen**

God's grace upon grace flows over you. Christ's presence redeems the whole creation. Your sins are forgiven. Let the earth rejoice and be glad! **Amen**

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you have filled all the earth with the light of your incarnate Word. By your grace empower us to reflect your light in all that we do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

Psalm 147: 12-20 (read responsively)

Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem! Praise your God, O Zion! **For he strengthens the bars of your gates; he blesses your children within you.** He grants

peace within your borders; he fills you with the finest of wheat. **He sends out his command to the earth; his word runs swiftly.** He gives snow like wool; he scatters frost like ashes. **He hurls down hail like crumbs—who can stand before his cold?** He sends out his word, and melts them; he makes his wind blow, and the waters flow. **He declares his word to Jacob, his statutes and ordinances to Israel.** He has not dealt thus with any other nation; they do not know his ordinances. Praise the Lord!

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:7-14

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14

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

The Holy Gospel according to John 1:1-18: Glory to you O Lord

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

Message

Hymn of the Day/Offering: Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence (LBW #198 vss.)

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.**

Empowered by the news of Christ's birth, let us pray boldly for the church, creation, and all who are in need. **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. Amen.**

Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life.

Prayer after Communion:

Incarnate God, you are among us at this table. May we treasure this gift and ponder in our hearts the mystery of your presence. Move us to discover the wonders of your love in the everyday moments of our lives, through Christ born in us. **Amen.**

Bell

Blessing: The triune God, glorious Mystery, holy Incarnate One, abiding Comforter, bless you with endless grace, peace, and joy. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn: Go Tell it on the Mountain (LBW #75 vss. 1, 3, 5, 6)

Dismissal: Glory to God in the highest! **And peace to God's people on earth!** Go in joy. Embody God's redeeming grace. **Thanks be to God.**