

Mark your calendars:

- February 15th: 9:30 at Nora; Annual Meeting and Potluck following service
- February 18th: Ash Wednesday service at Nora; 6pm meal, 6:30 worship
- February 20th: St Williams fish fry @ Argusville Community Center 4:30 – 7:00pm

Perley Parish
Fifth Sunday After Epiphany
February 8, 2026

Prelude and Bell

Gathering Hymn: Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service (LBW #423 all vss.)

Welcome and Announcements:

- Nora Annual Meeting on February 15th after service with a potluck following
- Ash Wednesday Service will be at Nora February 18th: 6pm meal, 6:30 worship

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the Creator of heaven and earth, the Word who spoke life into being, the Wind stirring the waters. **Amen.**

Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely. Mighty God, lover of justice, **you call us to life in community, but we have served our own interests at the expense of our neighbors. We have sown deceit where honesty was needed. We say the right words, but our hearts are far from you. Turn us to seek your face. Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ, that we may do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen**

The former things have passed away, and new things God now declares: Like a spring of water that never fails, God covers you in the righteousness of Christ and forgives your sin in Jesus' name. May the Spirit give you strength to live for others, and bless you with the gift of peace. **Amen**

Prayer of the Day

Lord God, with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your spirit show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

Psalms 112:1-9 (read responsively)

Praise the Lord! Happy are those who fear the Lord, who greatly delight in his commandments. **Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation**

of the upright will be blessed. Wealth and riches are in their houses, and their righteousness endures for ever. **They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright; they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.** It is well with those who deal generously and lend, who conduct their affairs with justice. **For the righteous will never be moved; they will be remembered for ever.** They are not afraid of evil tidings; their hearts are firm, secure in the Lord. **Their hearts are steady, they will not be afraid; in the end they will look in triumph on their foes.** They have distributed freely, they have given to the poor; their righteousness endures for ever; their horn is exalted in honour.

First Reading: Isaiah 58:1-9a

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-12

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

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew 5:13-20: Glory to you O Lord

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

Message

Hymn of the Day/Offering: **Lord of Light (LBW #405 all 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 Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home **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:

Radiant God, we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. In the sacrament of his body and blood you have drawn us to your heart. Send us from this table with delight, that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love, and bear witness to all we have seen and heard, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Bell

Blessing: May the triune God, who has put a new song in your mouth and tuned your heart for praise, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn: **God, Whose Almighty Word (LBW #400 all vss.)**

Dismissal: Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy. **Thanks be to God.**

