

## Bell

**Blessing:** Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity: God, who calls all things in to existence, Jesus Christ, who redeems us, and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation, bless you now and always. **Amen.**

**Sending Hymn:** I Know that My Redeemer Lives! (LBW #352 vss. 1, 2, 7, 8)

**Dismissal:** Go in peace. Believe the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

## **Mark your calendars:**

- **April 12<sup>th</sup>: 9:30 Service at Kirkebo; Sunday School 10:30 at Nora**
- **April 19<sup>th</sup>: 9:30 Service at Nora; Sunday school 10:30**

Perley Parish  
Easter Day  
April 5, 2026

## **Prelude and Bell**

**Gathering Hymn:** Jesus Christ is Risen Today (LBW #151 all vss.)

## **Welcome and Announcements:**

- Service at Kirkebo April 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am
- Service at Nora April 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am

## **Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Gracious God, **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.** For seeking worldly delights that deceive us and dishonor you: Gracious God, **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.** For desiring self-reliance instead of hungering for your word: Gracious God, **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.** For failing to recognize your coming reign, and for hindering the work of the spirit: Gracious God, **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.** For drawing from the well of self-serving ambition, and for disdain the living water Christ offers: Gracious God, **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.** For disregarding voices from the margin, and for distrusting signs of your healing and hope in the world: Gracious God, **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.** For dwelling in tombs of self-pity and discontent, and for disregarding Christ's call to come forth to life: Gracious God, **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

God's steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness abound. Through faith, the free gift of God, you have been clothed in the righteousness of Christ. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. The spirit of the One who raised Christ from the dead dwells in you, pours God's love into your hearts, and gives you life and peace. **Amen.**

### Prayer of the Day

O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

### Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 (read responsively)

Be gracious to me, O Lord, for I am in distress; my eye wastes away from grief, my soul and body also. **For my life is spent with sorrow, and my years with sighing; my strength fails because of my misery, and my bones waste away.** I am the scorn of all my adversaries, a horror to my neighbours, an object of dread to my acquaintances; those who see me in the street flee from me. **I have passed out of mind like one who is dead; I have become like a broken vessel.** For I hear the whispering of many—terror all around!—as they scheme together against me, as they plot to take my life. **But I trust in you, O Lord; I say, ‘You are my God.’** My times are in your hand; deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors. **Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.**

First Reading: Acts 10:34-43

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

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

### The Holy Gospel according to Matthew 28:1-10: Glory to you O Lord

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

### Message

Hymn of the Day/Offering: Christ is Risen! Alleluia! (LBW #131 vss. 1 & 4)

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.**

God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through 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. Amen.**

Come to the table. Feast on God’s goodness and mercy.

### Prayer after Communion

God of our salvation, we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey. Through the body and blood of your Son, may we become Christ’s body in the world, bearing witness to your love for all creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**