

**Perley Parish
Seventh Sunday of Easter
May 17, 2026**

Prelude and Bell

Gathering Hymn: God Is Here! (WOV #719 all vss.)

Welcome and Announcements:

- Today we are celebrating and honoring our high school graduates
- May 24th: 9:30 Service at Kirkebo
- May 31st: Service Sunday; No Service

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!** Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb! **Amen.** Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Merciful God, you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come. You lead us beside still waters. We thank you for the waters of creation: morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves. We thank you for the waters that nourish us. Blessed are you. **You guide us to springs of the water of life.** Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys. We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection. We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow. Blessed are you. **You guide us to springs of the water of life.** Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows. Break down barriers that divide us. Fill us with the breath of peace. Blessed are you. **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for making us a new creation. We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever. **Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and

Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen

Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35 (read responsively)

Let God rise up, let his enemies be scattered; let those who hate him flee before him. **As smoke is driven away, so drive them away; as wax melts before the fire, let the wicked perish before God.** But let the righteous be joyful; let them exult before God; let them be jubilant with joy. **Sing to God, sing praises to his name; lift up a song to him who rides upon the clouds—his name is the Lord—be exultant before him.** Father of orphans and protector of widows is God in his holy habitation. **God gives the desolate a home to live in; he leads out the prisoners to prosperity, but the rebellious live in a parched land.** O God, when you went out before your people, when you marched through the wilderness, **the earth quaked, the heavens poured down rain at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, at the presence of God, the God of Israel.** Rain in abundance, O God, you showered abroad; you restored your heritage when it languished; **your flock found a dwelling in it; in your goodness, O God, you provided for the needy.** Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; sing praises to the Lord, **O rider in the heavens, the ancient heavens; listen, he sends out his voice, his mighty voice.** Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel; and whose power is in the skies. **Awesome is God in his sanctuary, the God of Israel; he gives power and strength to his people. Blessed be God!**

First Reading: Acts 1:6-14

Second Reading: 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

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

The Holy Gospel according to John 17:1-11: **Glory to you O Lord**

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

Message

Hymn of the Day/Offering: **O Master, Let Me Walk with You (LBW #492 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.

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

Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus, **Amen.**

Blessing, Benediction and Sending Forth of Graduates:

Deegan Glen Ostby, son of Brandon & Stacey Ostby

Tess Marie Jalbert, daughter of Sean & Anita Jalbert

Loki Niklas Bjerke, son of Brad & Errin Bjerke

Pastor: Today we have blessed the young adults, members of our congregation who are preparing to graduate from high school. As brothers and sisters in Christ, we are both called and sent, both drawn near and led forth by God's spirit. Together let us speak words that remind us that God blesses our past, present, and future.

GRADUATES: Our life together becomes a journey as we respond to God's calling and sending, stepping out into God's wonderful future.

All: Both in laying hold and letting go, we celebrate God's goodness to us and affirm again the continuing presence of the Spirit in our lives, forming and leading us in faithfulness

Pastor: As you experience the pain and excitement of change and the insecurity and wonder of moving on, may you also experience the blessing of inner growth.

MALES: As you meet the poor, the pained, and the strangers on your way, may you see in each one the face of Jesus.

FEMALES: As you walk through the good times and the hard times may you never lose sight of the shelter of God's loving arms.

Pastor: As you question your decisions and wonder about the fruits of your choices, may the peace of God reign in your heart.

All: Where there is joy in your leaving, we rejoice with you, where there is sorrow, we share your sadness and where there is anticipation, we bind our hopes to yours.

Pastor: Eternal God, whose steadfast love for us is everlasting, we give you thanks for cherished memories and commend these graduates to your keeping as they move in new directions. Shelter them in your arms, protecting them from all harm and useless anxiety.

Benediction by All: Kind God, you have called your pilgrim people to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, before paths as yet un-trodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us.

Bell

Sending Hymn: On What Has Now Been Sown (LBW #261 all vss.)

Dismissal: Go in peace. Praise the Lord. **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Mark your calendars:

- **May 24th: 9:30 Service at Kirkebo**
- **May 31st: Service Sunday; No Service**

Hometown Hope Food Pantry:

- There will be a box at Kirkebo Church for anyone interested in donating to Hometown Hope Food Pantry. Here is a list of what they need: Mayonnaise, mustard, Suddenly Salad Pasta, BBQ sauce, salad dressings (ranch, French, Italian), oil, brown sugar, jams, honey and applesauce