

Dennison & Vang Lutheran Parish

2nd Sunday of Easter

Sunday, April 11, 2021



GATHERING

Welcome

Call to Worship

Where shattered hearts are made whole,
where wounded souls are healed,
where life is stronger than death:
there, the stone has been rolled away.

Where the lonely find community,
where a stranger is welcomed,
where hope is stronger than despair,
there, we find Jesus walking.

Where generosity flows,
where the anxious find serenity,
where love is stronger than hate:
there, Jesus is opening our eyes.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
Christ is Risen indeed. Alleluia!

Thanksgiving for Baptism

(All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the Thanksgiving for Baptism begins.)

Gathering Song – Christ is Alive!

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
His cross stands empty to the sky.

Let streets and homes with praises ring.
His love in death shall never die.

Christ is alive! No longer bound
to distant years in Palestine,
but saving, healing, here and now,
and touching every place and time.

In every insult, rift, and war,
Where color, scorn, or wealth divide,
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,
And lives where even hope has died.

Christ is alive! His Spirit burns
through this and every future age,
till all creation lives and learns
his joy, his justice, love and praise.

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Kyrie – 388 - “Be Not Afraid” (sung 2 times)

Be not afraid, sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia!

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Hymn of Praise – 365 – “Jesus Christ is Risen Today”

Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
who did once upon the cross Alleluia!
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing Alleluia!
unto Christ our heav'nly King, Alleluia!
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray...

Gracious God, you are the creator of the world, the liberator of your people, and the wisdom of the earth. By the resurrection of your Son free us from our fears, restore us to your image, and ignite us with your light, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

Children’s Message

FIRST READING: Acts 4:32-35

A reading from Acts.

³²Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. ³³With great power the apostles gave their testimony to

the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. ³⁵They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 133

¹How good and how pleasant it is,
when kindred live together in unity!

²**It is like fine oil upon the head, flowing down upon the beard,
upon the beard of Aaron, flowing down upon the collar of his robe.**

³It is like the dew of Hermon flowing down upon the hills of Zion.

For there the LORD has commanded the blessing: life for evermore.

SECOND READING: 1 John 1:1--2:2

A reading from 1 John.

¹We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—²this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us—³we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

⁵This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all.

⁶If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; ⁷but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

^{2:1}My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; ²and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation – 172 - “Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”

Halle, halle, halle-lu-jah

Halle, halle, halle-lu-jah

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

The Holy Gospel according to St. John...

Glory to you, O Lord

GOSPEL: John 20:19-31

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁹When 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." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." ²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So 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."

²⁶A 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." ²⁷Then 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." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But 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 the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Song of the Day – 635 – "We Walk By Faith"

We walk by faith and not by sight;
With gracious words draw near,
O Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke
"My peace be with you here"

We may not touch His hands and side
Or follow where He trod
But in your promise we rejoice
And cry "My Lord and God"

Help then, oh Lord, our unbelief
And may our faith abound
To call on you when you are near
And seek where you are found

Prayers of the People

Lord in your mercy...

Hear our prayer.

Passing of the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Offering

Offertory – “Create in Me a Clean Heart”

Create in me a clean heart, O God,

And renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from your presence,

and take not your holy spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation,

and uphold me with your free spirit.

Offering Prayer

Lord’s Prayer – pg. 145

SENDING

Blessing

Sending Song – 835 – “All Creatures Worship God Most High!”

1. All creatures, worship God most high!

Sound every voice in earth and sky:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Sing, brother sun, in splendor bright,

sing, sister moon and stars of night:

Chorus

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,

alleluia, alleluia!

2. Sing, brother wind; with clouds and rain

you grow the gifts of fruit and grain:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Dear sister water, useful, clear,

make music for your Lord to hear: (chorus)

3. Sing, brother fire, so mirthful, strong;

drive far the shadows, join the throng:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Dear mother earth, so rich in care,
praise God in colors bright and rare: (chorus)

Alleluia! Go in Peace to love and serve the Lord!
Thanks be to God!

Announcements

Sunday School Update

This spring, we are looking forward to seeing the Sunday school kids! There will be a Sunday school event on April 18 at 10:00 AM that will feature games and treats for the whole family. There will be another Sunday school event May. Hope to see you there!

This spring, we will also be giving away tree saplings to Sunday school families, along with some other activities about caring for creation.

“Growing Connections” Garden

It is almost time to get into the garden! We will need lots more help this year with this ministry. To find out how you can help, contact Larry Enfield or Nicole Monroe.

Faith Growth Opportunity from Pastoral Intern Lucas

Lucas is hosting forums in May on what welcome looks like. What is Christian hospitality? How do we go about putting that into practice? What does that mean for how we relate to God?

There will be three opportunities for people to participate:

Saturday, May 1 at 10:00 AM at First Lutheran and on Zoom

Sunday, May 2 at 10:00 AM at Vang

Wednesday, May 5 at 7:00 PM at Holden

All are welcome to join in on any of those three dates.

Worship

April 18th– Dennison 9 am Reader: Deb Raabolle Vang 11 am Reader: Mary Dalbotten

April 25th– Vang 11 am Reader: Rene Koester

Special Prayers for: Liala Hedstrom, Danny Brockton, Bob Mitchell, Nick Iverson, Norma Sands, Lowell Anderson Larry Buchta, Marianne King, Tim Larson, LuAnn Lervik, Stanley Nord, Chuck Wells, all of our homebound people, service members and their families, and for all those in need of healing and strength.