

# Dennison & Vang Lutheran Parish

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

Sunday, April 18, 2021



# GATHERING

## Welcome

### Call to Worship

The darkness is passing away,  
**And the true light is already shining.**  
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 – 377 – “Alleluia, Jesus is Risen” (vs. 2-4)

Walking the way, Christ in the center  
Telling the story to open our eyes;  
Breaking our bread, Giving us glory:  
Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise.  
Jesus is risen and we shall arise:  
Give God the glory! Alleluia!

Jesus the vine, We are the branches;  
Life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree;  
Heaven to earth, Christ to the people,  
Gift of the future now flowing to me.  
Jesus is risen and we shall arise:  
Give God the glory! Alleluia!

Weeping be gone; Sorrow, be silent:  
Death put asunder, and Easter is bright.  
Cherubim sing: “O grave, be open!”  
Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light.  
Jesus is risen and we shall arise:  
Give God the glory! Alleluia!

### 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...

**Open our eyes, O God, open our hearts.**  
**Open our ears, O God, open our minds.**  
**Help us to behold one another as you behold us.**

**Help us to be more firmly rooted in the practices of the gospel—so that, when we pray, the way we live will make real the dream of your beloved community within and among us.**

**During this Easter season, may your gospel's transforming power, by the working of the Holy Spirit, be present in us, in our churches, in our nation and all the nations of the earth. May it be so.**  
**Amen.**

## WORD

### Children's Message

### PSALM: Psalm 4

- <sup>1</sup>Answer me when I call, O God, defender | of my cause;  
you set me free when I was in distress; have mercy on me and | hear my prayer.
- <sup>2</sup>**“You mortals, how long will you dishon- | or my glory;  
how long will you love illusions and seek | after lies?”**
- <sup>3</sup>Know that the LORD does wonders | for the faithful;  
the LORD will hear me | when I call.
- <sup>4</sup>**Tremble, then, and | do not sin;  
speak to your heart in silence up- | on your bed. R**

<sup>5</sup>Offer the appointed | sacrifices,  
and put your trust | in the LORD.

<sup>6</sup>Many are saying, “Who will show us | any good?”  
**Let the light of your face shine upon | us, O LORD.**

<sup>7</sup>You have put gladness | in my heart,  
more than when grain and | wine abound.

<sup>8</sup>**In peace, I will lie | down and sleep;**  
**for you alone, O LORD, make me | rest secure. R**

## **Second Reading: 1 John 2: 8-11**

The darkness is passing away and the true light is already shining. Whoever says, “I am in the light,” while hating a brother or sister, is still in the darkness. Whoever loves a brother or sister lives in the light, and in such a person there is no cause for stumbling. But whoever hates another is in the darkness, and does not know the way to go, because darkness has brought on blindness.

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! Halleujah!*

## **GOSPEL: Luke 24:36b-48**

The holy gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

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<sup>6b</sup>Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, “Peace be with you.” <sup>37</sup>They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. <sup>38</sup>He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup>Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” <sup>40</sup>And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. <sup>41</sup>While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” <sup>42</sup>They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup>and he took it and ate in their presence.

<sup>44</sup>Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Sermon

### Song of the Day – 729 – “The Church of Christ, in Every Age”

The church of Christ, in every age,  
Beset by change, but Spirit led,  
Must claim and test its heritage,  
And keep on rising from the dead.

Across the world, across the street,  
The victims of injustice cry  
for justice and for bread to eat,  
and never live before they die.

Then let the servant church arise,  
A caring church that longs to be  
A partner in Christ’s compassion  
And clothed in Christ’s humanity.

## 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.**

## MEAL

### 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

### The Great Thanksgiving

### Eucharistic Prayer

## **Lord's Prayer – pg. 145**

### **Distribution of Communion**

*(All are welcome at the Lord's table. Gluten free bread and grape juice is available at the serving area on the left hand side of the sanctuary.)*

### **Prayer after Communion**

## SENDING

### **Blessing**

### **Sending Song – “Jesus Christ is Risen Today”**

But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!  
our salvation have procured; Alleluia!  
now above the sky he's King, Alleluia!  
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above Alleluia!  
praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!  
praise him, all ye heav'nly host, Alleluia!  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

Alleluia! Go in Peace to love and serve the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

## **Announcements**

### **Sunday School Event – Bible Trivia**

Ready to do something fun? The family ministry team will be hosting a bible trivia event on Sunday, April 18 at 10:00 AM at Vang. Come enjoy friendly and fun competition with other church members. Kids, families, and all who would like to have some fun together are welcome. This event will be outside (weather permitting) or inside with safety precautions in place. And of course there will be prizes, treats, and fun for all.

### **“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.

## **Hospitality Forum with 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 25th**– Vang 11 am Reader: Rene Koester

**May 2nd**—Dennison 11 am Reader: Karen Koester Vang-9am Reader: Brian Koester Acolyte: Erika Nesseth

## **Faith Growth Opportunity – Contemplative Prayer**

Contemplative practices provide the time and space to experience God's immediate and loving presence in a first-hand kind of way. If your daily life is running a little low on feelings of well-being, love, joy, peace, and hope – or if you're just generally feeling a bit disconnected in your relationship with the Divine – then contemplative practices may be of help on your journey.

The first session will be April 20 and the special guest will be Julie Stevens, the Director of Contemplative Prayer practices at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Rochester. The group will meet weekly for 5 sessions. Group sessions will be in person, on zoom, or a hybrid of both, based on the preferences of the group.

## **Thank You**

Thank you to Larry and Deb Raabolle for painting the entry way at Dennison church, it looks wonderful.

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