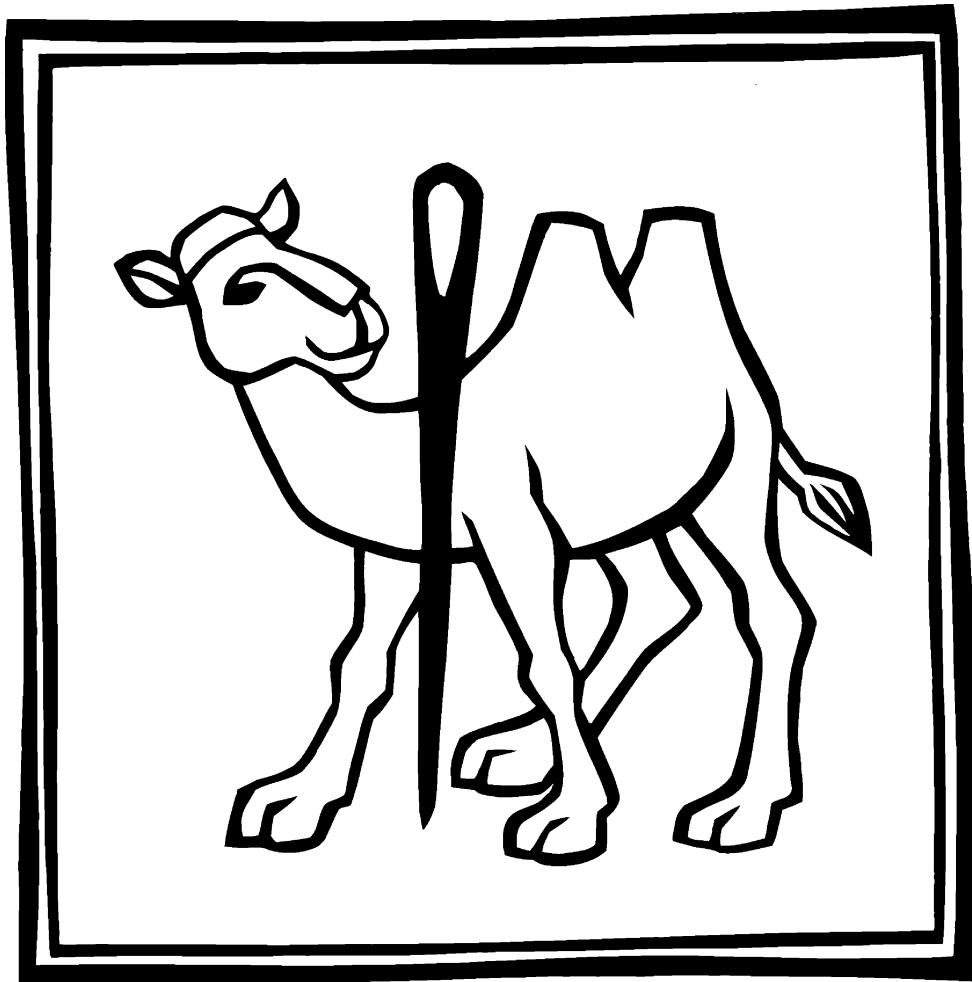


Dennison & Vang Lutheran Parish

20th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, October 10, 2021



GATHERING

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed by the Holy Trinity, One God, whose teaching is life, and whose love is endless. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sins in the presence of God, and of one another.

God of grace,

Like lost sheep, we have gone astray.

We gaze upon abundance, and see scarcity.

We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression.

We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed.

Free us from our sin, gracious God.

Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves.

As high as the heaven's are above the earth,
so vast is God's love for you.

As far as the east is from the west,
so far God removes your sin from you,
renewing your life through Jesus Christ.

In the name of Christ, your sins are forgiven.

Leave your shame and guilt behind, and step into the new life Christ has for you.

Gathering Song – 838 – “Beautiful Savior”

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 – pg. 147

Hymn of Praise – pg. 148

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray...

Gracious God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, trusting in you above all else, we may follow where You lead, and walk in your way of grace, peace, and love. In your name we pray. Amen.

WORD

Children's Message

First Reading: Amos 5: 6-7, 10-15

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A reading from Amos.

⁶Seek the LORD and live, or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire, and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it. ⁷Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood, and bring righteousness to the ground! ¹⁰They hate the one who reproves in the gate, and they abhor the one who speaks the truth. ¹¹Therefore because you trample on the poor and take from them levies of grain, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not live in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine. ¹²For I know how many are your transgressions, and how great are your sins—you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and push aside the needy in the gate. ¹³Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time; for it is an evil time. ¹⁴Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said. ¹⁵Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 90:12-17

- ¹²So teach us to number our days
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.
- ¹³**Return, O LORD; how long will you tarry?
Be gracious to your servants.**
- ¹⁴Satisfy us by your steadfast love in the morning;
so shall we rejoice and be glad all our days.
- ¹⁵**Make us glad as many days as you afflicted us
and as many years as we suffered adversity.**
- ¹⁶Show your servants your works,
and your splendor to their children.
- ¹⁷**May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us;
prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.**

SECOND READING: Hebrews 4:12-16

A reading from Hebrews.

¹²Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account. ¹⁴Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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

Halle, halle, halle-lu-jah

Halle, halle, halle-lu-jah

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

GOSPEL: Mark 10:17-31

The holy gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

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⁷As [Jesus] was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” ¹⁸Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. ¹⁹You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.’” ²⁰He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.” ²¹Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” ²²When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions. ²³Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” ²⁴And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” ²⁶They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” ²⁷Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.”

²⁸Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” ²⁹Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, ³⁰who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Song of the Day – 685 – “Take My Life, That I May Be”

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

Offering Prayer

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.

SENDING

Blessing

Sending Song – 705 – “God of Grace and God of Glory”

Announcements

Special Prayers for: Liala Hedstrom, Danny Brockton, Bob Mitchell, Nick Iverson, Lowell Anderson, Marianne

King, Tim Larson, Eric Wittlief, Doug Norvold and all of our homebound people, service members and their families, and for all those in need of healing and strength.

Jesus Unforsaken: The Cross and the Unrelenting Love of God

Why did Jesus die on a cross? What does the cross reveal about God, the world, and ourselves? What does the cross mean, and what does it mean for daily life?

Questions like these are vital to our walk with Jesus. You are invited to come explore these questions, as we explore together a Christ-centered view of the cross that sets us free, heals us, and unveils God's unrelenting love.

All are welcome. We will be meeting in person and on zoom.

Dates (all times at 7:00 PM)

Tuesday, Oct. 12

Tuesday, Oct. 19

Monday, Oct 25

Monday, Nov. 1

GOSPEL MESSAGE

Limitless Possibility

For the young, life can feel like a limitless landscape of possibilities. It can seem there is nothing we cannot do or become if we simply set our minds to it. But as we age, the possibilities may appear to shrink, whether through the choices we make or through the limits of a world beyond our control. At certain points in life, we may look at ourselves—who we are and what we have become—and see not possibilities but, rather, inevitabilities. It may seem impossible to live any other way than how we are currently living or for people to see us in any other way than they currently do. We may struggle to see any way beyond our habits or patterns, our history, or our current roles.

In today's gospel, Jesus invites a man to leave behind everything he has known and thought about himself to become Jesus' disciple. To the world, the man is defined by his wealth, but Jesus sees the man behind the possessions and loves him. He sees past what seems inevitable about the man, to what God can make possible. Yet, tragically, the man can only see the world's vision of him, a vision of limited possibilities. When Jesus calls him to leave his wealth behind, the man thinks he is being asked the impossible and goes away heartbroken.

In the Christian assembly, the voice of Christ calls us to look past one another's worldly inevitabilities to the divine possibilities present among us. No matter what moment of life we are in, it is never too late. No matter what our history of failures or addictions, there are still more chances. No matter what we have been to this point, there is still something new we can become. Jesus calls us to leave ourselves behind in order to follow him, to rediscover who we are with a God for whom all things are possible.

