

Dennison & Vang Lutheran Parish

21st Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, October 17, 2021



GATHERING

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be 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, Creation, 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 – 659 – “Will You Let Me Be Your Servant”

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...

Lord Jesus, may we lift our hearts to you, so that, by the power of your Spirit, we may become

channels of your peace and servants to one another, for the glory of God. In your holy name we pray. Amen

FIRST READING: Isaiah 53:4-12

A reading from Isaiah.

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Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.⁷ He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. ⁸By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future? For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people. ⁹They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. ¹⁰Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him with pain. When you make his life an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days; through him the will of the Lord shall prosper.

¹¹Out of his anguish he shall see light; he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge. The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. ¹²Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he poured out himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

PSALM: Psalm 91:9-16

⁹Because you have made the LORD your refuge,
and the Most High your habitation,

¹⁰**no evil will befall you,
nor shall affliction come near your dwelling.**

¹¹For God will give the angels charge over you,
to guard you in all your ways.

¹²**Upon their hands they will bear you up,
lest you strike your foot against a stone.**

¹³You will tread upon the lion cub and viper;
you will trample down the lion and the serpent.

¹⁴**I will deliver those who cling to know my name.**

¹⁵They will call me, and I will answer them;
I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and honor them.

¹⁶**With long life will I satisfy them,
and show them my salvation.**

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

Halle, halle, halle-lu-jah

Halle, halle, halle-lu-jah

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

GOSPEL: Mark 10:35-45

The holy gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁵James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." ³⁶And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" ³⁷And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." ³⁸But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" ³⁹They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; ⁴⁰but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared."

⁴¹When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. ⁴²So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. ⁴³But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Song of the Day – "Oh When the Saints Go Marching In"

Oh, when the saints go marching in
Oh, when the saints go marching in
Lord, how I want to be in that number
When the saints go marching in.

And when the sun begins to shine
And when the sun begins to shine
Lord, how I want to be in that number
When the sun begins to shine.

And when that peaceful kingdom comes,
Oh when that peaceful kingdom comes,
Lord, how I want to be in that number
When that peaceful kingdom comes.

Oh, when the trumpet sounds its call
Oh, when the trumpet sounds its call
Lord, how I want to be in that number

When the trumpet sounds its call.

Oh, when God's love, does win the day,
Oh, when God's love does win the day,
Lord, how I want to be in that number
When God's love does rule the day.

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

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.*

The Great Thanksgiving – pg. 144

“Holy, Holy, Holy” – pg. 144

Eucharistic Prayer

Lord's Prayer – pg. 145

“Lamb of God” – pg. 146

Distribution of Communion

(All are welcome at the Lord's table.)

Prayer after Communion

SENDING

Blessing

Sending Song – 712 – “Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service”

Go in Peace to love and serve the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

Announcements

Special Prayers for: Liala Hedstrom, Danny Brockton, Bob Mitchell, Nick Iverson, Lowell Anderson, Marianne King, Tim Larson, Eric Wittlief, Dan Braithwaite, 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

The adult ed study of Jesus Unforsaken that was supposed to start October 12th is postponed until a later date. Thank you for understanding and we will update you when it will start again.

St. Olaf Band

The band is made up of 89 undergraduate students who represent a diverse set of majors and backgrounds. The band is conducted by Dr. Timothy Mahr, an award-winning composer and educator. They perform a variety of the finest works for wind band and were recently awarded the 2021 American Prize for their 2020 tour program "Imagining Peace," which was the band's last performance for live audiences before music on campus - and around the world - stopped.

The St. Olaf Band is performing in Kenyon at Kenyon-Wanamingo High School on October 22 at 7 p.m.

Tickets are always free for students and \$10 for adults. Tickets may be purchased

here: <https://wp.stolaf.edu/tickets/band/>

Kenyon Area Internship Service Opportunity

For over forty years, the Kenyon Area Internship Committee has been helping to shape leaders for the church. This is a truly impactful ministry. There is currently an opportunity for someone from Vang to serve on the KAIC. KAIC meets on the last Tuesday of the month at First Lutheran in Kenyon. If you would like more information, please contact Steve Schmidt or Pastor Paul

Thank you to everyone who helped out at the Lutefisk dinner.

GOSPEL MESSAGE

Sharing the Glory

When you picture Jesus in power and glory, what comes to mind? Maybe a heavenly vision of an enthroned Christ, surrounded by saints and angels and the whole heavenly host? This is the kind of image that must have been in the minds of the disciples James and John in today's gospel when they came to ask Jesus if they could be seated at his left and right side in his glory. Yet, Jesus redirects their desire for glory toward a different picture—active service to those around them.

The picture of Jesus' power in the gospels is not one of king but of servant Lord. We do not see Jesus seated on a throne, issuing orders, and being served, but as an unassuming man, living among people, listening to their needs, and sharing God's healing mercy with them. Throughout his life, Jesus revealed his power and glory through the love and compassion he showed to those who were suffering, through forgiveness for those overwhelmed with guilt, and by speaking truth to worldly powers. Jesus calls his followers to share in his power and glory by being at his left and right hand as he stoops to wash feet, as he touches those considered unclean, as he is mocked by worldly powers. This is where true glory and power are found.

Christ gathers his followers together in one body for worship today in order to serve them with his word, with the waters of rebirth, and with his own body and blood. In these simple acts, his glory and power are present. They call us to carry Christ's love out into the world, sharing it in our homes, at our jobs, and with the people around us who need to know God's power in their life