

# Dennison & Vang Lutheran Parish

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

Sunday, May 1, 2022



# GATHERING

## Welcome

## Call to Worship

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

## 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 3 times)*

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

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## Hymn of Praise

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray...

**God of new life, in this season of renewal and life help us to imagine what your love can make possible in us.**

**Open our hearts to Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

# WORD

## Children’s Message

**First Reading: Acts 9: 1-20**

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A reading from Acts.

<sup>1</sup>Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest <sup>2</sup>and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. <sup>3</sup>Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. <sup>4</sup>He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" <sup>5</sup>He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. <sup>6</sup>But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do."

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM: Psalm 30

<sup>1</sup>I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lifted me up  
and have not let my enemies triumph over me.

<sup>2</sup>**O LORD my God, I cried out to you,  
and you restored me to health.**

<sup>3</sup>You brought me up, O LORD, from the dead;  
you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.

<sup>4</sup>**Sing praise to the LORD, all you faithful;  
give thanks in holy remembrance.**

<sup>5</sup>God's wrath is short; God's favor lasts a lifetime.  
Weeping spends the night, but joy comes in the morning.

<sup>6</sup>**While I felt secure, I said,  
"I shall never be disturbed.**

<sup>7</sup>You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains."  
Then you hid your face, and I was filled with fear.

<sup>8</sup>**I cried to you, O LORD;  
I pleaded with my Lord, saying,**

<sup>9</sup>"What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the pit?  
Will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?"

<sup>10</sup>**Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me;  
O LORD, be my helper."**

<sup>11</sup>You have turned my wailing into dancing;  
you have put off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy.

<sup>12</sup>**Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing;  
O LORD my God, I will give you thanks forever.**

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

*Halle, halle, halle-lu-jah*

*Halle, halle, halle-lu-jah*

*Hallelujah! Halleujah!*

### **GOSPEL: John 21:1-19**

The holy gospel according to John.

#### **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>After [he appeared to his followers in Jerusalem,] Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. <sup>2</sup>Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. <sup>3</sup>Simon Peter said to them, “I am going fishing.” They said to him, “We will go with you.” They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

<sup>4</sup>Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>5</sup>Jesus said to them, “Children, you have no fish, have you?” They answered him, “No.” <sup>6</sup>He said to them, “Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.” So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. <sup>7</sup>That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. <sup>8</sup>But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

<sup>9</sup>When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. <sup>10</sup>Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.” <sup>11</sup>So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. <sup>12</sup>Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, “Who are you?” because they knew it was the Lord. <sup>13</sup>Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. <sup>14</sup>This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

<sup>15</sup>When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my lambs.” <sup>16</sup>A second time he said to him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Tend my sheep.” <sup>17</sup>He said to him the third time, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” And he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep. <sup>18</sup>Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.” <sup>19</sup>(He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, “Follow me.”

The gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

**Song of the Day**

**Passing of the Peace**

The peace of the Lord be with you al

MEAL

**Offering**

**Offering Prayer**

**Offertory**

**Eucharistic Prayer**

**Lord's Prayer – pg. 145**

**Distribution of Communion**

*All are welcome at the Lord's table.*

**Prayer after Communion**

SENDING

**Blessing**

**Sending Song**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

## ***Announcements***

**Special Prayers for:** Liala Hedstrom, Bob Mitchell, Nick Iverson, Lowell Anderson, Tim Larson, Don Paddock, John Machacek II, Dick Olson and all of our homebound people, service members and their families, and for all those in need of healing and strength.

### **Blessing of the Animals**

Come celebrate God's creation at a "Blessing of the Animals" service. It will be at Vang on Sunday, May 8. If your pet is leashed and is good with strangers, it is welcome in worship. There will be a Blessing of the Animals at 10:00 on the Vang lawn.

All (and all furry friends) are welcome.

### **First Communion – Sunday, May 15**

Dennison and Vang's 5<sup>th</sup> graders and families will be learning about the Sacrament of Holy Communion this month, and the 5<sup>th</sup> graders will be receiving "first communion" on Sunday, May 15 . Come celebrate this faith milestone, and hope to see you there!

### **Celebrating Milestones – Graduation Recognition**

There will be a graduation recognition for Vang and Dennison's graduating seniors on Sunday, May 22. Congratulations to Paige Benjamin, Conner Berndt, Amaya Monroe, Anna Nesseth, Kortney Prior, and Shelby Svien. Come celebrate this important milestone!

### **Worship Schedule**

**May 8th**– Vang 9 am

**May 15th**-Vang 9 am, Dennison 11 am (Songs of My Life)

**May 22nd**– Vang 9 am

**May 29th**-Vang 9 am

## ***Gospel Message***

### **The After Gospel**

The gospel of Jesus is a wonder. It is *there*, it is *here*, it is *now*, rising up to meet us in the morning after, in the days after, in the years after . . . after all we'd hoped for, waited for, lived for. After all we'd dreaded or feared or suffered has taken leave, run its course, faded, or fled, the gospel of Jesus stays; it rises to find us in the morning.

All the scattered reports told in the four gospels, the reports of where and how Jesus showed up after the day of resurrection, by whom and with whom he was seen—and also not recognized—are a kaleidoscope of wonder. There is no pinning Jesus down, no single story. Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John each tell it a little—or a lot—differently: Jesus in Galilee, Jesus in Jerusalem, Jesus in a closed room, Jesus on an open road, Jesus

talking with a woman, Jesus meeting with the men, Jesus at the sea, Jesus on the mountain. But what they all have to say with one accord is this: Jesus is *there*, is *here*, is *now* in a moment, the morning after, the days after, and the years after.

Nowhere is *after* a more beautifully affectionate wonder than on the shores of Tiberias, where Jesus had found disciples before, and where he now—again, still—finds them after.

“Children,” he calls to them out on the water (John 21:5). “Children.” Such intimacy in the way he beckons. “No fish?” All night empty nets. All night no fish. Then, the morning after: Jesus with a fire *there*, Jesus with fish *here*, Jesus with bread *now*. “Come.” After all their hoping and waiting and living together, the dread and fear and suffering they had shared together, Jesus follows them and finds them with their nets empty. “Come and have breakfast” (v. 12). This is the beautiful wonder of the gospel of Jesus for the morning after.