

Dennison & Vang Lutheran Parish

4th Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 8, 2022



GATHERING

Welcome

Call to Worship

O Most High, all-powerful, good Lord God,
to you belong praise, glory,
honour and all blessing.

**Be praised, my Lord, for all your creation
and especially for our Brother Sun,
who brings us the day and the light;
he is strong and shines magnificently.**

O Lord, we think of you when we look at him.

Be praised, my Lord, for Sister Moon,
and for the stars
which you have set shining and lovely
in the heavens.

**Be praised, my Lord,
for our Brothers Wind and Air
and every kind of weather
by which you, Lord,
uphold life in all your creatures.**

Be praised, my Lord, for Sister Water,
who is very useful to us,
and humble and precious and pure.

**Be praised, my Lord, for Brother Fire,
through whom you give us light in the darkness:
he is bright and lively and strong.**

Be praised, my Lord,
for Sister Earth, our Mother,
who nourishes us and sustains us,
bringing forth
fruits and vegetables of many kinds
and flowers of many colors.

**I praise and bless you, Lord,
and I give thanks to you,
and I will serve you in all humility.**

("Canticle of Creation" by St. Francis of Assisi, b. 1181)

Confession and Forgiveness

(All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the Confession and Forgiveness begins.)

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + One God, who calls forth Creation, who stirs and sustains life. **Amen.**

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

(Silence is kept for reflection.)

God of righteousness and justice,

You made the Earth and all that is in it, but we fail to honor your good work. We do not recognize your presence among us, and our hardened hearts do not hear Creation's cry.

We have not loved you with our whole heart, and not loved our neighbors or the earth as ourselves. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Rejoice, for the Incarnate Word comes to you. Laying aside all heavenly glory, the Servant of all, Jesus Christ, is obedient unto death to make of you and all the Earth a new Creation. Rejoice, for Christ, from whom nothing can separate you, + forgives you all your sins.

Alleluia! The One whose name is majestic in all the Earth raises you up to newness of life so that we may join together with all creation in songs of praise.

Amen.

Gathering Song – 835 – “All Creatures Worship God Most High” (vs. 1-4)

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 – “Earth and All Stars”

Earth and all stars! Loud rushing planets!

Sing to the Lord a new song!

Hail, wind, and rain! Loud blowing snowstorm!

Sing to the Lord a new song!

God has done marvelous things.

I too sing praises with a new song!

City of God, Easter forever,

Golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb,

River of life, saints and archangels,

Sing with creation to God the I AM!

God has done marvelous things.

I too sing praises with a new song!

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray...

Sovereign of the universe, your first covenant of mercy was with every living creature. When your beloved Son came among us, the waters of the river welcomed him, the heavens opened to greet his arrival, the animals of the wilderness drew near as his companions. With all the world's people, may we who are washed into new life through baptism seek

the way of your new creation, the way of justice and care, mercy and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

WORD

Children's Message

First Reading: Job 12:7-10

Ask the animals, and they will teach you;
the birds of the air, and they will tell you;
ask the plants of the earth, and they will teach you;
and the fish of the sea will declare to you.

Who among all these does not know
that the hand of the Lord has done this?
In his hand is the life of every living thing
and the breath of every human being.

Psalm: Psalm 148

Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord from the heavens;
praise him in the heights!

Praise him, all his angels;
praise him, all his host!

Praise him, sun and moon;

praise him, all you shining stars!

Praise him, you highest heavens,
and you waters above the heavens!

**Let them praise the name of the Lord,
for he commanded and they were created.**

He established them forever and ever;
he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.

**Praise the Lord from the earth,
you sea monsters and all deeps,**

fire and hail, snow and frost,
stormy wind fulfilling his command!

**Mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars!**

Wild animals and all cattle,
creeping things and flying birds!

**Kings of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the earth!**

Young men and women alike,
old and young together!

**Let them praise the name of the Lord,
for his name alone is exalted;
his glory is above earth and heaven.**

Praise the Lord!

Second Reading: Revelation 22: 1-2

Then I saw the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life, and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.

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

Halle, halle, halle-lu-jah

Halle, halle, halle-lu-jah

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Holy Gospel: John 1: 1-5

The Holy Gospel according to St. John...

Glory to you, O Lord

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

Song of the Day – “The Earth is the Lord's” (to the tune of “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”)

"The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof."

Creation reminds us, O God, of your love.

By grace we are learning, as year leads to year,

We're called to be stewards, your caretakers here.

Your rainforests nurture the world that we share.

Your wetlands give animals shelter and care.

Your coral reefs cradle the life of the sea.

You've shown us, in love, what your good world can be.

Too often, O God, we abuse your good earth.

We fail to remember its beauty and worth.

We take from creation much more than we need,

We threaten your world through indifference and greed.

May we be good stewards of all that you give,

Protecting creation wherever we live.

May we be a church that renews and restores

And lovingly cares for this earth that is yours.

Prayers of Intercession

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

Eucharistic Prayer

“Holy, Holy, Holy...” – pg. 144

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 – 838 – “Beautiful Savior”

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, Laurie Underdahl, Dick Olson and all of our homebound people, service members and their families, and for all those in need of healing and strength.

First Communion – Sunday, May 15

Dennison and Vang's 5th graders and families will be learning about the Sacrament of Holy Communion this month, and the 5th 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!

World Day of Prayer

"I know the plans I have for you" Jeremiah 29:1-14.

World Day of Prayer, Saturday May 7th, 10:30am at Kenyon United Methodist Church. Salad luncheon to follow the Service

Growing Connections Garden 2022

We will plan to plant the garden this year on Sunday May 29 after service. All help planting is appreciated. The seed board is in the Narthex. If you would like to help the garden by purchasing seeds please take the card with the seed you would like to purchase then bring the seeds back before May 29.

Worship Schedule

May 15th-Vang 9 am, Just Move Group, First Communion- Dennison 11 am (Songs of My Life)

May 22nd– Vang 9 am-Graduation Recognition

May 29th-Vang 9 am/Start Summer Schedule