

# Dennison & Vang Lutheran Parish

16<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday, September 25, 2022



# GATHERING

## **Welcome**

## **Confession and Forgiveness**

*(All my make the sign of the cross, the sign given to us in baptism, as Confession and Forgiveness begins.)*

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

As followers of Christ, we are called to repent – to turn away from anything that leads away from love of God and love of neighbor. Let us therefore repent, confessing our sins in the presence of God and of one another.

God of compassion and forgiveness,

**We confess that sin has a hold on us, and we need a new way.**

**We have harmed your good creation.**

**We have failed to do justice, love kindness,  
and walk humbly with you.**

**Turn us in a new direction.**

**Show us the path that leads to life.**

**Be our refuge and strength on the journey,  
through Jesus Christ, our redeemer. Amen.**

Beloved of God, your sins are forgiven and God is making you whole. God points today to the way of new life in Christ, who meets us where we are. Turn toward God, and journey anew in God's abiding love. Make us compassionate in our actions and courageous in our works, that we may see Christ's Beloved Community in our own day. Through the power of the Spirit, may Christ live in our hearts through faith. **Amen.**

**Gathering Song – 532 – “Gather Us In”**

## Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the community of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## Kyrie – pg. 147

## Hymn of Praise – pg. 148

*“Glory to God in the Highest, and peace to God’s people on Earth”*

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray...

## WORD

### FIRST READING: Amos 6:1a, 4-7

A reading from Amos.

<sup>1a</sup>Alas for those who are at ease in Zion,  
and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria,  
<sup>4</sup>Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory,  
and lounge on their couches,  
and eat lambs from the flock,  
and calves from the stall;  
<sup>5</sup>who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp,  
and like David improvise on instruments of music;  
<sup>6</sup>who drink wine from bowls,  
and anoint themselves with the finest oils,  
but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!  
<sup>7</sup>Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile,  
and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**PSALM: Psalm 146**

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah!

Praise the LORD, O my soul!

<sup>2</sup>**I will praise the LORD as long as I live;**

**I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**

<sup>3</sup>Put not your trust in rulers,

in mortals in whom there is no help.

<sup>4</sup>**When they breathe their last, they return to earth,**

**and in that day their thoughts perish.**

<sup>5</sup>Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help,

whose hope is in the LORD their God;

<sup>6</sup>**who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;**

**who keeps promises forever;**

<sup>7</sup>who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger.

The LORD sets the captive free.

<sup>8</sup>**The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;**

**the LORD loves the righteous.**

<sup>9</sup>The LORD cares for the stranger;

the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

<sup>10</sup>**The LORD shall reign forever,**

**your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!**

**SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 6:6-19**

A reading from 1 Timothy.

<sup>6</sup>Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; <sup>7</sup>for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; <sup>8</sup>but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. <sup>9</sup>But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. <sup>10</sup>For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains. <sup>11</sup>But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. <sup>12</sup>Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. <sup>13</sup>In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the

good confession, I charge you <sup>14</sup>to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>15</sup>which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. <sup>16</sup>It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

<sup>17</sup>As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. <sup>18</sup>They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, <sup>19</sup>thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

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 16:19-31**

The holy gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] <sup>19</sup>“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. <sup>20</sup>And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, <sup>21</sup>who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. <sup>22</sup>The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. <sup>23</sup>In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. <sup>24</sup>He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.’ <sup>25</sup>But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during is comforted here, and you are in agony. <sup>26</sup>Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ <sup>27</sup>He said, ‘Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house—<sup>28</sup>for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of

torment.’<sup>29</sup> Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’  
<sup>30</sup>He said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’  
<sup>31</sup>He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’”

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

## **Sermon**

**Song of the Day – 801 – “Change My Heart, O God”**

**Prayers for Others** (*intercessory prayer*)

Lord, in your mercy...

**Hear our prayer.**

**Passing the Peace**

The peace of the Lord be with you all

**And also with you.**

**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.*

**Lord’s Prayer – pg. 145**

# SENDING

## **Blessing**

### **Sending Song – 858 – “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

## ***Ministry Updates***

**Special Prayers for:** Liala Hedstrom, Bob Mitchell, Nick Iverson, Lowell Anderson, Tim Larson, Don Paddock, John Machacek II, Bruce Jenson, Laurie Underdahl, Dorothy

Vesledahl and all of our homebound people, service members and their families, and for all those in need of healing and strength.

## **Worship Schedule**

### **October 2**

Dennison 9 am

Vang 11 am

## **Wednesday Community Faith Formation**

Beginning Wednesday, Sept. 28, from 6:30-7:30, Vang and Dennison will be offering opportunities to build community and grow in faith. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of the month, there will be a brief time of worship followed by faith growth and continuing ed for all ages. This will be a time of adult ed as well as faith learning for children and youth. We are excited about this new opportunity for community and faith development at our church, and hope to see you there.

Please contact the family ministry team or Pastor Paul with questions as we begin this new project together.

## **Introduction to Centering Prayer**

*"Be still and know that I am God." Psalm 46:10*

Centering Prayer is a receptive, deep method of silent prayer that prepares us to receive the gift of the experience of God's presence within us. It presents ancient Christian teachings in an updated form. Centering Prayer is not meant to replace other kinds of prayer; rather it casts new light on them. This method of prayer is a movement beyond conversation with Christ to communion with Christ. Through the regular practice of Centering Prayer, many people discover the fruits of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, self-control.

The presenter will be John Keller, a retired ELCA pastor and a certified presenter of Centering Prayer. He is on the leadership team for Minnesota Contemplative Outreach and has been practicing Centering Prayer for eight years

The Introduction series will be on October 5, 19, 26, Nov. 2 at 6:30 PM at Vang Lutheran Church. Each meeting will include a 20 minute Centering Prayer session. Participants are encouraged to read Thomas Keating's book, *Open Mind, Open Heart*, between sessions.

Please contact the church office or Pastor Paul to RSVP.