

Dennison & Vang Lutheran Parish

Christ the King

Sunday, November 20, 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.**

Dear friends, together let us acknowledge our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

God of compassion and forgiveness,

We confess that sin still has a hold on us.

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 to the way of new life in Christ, who meets us where we are. Journey now in God's abiding love through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Gathering Song – 855 – “Crown Him With Many Crowns” (vs. 1, 3, 4)

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.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray...

Gracious God, our true life, to serve you is freedom. To know you is joy. We give you thanks. Abide with us, for you have made this world into a fit habitation for your divine majesty, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

Children's Message

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 23:1-6

A reading from Jeremiah.

¹Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD.

²Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. ³Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

⁵The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Luke 1: 68-79

⁶⁸Blessed are you, Lord, the God of Israel,
you have come to your people and set them free.

⁶⁹**You have raised up for us a mighty Savior,**

born of the house of your servant David.

⁷⁰Through your holy prophets, you promised of old to save us from our enemies,
⁷¹from the hands of all who hate us,

⁷²**to show mercy to our forebears,
and to remember your holy covenant.**

⁷³This was the oath you swore to our father Abraham:

⁷⁴to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

free to worship you without fear,

⁷⁵**holy and righteous before you, all the days of our life.**

⁷⁶And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,
for you will go before the Lord to prepare the way,

⁷⁷**to give God's people knowledge of salvation
by the forgiveness of their sins.**

⁷⁸In the tender compassion of our God

the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

⁷⁹**to shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

SECOND READING: Colossians 1:11-20

A reading from Colossians.

¹¹May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully ¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

¹⁵He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation – 616 – “Jesus, Remember Me” (sung 3 times)

Jesus, remember me, when you come into your kingdom.

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GOSPEL: Luke 23:33-43

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³³When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴[[Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.”]] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!” ³⁶The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, ³⁷and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” ³⁸There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.”

³⁹One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, “Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!” ⁴⁰But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.” ⁴²Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” ⁴³He replied, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Song of the Day – 838 – “Beautiful Savior”

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.

MEAL

Offering

Offertory – Hymn #186 – “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.

Offering Prayer

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 – 267 – “Joy to the World”

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

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

Worship Schedule

Sunday, November 27th (1st Sunday of Advent)

Vang 9:00 am Dennison 11 am

Sunday, December 4th (2nd Sunday of Advent)

Dennison 9:00 am Vang 11:00 am (Visit from Believet Canine Service Partners)

Community Thanksgiving Service

There will be a Community Thanksgiving service on Tuesday, November 22nd at First Lutheran in Kenyon at 7:00 PM. All are welcome.