

Dennison & Vang Lutheran Parish

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 7, 2023



# GATHERING

## Welcome

### Thanksgiving for Baptism – pg. 97

*(All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the Thanksgiving for Baptism begins.)*

### Gathering Song – 377 – “Alleluia! Jesus is Risen” (vs. 1-3)

## 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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## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray...

**Gracious God, you sent your Son to be our way, our truth, and our life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in Jesus’ way, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.**

# WORD

## FIRST READING: Acts 7:55-60

A reading from Acts.

<sup>55</sup>Filled with the Holy Spirit, [Stephen] gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. <sup>56</sup>“Look,” he said, “I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!” <sup>57</sup>But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. <sup>58</sup>Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. <sup>59</sup>While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” <sup>60</sup>Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this, he died.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16**

<sup>1</sup>In you, O LORD, have taken refuge; let me never be put to shame;  
deliver me in your righteousness.

<sup>2</sup>**Incline your ear to me;  
make haste to deliver me.**

<sup>3</sup>Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold;  
for the sake of your name, lead me and guide me.

<sup>4</sup>**Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me,  
for you are my tower of strength.**

<sup>5</sup>Into your hands commend my spirit,  
for you have redeemed me, O LORD, God of truth.

<sup>15</sup>**My times are in your hand;  
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.**

<sup>16</sup>Let your face shine upon your servant;  
save me in your steadfast love.”

**SECOND READING: 1 Peter 2:2-10**

A reading from 1 Peter.

<sup>2</sup>Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—<sup>3</sup>if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

<sup>4</sup>Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and <sup>5</sup>like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. <sup>6</sup>For it stands in scripture: “See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

<sup>7</sup>To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner,” <sup>8</sup>and “A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.” They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. <sup>9</sup>But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. <sup>10</sup>Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

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! Hallelujah!*

**GOSPEL: John 14:1-14**

The holy gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>1</sup>“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. <sup>2</sup>In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup>And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. <sup>4</sup>And you know the way to the place where I am going.” <sup>5</sup>Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” <sup>6</sup>Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup>If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

<sup>8</sup>Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” <sup>9</sup>Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? <sup>10</sup>Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. <sup>11</sup>Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. <sup>12</sup>Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup>I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup>If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

**Song of the Day – 389 – “Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing”**

**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**

**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*

**Offering Prayer**

**The Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you**

Lift up your hearts

**We lift them to the Lord**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**472 – “Eat This Bread” (sung 2 times)**

*Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and never be hungry.*

*Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.*

**Eucharistic Prayer**

**Lord’s Prayer – pg. 145**

**“Lamb of God” – pg. 146**

**Distribution of Communion**

*(All are welcome at the Lord’s table. Gluten free bread and grape juice is available. Please indicate to the communion server if that is your preference.)*

**Prayer after Communion**

SENDING

## **Blessing**

### **Sending Song – 881 – “Let All Things Now Living”**

Alleluia! 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, Bev Sviggum, Doris Ellingboe, Kathy Olson, Diane Thompson, Dorothy Vesledahl and all of our homebound people, service members and their families, and for all those in need of healing and strength.

### ***Worship at Dennison and Vang***

#### ***Sunday, May 14th***

Vang 9 am

Dennison 11 am

#### ***Sunday, May 21st***

Vang 9 am (Confirmation service and potluck)

Dennison 11 am

#### ***Sunday, May 28th***

Vang 9 am (Pentecost Sunday)

Start summer schedule

### **Centering Prayer Group to Begin May 7**

Centering Prayer is a form of contemplative prayer, to center awareness on the presence of God. Centering prayer is a powerful way to connect with God and with one another.

Beginning May 7, there will be a Centering Prayer group meeting weekly on Sunday evenings at 6:00 PM via Zoom.

No experience necessary. All are welcome.

### **Community and Faith Formation Nights – Bingo Night!**

*For Adults, Youth, and Children*

For the final Community night of this year, all are invited to Bingo Night! Come celebrate community at this fun event. The Community night will be on Wednesday, May 10 at 6:30 PM

### **Faith Milestone - Confirmation**

Congratulations to this year's confirmands, who will affirm their faith at the Affirmation of Baptism/Confirmation service on Sunday, May 21. This year's confirmands are Claire Berndt, Alex Flom, Ava Flom, Sophia Elftman, Devon Monroe, Katie Nesseth, Malori Prior, and Emma Wood. There will be potluck brunch following the 9:00 AM confirmation service at Vang.

### **Stamps for the Wounded**

Posted stamps saved from the mail, philatelic materials from stamp collections unused stamps purchased from the post office and office supplies can be used to help veterans. For more information please talk to Bernice Stenhaus.