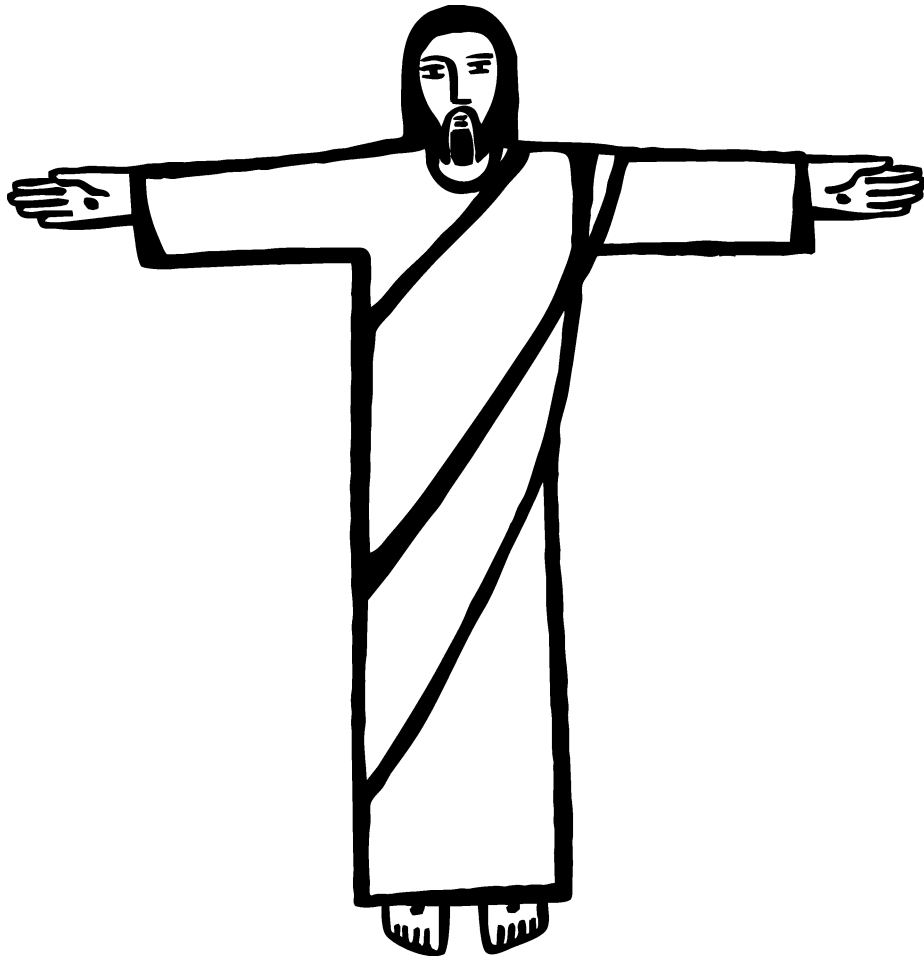


Dennison & Vang Lutheran Parish

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 14, 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 Songs

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.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray...

Ever-living God, in your great compassion receive the prayers of all your people, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

Epistle Reading: 1 Peter 3:13-22

A reading from 1 Peter.

¹³Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good?

¹⁴But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, ¹⁵but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; ¹⁶yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil.

¹⁸For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. ²¹And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you — not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 66:8-20

⁸Bless our God, you peoples;

let the sound of praise be heard.

⁹**Our God has kept us among the living
and has not allowed our feet to slip.**

¹⁰For you, O God, have tested us;
you have tried us just as silver is tried.

¹¹**You brought us into the net;
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.**

¹²You let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and water,
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

¹³**I will enter your house with burnt offerings
and will pay you my vows—**

¹⁴those that I promised with my lips
and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.

¹⁵**I will offer you burnt offerings of fatlings with the smoke of rams;
I will give you oxen and goats. R**

¹⁶Come and listen, all you who believe,
and I will tell you what God has done for me.

¹⁷**I called out to God with my mouth,
and praised the Lord with my tongue.**

¹⁸If I had cherished evil in my heart,
the Lord would not have heard me;

¹⁹**but in truth God has heard me
and has attended to the sound of my prayer.**

²⁰Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer,
nor withheld unfailing love from me.

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

Halle, halle, halle-lu-jah

Halle, halle, halle-lu-jah

Hallelujah! Halleujah!

GOSPEL: John 14:15-21

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

¹⁸“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Song of the Day –

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.

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

Lord's Prayer – pg. 145

SENDING

Blessing

Special Prayers for: Liala Hedstrom, Bob Mitchell, Nick Iverson, Lowell Anderson, 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 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 May 14th

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.

There will be a Centering Prayer group meeting weekly on Sunday evenings at 6:00 PM via Zoom.

No experience necessary. All are welcome.

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 Em

Graduation Milestone

Save the date! There will be a graduate recognition at the worship service on Sunday, June 4. Come celebrate with Dennison and Vang's graduating seniors.

Special Guest Coming Sunday, June 4

On Sunday, June 4, we will welcome Rev. Emily Carson, Assistant to the Bishop in the Southeastern Minnesota synod. Rev. Carson will preach and help lead worship, and be available for conversation following the service.