

Dennison & Vang Lutheran Parish

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 21, 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 – 532 – “Gather Us In”

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 – pg. 147

Hymn of Praise – pg. 149 – “This is the feast of victory for our God”

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray...

God of grace, you confound the world’s wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the life your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

Children’s Message

First Reading: Micah 6: 6-8

“(The people say) With what shall I come before the Lord
and bow myself before God on high?

Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?

Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?

Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”

(The prophet replies) “He has told you, O mortal, what is good,
and what does the Lord require of you

but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 103

Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless God's holy name.

**Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and do not forget all God's benefits—**
who forgives all your sins,
who heals all your diseases,
**who redeems your life from the Pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,**
who satisfies you with good as long as you live
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

**The LORD works vindication
and justice for all who are oppressed.**
The LORD is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love;**
as far as the east is from the west,
so far he removes our transgressions from us.

**As a loving parent has compassion for children,
so the LORD has compassion for his people.**

Second Reading: Colossians 3: 12-17

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son but gave him up for all of us, how will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ who died, or rather, who was raised, who is also at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will affliction or distress or persecution or famine or peril or sword?

No, in all these things we are more than victorious through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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!

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 5: 1-10

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the gentle, for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

Blessed are the compassionate, for they will receive compassion.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

Song of the Day – 728 - “Blest Are They”

Prayers of the People

Lord in your mercy...

Hear our prayer.

Affirmation of Baptism

Affirming the promises of baptism today are confirmands Claire Berndt, Sophia Elftman, Alex Flom, Ava Flom, Devon Monroe, Katie Nesseth, Malori Prior, and Emma Wood. Prayers and blessings to you!

Passing of the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Hymn – 732 – “Borning Cry”

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 – pg. 152

Eucharistic Prayer

“Holy, Holy, Holy” – pg. 153

Lord’s Prayer – pg. 154

“Lamb of God” – pg. 154

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 – 720 – “We Are Called”

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

Thanks be to God!

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Worship at Dennison and Vang

Sunday, May 28th

Vang 9 am (Pentecost Sunday)

Start summer schedule

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.

Prayers for Nordis Estrem for a speedy recovery from knee replacement surgery and Bernice Stenhaug as she recovers from Bronchitis.

Centering Prayer Group May 21st

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.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81161312721...>

No experience necessary. All are welcome.

Graduation Milestone

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.

Pastor Paul and Kelly want to invite you to Isaiah's graduation party! It will be June 10 from 10:00 – 12:00 at 911 Aldrich Dr., Northfield, MN.