

Dennison & Vang Lutheran Parish

Day of Pentecost

Sunday, May 28, 2023



GATHERING

Welcome

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Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, one God, who greets us in this and every season, whose word never fails, whose promise is sure. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of our neighbors.

Compassionate God,

We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have hurt our community. We have squandered your blessings. We have been careless with your creation. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In the name of Jesus, forgive us, and grant us your mercy.

God offers us boundless grace when we fail. Claim the gift of God's mercy and compassion. You are freed and forgiven, in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Gathering Song

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...

Gracious God, you open hearts by sending to us your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have minds that seek you and hearts that love you. May we rejoice in your peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

Children's Message

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

A reading from 1 Corinthians.

^{3b}No one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the

same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

¹²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

²⁴How manifold are your works, O LORD!

In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

²⁵**Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too many to number,
living things both small and great.**

²⁶There go the ships to and fro,
and Leviathan, which you made for the sport of it.

²⁷**All of them look to you
to give them their food in due season.**

²⁸You give it to them; they gather it;
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

²⁹**When you hide your face, they are terrified;
when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.**

³⁰You send forth your Spirit, and they are created;
and so you renew the face of the earth.

³¹**May the glory of the LORD endure forever;**

O LORD, rejoice in all your works.

³²You look at the earth and it trembles;
you touch the mountains and they smoke.

³³**I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;
I will praise my God while I have my being.**

³⁴May these words of mine please God.
I will rejoice in the LORD.

^{35b}**Bless the LORD, O my soul.
Hallelujah!**

Acclamation – 172 - “Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”

Halle, halle, halle-lu-jah

Halle, halle, halle-lu-jah

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Scripture Reading: Acts 2: 1-21 (from The Message Bible)

When the Feast of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Without warning there was a sound like a strong wind, gale force—no one could tell where it came from. It filled the whole building. Then, like a wildfire, the Holy Spirit spread through their ranks, and they started speaking in a number of different languages as the Spirit prompted them.

There were many Jews staying in Jerusalem just then, devout pilgrims from all over the world. When they heard the sound, they came on the run. Then when they heard, one after another, their own mother tongues being spoken, they were blown away. They couldn't for the life of them figure out what was going on, and kept saying, "Aren't these all Galileans? How come we're hearing them talk in our various mother tongues?"

Parthians, Medes, and Elamites;
Visitors from Mesopotamia, Judea, and Cappadocia,
Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia,
Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene;
Immigrants from Rome, both Jews and proselytes;
Even Cretans and Arabs!

They're speaking our languages, describing God's mighty works!"

Their heads were spinning; they couldn't make head or tail of any of it. They talked back and forth, confused: "What's going on here?"

Others joked, "They're drunk on cheap wine."

That's when Peter stood up and, backed by the other eleven, spoke out with bold urgency: "Fellow Jews, all of you who are visiting Jerusalem, listen carefully and get this story straight. These people aren't drunk as some of you suspect. They haven't had time to get drunk—it's only nine o'clock in the morning. This is what the prophet Joel announced would happen:

"In the Last Days," God says,
"I will pour out my Spirit
on every kind of people:
Your sons will prophesy,
also your daughters;
Your young men will see visions,
your old men dream dreams.
When the time comes,
I'll pour out my Spirit
On those who serve me, men and women both,
and they'll prophesy.
I'll set wonders in the sky above

and signs on the earth below,
Blood and fire and billowing smoke,
the sun turning black and the moon blood-red,
Before the Day of the Lord arrives,
the Day tremendous and marvelous;
And whoever calls out for help
to me, God, will be saved.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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

Sending Song –

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

Day of Pentecost

Pentecost derives its name from the Jewish festival celebrating the harvest and the giving of the law on Mount Sinai fifty days after Passover. Fifty days after Easter, we celebrate the Holy Spirit as God's presence within and among us. In Acts the Spirit arrives in rushing wind and flame, bringing God's presence to all people. Paul reminds us that though we each have different capacities, we are unified in the Spirit that equips us with these gifts. We celebrate that we too are given the breath of the Holy Spirit and sent out to proclaim God's redeeming love to all the world.

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, June 4 (Graduate Recognition and Celebration)

- Vang – 9:00 AM

Summer Worship Schedule

During the summer months, there will be one combined service on Sundays. In June, worship will be at Vang at 9:00 AM. In July, worship will be at Dennison at 9:00 AM.

Centering Prayer Group

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.

The Centering Prayer group meets weekly on Sunday evenings at 6:00 PM via Zoom. The zoom link can be found on the church website.

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 – Sophie Amy, Eivind Brogger, Cal Luebke, and Isaiah Stiner.

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.

Ice Cream Social with St. John's Lutheran Church

This summer, Vang will host an ice cream social together with members of St. John's Lutheran in Northfield. This came about when the St. John's Adult Ministry board contacted Vang wanting to learn more about our congregation and community. This event will feature music, fellowship, ice cream, a presentation from Rene Koester, and other activities.

WHAT: Vang/St. John's event

WHEN: Wednesday, June 21, 6:00 – 8:00 PM

WHERE: Vang Lutheran Church