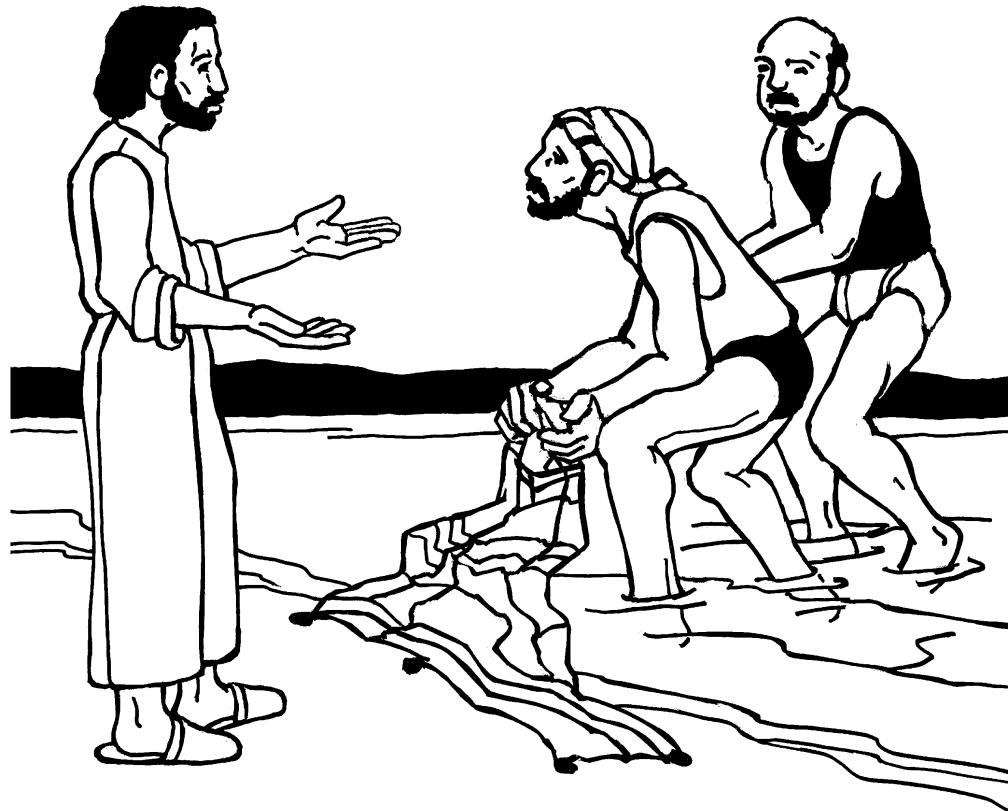


Dennison & Vang Lutheran Parish

Third Sunday after Epiphany

Sunday, January 25th, 2026



# GATHERING

## CONFSSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,  
the Creator of heaven and earth,  
the Word who spoke life into being,  
the Wind stirring the waters.

**Amen.**

Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Mighty God, lover of justice,  
**you call us to life in community,**  
**but we have served our own interests**  
**at the expense of our neighbors.**

**We have sown deceit where honesty was needed.**

**We say the right words,**  
**but our hearts are far from you.**

**Turn us to seek your face.**

**Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ,**  
**that we may do justice, love mercy,**  
**and walk humbly with you, our God.**

**Amen.**

The former things have passed away,  
and new things God now declares:  
Like a spring of water that never fails,  
God covers you in the righteousness of Christ,  
and forgives your sin in Jesus' name.  
May the Spirit give you strength to live for others,  
and bless you with the gift of peace.

**Amen.**

## Gathering Song –582– “Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling”

## 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.

**Lord God, your lovingkindness always goes before us and follows after us. Summon us into your light, and direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## WORD

### FIRST READING: **Isaiah 9:1-4**

A reading from Isaiah.

There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time [the LORD] brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. You have multiplied exultation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM: **Psalm 27:1, 4-9**

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

**One thing I ask of the LORD; one thing I seek;**

**that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life; to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek God in the temple.**

For in the day of trouble God will give me shelter,

hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high upon a rock.

**Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies who surround me.**

**Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing; I will sing and make music to the LORD.**

Hear my voice, O LORD, when I call;

have mercy on me and answer me.

**My heart speaks your message—“Seek my face.”**

**Your face, O LORD, I will seek.**

Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your servant in anger.

Cast me not away—you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God of my salvation.

## **SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18**

A reading from 1 Corinthians.

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you but that you be knit together in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been made clear to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else. For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel—and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

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*

*Halle, halle, halle-lu-jah*

*Hallelujah! Hallelujah*

## **GOSPEL: Matthew 4:12-23**

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the gentiles—the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishers. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

Jesus went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

**Pastor Peter Coen Tuff**

**Song of the Day –798–“Will You Come and Follow Me”**

**Apostle’s Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**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 –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**

God of majesty, no eye has seen, no ear has heard what you have prepared for those who love you, yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy. Use what we have gathered to feed us with the reign of God come near, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

## MEAL

### 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.**

### Holy, Holy, Holy p. 153

### Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen**

### Lamb of God p. 154

### Distribution of Communion

*(All are welcome at the Lord's table. Gluten free bread and grape juice is available please let the Communion server know if that is your preference)*

### Prayer after Communion

Radiant God, we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. In the sacrament of his body and blood you have drawn us to your heart. Send us from this table with delight, that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love, and bear witness to all we have seen and heard, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## SENDING

### Blessing

### Sending Song –815– “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

Go in peace. Christ is near.

**Thanks be to God!**

**Special Prayers for:** Lila Hedstrom, John Machacek II, Chrys Eggum, Karen Koester, David Wood and all of our homebound people, service members and their families, and for all those in need of healing and strength.

## ***Worship at Dennison & Vang***

### **Sunday, February 1st**

Vang – 9:00 am (Sunday School)

Dennison— 10:30 am

## ***Upcoming Events***

### **B-I-N-G-O**

Come down to the Cattlemen's Saloon in Dennison for Tuesday night bingo at 6:00 pm, hosted by the Dennison Lions, proceeds go to support the local community. Bingo callers will be Vang members!

<b>Vang</b>	<b>Greeter</b>	<b>Acolyte</b>	<b>Reader</b>	<b>Usher</b>
Jan. 25th	Dan & Missy	Denise	Missy	Dan & Missy
Feb. 1	Rene & Pam		Nicole Carel	Rene & Pam
Feb. 8		Jacob Flom	Amanda Flom	
Feb. 15	Jen Eggum		Jen Eggum	Jen Eggum