

Dennison & Vang Lutheran Parish

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, July 27, 2025



GATHERING

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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

Gracious God,

have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen.

Gathering Song –522– “As We Gather at Your Table”

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.

Almighty and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience, and give us those good things that come only through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING: Genesis 18:20-32

A reading from Genesis.

Then the LORD said, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me, and if not, I will know."

So the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the LORD. Then Abraham came near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" And the LORD said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake." Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to my lord, I who am but dust and ashes. Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." Again he spoke to him, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." Then he said, "Oh, do not let my lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." He said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to my lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." Then he said, "Oh, do not let my lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 138

I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart;
before the gods I sing your praise;

**I bow down toward your holy temple
and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness,
for you have exalted your name and your word
above everything.**

On the day I called, you answered me;
you increased my strength of soul.

**All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O LORD,
for they have heard the words of your mouth.**

They shall sing of the ways of the LORD,
for great is the glory of the LORD.

**For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly,
but the haughty he perceives from far away.**

Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies;
you stretch out your hand,
and your right hand delivers me.

**The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me;
your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever.
Do not forsake the work of your hands.**

SECOND READING: Colossians 2:6-15 [16-19]

A reading from Colossians.

As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

Watch out that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental principles of the world, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by the removal of the body^{of} of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it. everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

Therefore, do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food or^{of} drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or Sabbaths. These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the body belongs to Christ. Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, initiatory visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and tendons, grows with a growth that is from 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: Luke 11:1-13

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." So he said to them, "When you pray, say:

Father, may your name be revered as holy.

May your kingdom come.

Give us each day our daily bread.

And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial."

And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything out of friendship, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

"So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asked for a fish, would give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asked for an egg, would give a scorpion? If you, then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Peter Coen Tuff

Song of the Day –744 – "Lord, Be Glorified"

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

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

SENDING

Blessing

Sending Song –543– “Go, My Children, with My Blessing”

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

Special Prayers for: Liala Hedstrom, John Machacek II, Chrys Eggum, Terry Haugen, James Haugen, 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, August 3rd

Vang – 9:00 am

Upcoming Events

Tree Dedication

Dedication of our new trees at Vang will take place on **Sunday, August 3rd**. After the 9:00 am service, we will go out to the church grounds and read the names of the persons trees are given in memory of. We will hopefully toll the bell after each of the person's names are read. There will be a light lunch with doughnuts, coffee and chocolate milk provided. Hope to see you there. The trees look great! Thanks to Rudy and Steve and Wendell for doing some watering.

New Vang- Acolyte, Greet, Read, Usher Sign Up

Starting in August everyone is encouraged to sign up as a worship assistant for the fall. There will be 4 options: to acolyte, greet, read, or usher. No one person will be overseeing this list-we will all be in charge of it. The more participation, the better. Now if you sign up to greet, that is all you will be expected to do. If you sign up to usher, that is all you will be expected to do. Of course, you can sign up to do all 4 options on one Sunday! The only thing we humbly ask is that you find a replacement if you can't make it when you signed up. The sign-up sheet will be on the podium just outside the sanctuary doors.