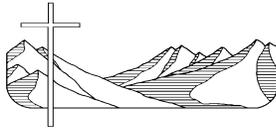


# Green Valley Evangelical Lutheran Church



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*Building a Community in Christ*

## The Fourth Sunday in Easter May 8, 2022

### Greeting and Welcome

Welcome to Green Valley Evangelical Lutheran Church. We are pleased you could join us. Due to the current health crisis, we ask that enter through the lobby doors and that you exit through the fellowship hall. The nursery is open for a "cry room" for mother and child. Second floor is in use for Sunday School. Please use the paper cups at the water fountains.

**Today's Worship Service**-Jesus is our Good Shepherd. He tells us his believers, his sheep, listen to his voice. John sees a vision of heaven where we are gathered around the Lamb, our Savior. Our Historical reading records a missionary sermon of Paul. The long-awaited Savior had come and the leaders crucified him. But God raised him from the dead, fulfilling all he had promised through the prophets. We will dwell in the house of the Lord forever!

**Thanks** today to Brenda Ginnow on organ.

Our celebration of the Lord's Supper is reserved for those who have been confirmed in or received as adult members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church. If you haven't taken the Lord's Supper with us before, please speak with the pastor before the service.

## The Service of Word and Sacrament

we prepare to worship our Lord

**Opening Song This Joyous Eastertide (160)**

### Invocation

P The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want.

**C He makes me lie down in green pastures.**

P Today we rejoice to worship our Triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

### Confession of Sins

P God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

**C Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior, Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

P God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ, and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

### Prayer and Praise

P For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

P For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.

**C Christ, have mercy.**

P For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

P Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care.

**C Amen.**

### **Prayer of the Day**

P O Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Good Shepherd who laid down your life for the sheep. Lead us now to the still waters of your life-giving Word that we may abide in your Father's house forevermore; for you live and reign with him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

our Lord speaks to us

### **The Word from God's Prophet**

*Acts 13.15, 16a,26-33 Paul's Mission Preaching*

### **The Psalm: 23**

The Lord is my shepherd I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures,

He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul.

He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil,

For thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies.

Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life

And I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

### **The Word from God's Apostle**

*Revelation 7.9-17 The Glorious Believers in Heaven*

### **The Word from God's Son**

John 10.22-30 The Sheep Listen to Jesus' Voice

### **Hymn of the Day I Am Content! My Jesus Lives Again (158)**

### **The Sermon Listen to Our Shepherd's Voice John 10.22-30**

Blessing (Congregation is asked to rise for the blessing at the end of the sermon.)

we respond to our God

### **Our Confession of Faith**

### **The Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of his Father before all worlds,**

**God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,  
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.**

**For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;**

**and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.**

**He suffered and was buried.**

**And the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.**

**And he will come again with glory  
to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,**

**who proceeds from the Father and the Son,**

**who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified,**

who spoke through the prophets.  
And we believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
we acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and we look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### The 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.

Jesus offers us his body and blood for forgiveness

### The Lord's Supper

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

**C We lift them up to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

**C It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

P Praise to God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.

**C Amen.**

### The Words of Institution

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C Amen.**

### Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

## The Reception of the Lord's Supper

### Hymn of Thanks

### The Lord's My Shepherd

Kurt Sedlmeir

our Lord sends us into his world

P Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

C Amen.

### The Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C Amen.

### Closing Song Jesus, Shepherd of the Sheep (436)



Adult Bible Study

Wednesday, 10:30 am and 7 pm

## This Week at Green Valley Evangelical Lutheran Church

### Today!—Good Shepherd Sunday!

9 and 10:30 am- Worship with the Lord's Supper, "Listen to Our Shepherd's Voice"

10 and 11:30 am-Coffee Fellowship

10:30 am-Sunday School, "A Telling Truth—Pentecost"

10:30 am-Teen Bible Class, "Ephesians: We Are the Church-Alive"

Worship service posted online

### Monday!

6:30 am– 6 pm-GV Lutheran School (M-F)

9:15 am-Chapel (M-F)

6 pm-Church Council

7:30 pm-Worship with the Lord's Supper

### Tuesday!

9 am-Sewing Circle

10:15 am-Psalmbreak

1 pm-Shut-in Visits

"We are GVELC" email blast

6 pm-Vacation Bible School Staff Meeting

### Wednesday!

10:30 am and 7 pm-Adult Bible Study, "Called to Serve"

1:15 pm-GVLS Staff Meeting

### Thursday!

9 am-Green Valley Quilters

"This Lord's Day" email blast

7 pm-Choir Rehearsal

### Saturday!

10 am-Religious Orientation

Noon-Member/Evangelism Visits

## **Next Sunday!**

9 and 10:30 am- Worship, "The Greatest Is Love"  
10:30 am-Sunday School, "A Deacon Delivers—Philip"  
10:30 am-Teen Bible Class, "Ephesians: United"  
10 and 11:30 am-Coffee and Snacks  
Worship service posted online

## **Ushers!**

We need a crew of four men a Sunday to pass the plates, help people with questions and take attendance. Currently we only needed one per service, but we'd like to start passing the plate. ALSO we need two men per Wednesday service in Lent. We've got a signup sheet in the back. EJ Gallagher is our Elder who is in charge of the ushers.

## **Voters' Meeting**

We will have our Quarterly Voters' Meeting on Sunday, May 15 after the late service. Membership changes and school issues will be on the agenda. We ask that the Voters' assemble at 11:45 in church for the meeting on Sunday, May 15. Thank you.

## **Call News!**

We've extended a call to Pastor Luke Tembreull. Pastor Tembreull currently serves as the Pastor at Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church of Corvallis, Oregon (home of the OSU Beavers), where he has been for the past six years. He is married (Katherine) and has a thirteen year-old daughter. Pastor Tembreull is 37 years old. He is a Minnesota boy and has served a stint in Iraq with the National Guard.

Beautiful Savior is a smaller congregation, with 50 members (9 children).

Pastor Tembreull can be reached at

pastor@corvallislutherans.org or 541-231-6189.

Pray for our congregation and Pastor Tembreull as he makes his decision.

## **The Fourth Sunday in Easter**

### ***Old Testament: Acts 13.15, 16a,26-33***

After the reading from the Law and the Prophets, the synagogue rulers sent word to them, saying, "Brothers, if you have a message of encouragement for the people, please speak."

Standing up, Paul motioned with his hand and said: "Brothers, children of Abraham, and you God-fearing Gentiles, it is to us that this message of salvation has been sent. The people of Jerusalem and their rulers did not recognize Jesus, yet in condemning him they fulfilled the words of the prophets that are read every Sabbath. Though they found no proper ground for a death sentence, they asked Pilate to have him executed. When they had carried out all that was written about him, they took him down from the tree and laid him in a tomb. But God raised him from the dead, and for many days he was seen by those who had traveled with him from Galilee to Jerusalem. They are now his witnesses to our people.

"We tell you the good news: What God promised our fathers he has fulfilled for us, their children, by raising up Jesus. As it is written in the second Psalm:

"You are my Son; today I have become your Father."

### ***Epistle: Revelation 7.9-17***

After this I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. And they cried out in a loud voice:

"Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb."

All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying:

"Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!"

Then one of the elders asked me, "These in white robes—who are they, and where did they come from?"

I answered, "Sir, you know."

And he said, "These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore,

"they are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them.

Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst. The sun will not beat upon them, nor any scorching heat. For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd; he will lead them to springs of living water. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

**Gospel:** *John 10.22-30*

Then came the Feast of Dedication at Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was in the temple area walking in Solomon’s Colonnade. The Jews gathered around him, saying, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly.”

Jesus answered, “I did tell you, but you do not believe. The miracles I do in my Father’s name speak for me, but you do not believe because you are not my sheep. My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father’s hand. I and the Father are one.”

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