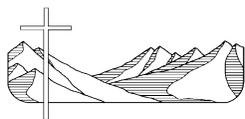


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The Sixth Sunday of Easter May 22, 2022

Greeting and Welcome

Welcome to Green Valley Evangelical Lutheran Church. We are pleased you could join us. Due to the current health crisis the nursery is open as a Cry Room for mothers with fidgety youngsters. The second floor is reserved for Sunday School. Please use the paper cups at the water fountains. We film the early service for broadcast on Facebook and the church website

Today's Worship Service: -Jesus promises his resurrection will bring joy to his believers. Our joy will be eternal in heaven, with Jesus living among us. Already on earth the joy and power of the resurrection was evident in Paul's ministry and the people converted and healed by the living Jesus. All our grief will turn to joy!

Thanks today to Brenda Ginnow on organ.

Flowers today were presented in honor of our high school graduating class of 2022 and by Nan Huff in memory of Matt Mendoza

The Service

we prepare to worship our Lord

Opening Song Like the Golden Sun Ascending (147)

Invocation

P Praise awaits you O God, in Zion.

C To you our vows will be fulfilled.

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

C Amen.

The Forgiveness of Sins

P Dear Friends in Christ! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

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.

The Prayer for the Day

P Father of lights, every good and perfect gift comes from you. Inspire us to think those things that are true and long for those things that are good, that we may always make our petitions according to your gracious will; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

our Lord speaks to us

The Word from God's Prophet

Acts 14.8-22 Turn to the Living God

The Psalm: 65

Christian Worship, page 89

The Word from God's Apostle

Revelation 21.21-27 The New Jerusalem

The Word from God's Son

John 16.16-24 Your Grief Will Turn to Joy

Our Confession of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn of the Day

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness (353)

The Sermon Take the Hard Way Acts 14.8-22

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

we respond to our Lord

Response



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from your pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.

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.

The Hymn

In Christ There Is No East or West (539)

our Lord sends us into the world

P Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart, that being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting 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 Fight the Good Fight (457)

This Week at Green Valley Evangelical Lutheran Church!

Today!

9 and 10:30 am- Worship, "Take the Hard Way"
10 and 11:30 am-Coffee Fellowship
10:30 am-Sunday School Graduation
10:30 am-Senior Recognition
10:30 am-Sunday School, "An Enemy Converts—Saul"
10:30 am-Teen Bible Class: "Ephesians: Equipped"
Worship Service posted online.

Monday!

6:30 am-6 pm-Green Valley Lutheran School (M-R)
9 am-Chapel (M-R)
7:30 pm-Worship with the Lord's Supper

Tuesday!

9 am-4 pm-Church Secretary (T)
9 am-Sewing Circle
1 pm-Shut-in Visits
"We Are GVELC" email blast

Wednesday!

1:15 pm-GVLS Staff Meeting

Thursday!

Last Day of the School Year
"This Lord's Day" email blast

Next Sunday!

9 and 10:30 am- Worship, "Directed by Detours"
10 and 11:30 am-Coffee Fellowship
Worship service posted online

Coffee Fellowship

We're back! Stop by to enjoy a cup of coffee and snacks after the service. BUT we need a Refreshment Crew to set up and take down before early service and after late service. You only have to serve once a month. Signups are in the back. Without you, we can't have Coffee Fellowship. AND we need people to donate cookies! Signups are in back of church.

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. We've got a signup sheet in the back. EJ Gallagher is our Elder who is in charge of the ushers.

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Old Testament: Acts 14.8-22

In Lystra there sat a man crippled in his feet, who was lame from birth and had never walked. He listened to Paul as he was speaking. Paul looked directly at him, saw that he had faith to be healed and called out, "Stand up on your feet!" At that, the man jumped up and began to walk.

When the crowd saw what Paul had done, they shouted in the Lycaonian language, "The gods have come down to us in human form!" Barnabas they called Zeus, and Paul they called Hermes because he was the chief speaker. The priest of Zeus, whose temple was just outside the city, brought bulls and wreaths to the city gates because he and the crowd wanted to offer sacrifices to them.

But when the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard of this, they tore their clothes and rushed out into the crowd, shouting: "Men, why are you doing this? We too are only men, human like you. We are bringing you good news, telling you to turn from these worthless things to the living God, who made heaven and earth and sea and everything in them. In the past, he let all nations go their own way. Yet he has not left himself without testimony: He has shown kindness by giving you rain from heaven and crops in their seasons; he provides you with plenty of food and fills your hearts with joy." Even with these words, they had difficulty keeping the crowd from sacrificing to them.

Then some Jews came from Antioch and Iconium and won the crowd over. They stoned Paul and dragged him outside the city, thinking he was dead. But after the disciples had gathered around him, he got up and went back into the city. The next day he and Barnabas left for Derbe.

They preached the good news in that city and won a large number of disciples. Then they returned to Lystra, Iconium and Antioch, strengthening the disciples and encouraging them to remain true to the faith. "We must go through many hardships to enter the kingdom of God," they said.

Epistle: Revelation 21.21-27

The twelve gates were twelve pearls, each gate made of a single pearl. The great street of the city was of pure gold, like transparent glass.

I did not see a temple in the city, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their splendor into it. On no day will its gates ever be shut, for there will be no night there. The glory and honor of the nations will be brought into it. Nothing impure will ever enter it, nor will anyone who does what is shameful or deceitful, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Gospel: John 16.16-24

"In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me."

Some of his disciples said to one another, "What does he mean by saying, 'In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me,' and 'Because I am going to the Father?'" They kept asking, "What does he mean by 'a little while'? We don't understand what he is saying."

Jesus saw that they wanted to ask him about this, so he said to them, "Are you asking one another what I meant when I said, 'in a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me'? I tell you the truth, you will weep and mourn while the world rejoices. You will grieve, but your grief will turn to joy. A woman giving birth to a child has pain because her time has come; but when her baby is born she forgets the anguish because of her joy that a child is born into the world. So with you: Now is your time of grief, but I will see you again and you will rejoice, and no one will take away your joy. In that day you will no longer ask me anything. I tell you the truth, my Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete.