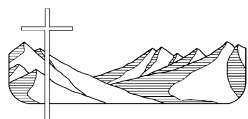


# Green Valley Evangelical Lutheran Church



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## The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost July 31, 2022

### Greeting and Welcome

Welcome to Green Valley Evangelical Lutheran Church. We are pleased you could join us. The nursery is open as a Cry Room for mothers with fidgety youngsters. We ask that you fill out a Connection Card as a record of your visit with us today. We film the early service for broadcast on Facebook and the church website.

**Today's Worship Service:**—Life without God isn't worth living! Solomon tells us how the frustrations mount. Jesus tells us the final folly of a godless life. Paul gives us the answer—look up to God and look forward to our heavenly home that we not lose our way. Look up!

**Flowers** today were presented by Mark Rogers in loving memory of his wife, Miyoko and by Don Hesterman in memory of his wife, Brenda.

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

## The Service

we prepare to worship our Lord

**Opening Song Praise the Almighty; My Soul, Adore Him (235)**

### Invocation

P Show me your ways, O Lord, teach me your paths.

**C You are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long.**

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 God of all power and might, you are the giver of all that is good. Help us love you with all our heart, strengthen us in true faith, provide us with all we need, and keep us safe in your care; through Jesus Christ, your Son, 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

*Ecclesiastes 1.1, 2, 12-14, 2.18-26 Life Without God Is Meaningless*

The Psalm: Psalm 25

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The Word from God's Apostle

Colossians 3.1-11 Set Your Hearts on Things Above

The Word from God's Son

Luke 12.13-21 Be Rich Towards God

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

Be Thou My Vision (With One Voice 776)

Be Thou My Vision

Arranged: Frank Ferko

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1. Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
2. Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;  
3. Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,  
4. Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art.  
I ev - er with the and thou with me, Lord.  
thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways.  
may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



Thou my best thought by day and by night,  
Thou my soul's shel - ter, thou my high tower,  
Thou, and thou on - ly, first in my heart,  
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing thy pres - ence my light.  
raise thou me heav'n ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.  
great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.  
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

## The Sermon Look Up! Colossians 3.1-11

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.

### Good News For Kids

Before the offering we invite the children to come forward for a message from God's Word for them. We ask that the adults fill out the Connection Card. Place it in the offering as it is passed. We thank you for your response.

**Offering**--We offer our gifts to our God, not out of compulsion, but freely and with joy. Our offerings do "double duty," as loving worship offered to our Lord and Savior, and to assist in carrying out his Gospel ministry. Ushers will assist with the offering plate in the aisles. Please rise after the ushers present the offerings to the pastor.

### 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 My Faith Looks Up to Thee (402)

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 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus (169)

## This Week at Green Valley Evangelical Lutheran Church!

### **Today!**

9 and 10:30 am- Worship, "Look Up!"  
10 and 11:30 am-Coffee Fellowship  
Worship Service posted online.

### **Monday!**

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

### **Tuesday!**

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

### **Wednesday!**

1 pm-Adult Bible Study, "Very Important Chapters in the Bible" The study is led by Congregational Assistant Anthony Navarro.

### **Call News!**

**Mt. Olive:** The congregation will issue another call soon.

**Summerlin:** Pastor Matt Frey has accepted the call for a "restart" of the Summerlin congregation. He will focus the first seven months on reaching out to the community for a grand opening around Easter, 2023. Current members of Summerlin will continue to be served by Shepherd of the Hills until services at Summerlin restart. **Installation for Pastor Frey will be Sunday, August 28 at 4 pm at Summerlin** Evangelical Lutheran Church. We rejoice and pray for the Lord's richest blessings on Pastor Frey.

**Green Valley:** We have called **Pastor Andrew Schultz** of Barre Mills, WI and we **await his decision**. We pray for him as he seeks the Holy Spirit's guidance.

## **Classes Starting in August!**

### **Green Valley Lutheran School**

We are excited! Classes start Monday, August 8! Here's the list of openings we have:

3 year old class (Preschool): 11 openings for five, three or two day options

4 year old class (PreK) 4 openings, 2 full-time, 2 part-time

Kindergarten 0 openings

1st Grade 3 openings

2nd Grade 2 openings

3rd grade 4 openings

Act now! Call the school office, 702-454-0004 and avoid the rush (and heartache) once people realize school starts the second week of August and they are caught unawares!

### **Catechism!**

We start Catechism class on Saturday, August 27 or Thursday, September 1. We are surveying the parents of those we know will be in class as to the time their schools let out. If you have a **student in 7th or 8th grade** who is not on our list, **please sign them up!** We don't want you to miss out!

### **And in September!—Sunday School (September 11)!**

#### **Teachers**

As of now, we are finalizing our Sunday School staff. According to our work in June we need one additional teacher for the Junior High class (we team teach with two teachers per class). If you can help, let our Sunday School Director, Jaimee Carman know ([jaimepower@gmail.com](mailto:jaimepower@gmail.com)) or Pastor Pieper.

Student registration starts next Sunday!

#### **Students**

Sunday School registration is now open! Classes begin September 11 and will be at 9:15 am. Sign your child up today!

#### **Teacher Recognition**

We want to get the school year off to a great start and that means with prayer! Join us Sunday, August 7 when we recognize the teachers in our midst and pray for their success this school year! Ceremonies will be in all services.

### **Thursday!**

9 am-4 pm-Green Valley Lutheran School Meet and Greet (R-F)  
"This Lord's Day" email blast

### **Saturday!**

10 am-Religious Orientation Class

### **Next Sunday!**

9 and 10:30 am- Worship with the Lord's Supper, "Our True Treasure"  
10 and 11:30 am-Coffee Fellowship  
Worship service posted online

## Change in Worship Schedule

Things are getting back to normal! As approved by the voters last Sunday, we start our regular Sunday worship schedule Sunday, September 11.

Worship: Sundays 8 and 10:30 am. Mondays 7:30 pm.

Sunday School 9:15 am

Sunday Adult (with Teens) Bible Study 9:15 am

## Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

### **Old Testament:** *Ecclesiastes 1.1, 2, 12-14, 2.18-26*

Then word of the Teacher, son of David, king in Jerusalem:

“Meaningless! Meaningless!”

says the Teacher.

“Utterly meaningless!

Everything is meaningless.”

I, the Teacher, was king over Israel in Jerusalem. I devoted myself to study and to explore by wisdom all that is done under heaven. What a heavy burden God has laid on men! I have seen all the things that are done under the sun; all of them are meaningless, a chasing after the wind.

I hated all the things I had toiled for under the sun, because I must leave them to the one who comes after me. And who knows whether he will be a wise man or a fool? Yet he will have control over all the work into which I have poured my effort and skill under the sun. This too is meaningless. So my heart began to despair over all my toilsome labor under the sun. For a man may do his work with wisdom, knowledge and skill, and then he must leave all he owns to someone who has not worked for it. This too is meaningless and a great misfortune. What does a man get for all the toil and anxious striving with which he labors under the sun? All his days his work is pain and grief; even at night his mind does not rest. This too is meaningless.

A man can do nothing better than to eat and drink and find satisfaction in his work. This too, I see, is from the hand of God, for without him, who can eat or find enjoyment? To the man who pleases him, God gives wisdom, knowledge and happiness, but to the sinner he gives the task of gathering and storing up wealth to hand it over to the one who pleases God. This too is meaningless, a chasing after the wind.

### **Epistle:** *Colossians 3.1-11*

Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. But now you must rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator. Here there is no Greek or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all.

### **Gospel:** *Luke 12.13-21*

Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.”

Jesus replied, “Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?” Then he said to them, “Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.”

And he told them this parable: “The ground of a certain rich man produced a good crop. He thought to himself, ‘What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.’”

“Then he said, ‘This is what I’ll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I’ll say to myself, ‘You have plenty of good things laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.’”

“But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?’”

“This is how it will be with anyone who stores up things for himself but is not rich toward God.”