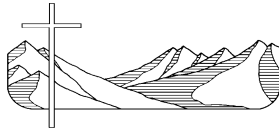


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Building a Community in Christ

The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost August 14, 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-Opposition to the Gospel will come. It will come from hypocrites, false prophets in Jeremiah's case. It will come from our sinful human nature, the writer to the Hebrews reminds us. It will even come from our own family, Jesus says. Stand firm in the faith!

Thanks today to Grant Ploetz for the music.

Flowers today were presented by Sheri Redmond with thanks to God for the birthday of her mother, Imogene Dimassis.

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 Let All Things Now Living (260)

Invocation

P O Lord, do not rebuke me in your anger or discipline me in your wrath.

C Be merciful to me, Lord, for I am faint; heal me, for my bones are in agony.

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, your ears are always open to the prayers of your humble servants, who come to you in Jesus' name. Teach us always to ask according to your will that we may never fail to obtain the blessings you have promised; 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

Jeremiah 23.23-29 Speak God's Word Faithfully

The Word from God's Apostle

Hebrews 12.1-13 Run the Race Marked Out for Us

The Word from God's Son

Luke 12.49-53 Opposition to the Gospel Causes Divisions

Hymn of the Day Seek Where You May to Find a Way (395)

The Sermon Training to Win the Race Hebrews 12.1-13

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

we respond to our God

Our Confession of Faith

**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 Nicene Creed

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.

Call Meeting

Thursday
August 18
6 pm

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

During Distribution John Stout will Sing, "Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord"

and "The Old Rugged Cross"

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 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah (331)

Announcements

Call News!

Mt. Olive: The congregation's next **call meeting is Sunday, August 21.**

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: Our next **call meeting is Thursday, August 18, at 6 pm.**

A Note on our transitioning with the Lord's Supper

Currently we offer the Lord's Supper at the front of church using both wine and grape juice (let the pastor know if you need grape juice) and in the pew, if you do not wish to be served in a "table" because of COVID-19 concerns (please use the individual communion sets at the back of the church). Receptacles for the empty cups are either at the front of church (side aisles) or in the back of church (center aisle).

Visitors!

Welcome to our service! If you would like to know more about our congregation or have a question, please indicate it on our Connection Card!

Connection Card!

We ask that all everyone fill out a connection card as a record of your visit with us today. Thank you!

Ice Cream Social, Sunday, September 11, after 2nd service!

Mountains of ice cream, rivers of syrups, enough sprinkles to clog streets! Be there!

This Week at Green Valley Evangelical Lutheran Church

Today!

9 and 10:30 am- Worship with the Lord's Supper, "Training to Win the Race"

10 and 11:30 am-Coffee Fellowship

Worship service posted online

Monday!

6:30 am-6 pm-Green Valley Lutheran School (M-F)

9:15 am-Chapel (M-F)

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

Tuesday!

9 am-Sewing Circle

1 pm-Shut-in Visits

"We Are GVELC" email blast

7 pm-Religious Orientation Class

Wednesday!

7 pm-Catechism Parent Orientation

Thursday!

"This Lord's Day" email blast

7 pm-Call Meeting

Saturday!

1 pm-Hrubes Celebration of Life with light snacks following

Next Sunday!

9 and 10:30 am- Worship, "Love is the Best Motivation"

10 and 11:30 am-Coffee and Snacks

Worship service posted online

Catechism

Catechism classes start either Thursday, August 28 (3 pm) or Saturday, September 1 (8:30 am)

Classes Starting in September!

Sunday School (September 11)!—Registration is now open!!

Sunday Adult Bible Study (September 11 at 9:15 am)!



Ever wanted to give God a piece of your mind?
Or pin him down on why things are the way they are?

- Why does God allow me to suffer?
- Why doesn't God take everyone to heaven?
- Why do the wicked get away with murder?

And more!!

This may be as close as you will ever get!

Grappling with Gripes Against God
Sunday morning Adult Bible Study, 9:15 am
Green Valley Evangelical Lutheran Church
Starting September 11, 2022

The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Old Testament: *Jeremiah 23.23-29*

"Am I only a God nearby," declares the LORD,

"and not a God far away?

Can anyone hide in secret places
so that I cannot see him?"

declares the LORD.

"Do not I fill heaven and earth?"

declares the LORD.

"I have heard what the prophets say who prophesy lies in my name. They say, 'I had a dream! I had a dream!' How long will this continue in the hearts of these lying prophets, who prophesy the delusions of their own minds? They think the dreams they tell one another will make my people forget my name, just as their fathers forgot my name through Baal worship. Let the prophet who has a dream tell his dream, but let the one who has my word speak it faithfully. For what has straw to do with grain?" declares the LORD. "Is not my word like fire," declares the LORD, "and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?"

Epistle: *Hebrews 12.1-13*

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

In your struggle against sin, you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. And you have forgotten that word of encouragement that addresses you as sons:

“My son, do not make light of the Lord’s discipline, and do not lose heart when he rebukes you, because the Lord disciplines those he loves, and he punishes everyone he accepts as a son.”

Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as sons. For what son is not disciplined by his father? If you are not disciplined (and everyone undergoes discipline), then you are illegitimate children and not true sons. Moreover, we have all had human fathers who disciplined us and we respected them for it. How much more should we submit to the Father of our spirits and live! Our fathers disciplined us for a little while as they thought best; but God disciplines us for our good, that we may share in his holiness. No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.

Therefore, strengthen your feeble arms and weak knees. “Make level paths for your feet,” so that the lame may not be disabled, but rather healed.

Gospel: *Luke 12.49-53*

“I have come to bring fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! But I have a baptism to undergo, and how distressed I am until it is completed! Do you think I came to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but division. From now on there will be five in one family divided against each other, three against two and two against three. They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”