
Green Valley Evangelical Lutheran Church

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The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Common Service

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we prepare to worship our Lord

Opening Hymn

225 This Is the Day the Lord Has Made

1. This is the day the Lord has made;
He calls the hours his own.
Let heav'n rejoice; let earth be glad
And praise surround the throne.

2. Today he rose and left the dead,
And Satan's empire fell;
Today the saints his triumphs spread
And all his wonders tell.

4. Blessed is Jesus Christ, who came
With messages of grace,
Who came in God the Father's name
To save our sinful race.

Invocation

P Worship the Lord with gladness.

C Come before him with joyful songs.

P This morning 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 O God, protector of all the faithful, you alone make strong; you alone make holy. Show us your mercy and forgive our sins day by day. Guide us through our earthly lives that we do not lose the things you have prepared for us in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

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The Word from God's Prophet

Exodus 19.2-8 God's Old Testament People, a Kingdom of Priests

After they set out from Rephidim, they entered the Desert of Sinai, and Israel camped there in the desert in front of the mountain.

Then Moses went up to God, and the LORD called to him from the mountain and said, "This is what you are to say to the descendants of Jacob and what you are to tell the people of Israel: 'You yourselves have seen what I did to Egypt, and how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine, you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These are the words you are to speak to the Israelites."

So Moses went back and summoned the elders of the people and set before them all the words the LORD had commanded him to speak. The people all responded together, "We will do everything the LORD has said." So Moses brought their answer back to the LORD.

The Psalm—Psalm 100

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.
Worship the LORD with gladness;
come before him with joyful songs.
Know that the LORD is God.
It is he who made us, and we are his,
we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.
Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and praise his name.
For the LORD is good and his love endures forever;
his faithfulness continues through all generations.

The Word from God's Apostle

Romans 5.6-11 Christ Died for the Ungodly

You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! Not only is this so, but we also boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

The Word from God's Son

Matthew 9.35-10.8 Jesus Sends Out True Shepherds

Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

Jesus called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority to drive out impure spirits and to heal every disease and sickness.

These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon (who is called Peter) and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and

Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Do not go among the Gentiles or enter any town of the Samaritans. Go rather to the lost sheep of Israel. As you go, proclaim this message: 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received; freely give.

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 is seated 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

559 Lord of the Living Harvest

1. Lord of the living harvest
That ripens o'er the plain,
Where angels soon will gather
Their sheaves of golden grain,
Accept our hands to labor,
Our hearts to trust and love,
And be with us to hasten
Your kingdom from above.

2. As lab'ers in your vineyard,

Lord, give us work to do,
Content to bear the burden
Of weary days for you
To ask no other wages
When you will call us home
Than to have shared the labor
That makes your kingdom come.

3. Be with us, God the Father;
Be with us, God the Son
And God the Holy Spirit,
Most blessed Three in One.
Make us your faithful servants
You rightly to adore,
And fill us with your blessing
Both now and evermore.

The Sermon

Shepherds for the Sheep Matthew 9.35-10.8

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The Response

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 unto me the joy of your salvation,
And uphold me with your free Spirit. Amen.

The Prayer from the Church

P Lord God, Maker and Preserver of all, we praise and thank you for all you give us day after day. We are not worthy of the mercies you show us.

C May the word we have heard take root in our hearts and bear fruit in our lives, and may it encourage us to shine as lights in this sinful world.

P Heavenly Father, protect us from every kind of danger: sudden catastrophe, terrors of crime, the pain of disease, and the perils of the devil.

C Heal those who are sick, cheer those who are sad, calm those who are confused and give comfort to all who are old and infirm.

P Bless our land, our people and those who hold offices of high trust. Keep our government and schools upright and strong for the advancement of good citizenship

and useful vocations, that we may enjoy your gifts of peace, security and well-being.

C Grant your blessing to every nation on earth. Where there are wars, let there be peace. Where there is hatred, let it be healed. Where there is poverty, danger and disaster, come with your almighty power to help and restore.

P Protect those who travel by land, sea and air. We pray especially that you keep our loved ones from whatever perils may threaten them.

C Bless those who serve you at this place. Give them a rich measure of patience, wisdom and love.

P Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

(silent prayer)

P We bring all these requests before you, dear Lord, and ask you to hear us, but above all we give ourselves to you that we may serve you in whatever way is pleasing in your sight.

C Take what we have, gracious God, our bodies and minds, our time and skills, our possessions and offerings, and use them to your glory. We ask this for Jesus' sake.

P In his name we are confident to pray.

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 Response

176 Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord v. 2

2. Come, holy Light, Guide divine,
And cause the Word of life to shine.
Teach us to know our God aright
And call him Father with delight.
From ev'ry error keep us free;
Let none but Christ our Master be
That we in living faith abide,
In him, our Lord, with all our might confide.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

our Lord sends us into the world

Closing Prayer

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.

The Closing Song

332 Go, My Children, with My Blessing, verse 1

1. Go, my children, with my blessing,
Never alone.

Waking, sleeping, I am with you;
You are my own.

In my love's baptismal river
I have made you mine forever.

Go, my children, with my blessing—
You are my own.