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Green Valley Evangelical Lutheran Church

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The Seventh Sunday of Easter

Common Service

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**we prepare to worship our Lord**

### ***Opening Hymn***

171 A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing

1. A hymn of glory let us sing!  
New songs throughout the world shall ring:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Christ, by a road before untrod,  
Ascends unto the throne of God.

#### *Refrain*

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
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2. The holy apostolic band  
Upon the Mount of Olives stand,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
And with his followers they see  
Their Lord ascend in majesty.

Refrain

3. To them the shining angels cry,  
“Why stand and gaze upon the sky?”  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
“This is the Savior,” thus they say.  
“This is his glorious triumph day.”

Refrain

4. “You see him now, ascending high  
Up to the portals of the sky.”  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
“Hereafter Jesus you shall see  
Returning in great majesty:

Refrain

5. Be now our joy on earth, O Lord,  
 And be our future great reward.  
 Alleluia! Alleluia!  
 Then, throned with you forever, we  
 Shall praise your name, eternally.

Refrain

### ***Invocation***

P O Lord, our Lord,

**C How majestic is your name in all the earth!**

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 Almighty God, your Son our Savior was taken up in glory and intercedes for us at your right hand. Through your living and abiding Word, give us hearts to know him and faith to follow where he has gone; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

<b>our Lord speaks to us</b>
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***The Word from God's Prophet***

*Acts 1.15-26 Matthias Chosen as One of the Twelve*

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (a group numbering about a hundred and twenty) and said, “Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled which the Holy Spirit spoke long ago through the mouth of David concerning Judas, who served as guide for those who arrested Jesus—he was one of our number and shared in this ministry.”

(With the reward he got for his wickedness, Judas bought a field; there he fell headlong, his body burst open and all his intestines spilled out. Everyone in Jerusalem heard about this, so they called that field in their language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.)

“For,” said Peter, “it is written in the book of Psalms,

“‘May his place be deserted;  
let there be no one to dwell in it,’

and,

“‘May another take his place of leadership.’

Therefore it is necessary to choose one of the men who have been with us the whole time the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from John’s baptism to the time when Jesus was taken up from us. For one of these must become a witness with us of his resurrection.”

So they proposed two men: Joseph called Barsabbas (also known as Justus) and Matthias. Then they prayed, “Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which of these two you have chosen to take over this apostolic ministry, which Judas left to go where he belongs.” Then they cast lots, and the lot fell to Matthias; so he was added to the eleven apostles.

## ***The Psalm—Psalm 8***

LORD, our Lord,  
 how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory  
 in the heavens.

Through the praise of children and infants  
 you have established a stronghold against your enemies,  
 to silence the foe and the avenger.

When I consider your heavens,  
 the work of your fingers,  
 the moon and the stars,  
 which you have set in place,  
 what is mankind that you are mindful of them,  
 human beings that you care for them?

You have made them a little lower than the angels  
 and crowned them with glory and honor.

You made them rulers over the works of your hands;  
 you put everything under their feet:  
 all flocks and herds,  
 and the animals of the wild,  
 the birds in the sky,  
 and the fish in the sea,  
 all that swim the paths of the seas.

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

*1 John 4.13-21 Love for God Means Love for Each Other*

We know that we live in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in him and he in God. And so we know and rely on the love God has for us.

God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in him. In this way, love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment, because in this world we are like him. There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.

We love because he first loved us. If anyone says, "I love God," yet hates his brother, he is a liar. For anyone who does not love his brother, whom he has seen, cannot love God, whom he has not seen. And he has given us this command: Whoever loves God must also love his brother.

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

*John 17.11-19 Sanctify Them by the Truth—Your Word is Truth*

Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name—the name you gave me—so that they may be one as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them and kept them safe by that name you gave me. None has been lost except the one doomed to destruction so that Scripture would be fulfilled.

“I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them. I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world. My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified.

## ***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***

394 Blessed Are the Saints of God

1. Blessed are the saints of God;  
they are bought with Christ's own blood.  
They are ransomed from the grave;  
life eternal they shall have.  
With them numbered may we be here and in eternity.

2. They are justified by grace;  
 they enjoy the Savior's peace.  
 All their sins are washed away;  
 they shall stand in God's great day.  
 With them numbered may we be here and in eternity.

3. They are lights upon the earth,  
 children of a heavenly birth.  
 One with God, with Jesus one,  
 glory is in them begun.  
 With them numbered may we be here and in eternity.

### ***The Sermon***

**Jacob Have I Loved Genesis 25 and 27**

**we respond to our God**

### ***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***

420 God Moves in a Mysterious Way

1. God moves in a mysterious way

His wonders to perform;

He plants his footsteps in the sea

And rides upon the storm.

2. Judge not the Lord by feeble sense,

But trust him for his grace;

Behind a frowning providence

He has a smiling face.

3. Blind unbelief is sure to err

And scan his work in vain;

God is his own interpreter,

And he will make it plain.

4. You fearful saints, fresh courage take;  
 The clouds you so much dread  
 Are big with mercy and will break  
 In blessing on your head.

**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***

169 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

1. Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;  
 His the scepter, his the throne;  
 Alleluia! His the triumph,  
 His the victory alone.  
 Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion  
 Thunder like a mighty flood:  
 "Jesus out of ev'ry nation  
 Has redeemed us by his blood."

2. Alleluia! Bread of heaven,  
 Here on earth our food, our stay;  
 Alleluia! Here the sinful  
 Flee to you from day to day.  
 Intercessor, Friend of sinners,  
 Earth's Redeemer, hear our plea  
 Where the songs of all the sinless  
 Sweep across the crystal sea.

3. Alleluia! Not as orphans  
Are we left in sorrow now;  
Alleluia! He is near us;  
Faith believes, nor questions how.  
Though the cloud from sight received him  
When the forty days were o'er,  
Shall our hearts forget his promise:  
"I am with you evermore"?