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Green Valley Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

Common Service

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**we prepare to worship our Lord**

### ***Opening Hymn***

260 Let All Things Now Living

1. Let all things now living  
a song of thanksgiving  
to God the Creator triumphantly raise,  
who fashioned and made us,  
protected and stayed us,  
who still guides us onto the end of our days.  
God's banners are o'er us;  
his light goes before us,  
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night,  
till shadows have vanished  
and darkness is banished,  
as forward we travel from light into light.

2. His law he enforces;  
the stars in their courses  
and sun in its orbit obediently shine.  
The hills and the mountains,  
the rivers and fountains,  
the deeps of the ocean proclaim him divine.  
We, too, should be voicing  
our love and rejoicing.  
With glad adoration a song let us raise  
till all things now living  
unite in thanksgiving:  
"To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!"

### ***Invocation***

P The Lord is my Shepherd.

**C I shall lack nothing.**

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 Grant, O merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace that they may be cleansed from all their sins and serve you with a quiet mind; 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***

*Isaiah 25.6-9 On This Mountain God Will Save Us*

On this mountain the LORD Almighty will prepare  
a feast of rich food for all peoples,  
a banquet of aged wine—  
the best of meats and the finest of wines.  
On this mountain he will destroy  
the shroud that enfolds all peoples,  
the sheet that covers all nations;  
he will swallow up death forever.

The Sovereign LORD will wipe away the tears  
from all faces;  
he will remove his people's disgrace  
from all the earth.  
The LORD has spoken.

In that day they will say,

“Surely this is our God;  
we trusted in him, and he saved us.  
This is the LORD, we trusted in him;  
let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation.”

### ***The Psalm—Psalm 23 (King James Version)***

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.  
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:  
    he leadeth me beside the still waters.  
He restoreth my soul:  
    he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness  
    for his name's sake.  
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
    I will fear no evil: for thou art with me;  
    thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.  
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:  
    thou anointest my head with oil;  
    my cup runneth over.  
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
    all the days of my life:  
    and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

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

*Philippians 4.4-13 Rejoice in the Lord Always*

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

I rejoiced greatly in the Lord that at last you renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you were concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

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

### *Matthew 22.1-14 The Parable of the Wedding Banquet*

Jesus spoke to them again in parables, saying: “The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his servants to those who had been invited to the banquet to tell them to come, but they refused to come.

“Then he sent some more servants and said, ‘Tell those who have been invited that I have prepared my dinner: My oxen and fattened cattle have been butchered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding banquet.’

“But they paid no attention and went off—one to his field, another to his business. The rest seized his servants, mistreated them and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his army and destroyed those murderers and burned their city.

“Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding banquet is ready, but those I invited did not deserve to come. So go to the street corners and invite to the banquet anyone you find.’ So the servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find, the bad as well as the good, and the wedding hall was filled with guests.

“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing wedding clothes. He asked, ‘How did you get in here without wedding clothes, friend?’ The man was speechless.

“Then the king told the attendants, ‘Tie him hand and foot, and throw him outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

“For many are invited, but few are chosen.”

## ***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***

The Lord Cares for All Jonah 1-4

**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***

Who Loves You?

sung by the Kindergarten Class of Mrs. Revis and Ms. Snider

**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***

579 Lift High the Cross

Refrain

Lift high the cross; the love of Christ proclaim  
till all the world adore his sacred name.

1. Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod,  
our king victorious, Christ the Son of God.

*Refrain*

2. Led on their way by this triumphant sing,  
the hosts of God in conqu'ring ranks combine.

*Refrain*

3. So shall our song of triumph ever be;  
praise to the Crucified for victory.

*Refrain*