

C: Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings with your most gracious favor and further us with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name and finally, by your mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Pavilion Building Story

Kevin Petterson, President

Prayer of Dedication

Randy & Bonnie Nelson

L: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, king of the universe. The heavens and the earth cannot contain you, yet you are willing to make your home in human hearts.

C: We are the temple of your presence, and this building is the house of your Church. Accept us and this place to which we come to share with others the covenant you make through Holy Baptism, to praise your name, to receive your forgiveness, to hear your Word, and to be nourished by the body and blood of your Son. Be present always to guide and illumine your people. And now, O God, visit us with your mercy and blessing as we dedicate this house to your glory and honor and to the service of all people in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

Prayers of the Church

Lord's Prayer

Benediction

Closing Hymn

Thy Word

Insert

Sending:

P: Go in Peace, Serve the Lord

C: Thanks Be to God!

Service of Dedication



Beaver Valley Lutheran Church



Sunday, August 22nd 2021

9:30 am

*“A Service in Celebration of Beaver Valley’s
Outdoor Pavilion”*

Invocation

Call to Worship

L: Though storms rage around me, I will clothe myself with the whole armor of God.

C: I will fasten the belt of truth about my waist.

L: I will place strength and determination as my shoes to aid me in my ministry and mission for God.

C: I will take up the shield of faith with which I shall defend against evil ways.

L: I will pray diligently at all times, offering prayers and supplication to God.

C: The helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit will accompany me on my journey.

L: Be strong in the Lord who provides for your every need.

C: I place my confidence and trust in God always. AMEN.

Opening Hymn

Here I Am to Worship

Insert

Prayer of the Day (All)

Holy God, your word feeds your people with life that is eternal. Direct our choices and preserve us in your truth, that, renouncing what is false and evil, we may live in you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

First Lesson

Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

Sylvia Benson

¹Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. ^{2a}And Joshua said to all the people, ¹⁴“Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. ¹⁵Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.”

¹⁶Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; ¹⁷for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; ¹⁸and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God.”

Second Lesson

Ephesians 6:10-20

¹⁰Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. ¹¹Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹²For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. ¹⁴Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. ¹⁵As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. ¹⁶With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

¹⁸Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. ¹⁹Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

Alleluia Verse

Alleluia

Insert

Children’s Sermon

Blessing of the Backpacks

Bruce Bonander

Sermon

“In this World for Good”

Pastor Greg Johnson

Hymn of the Day

Shout to the North

Insert

Service of Dedication

Opening Prayer

Psalm 122

Pastor Greg Johnson

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

P: Brothers and sisters: We have come together to dedicate this church for the worship of almighty God and for the building up of the body of Christ. From this day forward let it be a place for the gathering of the people of God, a place for proclaiming the Gospel through Word and Sacrament, a place for bringing life and hope to us and to this community.

P: Let us pray.