

Hail, O Church

Hymn tune composed in celebration of the 150th Anniversary of Beaver Valley Lutheran Church, Valley Springs, South Dakota

1. Hail, O Church, with - in the val - ley, Faith - ful serv - ants of our God.
 2. Sa - cred hill with mem - ries la - den, Of the build - ers gone be - fore,
 3. Praise we God in this fine tem - ple For those mer - cies ev - er new.
 4. Call we glad - some folks to - geth - er To give thanks for ef - forts crowned,

Come, a - round its ban - ner ral - ly All ye till - ers of God's sod,
 Of the times and trials and tri - umphs Fore they crossed to home - rest shore.
 For kind guid - ance of God's peo - ple All the rug - ged jour - ney through.
 To sing songs, say prayers to - geth - er, In our Chnst - ian un - ion bound.

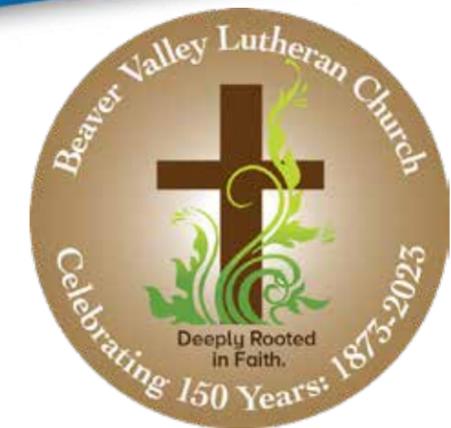
All you sons and all you daugh - ters Of a peo - ple strong and fine,
 Chris - tian rev'r - ence true they brought us, Know - ledge, spir - it, God to love.
 Keep our her - i - tage e'er sa - cred, Guard it with our ear - nest prayers.
 Know - ing God will watch this val - ley, Bless its peo - ple, church and homes,

Pil - grims from a - cross the wa - ters, Worth - y fore - bears, yours and mine.
 Truth and loy - al - ty they taught us, God to serve, build for a - bove.
 God will hear - ken, wis - dom wak - en Be our guide a - midst our cares.
 We u - nit - ed jubi - lant ral - ly Sound glad praise from stee - ple domes.

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Deeply Rooted in Faith

150th Anniversary Holy Communion Worship

Sunday, June 25, 2023

Beaver Valley Evangelical Lutheran Church

PRELUDE

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
 (Lobe den herren Stralsund Gesangbuch 1665)

Ruth Tieszen
 Arranged by John Carter
 Pastor Greg Johnson

INVOCATION/CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We worship in the name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen!

Leader: We have come to affirm our historic faith.

People: To worship the God of our mothers and fathers.

Leader: We have come to remember God's benefits to us the living.

People: To respond in thanksgiving to the mighty works of God in our lives.

Leader: We have come to affirm our trust in the God of all futures,

People: To whose name be blessing and honor, glory and power forever and ever. Amen!

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

All Are Welcome

ELW #641 (vss. 1, 3 & 5)

1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,
 a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.
 Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;
 here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

Refrain - All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

3 Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and wheat:
 a banquet hall on holy ground where peace and justice meet.
 Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space;
 as we share in Christ the feast that frees us: *Refrain*

5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard
 and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word.
 Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace,
 let this house proclaim from floor to rafter: *Refrain*

OPENING PRAYER (all)

God of all ages, we give thanks for your creating power that has kept our Beaver Valley congregation alive through trial and triumph; in spite of our failings and because of our beauty; by mercy and not sacrifice you have brought us to this day. As your Son, Jesus, declared a perfect friendship with his disciples, so too grant deep faith and courage to we your children as we go out into Your world to bear fruit that will last. In our Savior's name we pray. Amen.

GREETINGS FROM THE SOUTH DAKOTA SYNOD

Reverend Renee Splichal Larson

FIRST READING

Ephesians 1:3-10

Janet Andersen

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace ⁸that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight ⁹he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Olson Family Choir

SECOND READING

Colossians 2:6-10

⁶As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, ⁷rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. ⁸See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. ⁹For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority.

ALLELUIA

More Precious than Silver

Gingi Hanson

Lord, You are more precious than silver. Lord, You are more costly than gold.
Lord, You are more beautiful than diamonds And nothing I desire compares with You.

GOSPEL

John 15:4-17

⁴Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples. ⁹As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

¹²This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

SERMON

Bishop Emeritus Thomas M. Aitken

HYMN

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING

SPECIAL MUSIC

Beautiful Savior

Keegan Foster

OFFERTORY

We Are an Offering

ELW #692

We lift our voices, we lift our hands,
We lift our lives up to You; We are an offering.
Lord, use our voices; Lord, use our hands;
Lord, use our lives, they are Yours; we are an offering.
All that we have, all that we are, All that we hope to be we give to You, we give to You.

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, We lift our lives up to You;
We are an offering, we are an offering.

THANKSGIVING

L: We humbly offer a return of thanks, remembering that from generation to generation, our God provides grace and mercy, daily blessings to sustain. Let us join in giving thanks and praise.

C: Holy, Holy, Holy, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest.

L: For God's saving Son, for the promise of forgiveness and the strength to live new beginnings, we sing,

C: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

L: For God's desire that we come and eat of this meal, to leave this sacred temple and bear fruit that will last, we sing,

C: Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest!

HOLY COMMUNION

+ Words of Institution

+ Lord's Prayer

+ Distribution

+ Distribution Hymn

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

ELW #597

1 My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
no merit of my own I claim, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand.

2 When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace;
in ev'ry high and stormy gale my anchor holds within the veil. *Refrain*

3 His oath, his covenant, his blood sustain me in the raging flood;
when all supports are washed away, he then is all my hope and stay. *Refrain*

4 When he shall come with trumpet sound, oh, may I then in him be found,
clothed in his righteousness alone, redeemed to stand before the throne! *Refrain*

+ Blessing

BENEDICTION

THREEFOLD AMEN

RECESSIONAL HYMN

I Love to Tell the Story

ELW #661

1 I love to tell the story of unseen things above, of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story, because I know it's true; it satisfies my longings as nothing else would do.

Refrain – I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

2 I love to tell the story: how pleasant to repeat what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet!
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard the message of salvation from God's own holy word. *Refrain*

3 I love to tell the story, for those who know it best seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song, I'll sing the old, old story that I have loved so long. *Refrain*

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