Prayers of the People

Offering

Offertory Hymn

Thine is the Glory ELW #376

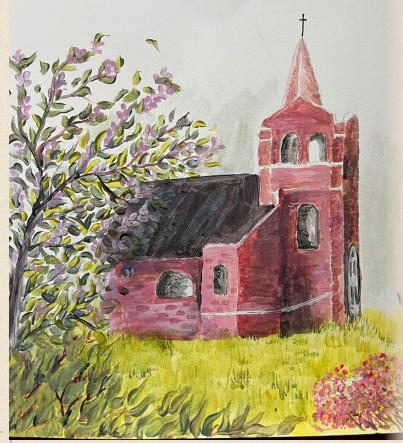
Offertory Prayer

Holy Communion

- † Words of Institution
- † Lord's Prayer
- † Distribution Hymn My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less ELW #597
- † Blessing

Benediction

Threefold Amen



Recessional Hymn Hail, O Church

Hail, O Church, within the valley, Faithful servants of our God. Come, around its banner rally All ye tillers of God's sod, All you sons and all you daughters, Of a people strong and fine, Pilgrims from across the waters, Worthy forebears, yours and mine.

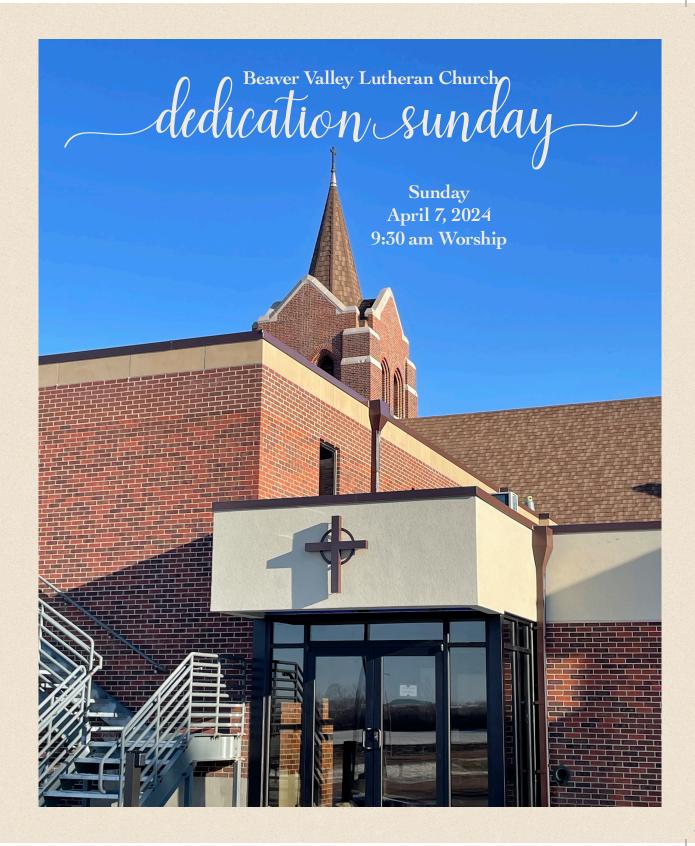
Sacred hill with mem'ries laden,
Of the builders gone before,
Of the times and trials and triumphs
"Fore they crossed to homerest shore.
Christian rev'rence true they brought us,
Knowledge, spirit, God to love.
Truth and loyalty they taught us,
God to serve, build for above.

Praise we God in this fine temple, For those mercies ever new. For kind guidance of God's people All the rugged journey through. Keep our heritage e'er sacred, Guard it with our earnest prayers. God will hearken, wisdom waken Be our guide amidst our cares.

Call we gladsome folks together
To give thanks for efforts crowned,
To sing song, say prayers together,
In our Christian union bound.
Knowing God will watch this valley,
Bless its people, church and homes,
We united jubilant rally
Sound glad praise from steeple domes.

- P: The future is in God's hands!
- C: Thanks be to God!

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Call to Worship

Surely the Presence of the Lord is in this Place
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;
I can feel His mighty power and His grace.
I can hear the brush of angels' wings,
I see glory on each face;
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

Ringing of the Bell/Invocation

Processional Hymn: *Lift High the Cross* ELW #660 (verses. 1, 2 & 4)

Responsive Reading (Psalm 118)

- L: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good. Let all the people proclaim, "God's steadfast love endures forever!"
- C: God's steadfast love endures forever!
- L: The Lord is my strength, my song, and my salvation! Shouts of joy resound in the tents of the righteous!
- C: God's steadfast love endures forever!
- L: The Lord's right hand has done mighty things!
- C: We will not die but live. We will proclaim what the Lord has done.
- L: We enter the gates of the Lord and give thanks, for this is the day the Lord has made!
- C: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Prayer of the Day

Holy and Living God, like a tomb's darkness that gives way to light, open us this day to newness of life; open us to your love, to your acceptance, to your forgiveness, to your peace; open us to one another, and to the possibilities you have in store for us. Give our congregation hope for the future and a passion for life here and now. We pray in the name of the One who destroyed death, Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Special Music Adult Choir

Give Thanks (Now Thank We All Our God)
Arr. Stan Pethel

Director: Shelly Berg ‡ Piano: Gingi Hanson

First Reading Acts 4:32-35

³²Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. ³³With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. ³⁵They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

Second Reading 1 John 1:1-2:2

¹We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—²this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us—³we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

⁵This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; ⁷but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

^{2:1}My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; ²and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Alleluia

Sanctuary (see below)

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true; With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for You.

Gospel John 20:19–31

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Sermon

Bishop Constanze Hagmaier

Hymn

Christ Be Our Light ELW #715

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God.

the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Amen.