

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'ence 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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Beaver Valley Lutheran Church
dedication sunday

Sunday
April 7, 2024
9:30 am Worship

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.

Ring 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.

²¹My 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.