

# PIEDMONT VALLEY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**OUR MISSION: GATHERED TOGETHER IN CHRIST,  
SENT TO REACH, TEACH, NURTURE AND SERVE**

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*Please stand as you are able where a \* is marked*

## *In Loving Memory of Beverly Ann LeCates*

*Funeral Service, Friday, March 4th, 2022*

### GATHER

#### \*PROCESSION

#### INTRODUCTION

Welcome in the name of Jesus,  
the Savior of the world.

We are gathered to worship,  
to proclaim Christ crucified and risen,  
to remember before God our sister Beverly Ann LeCates,  
to give thanks for her life,  
to commend her to our merciful redeemer,  
and to comfort one another in our grief.

#### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

When we were baptized in Christ Jesus,  
we were baptized into his death.

We were buried therefore with him  
by baptism into death,  
so that as Christ was raised from the dead  
by the glory of the Father,  
we too might live a new life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his,  
we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

Eternal God, maker of heaven and earth, who formed us from the dust of the earth, who by your breath gave us life, we glorify you.

**We glorify you.**

Jesus Christ, the resurrection and the life, who suffered death for all humanity, who rose from the grave to open the way to eternal life, we praise you.

**We praise you.**

Holy Spirit, author and giver of life, the comforter of all who sorrow, our sure confidence and everlasting hope, we worship you.

**We worship you.**

To you, O blessed Trinity, be glory and honor, forever and ever.

**Amen.**

**Beautiful Savior**



1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - - ior, King of cre - a - tion,  
2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,  
3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,  
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - - ior, Lord of the na - tions,



Son of God and Son of Man!  
robbed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;  
bright the spar - kling stars on high;  
Son of God and Son of Man!



Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,  
Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,  
Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er  
Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,



light of my soul, my joy, my crown.  
he makes our sor - - rowing spir - it sing.  
than all the an - - gels in the sky.  
now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823–1904  
Music: SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU, Silesian folk tune, 19th cent.

## GREETING

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

## PRAAYER OF THE DAY

O God of grace and glory,  
we remember before you today our sister Beverly.

We thank you for giving her to us to know and to love  
as a companion in our pilgrimage on earth.

In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn.

Give us faith to see that death has been swallowed up  
in the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
so that we may live in confidence and hope until, by your call,  
we are gathered to our heavenly home in the company of all your saints;  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## WORD

### PSALM

### Psalm 23

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

<sup>2</sup>He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

<sup>3</sup>He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

<sup>4</sup>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.

<sup>5</sup>Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

<sup>6</sup>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.

### EPISTLE READING

### 1 Corinthians 15:50-57

<sup>50</sup>Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption. <sup>51</sup>Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, <sup>52</sup>In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. <sup>53</sup>For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

<sup>54</sup>So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.

<sup>55</sup>O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?

<sup>56</sup>The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law.

<sup>57</sup>But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

*Word of God, word of life; Thanks be to God.*

## \*GOSPEL

**Mark 4:30-32**  
<sup>30</sup>And he said, Whereunto shall we liken the kingdom of God? or with what comparison shall we compare it?

<sup>31</sup>It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when it is sown in the earth, is less than all the seeds that be in the earth:

<sup>32</sup>But when it is sown, it groweth up, and becometh greater than all herbs, and shooteth out great branches; so that the fowls of the air may lodge under the shadow of it.

*The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.*

## SERMON

**Pastor Sonja Pilman**

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,  
2 When my way grows . . . drear, pre- cious Lord, lin - ger near,  
3 When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws . . . near,  
  
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.  
when my life is . . . al - most . . . gone,  
and the day is . . . past and . . . gone,  
  
Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light.  
hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall.  
at the riv - er I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand.  
  
Take my hand, pre- cious Lord, lead me home.

Text: Thomas A. Dorsey, 1899–1993

Music: George N. Allen, 1812–1877, adapt. Thomas A. Dorsey

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PRECIOUS LORD  
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## APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.  
Amen.**

#### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Almighty God, in holy baptism you have knit your chosen people together into one communion of saints in the body of Christ. Give to your whole church in heaven and on earth your light and your peace. God of mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection may die to sin and rise to share the new life in Christ. God of mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Give courage and faith to all who mourn, and a sure and certain hope in your loving care, that, casting all their sorrow on you, they may have strength for the days ahead. We especially pray for Beverly's family. God of mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by faith, that, where this world groans in grief and pain, your Holy Spirit may lead us to bear witness to your light and life. God of mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Help us, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe and trust in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection to life everlasting. God of mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

God of all grace, we give you thanks because by his death our Savior Jesus Christ destroyed the power of death and by his resurrection he opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Make us certain that because he lives we shall live also, and that neither death nor life, nor things present nor things to come, will be able to separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

#### **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**

#### **SENDING**

#### **COMMENDATION**

Let us commend Beverly to the mercy of God, our maker and redeemer.

*Silence is kept.*

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Beverly. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive her into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light.

**Amen.**

#### **SENDING SONG**

Safe in the Arms of Jesus →

#### **DISMISSAL**

Let us go forth in peace,  
**in the name of Christ. Amen.**

#### **POSTLUDE**

# Safe in the Arms of Jesus

Fanny J. Crosby

William H. Doane



1. Safe in the arms of Je-sus, Safe on His gen-tle breast; There by His  
2. Safe in the arms of Je-sus, Safe from cor-rod-ing care, Safe from the  
3. Je - sus, my heart's dear Re-fuge, Je - sus has died for me; Firm on the



love o'er - shad - ed, Sweet-ly my soul shall rest. Hark! 'tis the voice of  
world's temp - ta - tions; Sin can-not harm me there. Free from the blight of  
Rock of Ag - es Ev - er my trust shall be. Here let me wait with



an - gels Borne in a song to me, O-ver the fields of glo - ry,  
sor - row, Free from my doubts and fears; On - ly a few more tri - als,  
pa-tience, Wait till the night is o'er; Wait till I see the morn-ing

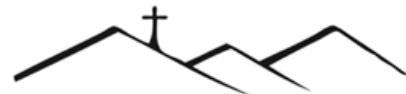


Ov - er the jas - per sea.  
On - ly a few more tears! Safe in the arms of Je - sus, Safe on His gen-tle  
Break on the gold - en shore.



breast; There by His love o'er - shad - ed, Sweet-ly my soul shall rest.

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