

Huron Valley Lutheran High School
2021 – 2022 Sunday Concert



Rejoice in the Lord
always!

**Zion Evan. Lutheran Church
Monroe, MI
March 13, 2022**

Service Notes

Hawk Singers

The Hawk Singers is the traveling choir from Huron Valley Lutheran High School. They present over a half dozen concerts to congregations who are part of the federation of churches that support the high school in some way. They also sing at two secular concerts at HVL, one in the fall and the other in the spring, and two sacred concerts at HVL, each before the Christmas and Easter breaks. The Full Choir is made up of Hawk Singers, as well as other students from the student body, who are interested in singing. The Full Choir usually sings at three of the Hawk Singer Sundays.

Theme

The theme of this year's church concert is "Rejoice in the Lord always," recorded in Philippians 4:4. After spending much time reminding us of the many blessings we have through our relationship with Jesus, Paul commands us to do what should come naturally after such a review: Rejoice! This is also the theme of this year's chapel devotions, and the four parts of the concert today correspond to the individual themes of each quarter's chapel devotions.

Offering

There will still be the regular offering for Zion to meet the needs of your ministry. There will also be a free-will door offering after the service to help meet the needs we have at HVL. Your generous offerings help support the costs we experience throughout the year, especially those connected with the Choral Fest. Thank you!

Responsive Prayer

The Responsive Prayer is a summary of some of the truths which we learn from Paul's letter to the Philippians. It also summarizes some of the devotional ideas that are covered in chapel at HVL the first quarter.

More about HVL

If you desire to learn more about HVL, please visit our website, www.hvlhs.org. Please feel free to stop by any time during the school week to check us out or receive a tour.

Order of Service

Greeting

Opening Hymn

Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices
(CW 194)

**Oh, that I had a thousand voices
To praise my God with thousand tongues!
My heart, which in the Lord rejoices,
Would then proclaim in grateful songs
To all, wherever I might be,
What great things God has done for me.**

**Dear Father, endless praise I render
For soul and body, nobly joined;
I praise you, Guardian kind and tender,
For all the daily joys I find
So richly spread on ev'ry side
And freely for my use supplied.**

**I praise you, Savior, whose compassion
Has brought you down to ransom me.
Your pitying heart sought my salvation;
You bore the cross triumphantly,
Brought me from bondage full release,
Made me your own, and gave me peace.**

**Glory and praise, still onward reaching,
Be yours, O Spirit of all grace,
Whose holy pow'r and faithful teaching
Give me among your saints a place.
Whatever good by me is done
Is worked by grace divine alone.**

**Shall I not then be filled with gladness?
Shall I not praise you evermore
And triumph over fear and sadness,
Although my cup of woe runs o'er?
Though heav'n and earth shall disappear,
Your endless love is ever near.**

(Please stand)

Invocation

M: In the name of the Father, who does not treat us as our sins deserve:

C: As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us. (Psalm 103:12)

M: In the name of the Son, who has rescued us from all sin and death:

C: For the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many. (Mark 10:45)

M: In the name of the Holy Spirit, who has worked out our salvation for us:

C: You were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified by the Spirit of our God. (1 Corinthians 6:11)

M: In the name of our Triune God, we begin our worship.

C: Amen.

Opening Prayer

M: Dear Father in heaven, for creating us with your all-powerful Word, for sustaining us with your ever-loving hand, and for giving us your never-failing compassions, we joyfully respond:

C: Rejoice!

M: Dear Lord Jesus, for taking on our humanity and becoming one with us, for taking on our sin and dying for us, for taking the throne in heaven and ruling over us, we joyfully respond:

C: Rejoice in the Lord!

M: Dear Holy Spirit, for speaking your Word through the prophets and apostles, for creating saving faith in our hearts, for keeping us in the faith until the end of time, we joyfully respond:

C: Rejoice in the Lord always!

M: O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit: for reminding us again and again of your grace, mercy, and peace through your comforting Word, we joyfully carry out this inspired command:

C: I will say it again: Rejoice! Amen.

(Please be seated)



*** **Part One** ***

Rejoice!

*A quarter-long study of
Paul's letter to the Philippians*

Lesson

Philippians 1:3-11

³ I thank my God every time I remember you. ⁴ In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy ⁵ because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, ⁶ being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

⁷ It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart and, whether I am in chains or defending and confirming the gospel, all of you share in God's grace with me. ⁸ God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus.

⁹ And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, ¹⁰ so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, ¹¹ filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God.

Hawk Singers

And Can It Be? *(arr. Forrest)*

And can it be? And can it be?
 Amazing love, how can it be?
And can it be that I should gain
 An int'rest in the Savior's blood?
Died he for me who caused his pain?
 For me who him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be
 That thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

He left his Father's throne above
 So free, so infinite his grace;
Emptied himself of all but love,
 And bled for Adam's helpless race;
"Tis mercy all, immense and free;
 For, O my God, it found out me.
And can it be? And can it be?
 Amazing love, how can it be?

No condemnation now I dread,
 Jesus and all in him is mine!
Alive in him, my living Head,
 And clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach th'eternal throne,
 And claim the crown through Christ my own.
Amazing love! How can it be
 That thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

Amazing love!



*** **Part Two** ***

In the Lord

A quarter-long study of blessings we find only in our relationship with the Lord.

Lesson

Romans 8:37-39

³⁷ In all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, ³⁹ neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Hawk Singers

He Will Hold Me Fast
(arr. Koerts)

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
When the tempter would prevail; he will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path;
For my love is often cold; he must hold me fast.

He will hold me fast, he will hold me fast;
For my Savior loves me so, he will hold me fast.

Those he saves are his delight, Christ will hold me fast;
Precious in his holy sight, he will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost; his promises shall last;
Bought by him as such a cost, he will hold me fast.

For my life he bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;
Justice has been satisfied; he will hold me fast.
Raised with him to endless life, he will hold me fast
'Til our faith is turned to sight, when he comes at last!



*** **Part Three** ***

Always

*A quarter-long study of
how we can rejoice,
even when we don't feel like it.*

Lesson

2 Corinthians 4:16-18

¹⁶ Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. ¹⁷ For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. ¹⁸ So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

Message

A New Take on Those Old Troubles

- 1. The are *not* working against your goals.**
- 2. The *are* outweighed by your glory.**

Responsive Prayer Based on the Book of Philippians

M: Dear Father in heaven, in the spirit of Paul's words, we are thankful every time we remember you, as well as all our fellow brothers and sisters in the faith. You have brought us joy through your gospel message, and you promise to bring to completion the good work of faith you first started in us. Lead us to find encouragement in the communion of saints, the common cause we have for the gospel, and even the conviction that you will take both the blessing and the bane of our lives and use it for the progress of our faith. May we always boldly claim:

C: For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain!

M: Dear Lord Jesus, we thank you for your humiliation in forsaking all the glory of heaven so that you might take on human flesh, as well as your exaltation in reclaiming your glory so that we might worship you as Lord and Savior of all. We glorify you for making us stars in your kingdom of grace, so that we might reflect and project the glory of your message to the salvation of many more. We also thank you for fellow saints who are partners with us in your kingdom work. Work in us to will and to act according to your purpose.

C: Cause us to continue to work out our salvation with fear and trembling.

M: Dear Holy Spirit, we praise you for your wisdom which allows us to see the worthlessness of all we are and have when it comes to our salvation, as well as the worthiness of all you have and give us so that we might be saved. By your gift of grace, you have given us citizenship in heaven now, and the hope of a glorified body when our Lord Jesus returns. By your power and compassion, give us the zeal to live according to these words:

C: I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

M: Finally, O Triune God, we always rejoice in the relationship you established with us. It removes our anxiety, spurs our prayers, and gives us a peace that transcends all understanding. Reframe our minds to always think on the excellent and praiseworthy things, to be content in any and every situation, and to stand firm in the faith no matter what the challenge or the cost. With the confidence that only comes from you, we joyfully say:

C: I can do everything through him who gives me strength! Amen.

Hawk Singers

The Seven Words *(Hymn 436, Christian Worship)* *(from the new hymnal, used with permission)*

Their nails were freshly driven, their hatred clearly shown,
When, "Let them be forgiven," was heard at heaven's throne.
Your enemies, O Jesus, you loved beyond degree,
A love so pure and precious, it even pardoned me.

On you, my King, depending, I'm rid of all my sins!
My final day here ending, my first in heav'n begins.
As you have truly spoken, in paradise I'll be,
With you in bliss unbroken – you will remember me.

A Savior like no other, all self-concern denied,
You served your grieving mother, while you were crucified.
My sin had made me filthy, but you, the perfect child,
Were designated guilty, and I am reconciled.

Condemned, cut off, forsaken, outside the Father's care,
By terror overtaken, no ear would hear your prayer.
On you God's wrath was vented, on you his fury fell,
When, on the cross tormented, you took my place in hell.

My Lord, in death's dark valley, both soul and body drained,
One drink would help you rally what little strength remained
To raise your voice in vict'ry, to sound your foe's defeat –
The highest point in hist'ry – my rescue was complete.

**Though sin's most lethal wages to me, O Christ, were due,
The guilt of all the ages came crashing down on you.
Most surely, "It is finished" – my debt is fully paid;
My joy is undiminished; my heart is unafraid.**

**My death will be triumphant no matter how I die;
Lord Jesus, in that instant escort my soul on high
Into my Father's keeping, all-blameless and all-blest,
Like waking up from sleeping, his hands my place of rest.**

*** Part Four ***



I will say it again: Rejoice!

*A quarter-long study of
the life of Elijah*

Hawk Singers

Praise to the Lord
(arr. Burggraff)

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, Now to his temple draw near;
Praise him in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee,
Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.
Ponder anew What the Almighty can do,
If with his love he befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen How thy desires e'er have been
Granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!

Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the Amen Sound from his people again;
Gladly in praise we adore him.

Praise to the Lord! Praise to the Lord! Praise to the Lord!

Lesson

1 Kings 19:9b-18

The word of the LORD came to him: “What are you doing here, Elijah?”

¹⁰ He replied, “I have been very zealous for the LORD God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, torn down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too.”

¹¹ The LORD said, “Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by.”

Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. ¹² After the earthquake came a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper. ¹³ When Elijah heard it, he pulled his cloak over his face and went out and stood at the mouth of the cave.

Then a voice said to him, “What are you doing here, Elijah?”

¹⁴ He replied, “I have been very zealous for the LORD God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, torn down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too.”

¹⁵ The LORD said to him, “Go back the way you came, and go to the Desert of Damascus. When you get there, anoint Hazael king over Aram. ¹⁶ Also, anoint Jehu son of Nimshi king over Israel, and anoint Elisha son of Shaphat from Abel Meholah to succeed you as prophet. ¹⁷ Jehu will put to death any who escape the sword of Hazael, and Elisha will put to death any who escape the sword of Jehu. ¹⁸ Yet I reserve seven thousand in Israel—all whose knees have not bowed down to Baal and whose mouths have not kissed him.”

Blessing

Full Choir

May the Grace of Christ Our Savior
(Hymn 928, Christian Worship)
(from the new hymnal, used with permission)

May the grace of Christ our Savior
And the Father's boundless love
With the Holy Spirit's favor
Rest upon us from above.
Thus may we abide in union
With each other and the Lord,
And possess in sweet communion
Joys which earth cannot afford.

*Thank you for this opportunity to share God's Word with you
in Scripture and song!*



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For further reading and to compliment the message for today...

From the Lutheran Confessions:

Therefore, troubles are not always punishments or signs of wrath. Indeed, terrified consciences should be taught that there are more important purposes for afflictions (2 Corinthians 12:9), so that they do not think God is rejecting them, when they see nothing but God's punishment and anger in troubles. The other more important purposes are to be considered, that is, that God is doing his strange work, so that he may be able to do his own work, as Isaiah 28 teaches in a long speech. When the disciples asked about the blind man who sinned, Christ replies that the cause of his blindness is not sin, but that "the works of God might be displayed in him" (John 9:2-3). In Jeremiah it is said, "If those who did not deserve to drink the cup must drink it..." (49:2). So the prophets, John the Baptist, and other saints were killed (Matthew 5:11). Therefore, troubles are not always punishments for certain past deeds, but they are God's works, intended for our benefit, and that God's power might be made more apparent in our weakness.

So Paul says God's strength "is made perfect in weakness" (2 Corinthians 12:9). Because of God's will, our bodies should be sacrifices, to declare our obedience, and not to pay for eternal death. God has another price for that: the death of his own Son.

Apology of the Augsburg Confession XIIB 61-63

From Martin Luther:

The good God permits such small evils to befall us merely in order to arouse us snorers from our deep sleep and to make us recognize... the incomparable and innumerable benefits we still have. He wants us to consider what would happen if he were to withdraw his goodness from us completely. In that spirit Job said (2:10): "Shall we receive good at the hand of God, and shall we not receive evil?" Again Job said (1:21): "As God wills, so let it be; the name of the Lord be praised." He did not simply look at the evil, as we would-be saints do; he kept in sight the goodness and grace of the Lord. With this he comforted himself and overcame evil with patience.

We also are to look at our misfortunes in no other way than that with them God gives us a light by which we may see and understand his goodness and kindness in countless other ways. Then we conclude that such small misfortunes are barely a drop of water on a big fire or a little spark in the ocean. Then we understand and love the words: "O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!"

As recorded in Treasure of Daily Prayer, p. 31

2021 - 2022 HAWK SINGER SCHEDULE

(Full Choir dates & places are in bold print & underlined)

October 10 – Our Saviour, Westland (10:30 am)

October 24 – Salem, Ann Arbor (10:00 am)

November 7 – HVL Fall Concert (3:00 pm)

November 11-14 – National Choral Fest, New Ulm, MN

December 5 – St. Peter, Plymouth (9:30 am)

December 12 – HVL Christmas Concert (3:00 pm)

January 9 – Peace, Livonia (8:30 & 11:00 am)

January 23 – St. Paul, Monroe (10:30 am)

February 6 – St. John, Westland (9:00 am)

March 6 – St. Paul, Livonia (8:30 & 11:00 am)

March 13 – Zion, Monroe (8:15 & 10:45 am)

April 10 – HVL Easter Concert (3:00 pm)

May 1 – Redeemer, Ann Arbor (10:30 am)

May 15 – Palabra de Vida, Detroit (11:30 am)

May 19 - HVL Spring Concert (7:00 pm)

June 5 – HVL Graduation (2:00 pm)