

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**

**Offering** *(The children's offering basket will be on the front steps of the church,  
so that they can in yet another way feel involved in Sunday worship)*



**Offertory Hymn**                      *Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak*

ELW #676

### Prayers of the Church

#### 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*

#### Benediction

**Closing Hymn**                      *Go, Make Disciples*

ELW #540

**Sending:**                      P: Go in Peace, Serve the Lord  
                                          **C: Thanks Be to God!**

*(CCLI License #1137749)*

## Beaver Valley Lutheran Church

26214 484th Avenue PO Box 128 Brandon, SD 57005-0128

website: [www.beavervalleylutheran.org](http://www.beavervalleylutheran.org) Pastor: Greg Johnson Cell #605-940-5875

e-mail: [office@beavervalleylutheran.org](mailto:office@beavervalleylutheran.org) Ph. 605-582-3504

***Welcome! We are glad you are with us today!!***

*"If you do not have a church home, you are welcome here. If you would like to become a member, contact any member or the church office."*

Sunday, February 12, 2023; 9:30 am

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

### Prelude

### Welcome/Announcements

### Sharing of the Peace

### Invocation/Call to Worship

Psalm 27

L: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

**C: One thing I asked of the Lord, that I will seek after: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple.**

L: For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent: he will set me high on a rock.

**C: Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the Lord.**

L: Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me!

**C: "Come," my heart says, "seek his face!" Your face, Lord, do I seek.**

### Opening Hymn

*Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways*

ELW #772

### Prayer of the Day (All)

**O God, the strength of all who hope in you, because we are weak mortals we accomplish nothing good without you. Help us to see and understand the things we ought to do, and give us grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**Special Music**      “Praise Him, Praise Him”      Beaver Valley Sunday School Choir

**First Lesson**      Deuteronomy 30:15-20      Linda Wingate

[Moses said to the people:] <sup>15</sup>See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. <sup>16</sup>If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. <sup>17</sup>But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, <sup>18</sup>I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. <sup>19</sup>I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, <sup>20</sup>loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

**Second Lesson**      1 Corinthians 3:1-9

<sup>1</sup>Brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. <sup>2</sup>I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, <sup>3</sup>for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? <sup>4</sup>For when one says, “I belong to Paul,” and another, “I belong to Apollos,” are you not merely human?

<sup>5</sup>What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. <sup>6</sup>I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. <sup>7</sup>So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. <sup>8</sup>The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. <sup>9</sup>For we are God’s servants, working together; you are God’s field, God’s building.

**Alleluia Verse**      *Christ, Be Our Light (Chorus only)*      ELW #715

**Gospel**      Matthew 5:21-37      Pastor Greg Johnson

*(Response after the announcement: **Glory to you, O Lord.**)*

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>21</sup>“You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not murder’; and ‘whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.’ <sup>22</sup>But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, ‘You fool,’ you will be liable to the hell of fire. <sup>23</sup>So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, <sup>24</sup>leave your gift there before the altar

and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. <sup>25</sup>Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. <sup>26</sup>Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

<sup>27</sup>“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ <sup>28</sup>But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. <sup>29</sup>If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. <sup>30</sup>And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell.

<sup>31</sup>“It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ <sup>32</sup>But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

<sup>33</sup>“Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.’ <sup>34</sup>But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, <sup>35</sup>or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. <sup>36</sup>And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. <sup>37</sup>Let your word be ‘Yes, Yes’ or ‘No, No’; anything more than this comes from the evil one.”

*(Response after the conclusion: **Praise to you, O Christ.**)*

**Children’s Sermon**      Brittany Gerovac

**Sermon**      “There’s No “I” in the word “Team!”      Pastor Greg Johnson

**Hymn of the Day**      *We Are One in the Spirit*      Insert

**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;**