

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give God our thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join in this glorious meal.

### Words of Institution

#### The 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.**

**Invitation to Communion:** Come to the table of new life. Receive the risen Lord.

### Distribution of Holy Communion

**Distribution Hymn:** *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus* **ELW #392**

### Post-Communion Blessing

#### Post-Communion Prayer:

P: Let us pray.

**C: Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus, Amen.**

#### Blessing:

P: May the triune God, who has put a new song in your mouth and tuned your heart for praise, bless you now and forever.

**C: (Sung) Amen. Amen. Amen.**

**Closing Hymn:** *Here I Am, Lord* **ELW #574**

**Dismissal:** P: Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

**C: Thanks be to God**

## Beaver Valley Lutheran Church

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

**Pastor: Josh Schunk Cell: 701-238-2322**

Website: [www.beavervalleylutheran.org](http://www.beavervalleylutheran.org)

E-mail: [office@beavervalleylutheran.org](mailto:office@beavervalleylutheran.org)

Phone: 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, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026; 9:30 am**

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

### Prelude

### Welcome/Announcements

### Recognition of Graduates

### Thanksgiving for Baptism

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

P: Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

*(Silence is kept for reflection)*

P: Merciful God, you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come. You lead us beside still waters. We thank you for the waters of creation: morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves. We thank you for the waters that nourish us. Blessed are you.

**C: You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

P: Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys. We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection. We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow. Blessed are you.

**C: You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

P: Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows. Break down barriers that divide us. Fill us with the breath of peace. Blessed are you.

**C: You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

P: Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for making us a new creation. We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**Opening Hymn:** *Borning Cry* **ELW #732**

**Call to Worship** **Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16**

P: In you, O LORD, I seek refuge; do not let me ever be put to shame; in your righteousness deliver me;

**C: Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily. Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me.**

P: You are indeed my rock and my fortress; for your name's sake lead me and guide me;

**C: take me out of the net that is hidden for me, for you are my refuge.**

P: Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.

**C: My times are in your hand; deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors.**

P: Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.

### Prayer of the Day:

P: Let us pray.

**C: Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

### Sharing of the Peace

#### First Reading:

**Acts 7:55-60**

**Mary Lee**

*(Stephen was one of the seven men chosen by the apostles to serve tables so that the apostles could be free to serve the word (Acts 6:1-6). Stephen does more than distribute food, however. For his preaching of God's word, he becomes the first martyr of the faith.)*

<sup>55</sup> Filled with the Holy Spirit, [Stephen] gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. <sup>56</sup> "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" <sup>57</sup> But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. <sup>58</sup> Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him, and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. <sup>59</sup> While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." <sup>60</sup> Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

#### Second Reading:

**1 Peter 2:2-10**

*(Christ is the cornerstone of God's saving work and the foundation of our lives. We are God's chosen, holy people who continuously celebrate and declare the mercy of God we experience through Jesus Christ.)*

<sup>2</sup> Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation <sup>3</sup> if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. <sup>4</sup> Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and <sup>5</sup> like living stones let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. <sup>6</sup> For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." <sup>7</sup> This honor, then, is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner," <sup>8</sup> and "A stone that makes them stumble and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. <sup>9</sup> But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the excellence of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. <sup>10</sup> Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

#### Gospel Acclamation:

*As We Seek Your Face*

**(See Below)**

*As we seek your face, May we know your heart, Feel your presence, acceptance, As we seek your face.*

*At your feet we fall, Sov'reign Lord. We cry holy, holy, At your feet we fall.*

*As we seek your face, May we know your heart, Feel your presence, acceptance, As we seek your face.*

#### Gospel Reading:

**John 14:1-14**

*(After the reading is announced: C: Glory to you, O Lord.)*

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house, there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and

prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him." Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

*(After the reading, P: The Gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to you, O Christ.)*

#### Children's Message

Pastor Josh Schunk

#### Sermon

Pastor Josh Schunk

#### Hymn of the Day:

*Earth and All Stars*

**ELW #731**

#### 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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary 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.**

#### Prayers of Intercession

#### Offering

#### Offering Hymn:

*As Saints of Old*

**ELW #695**

#### Offertory Prayer:

P: Let us pray.

C: Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus, Amen.

#### Service of Holy Communion:

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**