

✠ *In Nomine Iesu* ✠

The Order of  
**Divine Service**

on the occasion of the

**Installation of**

**The Rev. Aaron Thomas Fenker, Sr.**



August 10, 2025  
3:00 PM

**Prelude**

*Praise the Almighty*  
Jan Bender

The congregation stands and faces the crucifix as it leads the procession. We stand in honor of Christ Crucified who works among us through Pastor Fenker as he proclaims Christ's divine and saving Gospel. As Pastor Fenker is installed as our pastor, we rejoice in his valid and Divine call to preach the Gospel and administer the Sacraments to this flock of Our Father's.

**The Order of the Processional**

The Crucifer  
The Torchbearers  
The Clergy  
The Pastor Elect  
The Preacher  
The Liturgist / Installer



Processional Hymn

Praise the Almighty LSB 797  
setting by Walter L. Pelz

1 Praise the Al - might - y, my soul, a - dore Him!  
2 Trust not in rul - ers; they are but mor - tal;  
3 Bless - ed, oh, bless - ed are they for - ev - er  
4 Pen - i - tent sin - ners, for mer - cy cry - ing,  
△ 5 Praise, all you peo - ple, the name so ho - ly

Yes, I will laud Him un - til death; With songs and  
Earth - born they are and soon de - cay. Vain are their  
Whose help is from the Lord Most High, Whom from sal -  
Par - don and peace from Him ob - tain; Ev - er the  
Of Him who does such won - drous things! All that has

an - thems I come be - fore Him As long as  
coun - sels at life's last por - tal, When the dark  
va - tion can noth - ing sev - er, And who in  
wants of the poor sup - ply - ing, Their faith - ful  
be - ing, to praise Him sole - ly, With hap - py

He al - lows me breath. From Him my life and  
grave en - gulfs its prey. Since mor - tals can no  
hope to Christ draw nigh. To all who trust in  
God He will re - main. He helps His chil - dren  
heart its a - men sings. Chil - dren of God, with

all things came; Bless, O my soul, His ho - ly name.  
help af - ford, Place all your trust in Christ, our Lord.  
Him, our Lord Will aid and coun - sel now af - ford.  
in dis - tress, The wid - ows and the fa - ther - less.  
an - gel host Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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Confession and Absolution

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.
- P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**C** who made heaven and earth.
- P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,  
**C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.
- P** O almighty God, merciful Father,  
**C** I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.
- P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

Introit Psalm 132:8–18; antiphon: Psalm 132:16  
The congregation chants the verses in **bold print**

Antiphon: Her priests I will clothe with salvation, and her saints will shout for joy.

Arise, O Lord, and go to your | resting place,\*  
you and the ark | of your might.  
**Let your priests be clothed with | righteousness,\***  
**and let your saints | shout for joy.**  
For the sake of your servant | David\*

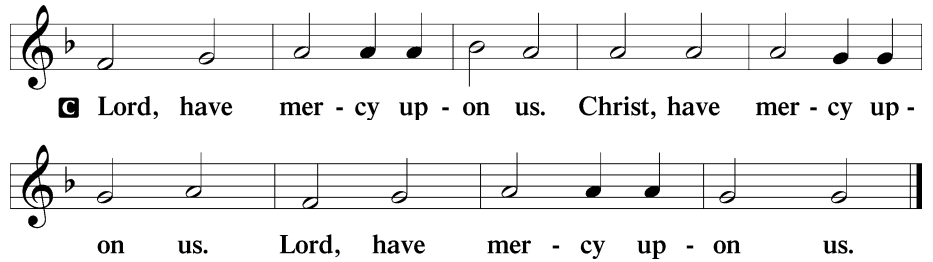
do not turn away the face of your a- | nointed one.  
**The Lord swore to David a sure oath from which he will | not turn back:\***  
**“One of the sons of your body I will set | on your throne.**  
If your sons keep my covenant and my testimonies that I shall | teach them,\*  
their sons also forever shall sit | on your throne.”  
**For the Lord has chosen | Zion;\***  
**he has desired it for his | dwelling place:**  
"This is my resting place for- | ever;\*  
here I will dwell, for I have de- | sired it.  
**I will abundantly bless her pro- | visions;\***  
**I will satisfy her | poor with bread.**  
Her priests I will clothe with sal- | vation,\*  
and her saints will | shout for joy.  
**There I will make a horn to sprout for | David;\***  
**I have prepared a lamp for my a- | nointed.**  
His enemies I will | clothe with shame,\*  
but on him his | crown will shine.”



**G** Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;  
as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

*Antiphon:* Her priests I will clothe with salvation, and her saints will shout for joy.

**Kyrie**



**G** Lord, have mer-cy up-on us. Christ, have mer-cy up-on us.  
on us. Lord, have mer-cy up-on us.

*LSB 186*

**Gloria in Excelsis**

*LSB 187*



**P** Glory be to God on high: **G** and on earth peace, good-will toward  
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor-ship Thee,  
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.  
O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al-mighty.  
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.  
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-  
on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.  
Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spir - it.

**P** Let us pray.

**P** Merciful God, we humbly implore You to cast the bright beams of Your light upon Your Church that we, being instructed by the doctrine of the blessed apostles, may walk in the light of Your truth and finally attain to the light of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** A - men.

Sit

Choral Collect

Teach Us, Good Lord  
Carl Schalk

Teach us, good Lord, to serve thee as thou deservest:  
To give and not to count the cost;  
To fight and not to heed the wounds;  
To toil and not to seek for rest;  
To labor and to seek for no reward  
Save that of knowing that we do they will,  
Through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Old Testament

Isaiah 52:7–10 NKJV

<sup>7</sup> How beautiful upon the mountains  
Are the feet of him who brings good news,  
Who proclaims peace,  
Who brings glad tidings of good things,  
Who proclaims salvation,  
Who says to Zion,  
“Your God reigns!”

<sup>8</sup> Your watchmen shall lift up their voices,  
With their voices they shall sing together;  
For they shall see eye to eye  
When the LORD brings back Zion.

<sup>9</sup> Break forth into joy, sing together,  
You waste places of Jerusalem!  
For the LORD has comforted His people,  
He has redeemed Jerusalem.

<sup>10</sup> The LORD has made bare His holy arm  
In the eyes of all the nations;  
And all the ends of the earth shall see  
The salvation of our God.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Romans 1:16–17 NKJV

<sup>16</sup> For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. <sup>17</sup> For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, “The just shall live by faith.”

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

LSB 190

**C** Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

Verse: “He who hears you hears Me, he who rejects you rejects Me, and he who rejects Me rejects Him who sent Me.”




Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Luke 6:12–16, 10:1–24 NKJV

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the sixth and tenth chapters.



Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>12</sup>Now it came to pass in those days that He went out to the mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God. <sup>13</sup>And when it was day, He called His disciples to Himself; and from them He chose twelve whom He also named apostles: <sup>14</sup>Simon, whom He also named Peter, and Andrew his brother; James and John; Philip and Bartholomew; <sup>15</sup>Matthew and Thomas; James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon called the Zealot; <sup>16</sup>Judas the son of James, and Judas Iscariot who also became a traitor. . . .

<sup>1</sup>The Lord appointed seventy others also, and sent them two by two before His face into every city and place where He Himself was about to go. <sup>2</sup>Then He said to them, “The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few; therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest. <sup>3</sup>Go your way; behold, I send you out as lambs among wolves. <sup>4</sup>Carry neither money bag, knapsack, nor sandals; and greet no one along the road. <sup>5</sup>But whatever house you enter, first say, “Peace to this house. <sup>6</sup>And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest on it; if not, it will return to you. <sup>7</sup>And remain in the same house, eating and drinking such things as they give, for the laborer is worthy of his wages. Do not go from house to house. <sup>8</sup>Whatever city you enter, and they receive you, eat such things as are set before you. <sup>9</sup>And heal the sick there, and say to them, “The kingdom of God has come near to you. <sup>10</sup>But whatever city you enter, and they do not receive you, go out into its streets and say, <sup>11</sup>“The very dust of your city which clings to us we wipe off against you. Nevertheless know this, that the kingdom of God has come near you. <sup>12</sup>But I say to you that it will be more tolerable in that Day for Sodom than for that city.

<sup>13</sup>“Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works which were done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes. <sup>14</sup>But it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon at the judgment than

for you. <sup>15</sup>And you, Capernaum, who are exalted to heaven, will be brought down to Hades. <sup>16</sup>He who hears you hears Me, he who rejects you rejects Me, and he who rejects Me rejects Him who sent Me.”

<sup>17</sup>Then the seventy returned with joy, saying, “Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name.”

<sup>18</sup>And He said to them, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. <sup>19</sup>Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you. <sup>20</sup>Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven.”

<sup>21</sup>In that hour Jesus rejoiced in the Spirit and said, “I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and prudent and revealed them to babes. Even so, Father, for so it seemed good in Your sight. <sup>22</sup>All things have been delivered to Me by My Father, and no one knows who the Son is except the Father, and who the Father is except the Son, and the one to whom the Son wills to reveal Him.”

<sup>23</sup>Then He turned to His disciples and said privately, “Blessed are the eyes which see the things you see; <sup>24</sup>for I tell you that many prophets and kings have desired to see what you see, and have not seen it, and to hear what you hear, and have not heard it.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

“The one who hears you  
hears Me...”

Nicene Creed

**C** I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life  $\text{✙}$  of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

Sermon Hymn

*Thou Who the Night in Prayer Didst Spend* TLH 493  
setting by Stephen P. Johnson

1 Thou who the night in prayer didst spend And then didst  
2 Oh, may Thy pas - tors faith - ful be, Not la - b'ring  
3 That which the Ho - ly Scrip - tures teach, That, and that  
4 As e - ver in Thy ho - ly Eyes, And Stew - ards

Thine a - pos - tles send And bidd'st us pray the har - vest's Lord  
for them - selves, but Thee! Give grace to feed with wholesome food  
on - ly, may they preach; May they the true Foun - da - tion lay,  
of Thy Mys - ter - ies, May they the peo - ple teach to see

To send forth sow - ers of Thy Word, Hear and Thy cho - sen  
The sheep and lambs bought by Thy blood, To tend Thy flock, and  
Build gold there - on, not wood or hay; And meek - ly preach in  
Not, Lord, Thy min - i - sters, but Thee; To see a lov - ing

ser - vants bless With sev'n - fold gifts of ho - li - ness.  
thus to prove How dear - ly they the Shep - herd love.  
days of strife The Re - sur - rec - tion and the Life.  
Sav - ior's face Re - vealed in all the Means of Grace.

5 May they Thy Word with boldness speak  
And bear with tenderness the weak;  
Not seeking their own things as best,  
But what may edify the rest;  
With wisdom and simplicity  
And, most of all, with charity.

6 Oh, may Thy people faithful be  
And in Thy pastors honor Thee  
And with them work and for them pray  
And gladly Thee in them obey,  
Receive the prophet of the Lord  
And gain the prophet’s own reward!

△ 7 So may we when our work is done  
Together stand before Thy throne  
And joyful hearts and voices raise  
In one united song of praise,  
With all the bright celestial host,  
To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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*Lk 6:12ff*

Sermon

Faithful Word, Faithful Lord  
*2 Corinthians 1:18–22*

Stand

Offertory

LSB 192

**C** Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -

way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

Installation of Rev. Aaron Thomas Fenker, Sr.

*The pastor-elect is presented before the altar. The assisting ministers may join the presiding minister at the altar. The presiding minister, standing before the altar, says:*

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

*The presiding minister addresses the congregation:*

- P** Beloved in the Lord, through the Church’s usual order, the Reverend Aaron Thomas Fenker has been called by the Lord of the Church to be the Pastor of Our Father’s Lutheran Church.
- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.
- P** Let us pray.  
O almighty God, by Your Son, our Savior, You have always given to Your Church on earth faithful shepherds to guide and feed your flock. Therefore we pray, make all pastors diligent to preach Your holy Word and to administer Your means of grace, and grant Your people wisdom to follow in the way that leads to life eternal; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

*Sit*

*The presiding minister and pastor-elect remain standing. The presiding minister turns to the pastor-elect and says:*

- P** Hear what Holy Scripture says concerning the institution of the Office of the Holy Ministry.

*Assisting ministers read one or more selections of Holy Scripture from each of the following sections. They may conclude the reading by citing the biblical reference.*

### **The Institution of the Office of the Holy Ministry**

- A** Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” *Matthew 28:18-20*
- A** Jesus said to them again, “Peace be to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you.” And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.” *John 20:21-23*

### **The Responsibilities of the Office of the Holy Ministry**

- P** Hear what Holy Scripture says concerning the responsibilities of the Office of the Holy Ministry.
- A** <sup>15</sup>When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” He said to him, “Feed my lambs.” <sup>16</sup>He said to him a second time, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” He said to him, “Tend my sheep.” <sup>17</sup>He said to him the third time, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” and he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep. *John 21:15-17*

- A** [Jesus] said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be preached in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.” *Luke 24:46-47*
- A** <sup>23</sup>For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, <sup>24</sup>and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, “This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” <sup>25</sup>In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” *1 Corinthians 11:23-25*
- A** <sup>14</sup>Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophecy when the council of elders laid their hands on you. <sup>15</sup>Practice these things, devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress. <sup>16</sup>Keep a close watch on yourself and on the teaching. Persist in this, for by so doing you will save both yourself and your hearers. *1 Timothy 4:14-16*
- A** <sup>1</sup>This is how one should regard us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. <sup>2</sup>Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy. *1 Corinthians 4:1-2*
- A** <sup>4</sup>Such is the confidence that we have through Christ toward God. <sup>5</sup>Not that we are sufficient in ourselves to claim anything as coming from us, but our sufficiency is from God. *1 Corinthians 3:4-5*
- A** <sup>1</sup>I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: <sup>2</sup>preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. <sup>3</sup>For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, <sup>4</sup>and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. <sup>5</sup>As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry. *2 Timothy 4:1-5*
- A** [Our Lord] gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints, for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ. *Ephesians 4:11-12*



**The Strength and Promise in the Office of the Holy Ministry**

- P** Hear what Holy Scripture says concerning the strength and promise God gives to those in the Office of the Holy Ministry.
- A** <sup>13</sup> [Jesus said:] “You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people’s feet. <sup>14</sup>“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup>Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. <sup>16</sup>In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.  
*Matthew 5: 13-16*

**A** <sup>17</sup>“Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.” <sup>18</sup>For it is not the one who commends himself who is approved, but the one whom the Lord commends.  
*2 Corinthians 10: 17-18*

**A** Continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them, and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.  
*2 Timothy 3: 14-17*

*The presiding minister addresses the pastor-elect:*

- P** Dear brother in Christ, the Lord grant that you receive and keep these words in your heart so that you may be strengthened and encouraged in your labors.

God gathers His Church by and around His Holy Gospel and thereby also grants it growth and increase according to His good pleasure. That this may be done, He has established the Office of the Holy Ministry into which you have been called by the Church and have been ordained and consecrated by prayer and the laying on of hands. It is fitting that you should again acknowledge the responsibilities of this holy office in which you are to serve as the pastor of Our Father’s Lutheran Church.

In the presence of this parish family, and before our Lord God to whom you must give an account now and at the Last Day, I now ask you:

- Do you acknowledge that the Lord has called you through His Church into the ministry of Word and Sacrament?
- R** *I do.*

**P** Do you believe and confess the canonical books of the Old and New Testaments to be the inspired Word of God and the only infallible rule of faith and practice?

**R** *Yes, I believe and confess the canonical Scriptures to be the inspired Word of God and the only infallible rule of faith and practice.*

**P** Do you believe and confess the three Ecumenical Creeds, namely the Apostles’, the Nicene, and the Athanasian Creeds, as faithful testimonies to the truth of the Holy Scriptures, and do you reject all the errors which they condemn?

**R** *Yes, I believe and confess the three Ecumenical Creeds because they are in accord with the Word of God. I also reject all the errors they condemn.*

**P** Do you confess the Unaltered Augsburg Confession to be a true exposition of Holy Scripture and a correct exhibition of the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church? And do you confess that the Apology of the Augsburg Confession, the Small and Large Catechisms of Martin Luther, the Smalcald Articles, the Treatise on the Power and Primacy of the Pope, and the Formula of Concord—as these are contained in the Book of Concord—are also in agreement with this one scriptural faith?

**R** *Yes, I make these Confessions my own because they are in accord with the Word of God.*

**P** Do you promise that you will perform the duties of your office in accordance with these Confessions, and that all your preaching and teaching and your administration of the Sacraments will be in conformity with Holy Scripture and with these Confessions?

**R** *Yes, I promise, with the help of God.*

**P** Will you faithfully instruct both young and old in the chief articles of Christian doctrine, will you forgive the sins of those who repent, and will you promise never to divulge the sins confessed to you? Will you minister faithfully to the sick and dying, and will you demonstrate to the Church a constant and ready ministry centered in the Gospel? Will you admonish and encourage the people to a lively confidence in Christ and in holy living?

**R** *Yes, I will, with the help of God.*

- P** Finally, will you honor and adorn the Office of the Holy Ministry with a holy life? Will you be diligent in the study of Holy Scripture and the Confessions? And will you be constant in prayer for those under your pastoral care?

**R** *I will, the Lord helping me through the power and grace of His Holy Spirit.*

*The presiding minister and the pastor-elect turn to face the congregation. The presiding minister says:*

- P** Beloved in the Lord, Holy Scripture says, “Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no advantage to you.”  
*Hebrews 13:17*

- P** You have heard the solemn promise of him called to be your pastor. Will you receive him, show him that love, honor, and obedience in the Lord that you owe to the shepherd and teacher placed over you by your Lord Jesus Christ, and will you support him by your gifts and pray for him always that in his labors he may retain a cheerful spirit and that his ministry among you may be abundantly blessed? If so, then answer: We will, with the help of God.

**C** **We will, with the help of God.**

- P** Will you honor and uphold your pastor as he serves Christ in all his God-pleasing responsibilities? Will you aid him as he cares for his family? Will you be diligent to “put the best construction on everything,” recognizing that “love covers a multitude of sins”? If so, then answer: We will, with the help of God.

**C** **We will, with the help of God.**

- P** The almighty and most merciful God strengthen and assist you always.

*The presiding minister asks the pastor-elect:*

- P** Are you willing and ready to assume this public trust and responsibility?

**R** *I am.*

- P** **Aaron Thomas Fenker**, I install you as the pastor of Our Father’s Lutheran Church, in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

- P** Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do His will, working in you that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.

*Hebrews 13:20-21*

**C** **Amen.**

*Stand*

- P** Let us pray.  
Merciful God and Father, You have graciously promised that, through the preaching of the crucified Christ, those who believe in Him will be saved. By Your Holy Spirit grant grace to Aaron, whom You have given to be the pastor of Our Father’s Lutheran Church. Grant him readiness and steadfastness in this ministry, patience, understanding, and great zeal. Support and strengthen him in Your service that by Your Word Your Church may be built and increased; through Your Son, our great High Priest, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

**Blessing**


- P** Go, therefore, and be a shepherd to the Our Father’s Lutheran Church flock. Preach the Word of God; administer the holy Sacraments; offer prayer for all the faithful; instruct, watch over, and guide the flock among which the Holy Spirit has placed you. Do it not for earthly gain but with great joy, for you have been called not to lordship, but to serve His flock. And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away.

The almighty and most merciful God, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.


**C** **Amen.**

Hymn


Preach You the Word LSB 586



1 Preach you the Word and plant it home To men who  
2 We know how hard, O Lord, the task Your ser - vant  
3 The sow - er sows; his reck - less love Scat - ters a -  
4 Though some be snatched and some be scorched And some be



like or like it not, The Word that shall en -  
bade us un - der - take: To preach Your Word and  
broad the good - ly seed, In - tent a - lone that  
choked and mat - ted flat, The sow - er sows; his



dure and stand When flow'rs and men shall be for - got.  
nev - er ask What pride - ful prof - it it may make.  
all may have The whole - some loaves that all men need.  
heart cries out, "Oh, what of that, and what of that?"


5 Of all his scattered plenteousness  
One-fourth waves ripe on hill and flat,  
And bears a harvest hundredfold:  
“Ah, what of that, Lord, what of that!”

6 Preach you the Word and plant it home  
And never faint; the Harvest Lord  
Who gave the sower seed to sow  
Will watch and tend His planted Word.


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Prayer of the Church

Preface




**P** The Lord be with you.




**C** And with thy spir - it.

LSB 193


LSB 194




**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.



**P** Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.




**C** It is meet and right so to do.


**P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God; for You have mightily governed and protected Your holy Church, in which the blessed Apostles and Evangelists proclaimed Your divine and saving Gospel. Therefore with patriarchs and prophets, apostles and evangelists, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus


LSB 195




**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bles - ed is He, bles - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

**Lord's Prayer**

*LSB 196*



**P** Our Father who art in heav - en, hal - low - ed be Thy name,



Thy king - dom come, Thy will be done on earth as it



is in heav - en; give us this day our dai - ly bread;



and forgive us our tres - pass - es as we forgive those who



tres - pass a - gainst us; and lead us not in - to



temp - ta - tion, but deliver us from e - vil.



**C** For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the



glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

**Words of Our Lord**

*LSB 197*

**Pax Domini**

*LSB 197*



**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



**C** A - men.

**Agnus Dei**

*LSB 198*



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

*Sit*

**Distribution**

**Distribution Hymns**

*O Lord, We Praise Thee* LSB 617  
*Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs* LSB 812  
*O God, O Lord, of Heaven and Earth* LSB 834  
*Jesus Has Come and Brings Pleasure Eternal* LSB 533

Stand

After all have received communion, the following is said:

- P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ☩ in peace.

**C** Amen.

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199



**C** Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-



cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,




which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,



a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy



peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and



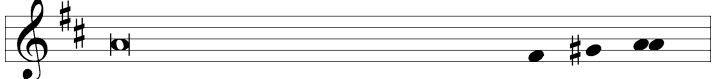
to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,



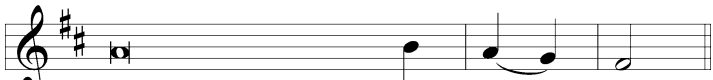
is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

Thanksgiving

LSB 200




**A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,




**C** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

- A** Let us pray.


We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.




**P** The Lord be with you.




**C** And with thy spir - it.

Benedicamus

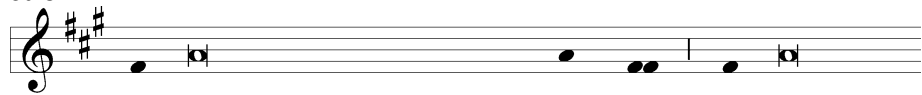
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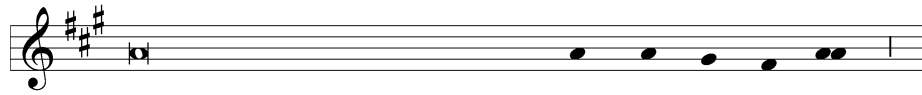
  
[A] Bless we the Lord.

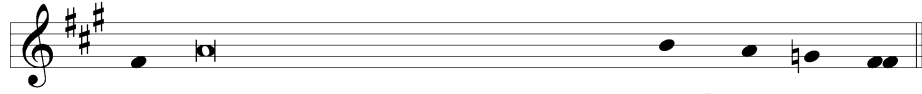
  
[C] Thanks be to God.

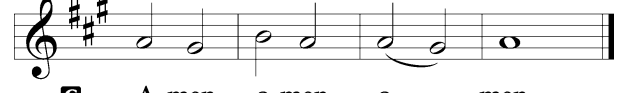
Benediction

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[P] The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make

  
His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.

  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

  
[C] A-men, a-men, a - men.

Recessional Hymn

Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide LSB 585  
setting by Henry V. Gerike

  
1 Lord Je - sus Christ, with us a - bide, For round us  
2 In these last days of great dis - tress Grant us, dear  
3 To hope grown dim, to hearts turned cold Speak tongues of  
4 May glo - rious truths that we have heard, The bright sword

  
falls the e - ven - tide. O let Your Word,  
Lord, true stead - fast - ness That we keep pure  
fire and make us bold To shine Your Word  
of Your might - y Word, Spurn Sa - tan that

  
that sav - ing light, Shine forth un - dimmed in - to the night.  
till life is spent Your ho - ly Word and Sac - ra - ment.  
of sav - ing grace In - to each dark and love - less place.  
Your Church be strong, Bold, u - ni - fied in act and song.

5 Restrain, O Lord, the human pride  
That seeks to thrust Your truth aside  
Or with some man-made thoughts or things  
Would dim the words Your Spirit sings.

6 Stay with us, Lord, and keep us true;  
Preserve our faith our whole life through—  
Your Word alone our heart's defense,  
The Church's glorious confidence.

Postlude

March from *Auf, schmetternde Töne*, BWV 207a  
Johann Sebastian Bach, arr. S. Drummond Wolff

✠ *Soli Deo Gloria* ✠



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