



**"It is for freedom that Christ set you free; stand firm, therefore,
and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery."**

~ Galatians 5:1

Welcome!

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ. On behalf of Pastor-elect Don Stein, his wife Emily, and their family: thank you. We are glad you are here to share in our joy. Special thanks is due to President Buss, President Scharr, Pastor Clayton, Pastor Hartwig, and all the participating pastors. Thanks is also given to Rev. Dr. Kent Bureson, Rev. Sean Daenzer and Rev. Mason Vieth for graciously sharing their liturgical resources. The Steins invite all to a meal in the gym immediately following the service.

A Prayer to Begin Worship

Holy Spirit, by whose power Your servants are moved to speak for God, and by whom the Scriptures are infused with power to convince us of the truths of God, help us that, moved by Your direction to make known the Word, we may proclaim it with faithfulness; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who with You and the Father are one God with dominion over us forever. Amen.

About Don Stein

Donald (Don) Carl Stein was born July 5, 1989 in Green Bay, WI to Rev. Dr. Donald Melvin Stein, Pastor Emeritus at Shepherd of the Hills (SOTH) Lutheran Church in Onalaska, WI, and Margaret Ann Stein (nee Sternkopf), mother to seven children and more than 70 foster children. Don was baptized the day of his birth and recognized at Zion Lutheran Church in Wayside, WI later that month. Don was confirmed in the faith at SOTH in May 2003 and graduated from Onalaska High School in 2007. He earned a bachelor's degree in Communication Studies from Luther College in Decorah, IA in 2011, where he met Emily Marie (nee Rasman).

The two were married November 10, 2012 at Emily's childhood church, the Cathedral of St. Peter in Rockford, IL. Emily holds a Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education with AMS certification in Montessori Methods. God has blessed Don and Emily with three living children: Elizabeth Olivia, Lillian Concetta, and Penelope Lucille.

Don worked in a wide array of professions, from Congressional staffer in Washington, DC, to expediting manufacturing orders, to producing theatre, to supervising Park District departments and substitute teaching in Rockford, IL. Each experience formed him for ministry in its own way. Don and Emily attended Mt. Olive Lutheran Church in Rockford, IL. There, Rev. Kenneth Krause (of blessed memory) asked Don to teach Sunday School, then Confirmation, then Adult Bible Study.

In 2018, he suggested that Don enroll in the MDiv. program at Concordia Seminary St. Louis.

Don completed his fieldwork at Zion Lutheran Church in Mascoutah, IL under the direction of Rev. Kirk Clayton and served his vicarage at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Iowa City, IA under the supervision of Rev. Brent Hartwig.

Don has received a Divine Call through the LCMS Council of Presidents to serve as pastor at St. Andrew Lutheran Church in Rockton, IL. Installation is scheduled for July 31 at 5:00 pm.

The Purpose and Basis of Ordination

When Jesus saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

(Matt. 9:36-38)

When Jesus had compassion on His "sheep without a shepherd," the first thing He did was direct us to pray that He would send laborers into His harvest. The ordination of a new pastor is an answer to this prayer. 'Pastor' means simply 'shepherd;' pastors are 'under-shepherds' of the one Good Shepherd, Jesus Christ. In an ordination, a man is set apart and consecrated by the Word of God and prayer not to be a lord, but a servant. He is not his own man but is under orders to baptize and preach God's Word, pronounce absolution, and distribute our Lord's Body and Blood for the forgiveness of sins.

The forgiveness of sins—that is what the Church is all about! This magnificent gift is received by all who have faith in Jesus Christ. So that we may obtain this faith, Jesus instituted the Office of Holy Ministry, to forgive sins in His stead and by His command. In the Rite of Ordination, God's Word is spoken over the candidate. He publicly vows to be faithful to Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions. His promises are not temporary but intended for life. The congregation plays an important role too, witnessing these vows and receiving the new pastor on behalf of the one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church of all times and all places. The congregation prays for the Holy Spirit to preserve the new pastor, his ministry, and the church he is called to serve.

Electronic Devices

Please TURN OFF all electronic devices so those around you may meditate on the Word of God without distraction. Thank you.

The Lord's Supper

The Lord's Supper is celebrated in the confession and glad confidence that our Lord Jesus, as He said, gives His true Body and Blood for the forgiveness of sins. Because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar (*1 Cor. 1:10; 10:16–17*), any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or hold a confession differing from that of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and are therefore unable to receive the Sacrament today, may come forward with arms crossed over the chest to receive a blessing, or meditate on God's Word in the distribution hymns. Pray for the day when divisions will have ceased.

Ordination Artwork

The inside cover artwork was designed by Don and made by Benjamin Heinz, owner of the ConcordForge art studio (ConcordForge.com) and seminarian at Concordia Seminary St. Louis. The artwork represents the humble service pastors provide to God's people. The shepherd's crook signifies the Good Shepherd, Jesus, and His pastoral under-shepherds. The two keys symbolize the purpose for which Christ instituted the Office of Holy Ministry: the forgiveness of sins (*Matt. 16:19*) received in Word and Sacrament, which always point to the work of Christ on the Cross.

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The Processional Cross

The processional cross was a gift from the Stein family to Zion for the congregation's generosity and support these past four years. It was designed in consultation with Zion's elders and Pastor Clayton to match the sanctuary. It was crafted by Rev. Dan Vines of Calvary Lutheran Church in Aberdeen, WA. *Soli Deo Gloria!*

Vestments

Perhaps surprisingly, vestments are not meant to draw attention to the pastor, but to cover him up. Like the uniform of a police officer or fast-food worker, they are a visual reminder that pastors are mostly interchangeable. Whoever the man in the robe is, his duty is to forgive sins in the stead and by the command of God. To be sure, the pastor's uniform is more beautiful than most; that is no accident. It not only covers up the man, but reverently reflects the beauty of God's grace, mercy, and peace. Don's vestments were hand-made by D.K. Brunner & Son, a Lutheran-owned business just a few miles north in Worden, IL.

Those serving in God's House today:

Ordinator **P**

Rev. Dr. Timothy Scharr, *President,*
Southern Illinois District, LCMS

Presiding Minister **P**

Rev. Dr. Kirk Clayton, *Pastor,*
Zion Lutheran Church in Mascoutah, IL

Proclaimer **A**

Rev. Dr. Donald M. Stein, *Retired Pastor,*
Father of the Candidate

Lector **L**

Rev. Brent Hartwig, *Pastor,*
Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Iowa City, IA

Choir Director & Organist

Josh & Nancy Peterson, *Director of Music Team,*
Zion Lutheran Church in Mascoutah, IL

Crucifer

Timothy Theophil Meyer,
Nephew of the Candidate

Acolytes

Gianna Reese Sink & Heston Matthew Sink,
Niece & Nephew of the Candidate

Cantors

Karis Marie Meyer & Christa Elisabeth Sink,
Sisters of the Candidate



Divine Service III

with the
Rite of Ordination

of
Donald Carl Stein
into the
Office of the Holy Ministry

*This column explains
actions in the service.*

Ringling of the Bell:

God's people have used instruments to mark the start of worship since ancient times. (Num. 10) Zion's bell is from 1869.

Procession:

It is customary for local pastors to welcome a new fellow-worker into the Office of the Holy Ministry by participating in his ordination. They vest in red to recall 1) the fire of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, 2) the blood of martyrs who remained faithful even unto death, and 3) the expectation of the pastor-elect to do the same.

Confession and Absolution:

Ordained pastors are not holier than other Christians. But they are set apart with a holy responsibility. When a pastor proclaims forgiveness, he literally speaks Christ's forgiveness. As Jesus promised, "He who hears you, hears Me." (Luke 10:16) What comfort this gives!

Prelude

Ein Feste Burg

Arr. Jacob Weber

Ringling of the Bell

Processional Hymn

Thy Strong Word

LSB 578

All stand to face the processional cross.

Confession and Absolution

LSB 184

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.**

Service of the Word

LSB 186

Kyrie:

Kyrie eleison, Greek for “Lord, have mercy,” is the continuous prayer of the Church. It is both a prayer and a confession: we boldly pray that God would continue to deal with us in mercy, trusting in the promises He has made, and we confess that He is a merciful God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (Lord–Christ–Lord).

Gloria in Excelsis:

The confession of the merciful Triune God continues in the Gloria, which begins with the word of the angels to the shepherds at Christmas: *Peace and goodwill to men!* Central to this song of praise is Christ, the Lamb of God who takes away the Sin of the world. He only is our true Peace and the sign of God’s goodwill toward men; He is worthy of praise with the Father and the Holy Spirit.

Kyrie

C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis

Luke 2:14; John 1:29

P Glory be to God on high: **C** 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.

Collect:

The collect is a prayer said by the pastor on behalf of the congregation *collect-ively*. Today's collect asks that the Holy Spirit would raise up and sustain faithful pastors not only here today, but throughout the whole Church on earth.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spir - it.

P Let us pray.

O God, You led Your holy apostles to ordain pastors in every place. Grant that Your flock, under the guidance of Your Holy Spirit, may choose suitable men for the ministry of Word and Sacrament and may uphold them in their work for the extension of Your kingdom; through Him who is the Chief Shepherd of our souls, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C A - men.

Sit

Readings:

The entire Christian life is normed and guided by the Scriptures. It is therefore fitting to read Scripture for every occasion. The Old Testament points forward to the coming of Christ, our Shepherd.

Old Testament

Jeremiah 23:1-4

“Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture!” declares the Lord. Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who care for my people: “You have scattered my flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. Behold, I will attend to you for your evil deeds,” declares the Lord. “Then I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will set shepherds over them who will care for them, and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall any be missing,” declares the Lord.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual:

From the Latin word for 'step,' the Gradual steps from the Old Testament reading to the Epistle. It is usually based on a Psalm. It is unique to an occasion.

Epistle:

The Apostles wrote letters which were recognized even in the early church to be Scripture.

Alleluia:

This word of praise is originally rooted in the Hebrew phrase "Praise to the LORD." As we prepare to hear the Gospel about Jesus, it is a fitting word to say—and even more fitting to sing!

The Holy Gospel:

The third reading is taken from one of the four Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke or John). It highlights Jesus Christ's direct words and actions for our benefit.

Choral Gradual**A Worker's Prayer***Psalm 118***Epistle***Galatians 5:1, 13-16*

For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another. But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.

[L] This is the Word of the Lord.

[C] Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse*Stand*

[C] Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

[L] The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 10th chapter.



[C] Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

Holy Gospel*Luke 10:1-11, 16*

At that time, Jesus appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him, two by two, into every town and place where he himself was about to go. And he said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Go your way; behold, I am sending you out as lambs in the midst of wolves. Carry no moneybag, no knapsack, no sandals, and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace be to this house!' And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest upon him. But if not, it will return to you. And remain in the same house, eating and drinking what they provide, for the laborer deserves his wages. Do not go from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and they receive you, eat what is set before you. Heal the sick in it and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' But whenever you enter a town and they do not receive you, go into its streets and say, 'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet we wipe off against you. Nevertheless know this, that the kingdom of God has come near.' The one who hears you hears me, and the one who rejects you rejects me, and the one who rejects me rejects him who sent me."

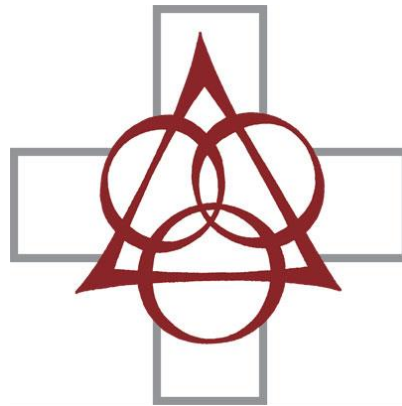
[L] This is the Gospel of the Lord.



[C] Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed:

This summary of the faith as taught in the Scriptures dates to the ancient Council of Nicaea in 325 AD. Every Christian pastor since vows to uphold this creed.



Nicene Creed

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**☐ 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 ✠ of the world to come.
Amen.**

Sit

*The ancient text reads "catholic," meaning universal. Language changes; meaning does not.

Deut. 6:4
Ex. 6:3, Matt. 6:9
Gen. 1:1, Jn. 1:1
Col. 1:16

Rom. 10:9
Matt. 16:16, Jn. 3:16
Jn. 1:2
Jn. 1:1, 8:12, 17:22
Col. 2:9
Jn. 1:2
Jn. 10:30
Jn. 1:3, Heb. 1:2
Jn. 6:41
Lk. 1:34-35
Jn. 1:14
Mk 15:25, Jn. 19:16
Lk. 23:53, Jn. 19:1-3
1 Cor. 15:4
Acts 1:9
Acts 7:55
Matt. 26:64
2 Pet. 1:11

Jn. 14:26
Gen. 1:2, Jn. 3:6
Jn. 15:26
Matt. 3:16-17
Heb. 1:1-2
1 Pet. 2:5
Eph. 4:5
1 Cor. 15:35-49
Matt. 10:40-42
Ps. 106:48, Rev. 22:20

Sermon:

Preaching is the public proclamation of the faith, normed and guided by the Scriptures, centered in the gospel of Jesus Christ for forgiveness, life and salvation.

Humility & Obedience:

The candidate prays in the shape of a cross. This ancient expression of humility may seem profoundly strange today, but it shows how a pastor pledges his obedience to God's Word and conforms his life to Christ's by praying for his flock, among other things. The care of souls is no light burden. (*Mt. 18:6*)

Litany:

This is a form of prayer with many petitions, followed by repeated responses. A pastor speaks each petition, but the congregation gives voice to the actual prayers, which are always a variation on "*Kyrie eleison*" ("Lord, have mercy"). The Church prays:

✙ For deliverance from bodily and spiritual enemies.

✙ With confidence in Christ's work for our salvation.

✙ In and for all situations of life.

Sermon Hymn

On What Has Now Been Sown

LSB 921

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Donald M. Stein

Offertory Hymn *God's Word is Our Great Heritage* LSB 582

No offering is collected during today's service. If you wish to give a gift toward the work of Zion Lutheran Church, a plate will be available in the narthex as you leave.

The Litany

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Stand. The candidate lies in cruciform prostration.

P O Lord,
C have mercy.

P O Christ,
C have mercy.

P O Lord,
C have mercy.

P O Christ,
C hear us.
P God the Father in heaven,
C have mercy.

P God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
C have mercy.

P God the Holy Spirit,
C have mercy.

P Be gracious to us.
C Spare us, good Lord.

P Be gracious to us.
C Help us, good Lord.

P From all sin, from all error, from all evil; from the crafts and assaults of the devil; from sudden and evil death; from pestilence and famine; from war and bloodshed; from sedition and from rebellion; from lightning and tempest; from all calamity by fire and water; and from everlasting death:
C Good Lord, deliver us.

P By the mystery of Your holy incarnation; by Your holy nativity; by Your baptism, fasting, and temptation; by Your agony and bloody sweat; by Your cross and passion; by Your precious death and burial; by Your glorious resurrection and ascension; and by the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Comforter:
C Help us, good Lord.

P In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death; and in the day of judgment:
C Help us, good Lord.

✠ In recognition of our brokenness.

✠ For the Church and all her pastors around the world. Today, at an ordination, the church especially prays for God to send pastors (“faithful laborers”) into the world.

✠ For Christian unity in truth and purity.

✠ For peace in all nations, virtue in all leaders, justice for all societies and for all needs of body and soul.

✠ For peace in daily life and conversation and a good harvest.

✠ In thanksgiving and wonder at God’s mercy.

The Litany concludes with “Lord–Christ–Lord have mercy,” knowing and trusting that God gives answer to our prayers not because of our worthiness, but out of His mercy in Christ.

P We poor sinners implore You
C to hear us, O Lord.

P To rule and govern Your holy Christian Church; to preserve all pastors and ministers of Your Church in the true knowledge and understanding of Your wholesome Word and to sustain them in holy living; to put an end to all schisms and causes of offense; to bring into the way of truth all who have erred and are deceived; to beat down Satan under our feet; to send faithful laborers into Your harvest; and to accompany Your Word with Your grace and Spirit:

C We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

P To raise those who fall and to strengthen those who stand; and to comfort and help the weakhearted and the distressed:

C We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

P To give to all peoples concord and peace; to preserve our land from discord and strife; to give our country Your protection in every time of need; to direct and defend our president and all in authority; to bless and protect our magistrates and all our people; to watch over and help all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation; to protect and guide all who travel; to grant all women with child, and all mothers with infant children, increasing happiness in their blessings; to defend all orphans and widows and provide for them; to strengthen and keep all sick persons and young children; to free those in bondage; and to have mercy on us all:

C We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

P To forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers and to turn their hearts; to give and preserve for our use the kindly fruits of the earth; and graciously to hear our prayers:

C We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

P Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,

C we implore You to hear us.

P Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

C have mercy.

P Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

C have mercy.

P Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

C grant us Your peace.

P O Christ,

C hear us.

P O Lord,

C have mercy.

P O Christ,

C have mercy.

P O Lord,

C have mercy. Amen.

The Rite of Ordination

Agenda 160

The candidate stands and is presented before the altar.

Presentation of Candidate & Divine Call:

Since it is the Lord of the Harvest who sends laborers into His vineyard, it is God who calls pastors. He does this through His Church, which consists of both ordained pastors and baptized laity. Without the public recognition of the Church, there can be no Divine Call. The Rite of Ordination itself is entrusted to ordained pastors, but laity play an important role in accepting the new pastor.

Antiphon & Hymn:

This prayer dates back to the 700s and has been used in ordinations since at least the 1100s. The Lutheran Church retains it. It leads directly into the hymn, "Come, Holy Ghost," which is an adaptation of the Medieval antiphon. The Antiphon and hymn together are one prayer, asking the Holy Spirit to bless the candidate and his ministry, and to foster repentance and faith in our own hearts, as Christ promised. This prayer begins with one pastor, and grows with the voice of the whole congregation.

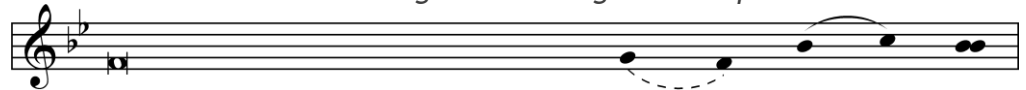
P In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

P Beloved in the Lord, Donald Carl Stein has been called by the Lord of the Church into the Office of the Holy Ministry of the Word and Sacraments. He has been prepared for this ministry by careful study and prayer. He has been examined and declared ready and prepared to undertake this sacred responsibility, and, by the guidance of God the Holy Spirit, he has in the Church's usual order been called to be pastor of St. Andrew Lutheran Church in Rockton, Illinois. According to apostolic practice, he is now presented to be ordained and consecrated to this office established by God.

Stand

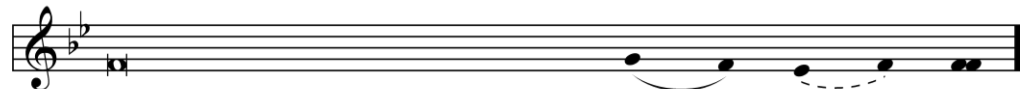
Antiphon

The candidate kneels. The Assisting Minister sings the Antiphon:



1 Come, Holy Spirit,
fill the hearts of Your faith - ful peo - ple,

A 2 Through the diversity of tongues
You gathered together the na - tions,



and kindle in them the fire of Your love.
in the unity of the faith.

The chant concludes:



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Hymn Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest

LSB 498

After the Assisting Minister sings the Antiphon, all pastors join to sing verse 1. The Congregation joins for the remaining verses.

P The Lord be with you.
C And with your spirit.

P Let us pray.
O God, You once taught the hearts of Your faithful people by sending them the light of Your Holy Spirit. Grant us in our day by the same Spirit to have a right understanding in all things and evermore to rejoice in His holy consolation; 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 candidate stands and remains at the altar with the Presiding Minister.

Holy Scripture:

These readings speak concerning the institution, duties, and promises of the Office of the Holy Ministry. These are read to the candidate for his benefit and hearing. Here God Himself speaks to the candidate by His Word to place him into the Office instituted and described by the passages read.

Readings

- P** Hear what Holy Scripture says concerning 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.” (*Matt. 28:18-20*)
- L** Jesus said 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*)



- P** Hear what Holy Scripture says concerning the responsibilities of the Office of the Holy Ministry.
- A** This is how one should regard us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy. (*1 Corinthians 4:1-2*)
- L** 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: preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. 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, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry. (*2 Timothy 4:1-5*)



- P** Hear what Holy Scripture says concerning the strength and promise God gives to those in the Office of the Holy Ministry.
- A** “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.” For it is not the one who commends himself who is approved, but the one whom the Lord commends. (*2 Corinthians 10:17-18*)
- L** 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*)



- 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.

The Vows:

The candidate publicly pledges to remain faithful in these vows before God and the whole church.

Pastors in the Lutheran Church are bound to the Holy Scriptures as the final measure for all teaching.

The Creeds are a treasure of the Church held in common. They were written to defend the faith taught in the Scriptures. They do not invent any new doctrines; rather, they confess what the Church has always taught in accordance with Scripture.

The Lutheran Confessions teach nothing new from Scripture; the pastor binds himself to them *because* they are a true confession of what Scripture already teaches.

Here the pastor's responsibilities are most clearly stated, drawn from the Scriptures just read. The chief pastoral duties are study and preaching of the Word, administration of the Sacraments, and the care of souls, including prayer for the congregation.

The Vows

P 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 are now to be ordained and consecrated by prayer and the laying on of hands.

In the presence of this congregation 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.*

Ordination:

In keeping with tradition since the Twelve Apostles, a pastor is ordained with the laying on of hands. He is ordained into the *catholic*, that is, the *universal* and *whole* Church gathered in Christ. The catholic Church takes part in this ordination through the presiding minister (normally a District President as ecclesial overseer) and also through the gathered congregation, who gives the final assent and amen.

Lord's Prayer:

After speaking individual blessings to the new pastor, all the participating pastors pray together the words Jesus taught, blessing the newly-ordained with the whole congregation.

Vestments:

Vestments are used to cover up the man who serves in the Office of the Holy Ministry. (See page three.) The stole matches the color of the season; it is the chief symbol of the pastoral office. It is worn at almost all services, symbolizing a pastor's charge to preach the Word. The chasuble is only used at services with Holy Communion; it is worn only by the celebrant. It symbolizes a pastor's charge to preside over the Sacrament.

Ordination & Consecration

The candidate kneels. The presiding minister lays both his hands directly on the head of the candidate.

- P** Jesus said: "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."
- P** Donald Carl Stein, I ordain and consecrate you to the Office of the Holy Ministry of the Word and Sacraments in the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church, in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.
- P** The Lord Jesus pour out on you His Holy Spirit for this office and work that you may faithfully preach the Gospel and administer the Sacraments.
- C** Amen.

Blessings & Laying on of Hands

The assisting pastors each in turn lay both their hands directly on the newly ordained, adding an appropriate blessing or passage from the Word of God.

Lord's Prayer

The assisting pastors, together with the presiding minister, jointly lay hands on the newly ordained while all present pray:

- C** 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.

Blessing of the Vestments

The newly ordained stands and is vested with stole and chasuble.

- P** God commanded Moses to clothe the priests in garments that reflected not their own worthiness but rather God's glory. Therefore, it is fitting that undershepherds under Christ should be so arrayed:
- A** Receive this stole; proclaim the Word of God. ✠
- L** Receive this chasuble; administer His Sacraments. ✠
- P** Let us pray. O Lord, You have revealed Your Son in beauty, washed us in His blood, and clothed us in His righteousness. Sanctify these vestments for service in Your house, that he who wears them may be faithful to Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

Reception:

The church recognizes the new pastor's Divine Call, and renews its own vows to faithfully receive God's gifts in Word and Sacrament.

Blessing:

The new pastor having been ordained through the laying on of hands and received by the church through the congregation, prayer is offered to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit to bless this new ministry.

Sending:

Ordination places a man into the Pastoral Office for the whole church. Installation charges him to serve a specific congregation. Don will be installed at St. Andrew Lutheran Church in Rockton, IL on July 31.

Reception & Sending

The congregation receives the new pastor on behalf of the whole church.

- 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."

Will you, the faithful, according to the Church's public confession, and speaking for the whole Church, receive Don as a servant of Christ and minister of Word and Sacrament? If so, then answer: We will.

- C** We will.

Stand

- P** Let us pray.

O eternal, merciful God, You have spoken through Your own dear Son, saying that the harvest is plentiful but the workers are few and that we would ask You, the Lord of the harvest, to send laborers into Your harvest. Hear now our prayer on behalf of Don, who this day is ordained and consecrated to be Your minister in the Church. Strengthen him mightily to take up the Word of truth and faithfully to administer Your holy Sacraments.

O Lord Jesus Christ, our great High Priest, You gave Your own life to be a holy and perfect sacrifice for us and for our salvation. Grant Don a heart zealous for Your people and boldness to guide, comfort, admonish, and serve Your congregation with gentleness and wisdom. Fill him, Your undershepherd, with Your love that in Your name he will seek the straying and bear up the weak. Give him the heart never to grow weary in the service of Your flock.

O Holy Spirit, strengthen and keep Don in the Word of truth and life, and support him in every time of trouble and distress. Make his labors fruitful and, when the day of labor is ended, grant him to come with rejoicing before Your presence to receive with all the saints his portion in eternal salvation. To You, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all glory and honor, both now and forever.

- C** Amen.

Sit

- P** Go, therefore, and be a shepherd of the Good Shepherd's flock. Preach the Word of God; administer the holy Sacraments; offer prayer for all the faithful; instruct, watch over, and guide the flock over 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.

- R** Amen.

Hymn

From All That Dwell Below The Skies

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Service of the Sacrament

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Stand

Salutation:

The first word out of the new pastor's mouth is the *Salutation*, a Word of peace from the Lord Jesus to His flock. Just as Christ told His apostles to greet each house with "Peace be to you" (*Luke 10:5*), so also our pastor begins his service. The congregation responds, recognizing that the Lord's Holy Spirit is with the pastor, who is about to pray on their behalf. Some newer translations read "And also with you," but the intended meaning remains the same.

Salutation



P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spir - it.

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.

Proper Preface:

The 'Proper' is a prayer that changes for the occasion in the church year. The proper for an ordination is the same as for Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit was poured out on the disciples for the preaching of the Gospel to all nations.

Proper Preface

P *It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who ascended above the heavens and, sitting at Your right hand, poured out on this day the promised Holy Spirit on His chosen disciples. For all this the whole earth rejoices with exceeding joy. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:*

Sanctus:

Christ, the Lamb who was slain for us and is risen, is the object of the Church's worship—both on earth and in heaven. Here our worship is joined with the worship in heaven. We sing the angels' song of "Holy." We also sing the Palm Sunday psalm, "Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord," recognizing that in His Supper, Christ comes in His Body and Blood save us from our sins. "Hosanna" means "Lord, save!"

Sanctus

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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,
bless-ed is He, bless - 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.

The Words of Our Lord:

Dr. Martin Luther called these words the "Chief Thing" of the Sacrament. They are not the pastor's words, but Christ's. They are not a magical incantation, but a command and promise from Christ Himself. Time and space bend back to the Last Supper on Maundy Thursday, to the Cross on Good Friday— and forward to the end of time, to the Marriage Feast of the Lamb in the New Creation. Heaven truly comes to earth and God makes Himself present in, with, and under the forms of Bread and Wine. How this happens is an unexplainable mystery, but it is *real*!

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

The Words of Our Lord

Mt. 26:26-29; Mk. 14:22-25;
Lk. 22:15-20; 1 Cor. 11:23-26

Agnus Dei

[illegible]

Sit

Eat This Bread

Congregation sings the refrain; Cantors sing the verses

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Built on the Rock

The Dismissal

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:

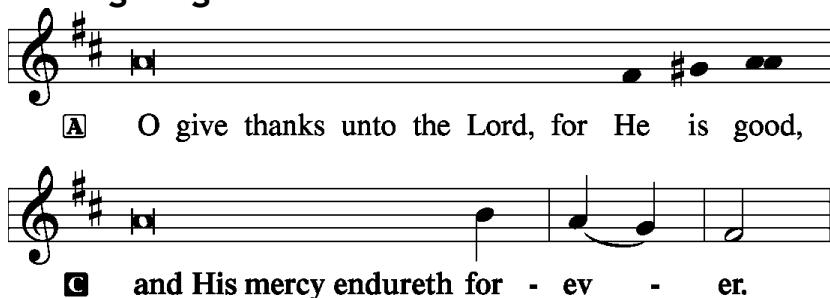
Simeon's Song was first sung when the infant Jesus was presented at the temple. Old Simeon joyfully confessed that having seen the promised Christ with his own eyes, he could truly die a blessed death. It is a fitting confession for us also who, having seen and received the very same Christ in the Sacrament, are now prepared both to depart the church and even our earthly lives in peace and joy.

Nunc Dimittis



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 without end. A-men.

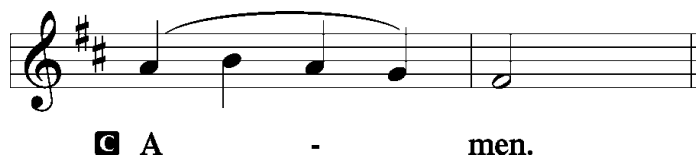
Thanksgiving



A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

P 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 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.

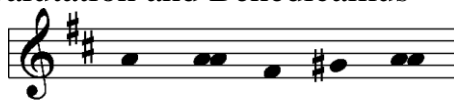
Benediction:

This 'good word,' the *blessing* of God, was first given by Aaron to the Children of Israel. He was told: "put My name on the people." With it is God's promise, "Where my Name is, there I am also." Just as the service began "In the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit," so also it ends with the threefold blessing of a merciful God who has claimed us as His own by Baptism, His Word, and His very Body and Blood.

Te Deum:

This ancient hymn ("We praise You, O God") has many arrangements and translations all used for the same prayer: great thanksgiving. It acknowledges the work of the Triune God in creating, redeeming and sustaining. This is especially fitting at ordinations, as we thank Father, Son and Holy Spirit for answered prayer. God preserves His Church on earth and will surely keep it until the Day of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen!

Salutation and Benedicamus



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

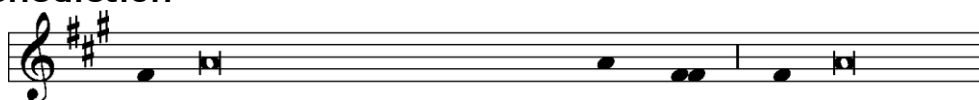


A Bless we the Lord.

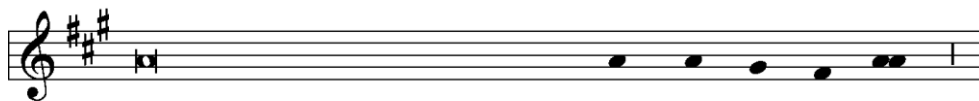


C Thanks be to God.

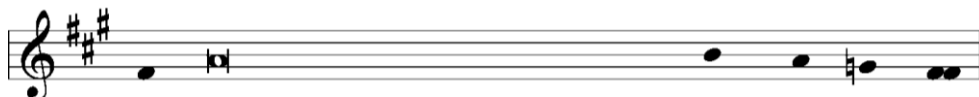
Benediction



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.

Te Deum ***We Praise You And Acknowledge You***
All stand to face the cross

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Postlude ***Prelude and Fugue in D Major***

J.S. Bach

Please join us for a meal in the gym immediately following the service.