

Service of Installation to Word and Sacrament Ministry
of Rev. Pamela J. Thorson to Grace Lutheran Church

332 Vance Ave. S. Erskine, Minnesota
Saturday, January 21, 2023



Prelude

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Most merciful God,

C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

Entrance Hymn

Beautiful Savior

Green #518

Greeting P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

Kyrie

Sung responsively



Ⓐ In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Ⓑ Lord, have mer - cy.



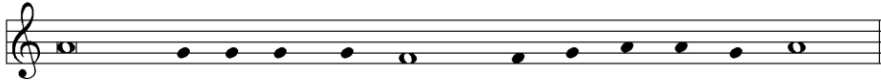
Ⓐ For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-va-tion, let us pray to the Lord.



Ⓒ Lord, have mer - cy.



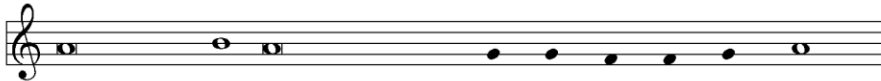
Ⓐ For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Ⓒ Lord, have mer - cy.



Ⓐ For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Ⓒ Lord, have mer - cy.



Ⓐ Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. Ⓒ A - men


Glory to God




Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.




Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.




Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,




you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Prayer of the Day P: The Lord be with you. C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray: Almighty God, through your Son Jesus Christ you gave the holy apostles many gifts and commanded them to feed your flock. Inspire all pastors to proclaim your word diligently and your people to receive it willingly, that finally we may receive the

First Lesson Isaiah 9:1-4

L: The Word of the Lord C: **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 27:1-9

Read responsively

Second Lesson 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

L: The Word of the Lord C: **Thanks be to God**



Gospel Matthew 4:12-25 C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Sermon

Rev. Lyle Belleque

Hymn of the Day *O God Beyond All Praising*

Blue #797

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;

he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father,

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

Installation

The congregation stands. The pastor to be installed and a representative of the calling body come before the presiding minister and the assembly.

P: Having been authorized by the church to install Pamela Joy Thorson, our co-worker in the gospel, as pastor, I now ask for certification of this call.

A representative of the calling body addresses the presiding minister.

Council President: After prayerful deliberation, we, of Grace Lutheran Church, have called Pamela Joy Thorson as pastor. I present her and this letter certifying the call.

The presenter gives the presiding minister the letter certifying that the call has been received and accepted. The congregation is seated.

The presiding minister addresses the pastor being installed.

P: A reading from John: Jesus said, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you. 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)

A reading from Matthew: Jesus said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 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, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Matthew 28:18-20)

A reading from First Timothy: Set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Till I come, attend to the public reading of scripture, to preaching, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you by prophetic utterance when the council of elders laid their hands upon you. Practice these duties, devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress. Take heed to yourself and to your teaching; hold to that, for by doing so you will save both yourself and your hearers. (1 Timothy 4:12-16)

The presiding minister questions the pastor being installed.

P: Pastor Thorson, in the presence of this congregation will you commit yourself to this new trust and responsibility, and promise to discharge your duties in harmony with the constitutions of the church?

Response: I will, and I ask God to help me.

P: Will you preach and teach in accordance with the Holy Scriptures and the Confessions of the Lutheran Church?

P: Will you carry out this ministry in harmony with the constitutions of the North American Lutheran Church?

Response: I will, and I ask God to help me.

P: Will you love, serve, and pray for God's people? Will you nourish them with the Word and Holy Sacraments, leading them by your own example in the use of the means of grace, in faithful service and holy living?

Response: I will, and I ask God to help me.

P: Will you give faithful witness in the world, that God's love may be known in all that you do?

Response: I will, and I ask God to help me.

P: Almighty God, who has given you the will to do these things, graciously give you the strength and compassion to perform them. **Amen.**

All stand.

P: And you, people of God, will you receive this messenger of Jesus Christ, sent by God to serve all people with the gospel of hope and salvation?

Will you regard her as a servant of Christ and a steward of the mysteries of God?

We will.

Will you pray for her, help and honor her for her work's sake, and in all things strive to live together in the peace and unity of Christ?

We will.

The presiding minister addresses the pastor being installed.

P: The office of pastor is now committed to you in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Blessing *The newly installed pastor may kneel for the blessing. The congregation is invited to join in laying on of hands.*

P: 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 the glory forever and ever. **Amen.**

Special Selection	<i>As the Deer</i>
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*The presiding minister escorts the pastor to the **font**. A representative of the congregation says:*

R: You have been called to be among us to baptize, to teach, and to forgive sins.

*They proceed to the **pulpit**. A representative of the congregation says:*

R: You have been called to be among us to proclaim the good news.

*They proceed to the **altar**. A representative of the congregation says:*

R: You have been called to be among us to lead worship and preside at Holy Communion.

A representative of the congregation and the presiding minister welcome the pastor.

The congregation may offer acclamation with applause.

Offertory *Give Thanks*

Offertory Prayer We give with joy into your Kingdom today May you bless our offering. Come O Lord and work through these gifts Extend your love through us we pray! Amen.

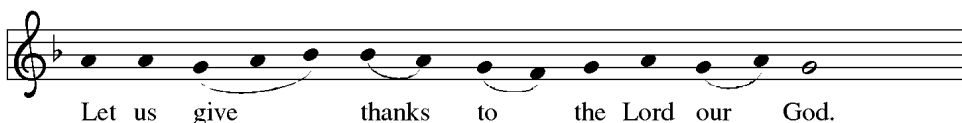
Great Thanksgiving *sing responsively*



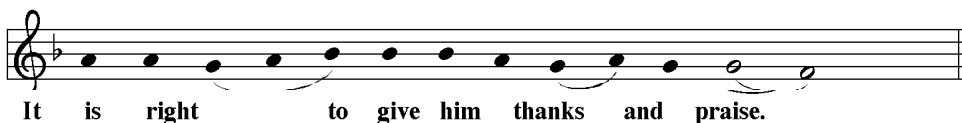
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.



Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Holy Holy Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes



in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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.

Lamb of God

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Holy Communion *All are welcome at the altar. We celebrate an open table in which all those baptized in Jesus' name are welcome to receive communion. Come to the front at the ushers direction. The bread will be placed in your hands. In the center of the tray you will find grape juice. Those not receiving communion will receive a blessing.*

Communion Hymns

You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore

Blue #784

I Am the Bread of Life

Blue #702

Post Communion Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. C: Amen

Post-Communion Prayer

Assisting Minister

Benediction

Closing Hymn

Lift High the Cross

Green #377

Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

++ Please join us for a reception in the fellowship hall downstairs sponsored by the Women of Grace. ++

Presiding Minister: Rev. Lyle Belleque – Former Dean of the Minkota Mission District of the North American Lutheran Church

Lector: Joanne Sannes

Congregation Representatives: Jason Carlson, President; John Carlson, Call Committee Chairman

Musicians: Andrew Hanson, Organist

Flowers: Grace Lutheran Church

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