

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
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August 31, 2024

T Service of Installation T

Preservice Music

Welcome and Greeting

Stand

Hymn of Invocation

LSB 979



1 God, whose al - might - y word Cha - os and
2 Lord, who once came to bring, On Your re -
3 Spir - it of truth and love, Life - giv - ing,
△ 4 Ho - ly and bless - ed Three, Glo - ri - ous



dark - ness heard And took their flight: Hear us, we
deem - ing wing, Heal - ing and sight, Health to the
ho - ly dove, Speed forth Your flight; Move on the
Trin - i - ty, Wis - dom, love, might! Bound - less as



hum - bly pray, And where the Gos - pel day
sick in mind, Sight to the in - ly blind:
wa - ter's face, Bear - ing the lamp of grace,
o - cean's tide, Roll - ing in full - est pride,



Sheds not its glo - rious ray, Let there be light!
Oh, now to hu - man-kind Let there be light!
And in earth's dark - est place Let there be light!
Through the earth, far and wide, Let there be light!

Text: John Marriott, 1780–1825.
Tune: Felice de Giardini, 1716–96.
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Invocation

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

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

Psalm 96:1–6

- P ¹Oh sing to the LORD a new song;
C **sing to the LORD, all the earth!**
- P ²Sing to the LORD, bless his name;
C **tell of his salvation from day to day.**
- P ³Declare his glory among the nations,
C **his marvelous works among all the peoples!**
- P ⁴For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;
C **he is to be feared above all gods.**
- P ⁵For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols,
C **but the LORD made the heavens.**
- P ⁶Splendor and majesty are before him;
C **strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.**

The people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).

T Service of the Word T

Kyrie

LSB 204



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.



C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
 2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
 3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro- claimed at Je-sus' birth!
 O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
 For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
 Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
 You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.
 Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—
 In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Salutation and Collect

P The Lord be with you.
 C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray,

Lord God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

Epistle

2 Corinthians 4:1–2, 5–7

¹Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart. ²But we have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways. We refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God.

⁵For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. ⁶For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

⁷But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Alleluia


LSB 205




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

Verse

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☐ These things are writ-ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Alleluia

LSB 205



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

Holy Gospel

Mark 10:42–45

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the tenth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

⁴²And Jesus called them to him and said to them, "You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. ⁴³But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Apostles' Creed

C **I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Sit

Hymn of the Day: The Church of Christ in Ev'ry Age

LBW 433



1 The church of Christ in ev - 'ry age be - set by
2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims
3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing
4 For he a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the
5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -



change, but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its
of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for
church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's
fe - ver in our blood, and teach us how to
be - dience to our Lord; to care for all, with -



her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.
bread to eat, and nev - er live be - fore they die.
sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.
share our bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.
out re - serve, and spread his lib - er - at - ing word.

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Sermon

Stand

T Installation of Pastor Wayne Puls T

Rite of Installation

Upon completion of the readings and questioning, the presiding minister and the pastor-elect turn to face the congregation. The presiding minister says:

Address

- 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."
- 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.**

Blessing

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

The presiding minister asks the pastor-elect:

Questioning

- P Are you willing and ready to assume this public trust and responsibility?
- R *I am.*

Installation

- P Wayne Puls, I install you as pastor of Grace Lutheran Church, in the name of the Father and of the T 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.
- C **Amen.**

Blessings of Attending Clergy and Elders

Blessing

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 T Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

C **Amen.**

Prayer of the Church

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

With joy and thanksgiving, O Lord God, we celebrate the mercy and love you have shown your people in the life, death, and resurrection of Christ Jesus, your Son, our Savior. Fill our hearts with gratitude and devotion, and make us eager to share the Good News of your salvation with friends, neighbors, family, classmates, and co-workers. Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P We pray today for the ministry of our congregation here at Grace, that your Spirit would be at work in powerful ways to help us carry on the mission of Jesus Christ within these walls and out in the community. Give us opportunities to proclaim your Word to the unchurched, and to share the love of Christ with those who are in need. Provide all that we need, we pray, to be faithful in ministry and mission in the Lord's name. Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P God of love, we offer thanksgiving for our Vacancy Pastor over these past months, and for all who have served, led, and volunteered in our congregation to keep the ministry strong. Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord of the Church, we lift up our sister congregations in the Circuit, District, and Synod, and all their church workers and leaders. In every corner of our church body, may there be a joyful, eager spirit as we make disciples for Christ in response to his Great Commission. Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P God of compassion and renewal, we pray for all those who are suffering and hurting, those in need of your healing strength, those who are grieving and without hope, and those who need your help in any way. Give them patience in their afflictions, heal their hurts, and help them to turn to you in trust.
Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves, our loved ones, our church, and all for whom we pray, trusting in your grace forever, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who has taught us to pray:

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.**

Collect for Peace

P Let us pray. O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Benedicamus

LSB 212

P Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and T give you peace.

C **Amen.**

Hymn to Depart: 837 Lift High the Cross

LSB 837 sts. ref-1, 4-5

Refrain



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro-claim Till



all the world a - dore His sa - cred name.



1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our Cap - tain trod,

4 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,

5 Let ev - 'ry race and ev - 'ry lan - guage tell

Refrain



Our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.

As Thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to Thee.

Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell.

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Closing Response

P Go in peace and serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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Pastor Wayne Puls grew up in Fraser MI, and was raised in the faith at St. Luke Lutheran Church, Clinton Township MI. He is a graduate of Concordia College, Ann Arbor MI (1980), and Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne IN (1984). Pastor Puls served as Religion Instructor at Martin Luther High School, Maspeth NY and as Youth Pastor at St. John Lutheran Church, Flushing NY (1984-86). He was called as Assistant Pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church, Hicksville NY (1986), and then as Senior Pastor at Trinity (1988-2012). Before coming to Grace Lutheran Church, Pastor Puls also served as Senior Pastor at Hope Lutheran Church, Wake Forest NC (2012-2024). Pastor Wayne and Colleen Puls have five children and seven extremely cute grandchildren, all of whom live in New York City and Long Island, NY.