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**Divine Service Setting Three with Rite of Installation**

## **571 God Loved the World So That He Gave**

- 1 God loved the world so that He gave  
His only Son the lost to save,  
That all who would in Him believe  
Should everlasting life receive.
- 2 Christ Jesus is the ground of faith,  
Who was made flesh and suffered death;  
All then who trust in Him alone  
Are built on this chief cornerstone.
- 3 God would not have the sinner die;  
His Son with saving grace is nigh;  
His Spirit in the Word declares  
How we in Christ are heaven's heirs.
- 4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son  
Forgives all sins which you have done;  
And, justified by Jesus' blood,  
Your Baptism grants the highest good.
- 5 If you are sick, if death is near,  
This truth your troubled heart can cheer:  
Christ Jesus saves your soul from death;  
That is the firmest ground of faith.

*(stand)*

- 6 Glory to God the Father, Son,  
And Holy Spirit, Three in One!  
To You, O blessed Trinity,  
Be praise now and eternally!

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## Confession and Absolution

### Invocation

LSB 184

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

### Exhortation

LSB 184

- 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.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

### Confession of Sins

LSB 184

- 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.**

### Absolution

LSB 185

- 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

### Introit

*Psalms 27:3–5; antiphon: v. 1*

- The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?  
**The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**  
Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear;  
**though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.**  
One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after:  
**that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple.**  
For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;  
**he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock.**  
**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;**  
**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**  
The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?  
**The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**

- C **Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

### 942 Kyrie! God, Father

- 1 Kyrie! God, Father in heav'n above,  
You abound in gracious love,  
Of all things the maker and preserver.  
Eleison! Eleison!  
Kyrie! O Christ, our king,  
Salvation for all You came to bring.  
O Lord Jesus, God's own Son,  
Our mediator at the heav'nly throne:  
Hear our cry and grant our supplication.  
Eleison! Eleison!  
Kyrie! O God the Holy Ghost,  
Guard our faith, the gift we need the most,  
And bless our life's last hour,  
That we leave this sinful world with gladness.  
Eleison! Eleison!

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### Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P The Lord be with you.  
C **And with thy spirit.**

- P Let us pray.  
Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C **Amen.**

### Old Testament Reading

*Numbers 21:4–9*

<sup>4</sup>From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. <sup>5</sup>And the people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food." <sup>6</sup>Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. <sup>7</sup>And the people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you. Pray to the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. <sup>8</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it,

shall live.”<sup>9</sup> So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### Gradual

*Hebrews 12:2*

[O come, let us fix our eyes on] Jesus,  
**the founder and perfecter of our faith,**  
who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame,  
**and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.**

### Epistle

*Ephesians 2:1–10*

<sup>1</sup>And you were dead in the trespasses and sins <sup>2</sup>in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—<sup>3</sup>among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. <sup>4</sup>But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, <sup>5</sup>even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—<sup>6</sup>and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup>so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup>For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, <sup>9</sup>not a result of works, so that no one may boast. <sup>10</sup>For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### Holy Gospel

*John 3:14–21*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the third chapter.

C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

<sup>14</sup>[Jesus said:] “As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup>“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup>For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

<sup>18</sup>Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

<sup>19</sup>And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their deeds were evil. <sup>20</sup>For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. <sup>21</sup>But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his deeds have been carried out in God.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise be to Thee, 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.**

## **Children's Sermon**

### **702 My Faith Looks Up to Thee**

- 1 My faith looks up to Thee,  
Thou Lamb of Calvary,  
Savior divine.  
Now hear me while I pray;  
Take all my guilt away;  
O let me from this day  
Be wholly Thine!
- 2 May Thy rich grace impart  
Strength to my fainting heart;  
My zeal inspire!  
As Thou hast died for me,  
Oh, may my love to Thee  
Pure, warm, and changeless be,  
A living fire!
- 3 While life's dark maze I tread  
And griefs around me spread,  
Be Thou my guide;  
Bid darkness turn to day,  
Wipe sorrow's tears away,  
Nor let me ever stray  
From Thee aside.

- 4 When ends life's transient dream,  
When death's cold, sullen stream  
Shall o'er me roll,  
Blest Savior, then, in love,  
Fear and distrust remove;  
O bear me safe above,  
A ransomed soul!

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**Sermon** – District President Rev. Dr. Scott C. Sailer

Text: Numbers 21:4-9

Theme: "Feasting on grace, starving sin"

**Votum**

P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

C **Amen.**

**Offertory**

LSB 192

C **Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit.  
Amen.**

**Sharing of the Peace and Offering**

**Installation of a Pastor**

*The pastor-elect is presented before the altar. The presiding minister, standing before the altar, says:*

**Rite of Installation**

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, the Reverend Kevin Wayne Koester has been called by the Lord of the Church, through this congregation, to be its sole pastor.

*Sit*

*The presiding minister and pastor-elect remain standing. The assisting ministers may join the presiding minister at the altar.*

*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 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>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.
- A <sup>2</sup>shepherd the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight, not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you; not for shameful gain, but eagerly; <sup>3</sup>not domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock. <sup>4</sup>And when the chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory.
- 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.

### **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 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.

*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 a pastor of this congregation.



In the presence of this assembly 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 *I do.*

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 *I do.*

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 *I do.*

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.*

## Installation of the Pastor of a Congregation

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

- P You have heard the promises of him called to be your pastor. You, too, have responsibilities in the relationship between the congregation and pastor, including to let your lights shine here and in the community and to give your pastor respect and obedience as he carries out his work as an undershepherd of Christ. And so, I ask you, 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.**

*The presiding minister asks the pastor-elect:*

- P Are you willing and ready to assume this public trust and responsibility?  
R *I am.*
- P Kevin Wayne Koester, I install you as sole pastor of Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church, in the name of the Father and of the ✕ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C **Amen.**

*Stand*

*The newly installed pastor may kneel. The presiding minister prays the following.*

- P Let us pray.  
Almighty and merciful God, our heavenly Father, guide and bless Your servant Kevin, given by you as the shepherd of this flock. Grant him confidence and great boldness, uphold and sustain him in hardship, and grand him faithfulness in all his labors, so that through the ministry of Word and Sacraments, Your people may grow in knowledge, faith, and service, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C **Amen.**

## Prayer of the Church

### Lord's Prayer

LSB 162

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to 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.**

### Salutation

LSB 201

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

### Benedicamus

LSB 202

P Bless we the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### Benediction

LSB 202

P The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

C **Amen, amen, amen.**

### 918 Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer

- 1 Guide me, O Thou great Redeemer,  
Pilgrim through this barren land.  
I am weak, but Thou art mighty;  
Hold me with Thy pow'rful hand.  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,  
Feed me till I want no more;  
Feed me till I want no more.
- 2 Open now the crystal fountain  
Whence the healing stream doth flow;  
Let the fiery, cloudy pillar  
Lead me all my journey through.  
Strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer,  
Be Thou still my strength and shield;  
Be Thou still my strength and shield.

3 When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
Bid my anxious fears subside;  
Death of death and hell's destruction,  
Land me safe on Canaan's side.  
Songs of praises, songs of praises  
I will ever give to Thee;  
I will ever give to Thee.

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Everyone is cordially invited to the potluck meal which will be held following the second service in the Activities Center in honor of our Sole Pastor Kevin Koester.