Service of Holy Communion

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Installation

Of

The Rev. Dr. Jeffrey M. Wilson

Lead Pastor



Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Buffalo, New York

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH Buffalo, New York

Service of Installation for The Rev. Dr. Jeffrey M. Wilson

Friday, January 5, 2024 7:00 p.m.

Holy Communion

Welcome to Holy Trinity!

Holy Trinity recognizes that each of us is a unique creation made in the image of God. We celebrate and give thanks for the many diverse gifts that God has bestowed on us. We proclaim ourselves to be an Open and Affirming congregation to all of God's creatures welcoming into our ministry persons of every race, culture, age, gender identification, gender expression, sexual orientation, ability, and economic status. We commit ourselves to the work of anti-racism and creating an anti-racist space through the protection against oppression internally, in institutions, interpersonally and structurally.

We believe that through our openness we all grow in our faith through Christ's teaching to love one another as God loves us.

Visitors interested in membership may talk with a Council representative at the Council desk, contact the Church office or indicate on the yellow Welcome sheet.

We invite you to share your story and your worship experience!
Check-in and share on any of our social media platforms using #poweroftrinity.
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PRELUDE

Prelude and Fugue in e minor "Cathedral" BWV 533

Johann Sebastain Bach (1685-1750)

Retrospection

Florence Price (1887-1953)

Fanfare for a New Day

J. Wayne Kerr (b. 1958)

THE GATHERING

RINGING OF THE TOWER BELLS

THE INTROIT

Asperges me
Text: Psalm 51:7,1
Anton Bruckner
(1824-1896)

Sprinkle me, O Lord, with hyssop, and I shall be cleansed: Thou shalt wash me, and I shall be made whiter than snow. Have mercy on me, O God, according to thy great mercy. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation. **Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. For the Great Lakes, for the rush of the Niagara. Honor to you for cloud and rain, for dew and snow. Your waters are below us, around us, above us: our life is born in you. You are the fountain of resurrection.

Praise to you for your saving waters: Noah and the animals survive the flood; Hagar discovers your well. The Israelites escape through the sea, and they drink from your gushing rock. Naaman washes his leprosy away, and the Samaritan woman will never be thirsty again.

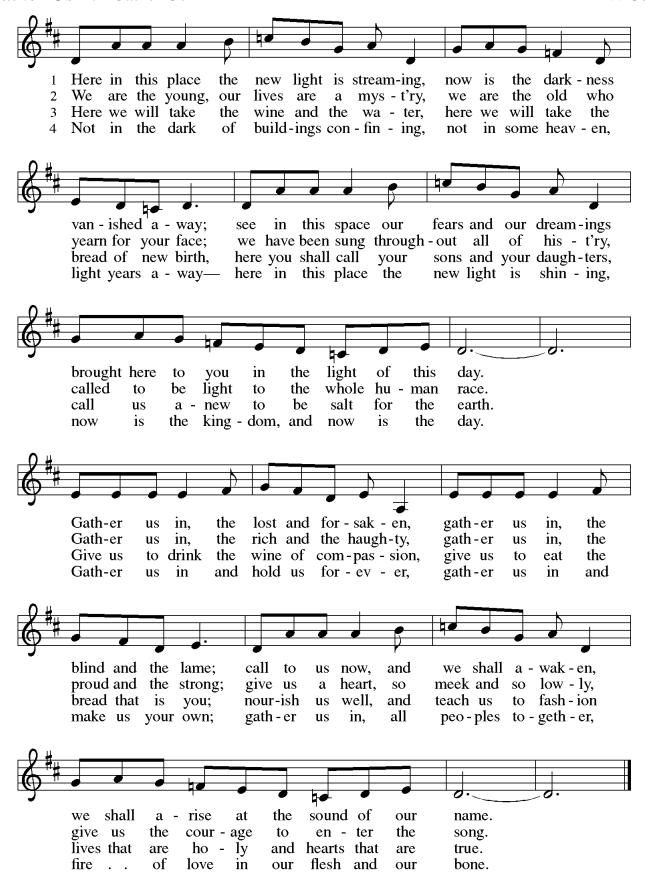
Praise to you for the water of baptism and for your Word that saves us in this sacrament. Breathe your Spirit into all who are gathered here and into all creation. Illumine our days. Enliven our bones. Dry our tears. Wash away the sin within us, and drown the evil around us.

Satisfy all our thirst with your living water. Almighty God, who gives us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit and forgives us all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Gather Us In "Gather Us In"

ELW 532



Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950
Music: GATHER US IN, Marty Haugen
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THE GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.

And also with you.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together.

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 crown of eternal glory; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated.

THE WORD

THE FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:1-3, 6-12a

The first reading for today is recorded in Isaiah, the 55th Chapter.

¹Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.

³Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.

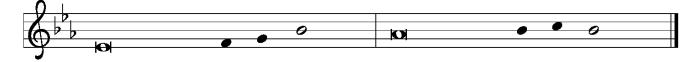
⁶Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; ⁷let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. ⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. ⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. ¹⁰For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, ¹¹so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. ¹²For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 27

The congregation will sing responsively the bold-faced type.



¹The 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?

²When evildoers assail me to de-vour my flesh — my adversaries and foes — they shall stum-ble and fall.

³Though an army encamp against me, my heart | shall not fear; though war rise up against me, yet I will be | confident.

⁴One thing I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: to live in the house of the LORD all the days | of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire | in his temple.

⁵For he will hide me in his shelter in the | day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high | on a rock.

⁶Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with | shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody | to the LORD.

⁷Hear, O LORD, when I | cry aloud, be gracious to me and | answer me!

8"Come," my heart says, | "seek his face!" Your face, LORD, | do I seek.

⁹Do not hide your face from me. Do not turn your servant away in anger, you who have | been my help.

Do not cast me off, do not forsake me, O God of | my salvation!

¹⁰If my father and mother | forsake me, the LORD will | take me up.

¹¹Teach me your way, | O - LORD, and lead me on a level path because | of my enemies.

12Do not give me up to the will of my adversaries,for false witnesses have ri - sen against me,and they are breathing | out violence.

¹³I believe that I shall see the goodness | of the LORD in the land | of the living.

¹⁴Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your | heart take courage; wait | for the LORD!

THE SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:4-12

The second reading is recorded in First Corinthians, the 12th Chapter.

⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

¹²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL PROCESSION

Cantate Domino Hans Leo Hassler Text: Psalm 96 (1564-1612)

O sing unto the Lord a new song: sing unto the Lord, all the whole earth.

Sing unto the Lord, and praise his Name: be telling of his salvation from day to day.

Declare his honor unto the heathen: and his wonders unto all people.

Please stand for the Gospel, if able.

THE GOSPEL: John 21:15-19

The Holy Gospel according to Saint John

Glory to you O Lord.

¹⁵When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." ¹⁶A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you."

Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." ¹⁷He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. ¹⁸Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished.

But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." ¹⁹(He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHORAL RESPONSE

Ecce sacerdos magnus Text: Ecclesiastes 44:16-17 Edward Elgar (1857–1934)

Behold a great priest, who in his days pleased God and was found righteous.

Please be seated.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Leila Ortiz, Bishop *Metropolitan Washington, D.C. Synod*

Please stand, if able.

Canticle of the Turning "Star of County Down"



THE RITE OF INSTALLATION

The Rev. Lee Miller, II, Bishop Upstate New York Synod

THE PRESENTATION

The assembly stands.

Having been authorized by the church to install The Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Wilson, our co-worker in the gospel, as Lead Pastor, I now ask for certification of this call.

After prayerful deliberation, we, The English Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity, have called The Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Wilson as Lead Pastor; I present him and this letter certifying the call.

The assembly is seated.

THE ADDRESS AND QUESTIONS

A reading from John: Jesus said, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, 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. Attend to the public reading of scripture, to exhorting, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you through prophecy with the laying on of hands by the council of elders. Put these things into practice, devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress. Pay close attention to yourself and to your teaching; continue in these things, for in doing this you will save both yourself and your hearers. (1 Timothy 4:12-16)

Pastor Wilson, in the presence of this assembly, will you commit yourself to this new trust and responsibility, in the confidence that it comes from God through the call of the church?

I will, and I ask God to help me.

Will you preach and teach in accordance with the holy scriptures and with the confessions of the Lutheran church? Will you carry out this ministry in harmony with the constitutions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America?

I will, and I ask God to help me.

Will you be diligent in your study of the holy scriptures and in your use of the means of grace? Will you love, serve, and pray for God's people, nourish them with the word and sacraments, and lead them by your own example in faithful service and holy living?

I will, and I ask God to help me.

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

I will, and I ask God to help me.

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

The assembly stands.

People of God, will you receive Pastor Jeffrey Wilson as a messenger of Jesus Christ sent to serve all people with the gospel of hope and salvation? Will you regard him as a servant of Christ and a steward of the mysteries of God?

We will, and we ask God to help us.

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

We will, and we ask God to help us.

Pastor Jeffrey Wilson, the office of Lead Pastor is now committed to you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

THE BLESSING

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, make you complete in everything good so that you may do God's will,

working in you that which is pleasing in God's sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever.

Amen.

At this time Pastor Wilson will be led to significant places in the life of the congregation.

THE CHORAL RESPONSE

The Peace of God

John Wellman Becker (1927-2021)

Text: The Rev. Dr. Ralph Loew (1908-1996) Organist-Choirmaster (1954-1972), Senior Pastor, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church (1944-1975) Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Composed 1964 for the Three Choir Hymn Festival, Buffalo, NY

The Peace of God, we pray will strengthen all our days,

The joy that startles and consoles when faith sustains our ways.

The peace of God we seek will stir through all despair,

Till righteousness and justice come, to all men everywhere,

The peace of God we know within the loving heart

That helps us risk and even fail lest we from truth depart.

The peace of God is shared through Christ our living Lord,

When deeds match in selfless love His peace our sole reward.

The peace of God is shown through Jesus Christ our Light,

Who beckons us toward boldness though our eyes, they cannot see.

At the baptismal font (Christopher Huber)

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

Choral Response vs. 1

At the altar (Linda Schmidt)

You have been called among us to preside at the Lord's supper.

Choral Response vs. 2

At the pulpit (The Rev. Richard Neal)

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

Choral Response vs. 3

At the Paschal Candle (Kathleen Crissey)

We are to let our light so shine before others that they see our good works and glorify our Father in

heaven. Seek the light of Christ – His truth and righteousness. Lead us also as we seek the light of Christ and to be lights in this world.

Choral Response vs. 4

At the door of the church (Linda Horton)

You are called among us to work with us to open these doors to welcome all people, and to love and serve our neighbors outside these doors.

Choral Response vs. 5

At the center of the church (Jennifer Yap)

The center of the church and the center of our lives as Christians is Christ as revealed through the Holy

Spirit and the Scriptures. We commend you to your personal ongoing study, meditation and prayer that

the Holy Spirit would guide you and sustain your spirit.

All of these things that we have entrusted to you cannot be done but by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Pray unceasingly for this congregation and for the Holy Spirit's leading.

YOUTH CHOIR ANTHEM

Arise! Shine! Carol McClure

Holy Trinity Youth Choir

Arise and shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord is upon you.

Come, lift your eyes up to the skies; See the dawn!

Come, lift your eyes up to the skies; Light has come!

Now is the time for you will shine: at the dawn;

Now is the time for you to shine: Joy has come!

THE PRESENTATION

Barbara Wozniak Elizabeth Vihnanek

Representing the Holy Trinity Needlers Group

People of God, I present to you The Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Wilson, your Lead Pastor. Let us welcome him in the name of Christ.

The assembly may offer acclamation with applause.

THE PRAYERS

Each petition concludes, "in your mercy." Please respond **Hear our Prayer.**

THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Let us share with each other a sign of Christ' peace.

THE OFFERING

Today's offering will be given away in its entirety. It will be apportioned to Lutheran World Relief and offering relief to those in our own community.

THE MOTET AT THE OFFERING

My Hope is Built Tom Trenney
Text: Edward Mote (b. 1977)

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness; I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

(*Refrain*) On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand: all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness seems to hide his face, I rest on his unchanging grace; in every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil. (*Refrain*)

When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found: dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne. (*Refrain*)

Please stand, if able.

THE OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together.

Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever.

Amen.

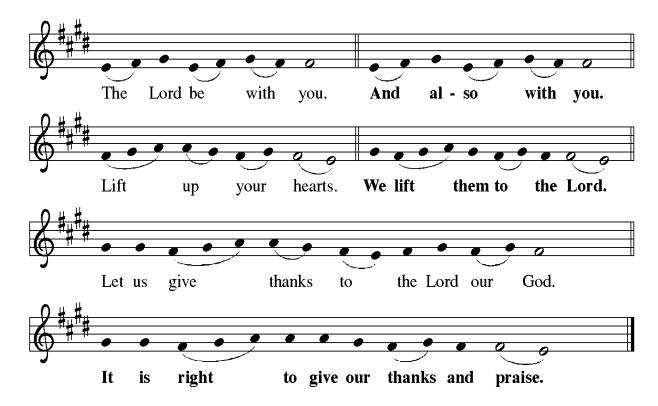
THE OFFERTORY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow "Old Hundredth"

ELW 885

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

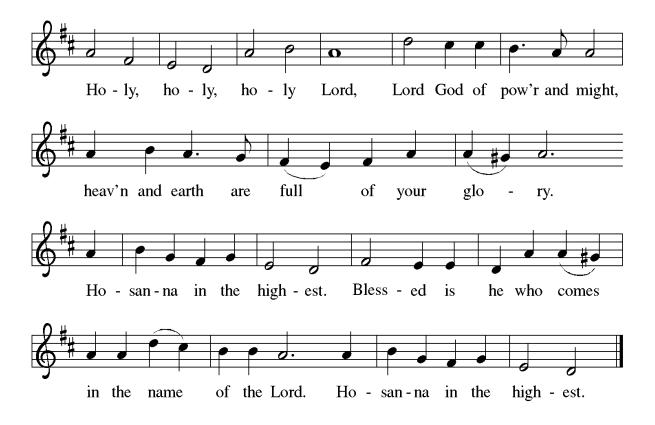
THE DIALOGUE



THE PREFACE

It is indeed right and salutary . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

THE SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory. Pour out your Holy Spirit, that by this Holy Communion we may know the unity we share with all your people in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

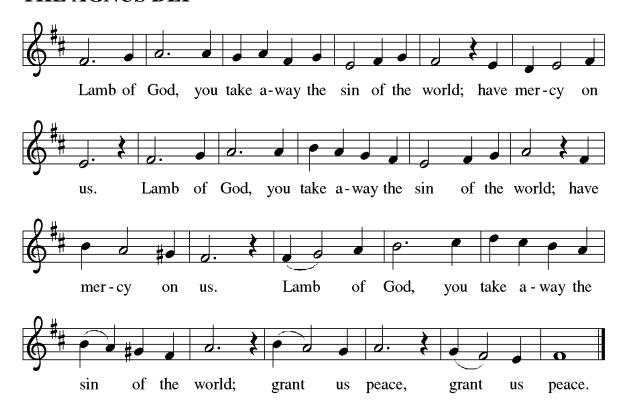
Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

Amen.

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.

THE AGNUS DEI



Please be seated.

THE COMMUNION

Invitation to Communion

All are welcome to share in the sacrament of Holy Communion at Holy Trinity. Beginning with those seated closest to the altar, you are invited to come forward down the center aisle to the presiding minister. Receiving the wafer in your hand, you are invited to dip or "intinct" the wafer into the chalice. There is wine in the silver chalice and grape juice in the ceramic chalice. For those who prefer, gluten-free wafers are available by simply asking the Pastor as you are served. Portable communion cups are also available for those who are not comfortable sharing the sacrament of Holy Communion in-person. Adults or children choosing not to receive communion may come forward to receive a blessing. The Pastors will bring the sacrament to persons in the pews that are unable to come forward. Please advise an usher if you wish the pastor to do so.

Come eat and drink; there is a place for you at the table of our Lord.

THE COMMUNION MOTETS

If Ye Love Me
Text: John 14: 15-17
Philip Stopford
(b. 1977)

If ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Comforter, even the Spirit of Truth.

Sing Joyfully Unto God

William Byrd (1543–1623)

Text: Psalm 81:1-4

Sing joyfully unto God our strength; sing loud unto the God of Jacob. Take the song, and bring forth the timbrel, the pleasant harp and the viol. Blow the trumpet in the new moon, even in the time appointed, and at our feast day. For this is a statute for Israel, and a law of the God of Jacob.

Please stand, if able.

May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

Amen.

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

We thank you, O God, that you have fed us at your banqueting table with bread and wine beyond compare, the very life of Christ for us. Send your Spirit with us now, that we may set the captive free, use your gifts to build one another up, and in everything reflect your glory revealed in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

God Almighty send you light and truth to keep you all the days of your life. The hand of God protect you; the holy angels accompany you; and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you now and forever.

Amen.

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God "Ein Feste Burg"



Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Lutheran Book of Worship Music: EIN FESTE BURG, Martin Luther Text © 1978 Lutheran Book of Worship, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Remember the poor.

Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY

Toccata on 'Amazing Grace'

New Britain, *Virginia Harmony*, 1831 Setting by J. Christopher Pardini

All are invited to attend a celebration reception in honor of Pastor Jeff Wilson's Service of Installation in Redeemer Hall following this worship service



Pastor Jeff thanks the staff, members and friends of Holy Trinity for this special day and the ministry we will share together.

Special thanks to family, friends and the members of the congregations Pastor Jeff has served:

Redeemer Lutheran Church – McLean, VA Bethel Evangelical Lutheran Church – Manassas, VA St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church – Riverdale, MD

We are so blessed to have you join us today!

For CARDIAC EMERGENCIES:

Our Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) is located in the Sacristy on the wall near the window.

Look for the First Aid and AED sign near the top of the door to the Sacristy.

Exit the Sanctuary next to the Angel Lectern.

The Sacristy will be the first room on the left.

Coming from other areas of our building,
go up the stairs toward the Main Church and turn left.

Participating in today's liturgy

Liturgist The Rev. Richard Neal

Pastor for Parish and Spiritual Development

Preacher Bishop Leila Ortiz

Metropolitan Washington, D.C. Synod

Right of Installation Bishop Lee M. Miller, II

Upstate New York Synod

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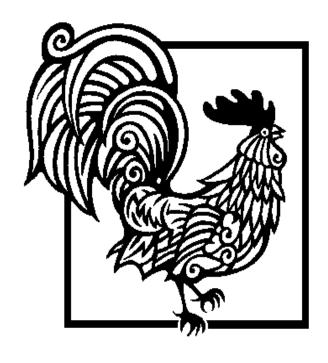
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