

**DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING 3
ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF REV. NILS PAUL NIEMEIER**

PRELUDE

ORDER OF CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Stand

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

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: 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.

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

People: who made heaven and earth.

Pastor: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

People: and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

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

Pastor: O almighty God, merciful Father,

People: 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.

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

KYRIE (spoken)

People: Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (spoken)

Deacon: Glory be to God on high:

People: and on earth peace, good-will toward men.

**We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,
We glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.**

**O Lord God, heav'nly King,
God, the Father Almighty.**

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

That takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy

upon us.

For Thou only art holy, Thou only art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,

Art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

SALUTATION & COLLECT

Deacon: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Deacon: 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.

People: Amen.

Old Testament Reading - Isaiah 52:7-10 (ESV)

Lector: A reading from the Prophet Isaiah, the fifty-second chapter.

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sit

Epistle Reading – Romans 10:14-17 (ESV)

Lector: A reading from Paul's Epistle to the Romans, the tenth chapter.

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

People: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

These things are written that you may believe

That Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel Reading – John 20:19-23 (ESV)

Lector: The Gospel according to Saint John, the twentieth chapter.

People: Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

Lector: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

SERMON

Reverend Stephen Unger

RITE OF ORDINATION & INSTALLATION

INVOCATION

Bishop: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Bishop: Beloved in the Lord, [full name of candidate] 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 [name and place]. According to apostolic practice, he is now presented to be ordained and consecrated to this office established by God.

Stand

Bishop:

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

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 498/499 (sung by choir/cantor)

SALUTATION

Bishop: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

COLLECT

Bishop: Let us pray. O Lord God, heavenly Father, by the blessed light of Your holy Word You have led us to the knowledge of Your Son. We humbly implore You to replenish us with the grace of Your Holy Spirit that we may ever walk in the light of Your truth and, rejoicing with sure confidence in Christ, our Savior, be brought to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Scripture Readings Concerning The Office Of The Holy Ministry (*read by other pastors in attendance*)

Confessional Subscription

Promises

ORDINATION

Bishop: [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.” *John 20:21–23 NKJV alt.*

Bishop: Nils Paul Niemeier, 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.

People: Amen.

Bishop: 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. Amen.

The assisting pastors each in turn hold out their hands toward the newly ordained, adding an appropriate blessing or passage from the Word of God.

**People: 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.**

VESTING

At this time, the newly ordained is vested (given his stole and chasuble).

Bishop: 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 [name] as a servant of Christ and minister of Word and Sacrament? If so, then answer: We will.

People: We will.

The bishop prays, ending with:

Bishop: To You, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all glory and honor, both now and forever.

People: Amen.

INSTALLATION

Bishop: Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, Nils Niemeier has been called to be (a) pastor of Messiah Evangelical Lutheran Church. I ask you now, in the presence of God: 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 fervent prayer? If so, then answer: We will, with the help of God.

People: We will, with the help of God.

Bishop: Will you honor and uphold your pastor as he serves Christ in all his God-pleasing responsibilities? Will you aid him as he cares for his family? Will you be diligent to “put the best construction on everything,” recognizing that “love covers a multitude of sins”? If so, then answer: We will, with the help of God.

People: We will, with the help of God.

Bishop: The almighty and most merciful God strengthen and assist you always.

The bishop asks the newly ordained/called:

Bishop: Are you willing and ready to assume this public trust and responsibility?

Candidate: I am.

Bishop: Nils Paul Niemeier, I install you as (a) pastor of Messiah Evangelical Lutheran Church, in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Bishop: 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. *Hebrews 13:20–21*

People: Amen.

The presiding minister prays one or both of the following.

Bishop: Let us pray. Merciful God and Father, You have graciously promised that, through the preaching of the crucified Christ, those who believe in Him will be saved. By Your Holy Spirit grant grace to Nils, whom You have given to be pastor of this congregation. Grant him readiness and steadfastness in this ministry, patience, understanding, and great zeal. Support and strengthen him in Your service that by Your Word Your Church may be built and increased; through Your Son, our great High Priest, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

Bishop: Almighty and most merciful God and Father, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You have established Your Church to be a temple and dwelling place of the Holy Spirit. We give thanks that You continue to provide shepherds to feed and serve Your flock in which the Holy Spirit has made them overseers. We humbly implore You ever to strengthen the labors of Your ministers, that through their ministry of Word and Sacrament Your people may increase in Your knowledge and service and grow up into Him who is the head, even Jesus Christ, to whom, with You and the Holy Spirit, be all glory now and forever.

People: Amen.

Bishop: 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 among 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.

People: Amen.

HYMN

"To God the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray" LSB 768 (sung by choir/cantor)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Bishop: Dearly beloved, let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Pastor: Almighty and ever-living God, who by Your holy apostle has taught us to make prayers and supplications, and to give thanks for all men, we humbly implore You most mercifully to hear our prayer which we offer to Your divine majesty. We beseech You to inspire continually Your whole Church with the Spirit of truth, unity, and concord. Grant that all who confess Your holy name may agree in the truth of Your holy Word, and live in unity and godly love. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Bishop: Let us pray for our country and for all those whom God has set in authority over us.

Pastor: We beseech You, heavenly Father, to save and defend our country. Grant to the President of the United States, the Governor of our state, the Congress and state legislature, the judges and magistrates, and all others in civil authority, wisdom and strength to know and to do Your will. We implore You also to direct and dispose the hearts of all rulers that they may truly and impartially minister justice to the punishment of wickedness and vice, and to the maintenance of God's true religion and virtue. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Bishop: Let us pray for all pastors, and for all those who hear and receive their ministry.

Pastor: Give grace, O heavenly Father, to Matthew, our synodical president, to Derek, our bishop, to all pastors and deacons that they may both by their life and doctrine proclaim Your true and lively Word and rightly and duly administer Your holy Sacraments. And to all Your people give Your heavenly grace that with meek heart and due reverence they may hear and receive Your holy Word, truly serving You in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Bishop: Let us pray for all those in our parish who are homebound, for those afflicted in any way.

Pastor: We most humbly implore You of Your goodness, O Lord, mercifully to consider this congregation which is here assembled in Your name to celebrate the remembrance of the most glorious death of Your Son. And we beseech You to comfort and help all those who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness or any adversity, especially the homebound in this parish, and all others who request our prayers [pause for private intentions]. We pray that by Your healing grace You would defend them from every evil to body and soul. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Bishop: Let us commend to our Lord all those who have gone before us in the faith.

Pastor: We commend to Your mercy, O Lord all Your servants who have departed with the sign of faith and now rest in the sleep of peace [pause for private remembrances]. Grant to them, we beseech You, Your mercy and everlasting peace, and that, on the day of the resurrection of all flesh, we and all Your servants of the mystical body of Your Son may be set together on His right hand and hear His most joyful voice saying, "Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world." Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Grant this, O Father, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator, who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

OFFERTORY (spoken)

**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 to me the joy of Thy salvation,
And uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.**

OFFERING

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Stand

PREFACE

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God: 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; for You have mightily governed and protected Your holy Church, in which the blessed apostles and evangelists proclaimed Your divine and saving Gospel. Therefore with patriarchs and prophets, apostles and evangelists, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS (spoken)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth
Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He, blessed is He,
Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant: 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.

People: For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Celebrant: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My \times body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My \times blood,

which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

PAX DOMINI

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God,
That takest away the sin of the world,
Have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God,
That takest away the sin of the world,
Have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God,
That takest away the sin of the world,
Grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

DISTRIBUTION

NUNC DIMITTIS

**Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word,
For mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before
the face of all people.
A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of Your people Israel.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen.**

THANKSGIVING:

Celebrant: O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

People: And His mercy endureth forever.

Celebrant: 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 in 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.

People: Amen.

SALUTATION & BENEDICAMUS

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Celebrant: Bless we the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

Celebrant: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you, ☩ and give you peace.

People: Amen.

POSTLUDE

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