

**Installation of Pastor Halcyon Bjornstad
Lord of Life Lutheran Church**



**Sunday, September 17, 2023
at 1:30 PM**

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We All Are One in Mission

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Hallelujah, We Sing Your Praises

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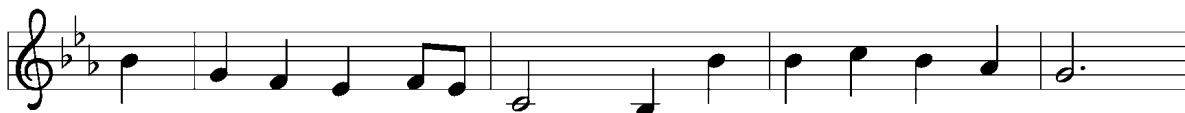
PRELUDE MUSIC

WELCOME

ENTRANCE HYMN

We All Are One in Mission

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1 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,
2 We all are called for ser - vice, to wit-ness in God's name.
3 Now let us be u - nit - ed, and let our song be heard.



our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.
Our min - is - tries are dif - f'rent; our pur - pose is the same:
Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem-ing Word.



A sin - gle great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove
to touch the lives of oth - ers with God's sur - pris-ing grace,
We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,



to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.
so ev - 'ry folk and na - tion may feel God's warm em - brace.
our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

GREETING

Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

We pray together: **O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

FIRST READING: Isaiah 52:7-10

R ⁷ How beautiful upon the mountains
 are the feet of the messenger who announces peace,
 who brings good news,
 who announces salvation,
 who says to Zion, 'Your God reigns.'
8 Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices,
 together they sing for joy;
 for in plain sight they see
 the return of the LORD to Zion.
9 Break forth together into singing,
 you ruins of Jerusalem;
 for the LORD has comforted his people,
 he has redeemed Jerusalem.
10 The LORD has bared his holy arm
 before the eyes of all the nations;
 and all the ends of the earth shall see
 the salvation of our God.

R The word of the Lord. C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 136:1-9

R ¹ O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
C **for God's steadfast love endures forever.**
2 O give thanks to the God of gods,
 for God's steadfast love endures forever.
3 O give thanks to the Lord of lords,
 for God's steadfast love endures forever;
4 who alone does great wonders,
 for God's steadfast love endures forever;
5 who by understanding made the heavens,
 for God's steadfast love endures forever;
6 who spread out the earth on the waters,
 for God's steadfast love endures forever;
7 who made the great lights,
 for God's steadfast love endures forever;
8 the sun to rule over the day,
 for God's steadfast love endures forever;
9 the moon and stars to rule over the night,
 for God's steadfast love endures forever

SECOND READING: Romans 12:4-8

R ⁴For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, ⁵so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

R The word of the Lord. C Thanks be to God.


CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Halcyon Bjornstad


GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Hallelujah, We Sing Your Praises


Refrain— sung twice each time



Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa ro - na, di tha -
Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your prais - es, all our



bi - le ka - o - fe - la. Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa
hearts are filled with glad - ness. Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your



ro - na, di tha - bi - le ka - o - fe - la.
prais-es, all our hearts are filled with glad - ness. *End*

GOSPEL: John 10:7-18

P The holy gospel according to John. C Glory to you, O Lord.

⁷ So again Jesus said to them, ‘Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸ All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹ I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

¹¹ ‘I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹² The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³ The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴ I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵ just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶ I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷ For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸ No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.’

P The gospel of the Lord. C Praise to you, O Christ.

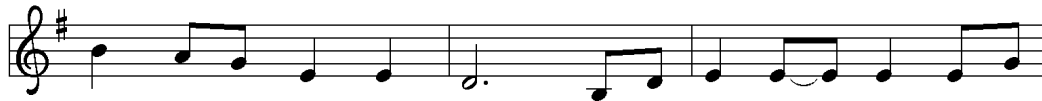
HYMN OF THE DAY

Canticle of the Turning

#723



1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the
2 Though I am small, my . . . God, my all, you . . .
3 From the halls of pow'r to the for - tress tow'r, not a
4 Though the na - tions rage from . . age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the
work great . . things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the
stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your
mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant . . from his throne.
liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my
Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to
The hun - gry poor shall . . weep no more, for the
This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my
those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the
food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry
prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.
mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.
crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.



Refrain
My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus - tice burn.



Wipe a - way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.

PRESENTATION

P Having been authorized by the church to install the Reverend Halcyon Bjornstad, our co-worker in the gospel, as pastor of Lord of Life Lutheran Church, I now ask for certification of this call.

Congregation Council President-Leif Moe-Lobeda

After prayerful deliberation, we, the Body of Christ at Lord of Life Lutheran Church, have called the Reverend Halcyon Bjornstad to serve as a minister of word and sacrament in the position of pastor. I present her and this letter certifying the call.

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)

Halcyon, 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?

I will, and I ask God to help me.

Trusting in God's care, 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.

C Amen.

[The assembly stands.]

People of God,
will you receive Halcyon as a messenger of Jesus Christ
sent 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?
C We will, and we ask God to help us.

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?
C We will, and we ask God to help us.

Halcyon Bjornstad, the office of pastor at Lord of Life is now committed to you
in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

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.
C Amen.

[Procession to the place of baptism]
You have been called to be among us to baptize, to teach, and to forgive sins.

[Procession to the place of the word]
You have been called to be among us to proclaim the good news.

[Procession to the place of the meal]
You have been called to be among us to preside at the Lord's supper.

[Procession to the entrance of the church]
You have been called to be among us to equip us and send us out in mission— into our homes, our workplaces, our schools, our community, and the world.

People of God, I present to you Pastor Halcyon Bjornstad.
Let us welcome her in the name of Christ.

WORDS of WELCOME

Cluster Dean:

As dean of the South-King Cluster, I welcome Pastor Halcyon, at the beginning of this new call to Lord of Life Lutheran Church—one of our cluster congregations. All of us in this cluster look forward to the partnership, collaboration, and ministry we anticipate doing together with Lord of Life and Pastor Halcyon as we share the good news of Jesus.

NWWA Synod Representative:

On behalf of the Northwest Washington Synod, Council, I welcome you into this Synod, Pastor Halcyon. We are dedicated to partnering and working together with you, within our threefold expression of the church, as we faithfully share the good news of Christ both together and in the unique ways the Spirit leads us.

THE PRAYERS

P Let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

God, we praise you for revealing your gospel to prophets, preachers, and leaders in your church. Inspire their continuing faithful proclamation. Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

God of the living and the dead, work in your creation, and work through us, in such ways that lead to life for your creation and for all people. Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

God of the city, we pray for cities, urban areas, suburbs, small towns, and all communities. Look favorably on all lands; bring peace where there is conflict and cooperation where there is disagreement. Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

Holy One, you see the needs of those who suffer. When we are sick, tend to us and to our neighbors, and give us gratitude when we are well. Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

Giver of joy, make your presence known in this assembly. Give us such a clear and bold share of your Spirit that your life and vitality shine through us into our neighborhood. Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

O God, you have called the saints your own. Gather us into your kingdom, in the promise of life forever with you. Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting your promise to hear us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

OFFERING

Slavonic Dance, Op. 72, No. 2 by Dvorak

Suzanne Bowen and John Cox

OFFERTORY

One Bread, One Body

#496

Refrain



One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all; one cup of
bless-ing which we bless, and we, though man-y
through-out the earth, we are one bod-y in this one Lord.

1 Gen-tile or Jew, ser-vant or free,
2 Man-y the gifts, man-y the works,
3 Grain for the fields, scat-tered and grown,

Refrain

wom-an or man, no more.
one in the Lord of all.
gath-ered to one for all.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever.
Amen

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

COMMUNION SONG

Christ Be Our Light

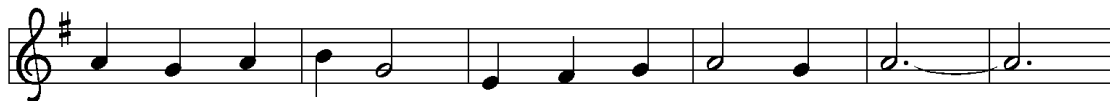
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1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for
2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for
3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for
4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for
5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

COMMUNION BLESSING

SENDING BLESSING

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace,
In the name of the Father, and of the Son ✠ , and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.



1 O God of bless - ings, all praise to you! Your love sur -
 2 All praise for proph - ets, through grace in - spired to preach and
 3 All praise for mu - sic, deep gift pro - found, through hands and
 4 All praise for Je - sus, best gift di - vine through word and
 5 A bil - lion voic - es in one great song, now soft and



rounds us our whole life through. You are the
 wit - ness with hearts on fire. Your Spir - it
 voic - es in ho - ly sound; the psalms of
 wit - ness, in bread and wine; in - car - nate
 gen - tle, now deep and strong, in ev - 'ry



free - dom of those op - pressed; you are the com - fort of all dis -
 choos - es the weak and small to sing the new reign where might - y
 Da - vid, and Mar - y's praise, in word - less splen - dor and lyr - ic
 love song of bound - less grace, priest, teach - er, proph - et in time and
 cul - ture and style and key, from hill and val - ley, with sky and



tressed. Come now, O ho - ly and wel - come guest:
 fall; with them may we live your gos - pel call:
 phrase, with all cre - a - tion one song we raise:
 space, your stead - fast kind - ness with hu - man face:
 sea, with Christ we praise you e - ter - nal - ly:



So - li De - o glo - ri - a! So - li De - o glo - ri - a!

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Following the service, please join us for a reception.
