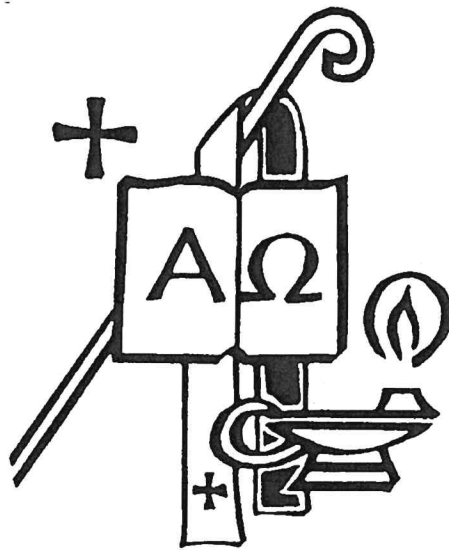


**SERVICE OF INSTALLATION
of
THE REV. JACOB SWENSON**

at

**West Portal Lutheran Church
200 Sloat Boulevard
San Francisco, California**



**Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
June 30, 2024
3:00 p.m.**

SERVICE OF INSTALLATION

AS WE GATHER

The Office of the Holy Ministry has been instituted by Christ Himself as a gift to His Church (John 20:19-23; Ephesians 4:11-16). Through the Christian congregation, as the holder of all church authority, God calls qualified men to fill this divinely established office and sends them as His ministers to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ and to administer the Sacraments publicly in the stead of Christ and by His command, with accountability both to God and to the Church (Matthew 10:1-5; 28:18-20; Romans 10:14-15; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25; 1 Timothy 2:1-12).

+ ENTRANCE RITE +

PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

God Loved the World So That He Gave

LSB 571

Please rise as the Procession enters the sanctuary.

- 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.

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

Public domain

+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

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: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

People: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

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

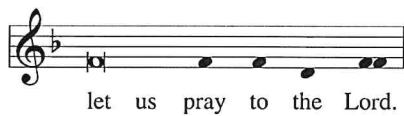
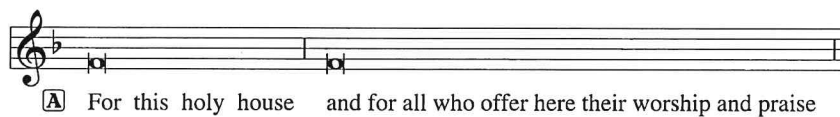
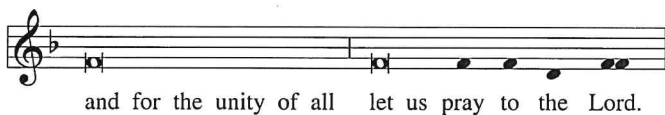
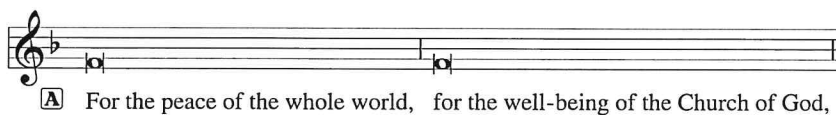
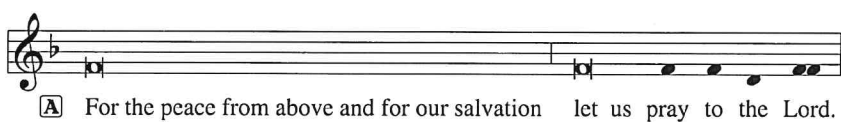
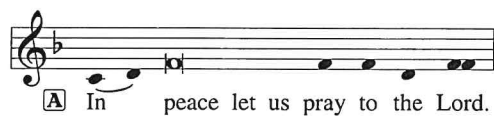
Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

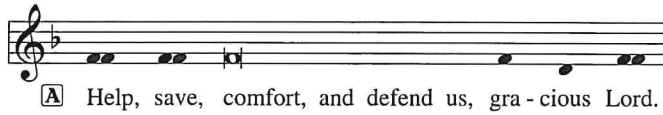
People: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

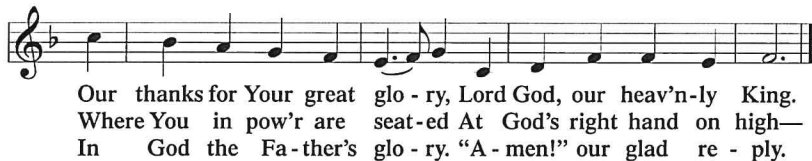
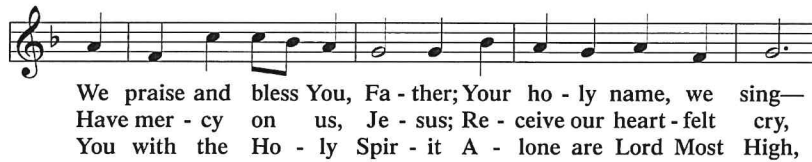
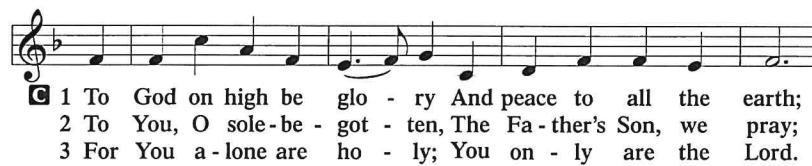
People: **Amen.**

KYRIE





GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray. O God, You once taught the hearts of Your faithful people by sending them the light of Your Holy Spirit. Grant us in our day by the same Spirit to have a right understanding in all things and evermore to rejoice in His holy consolation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen

Sit

+ **SERVICE OF THE WORD** +

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Lamentations 3:22-33

The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. "The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him." The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him. It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD. It is good for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth. Let him sit alone in silence when it is laid on him; let him put his mouth in the dust—there may yet be hope; let him give his cheek to the one who strikes, and let him be filled with insults. For the Lord will not cast off forever, but, though he cause grief, he will have compassion according to the abundance of his steadfast love; for he does not willingly afflict or grieve the children of men.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

2 Corinthians 8:1–9, 13–15

We want you to know, brothers, about the grace of God that has been given among the churches of Macedonia, for in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own free will, begging us earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints—and this, not as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then by the will of God to us. Accordingly, we urged Titus that as he had started, so he should complete among you this act of grace. But as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in our love for you—see that you excel in this act of grace also.

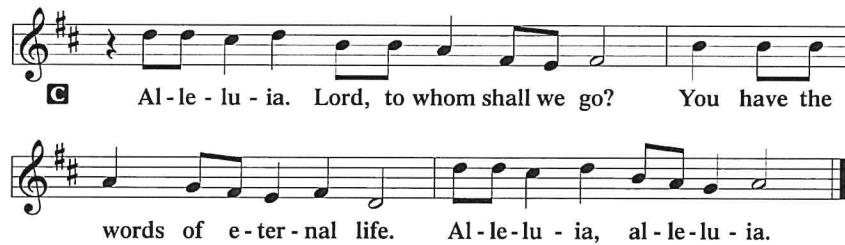
I say this not as a command, but to prove by the earnestness of others that your love also is genuine. For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich. . . .

I do not mean that others should be eased and you burdened, but that as a matter of fairness your abundance at the present time should supply their need, so that their abundance may supply your need, that there may be fairness. As it is written, "Whoever gathered much had nothing left over, and whoever gathered little had no lack."

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Stand

ALLELUIA and VERSE



HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 5:21–43

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 5th chapter.

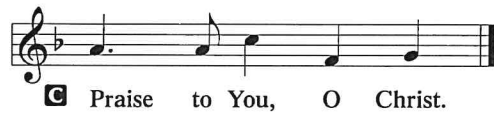


When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered about him, and he was beside the sea. Then came one of the rulers of the synagogue, Jairus by name, and seeing him, he fell at his feet and implored him earnestly, saying, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well and live." And he went with him.

And a great crowd followed him and thronged about him. And there was a woman who had had a discharge of blood for twelve years, and who had suffered much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was no better but rather grew worse. She had heard the reports about Jesus and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his garment. For she said, "If I touch even his garments, I will be made well." And immediately the flow of blood dried up, and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. And Jesus, perceiving in himself that power had gone out from him, immediately turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my garments?" And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing around you, and yet you say, 'Who touched me?'" And he looked around to see who had done it. But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling and fell down before him and told him the whole truth. And he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease."

While he was still speaking, there came from the ruler's house some who said, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the Teacher any further?" But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the ruler of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe." And he allowed no one to follow him except Peter and James and John the brother of James. They came to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, and Jesus saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. And when he had entered, he said to them, "Why are you making a commotion and weeping? The child is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. But he put them all outside and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him and went in where the child was. Taking her by the hand he said to her, "Talitha cumi," which means, "Little girl, I say to you, arise." And immediately the girl got up and began walking (for she was twelve years of age), and they were immediately overcome with amazement. And he strictly charged them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Sit

HYMN OF THE DAY

What God Ordains Is Always Good

LSB 760, Sts. 1-4

- 1 What God ordains is always good:
His will is just and holy.
As He directs my life for me,
I follow meek and lowly.
My God indeed
In ev'ry need
Knows well how He will shield me;
To Him, then, I will yield me.
- 2 What God ordains is always good:
He never will deceive me;
He leads me in His righteous way,
And never will He leave me.
I take content
What He has sent;
His hand that sends me sadness
Will turn my tears to gladness.

3 What God ordains is always good:
His loving thought attends me;
No poison can be in the cup
That my physician sends me.
My God is true;
Each morning new
I trust His grace unending,
My life to Him commending.

4 What God ordains is always good:
He is my friend and Father;
He suffers naught to do me harm
Though many storms may gather.
Now I may know
Both joy and woe;
Someday I shall see clearly
That He has loved me dearly.

Public domain

SERMON

*Rev. Dr. Jamison J. Hardy, Bishop
English District, LCMS*

Stand

NICENE CREED

All: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into Heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the Prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen

Sit

GLOCKENSPIEL *Jesus Loves Me*

Sheldon Lee (3A)	Sofie Lee (2A)
Melanie Lau (5B)	Derian Lau (7B)

CHOIR ANTHEM *Oh, How Good It Is*

+ RITE OF INSTALLATION +

*The Presiding Minister addresses the members of
West Portal Lutheran Church*

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

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord, through the Church's usual order, the Reverend Jacob Swenson has been called by the Lord of the Church to be Associate Pastor of West Portal Lutheran Church.

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

O almighty God, by Your Son, our Savior, You have always given to Your Church on earth faithful shepherds to guide and feed Your flock. Therefore we pray, make all pastors diligent to preach Your holy Word and to administer Your means of grace, and grant Your people wisdom to follow in the way that leads to life eternal; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen**

Pastor: Hear what Holy Scripture says concerning the institution of the Office of the Holy Ministry.

The Institution of the Office of the Holy Ministry

1. Matthew 28:18-20 ... Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 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,
teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you;
and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

2. John 20:21-23 ... Jesus said to them again, "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."

The Responsibilities of the Office of the Holy Ministry

Pastor: Hear what Holy Scripture says concerning the responsibilities of the Office of the Holy Ministry.

3. John 21:15-17 ... 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." He said to him, "Feed my lambs." He said to him a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter was grieved 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."
4. Luke 24:46-47 ... [Jesus] said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be preached in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem."
5. 1 Corinthians 11:23-25 ... I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."
6. 1 Timothy 4:14-16 ... Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophecy when the council of elders laid their hands on you. Practice these things, devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress. Keep a close watch on yourself and on the teaching. Persist in this, for by so doing you will save both yourself and your hearers.

7. 1 Corinthians 4:1-2 ... This is how one should regard us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy.
8. 2 Corinthians 3:4-5 ... Such is the confidence that we have through Christ toward God. Not that we are sufficient in ourselves to claim anything as coming from us, but our sufficiency is from God.
9. 2 Corinthians 5:17-21 ... If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.
10. 2 Timothy 4:1-5 ... 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: preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. 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, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.
11. 1 Timothy 3:1-7 ... The saying is trustworthy: If anyone aspires to the office of overseer, he desires a noble task. Therefore an overseer must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, sober-minded, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, not a drunkard, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. He must manage his own household well, with all dignity keeping his children submissive, for if someone does not know how to manage his own household, how will he care for God's church? He must not be a recent convert, or he may become puffed up with conceit and fall into the condemnation of the devil. Moreover, he must be well thought of by outsiders, so that he may not fall into disgrace, into a snare of the devil.

12. Ephesians 4:11-12 ... [Our Lord] gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ.
13. Acts 20:28 ... Take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.
14. 1 Peter 5:2-4 ... 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; not domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock. And when the chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory.

The Strength and Promise in the Office of the Holy Ministry

Pastor: Hear what Holy Scripture says concerning the strength and promise God gives to those in the Office of the Holy Ministry.

15. Matthew 5:13-16 ... [Jesus said:] "You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet. You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."
16. 2 Corinthians 10:17-18 ... "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord." For it is not the one who commends himself who is approved, but the one whom the Lord commends.
17. 2 Timothy 3:14-17 ... 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.

Pastor: 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 and promise. 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 Associate Pastor of West Portal Lutheran Church.

In the presence of this congregation and before our Lord God to whom you must give an account now and at the Last Day, I now ask you:

Pastor: Do you acknowledge that the Lord has called you through His Church into the ministry of Word and Sacrament?

R: *I do.*

Pastor: 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: *Yes, I believe and confess the canonical Scriptures to be the inspired Word of God and the only infallible rule of faith and practice.*

Pastor: 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: *Yes, I believe and confess the three Ecumenical Creeds because they are in accord with the Word of God. I also reject all the errors they condemn.*

Pastor: 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: *Yes, I make these Confessions my own because they are in accord with the Word of God.*

Pastor: 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.*

Pastor: 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.*

Pastor: 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.*

The Presiding Minister Addresses the Congregation

Pastor: 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." Hebrews 13:17

Pastor: 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.

People: We will, with the help of God.

Pastor: 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.

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

The Presiding Minister Addresses Pastor Swenson

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

R: *I am.*

Pastor: Pastor Jacob Swenson, I install you as Associate Pastor of West Portal Lutheran Church, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

Stand

Pastor: 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 Pastor Jacob Swenson, whom You have given to be pastor of West Portal Lutheran Church. 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.

Pastor: 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.

Pastor: 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; watch over, instruct 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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Dearly beloved, let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.
Almighty and ever-living God, who by Your holy apostle has taught us to make prayers and supplications, and to give thanks for all creation, 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.

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

Pastor: Let us pray for all pastors, and for all those who hear and receive their ministry.
Give grace, O heavenly Father, to Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison, our synodical president, to Rev. Dr. Jamison Hardy, our English District bishop, to all pastors 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.

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

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.

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

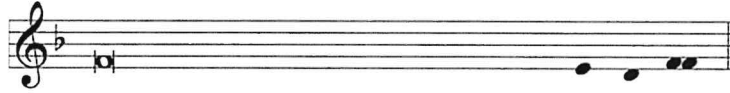
We commend to Your mercy, O Lord, all Your servants who have departed with the sign of faith and now rest in the sleep of peace [*pause for private remembrances*]. Grant to them, we beseech You, Your mercy and everlasting peace, and that, on the day of the resurrection of all flesh, we and all Your servants 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.

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 ✠ give you peace.



A - men.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me

LSB 683

- 1 Jesus, Thy boundless love to me
No thought can reach, no tongue declare;
Unite my thankful heart to Thee,
And reign without a rival there!
Thine wholly, Thine alone I am;
Be Thou alone my constant flame.
- 2 O grant that nothing in my soul
May dwell, but Thy pure love alone;
Oh, may Thy love possess me whole,
My joy, my treasure, and my crown!
All coldness from my heart remove;
My ev'ry act, word, thought be love.
- 3 This love unwearied I pursue
And dauntlessly to Thee aspire.
Oh, may Thy love my hope renew,
Burn in my soul like heav'nly fire!
And day and night, be all my care
To guard this sacred treasure there.
- 4 In suff'ring be Thy love my peace,
In weakness be Thy love my pow'r;
And when the storms of life shall cease,
O Jesus, in that final hour,
Be Thou my rod and staff and guide,
And draw me safely to Thy side!

Public domain

POSTLUDE

SERVING US THIS AFTERNOON

Preacher & Officiant

Rev. Dr. Jamison J. Hardy, Bishop
LCMS English District
West Portal Lutheran Church

Lectors

Rev. Curtis Binz, Senior Pastor
West Portal Lutheran Church & School
Rev. Kevin Belter, Pastor
Messiah Lutheran Church, Danville
Rev. Charles Fox, Senior Pastor
New Life Chinese Lutheran Church
Shepherd of The Hills Lutheran Church
Rev. Otis Byrd, Associate Pastor
Shepherd of The Hills Lutheran Church
Rev. Raymond Hulett
Hope Evangelical - Lutheran Church, Fremont
Rev. Jonathan Priest
CNH District Staff
Rev. Dr. Terrance Chan
Christ for All Nations Lutheran Church
Rev. Chris Ng, Associate Pastor
Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit

Organist

Amy Kao, Music Director
West Portal Lutheran Church & School

Choir

WPL Sanctuary Choir

Altar Guild

Virginia Ferry, Ernestine Gutter,
Jing Li, Viviana Soper

A reception will be held in Fellowship Hall immediately following the Service. Please stay and join us.

THE REV. JACOB SWENSON

God's peace be to you in Christ! My name is Jacob Swenson. I am happy (and blessed) to have accepted your call to serve you as associate pastor. Some of you may remember me from my time here as vicar, 2012-13. Since that was a long time ago, and because the Lord has blessed us with new members in that time, here is a short autobiography.

I was born in June 1989, the 4th of 5 sons born to Jack and Sue Swenson in St. Paul, MN. I grew up in and around the Twin Cities there. King of Kings in Roseville, MN was my home congregation. I attended the school there through 8th grade and graduated from the LCMS high school across the street.

I attended Concordia University in St. Paul and graduated December 2009 with a degree in music theory and Confessional Lutheranism. After college I began my seminary study at Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, Indiana. It was there that I met my (future) wife, Faith.

My placement out of seminary was to serve two small congregations in North Dakota. I was there from 2014-2018. Prior to coming here, I served St. John's in Fairbank and Grace in Jesup, IA for just short of 6 years.

I come to you with my family: my wife, Faith; and our sons Gideon and Nicolai (3 1/2 and 8 months). In my free time, I like to play with my sons, make music (on a variety of instruments), and ride my bicycle. I'm hoping to do a little more of that 3rd one here than I have in colder climates.

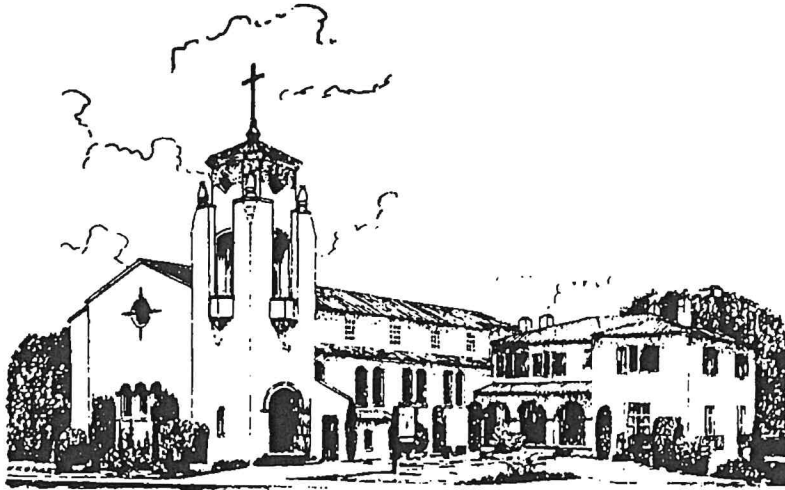
Thank you for inviting me to serve you here. I trust that the Lord will prosper our time together. May He grant us to each be a blessing to the other - me to you, and you to me.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Jacob Swenson

The Chancel Flowers are given by the **Congregation of West Portal Lutheran Church and School** in celebration of the installation of Pastor Jacob Swenson. *And Jesus came and said to them, "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, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."* Matthew 28:18-20

Thank you

Pastor Swenson and Faith extend their heartfelt thanks to all church members, teachers, students of WPL and parents, family and friends for all of your support and prayers as we serve our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ here at West Portal Lutheran Church and School. We especially appreciate your presence here today, your participation, worship and Christian love and fellowship, including Rev. Dr. Jamison Hardy, English District Bishop; all English District Clergy; and all CNH District Clergy, the Board of Elders; Church Council; Altar Guild; choirs and musicians; the bridge connection and especially our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him alone be all honor, glory and praise.



SOLI DEO GLORIA

The design on the front cover of this service folder depicts the public office of the Holy Ministry in the Evangelical Lutheran Church. The shepherd's staff is yoked by a stole, which a pastor wears as a symbol of his prophetic-priestly office. The open Holy Bible is inscribed with the Alpha and Omega, the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet, reminding us that Jesus Christ is eternal, the beginning and the end. The light incense burner indicates the life of prayer in a pastor's ministry of Word and Sacrament. A pastor is one called to serve and shepherd (gently lead) after the manner of Jesus Christ, "the Chief Shepherd and Bishop of our souls."