

THE WORSHIP SERVICE  
FOR THE INSTALLATION OF  
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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2022  
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DEDICATED TO THE TRIUNE GOD

4:00 P.M., SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2022  
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Zion Handbell Choir  
Processional  
Greeting

“This Is Amazing Grace”

~ THE ORDER OF WORSHIP ~

Opening Hymn: CW 547 (vs. 1-4)

“We Bid You Welcome in the Name”

MINISTRY

547

We Bid You Welcome in the Name



1 We bid you wel - come in the name Of Je - sus,  
2 Come as a shep - herd; guard and keep This fold from  
3 Come as a teach - er sent from God With his whole  
4 Come as a mes - sen - ger of peace, Filled with the



our ex - alt - ed head. Come as a ser - vant—  
hell and world and sin. Nour - ish the lambs and  
coun - sel to de - clare. Our souls en - cour - age  
Spir - it, fired with love. God bless your work, your



so he came— We shall re - ceive you in his stead.  
feed the sheep; The wound - ed heal; the lost bring in.  
with the Word, While we up - hold your hands with prayer.  
strength in - crease, And guide us all to heav'n a - bove.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854, abr., alt.

Tune: HERR JESU CHRIST, MEINS (LM) As *hymnodus sacer*, Leipzig, 1625, alt.

## INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son (✠) and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

## CONFESSION

P: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

*The congregation may kneel.*

**C: Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.  
For faithless worrying and selfish pride,  
For sins of habit and sins of choice,  
For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,  
You should cast me away from your presence forever.  
O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.**

## ABSOLUTION

P: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant:

I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (✠) and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

# COME, OH, COME, LET US SING TO THE LORD

*Venite*

**L** *Refrain*

**C** *Refrain*

①

Come, oh, come, let us sing to the Lord,

②

let us shout with joy to our sav - ing Rock;

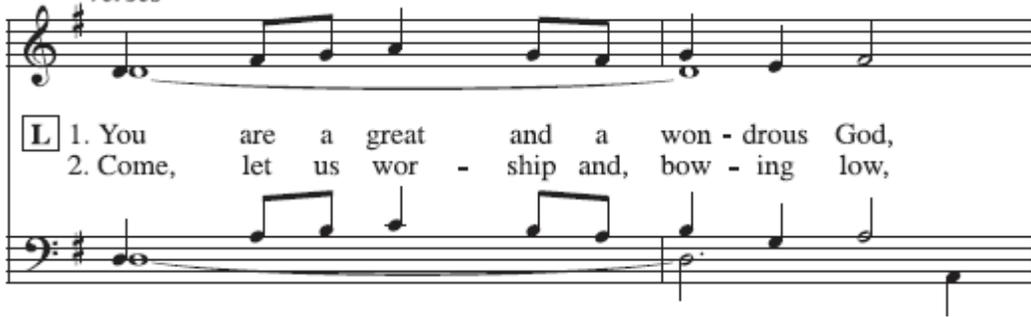
③

come, en - ter in with our songs of praise,

*Repeat for use with canon*

come, en - ter in with thanks-giv - ing.

Verses



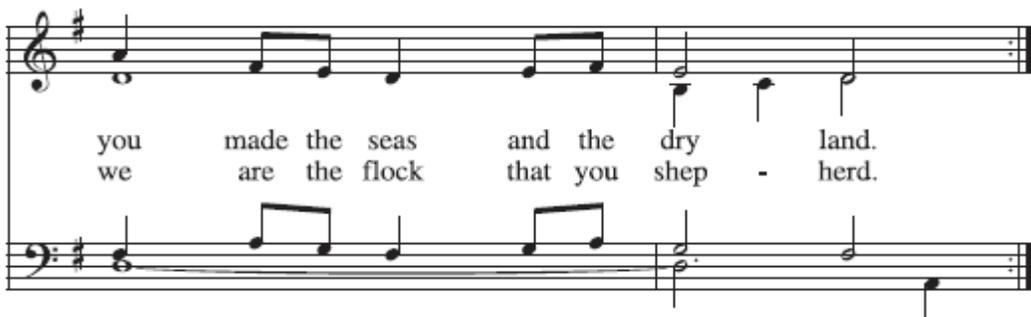
**L** 1. You are a great and a wondrous God,  
2. Come, let us worship and, bowing low,



cup - ping in your hands all the depths of earth.  
kneel be - fore the One who has made us all.



You made the hills and the moun - tains high,  
You are the God whom we call our own,



you made the seas and the dry land.  
we are the flock that you shep - herd.

**FIRST LESSON**

1 Peter 5:1-7

<sup>1</sup> To the elders among you, I appeal as a fellow elder and a witness of Christ's sufferings who also will share in the glory to be revealed: <sup>2</sup> Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, watching over them—not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not pursuing dishonest gain, but eager to serve; <sup>3</sup> not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock. <sup>4</sup> And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away. <sup>5</sup> In the same way, you who are younger, submit yourselves to your elders. All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, "God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble." <sup>6</sup> Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. <sup>7</sup> Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

**Zion Junior Choir****"Thy Word"****SECOND LESSON**

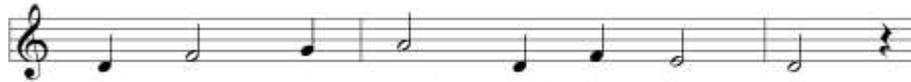
Matthew 9:35—10:4

<sup>35</sup> Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. <sup>36</sup> When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. <sup>37</sup> Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. <sup>38</sup> Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field." <sup>1</sup> He called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority to drive out impure spirits and to heal every disease and sickness. <sup>2</sup> These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon (who is called Peter) and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; <sup>3</sup> Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; <sup>4</sup> the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

MINISTRY

544

Preach You the Word



1 Preach you the Word and plant it home  
 2 We know how hard, O Lord, the task  
 3 The sower sows; his reckless love  
 4 Though some be snatched and some be scorched  
 5 Preach you the Word and plant it home



To those who like or like it not,  
 Your servant bids us undertake:  
 Scatter a broad the goodly seed,  
 And some be choked and matted flat,  
 And never faint; the Harvest-Lord



The Word that shall endure and stand  
 To preach your Word and never ask  
 In tent a lone that there may be  
 The sower sows; his heart cries out,  
 Who gave the sower seed to sow



When flow'rs and mortals are for-got.  
 What pride-ful profit it may make.  
 The whole-some loaves that people need.  
 "Oh, what of that, and what of that?"  
 Will watch and tend his planted Word.

Text: Martin H. Franzmann, 1907-76, alt. © 1971 Peter Franzmann. All rights reserved. Used by permission.  
 Tune: O HEILAND, REISS DIE HIMMEL AUF (LM) *Rheinländisch Deutsches Catholisches Gesangbuch*,  
 Augsburg, 1666.

SERMON TEXT AND THEME:

2 Timothy 2:15

<sup>15</sup>“Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved,  
 a workman who does not need to be ashamed  
 and correctly handles the word of truth.”

DO YOUR BEST

ZION CHOIR

“Here I Am, Lord”

## THE RITE OF INSTALLATION

P: Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ said to his Church: “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go 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 I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Holy Scripture assures us that our risen and ascended Lord will always provide the Church with the gifts necessary to carry out this commission. The apostle Paul wrote to the Ephesians: “[Christ] ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe. It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God’s people for works of service, so that the body of Christ might be built up.” [Ephesians 4:10-12]

### EXHORTATION TO THE PASTOR-ELECT

P: Dear brother in Christ, Zion has called you to serve in the office of the holy ministry, as our associate pastor. It is good that you should hear again what God in his Holy Word impresses on his pastors concerning this sacred office.

St. Paul states that a pastor “must be above reproach, the husband of but one wife, temperate, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, not given to drunkenness, not violent, but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. He must manage his own family well and see that his children obey him with proper respect. He must also have a good reputation with outsiders, so that he will not fall into disgrace and into the devil’s trap.” [1 Timothy 3:2-7]

He urged Timothy to “set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity.” He further advised him: “Devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to preaching and to teaching. Watch your life and your doctrine closely. Persevere in them, because if you do, you will save both yourself and your hearers.” [1 Timothy 4:12-16]

In the final chapter of his second letter to Timothy, the apostle gives additional words of encouragement: “Preach the Word. Correct, rebuke and encourage — with great patience and careful instruction. Keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist.” [2 Timothy 4:2-5]

As a minister of the gospel, you are Christ’s ambassador, commissioned by him to preach the Word and administer the sacraments. Our ascended Lord has given you as a gift to his body, the Church, and he has appointed you to love and serve it. You are called to

offer prayers and intercessions for his people, to feed, to instruct, to watch over, and to guide the sheep and the lambs of God's flock, remembering that Christ has bought each of them with his own blood. You are also called to protect the flock from savage wolves who, as the Scriptures say, will try to scatter it.

For such a ministry you will gladly seek the strength which Christ alone can provide by devoting yourself to meditation and study of the Scriptures. Only by being nourished in the truths of this faith will you be able to carry out the duties of this office and to set an example of godliness and Christian living.

The ability to carry out this calling is not in us but comes alone from God, as St. Paul reminded the Corinthian Christians: "not that we are competent in ourselves to claim anything for ourselves, but our competence comes from God." [2 Corinthians 3:5]

### **PROMISES BY THE PASTOR-ELECT**

P: In keeping with the Word and will of the Lord, you are about to be installed as a pastor at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church of Monroe, Michigan. I ask you in the presence of God and this congregation:

Are you fully determined to carry out this work according to the grace which God will give?

**R: I am.**

P: Do you believe that the canonical books of the Old and New Testaments are the inspired Word of God and the only infallible rule of faith and practice?

**R: I do.**

P: Do you accept the three Ecumenical Creeds — the Apostles', the Nicene and the Athanasian — as faithful testimonies to the truth of the Holy Scriptures, and do you reject all the errors which they condemn?

**R: I do.**

P: Do you believe that the Unaltered Augsburg Confession is a true exposition of the Word of God and a correct presentation of the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church and that the other confessions in the Book of Concord are also in agreement with this one scriptural faith: the Apology of the Augsburg Confession, the Small and Large Catechisms of Martin Luther, the Smalcald Articles, and the Formula of Concord?

**R: I do.**

P: Do you solemnly promise that all your teaching and your administration of the sacraments will conform to the Holy Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions?

**R: I do.**

P: Will you give faithful witness to Christ in the world, that God's love may be known in all that you do and say?

**R: I will, and I ask God to help me.**

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

### **EXHORTATION TO THE CONGREGATION**

P: Brothers and sisters in Christ, you have heard the solemn promise given by the one you have called to be your pastor. I urge you, therefore, to receive him as your pastor and to keep in mind always what the Word of God expects of you as members of his flock:

✠ Listen eagerly to the preaching of the Word, receiving it not as the word of men, but as it actually is, the Word of God.

✠ Take to heart his scriptural words of warning and encouragement, humbly accepting the Word planted in you.

✠ Work together with him for our Lord's kingdom so that by your works of service the body of Christ might be built up.

✠ Help him by your word and example in teaching the young, remembering how the Scriptures urge you to bring up your children in the training and instruction of the Lord.

✠ Honor and love him, as the apostle Paul says: "Respect those who work hard among you, who are over you in the Lord and who admonish you. Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work."

✠ Pray for him continually, that his ministry among you may be greatly blessed and that with all his responsibilities, he may continue to have a cheerful spirit.

✠ Provide also for his physical needs, for the Lord says, “The worker deserves his wages,” and the apostle Paul says, “Anyone who receives instruction in the Word must share all good things with his instructor.”

✠ Finally, remember what the Scriptures say: “Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no advantage to you.”

### **PROMISES BY THE CONGREGATION**

P: I now ask you in the presence of God:

Are you willing to receive your pastor as a minister of God? Will you show him the love, honor, and obedience in the Lord, which you owe to a shepherd and overseer placed over you by the Lord Jesus Christ, the chief Shepherd and overseer of souls?

If so, answer: We will, and we ask God to help us.

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

P: The almighty and merciful God strengthen and assist you always.

### **INSTALLATION**

P: Gregory Michael Sitzman, I install you as a pastor at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church of Monroe, Michigan, in the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

May the Lord pour out on you his Holy Spirit for the work committed to you, that you may faithfully proclaim the gospel in Word and sacraments.

*Those assisting may, in turn, lay their right hands on the head of the pastor and speak an appropriate Bible passage. The pastor kneels.*

### **PRAYER**

P: Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, you are the chief Shepherd and the only head of the Church. We pray that you will keep this servant of yours faithful in his study of your Holy Word and faithful in his proclamation of its saving truth. Give him the strength to carry out the duties of his ministry, and bless his labors in your service, that your holy name be glorified and that your kingdom may increase, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: 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.

P: Go, then, take up the work to which you have been called.

The Lord bless you and make you a blessing to many, that you may bear fruit and that your fruit may remain to eternal life.

HYMN: CW 542 (vs. 1-3)

“Dear Lord, to Your True Servants Give”

MINISTRY

### 542 Dear Lord, to Your True Servants Give

1 Dear Lord, to your true ser - vants give The grace to  
2 They glad - ly go at your com - mand To spread your  
3 When all their la - bor seems in vain, Re - vive their  
you a - lone to live. Set free from sin, to  
Word o'er sea and land. Be with them, Lord, and  
sink - ing hopes a - gain; And when suc - cess crowns  
serve you, Lord, They go to share your  
make them strong To heal sin's ills, to  
what they do, Oh, keep them hum - ble,  
liv - ing Word, The gos - pel mes - sage to pro -  
right the wrong, Your rule is o - ver wind and  
Lord, and true Un - til be - fore your judg - ment  
claim That all may know your sav - ing name,  
wave, And might - y is your arm to save,  
seat They lay their tro - phies at your feet.

Text: W. Gustave Polack, 1890-1950, alt.  
Tune: MELITA (88 88 88) John B. Dykes, 1823-76.

## Prayer for Peace

P: Lord God, all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works come from you. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments. Defend us also from the fear of our enemies that we may live in peace and quietness, through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

## BENEDICTION:

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ  
and the love of God  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit  
be with you all.

## Apostolic Blessing



CLOSING HYMN: CW 544 (v. 5)

## “Preach You the Word”

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544

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To those who like or like it not,  
Your servant bids us under take:  
And some be broad the goodly seed,  
And never choked and matted flat,  
The Harvest Lord



The Word that shall endure and stand  
To preach your Word and never ask  
In tent a lone that there may be  
The sower his heart cries out, sow  
Who gave the sower seed to sow



When flow'rs and mortals are for got,  
What pride-ful prof-it it may make,  
The whole-some loaves that peo-ple need,  
“Oh, what of that, and what of that?”  
Will watch and tend his plant-ed Word.

Officiants:

Organist: Dottie Bober

Jr. Choir Director: Michelle Roth

Handbell Choir and Zion Choir Director: Bryan Schneck

Liturgist and Presiding Preacher: Pastor Ross Ulrich, Zion, Monroe

A Little Bit About Pastor Sitzman

I grew up in Hubertus, Wisconsin, 40 minutes northwest of Milwaukee. I am the second born of 4 boys, and my family adopted two more, a boy and a girl in 2005. My father is an electrical engineer for General Electric and my mom raised us all at home. We were all homeschooled (starting in 4th grade for me) all the way through high school. We are a very close family because we spent so much time with each other.

I enjoy music. I've been playing violin since I was four years old and continued taking lessons through college. I played violin with the Milwaukee Youth Symphony Orchestra for six seasons in middle school and high school, and with the Mankato Symphony Orchestra during my senior year in college. In addition to violin, I enjoy singing and playing guitar.

I went to Martin Luther College in New Ulm, Minnesota, followed by Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in Mequon, Wisconsin. I served my vicar year (third out of four) of Seminary training at Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church in College Station, Texas

I met my wife Stephanie at MLC and we were married between our junior and senior years in 2011. We have five children – Ezekiel, Enna, Everly, Ean, and Eliana.

I am excited and incredibly blessed that the Lord has brought me here to serve as your pastor here in Monroe. I am looking forward to getting to know all of you and to be a part of your family here at Zion Lutheran Church.