First Sunday of Advent November 28, 2021



Installation of Pastor Hans Peterson

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Gathering
Music to Prepare Us For Worship

Gathering Song "Rejoice, Rejoice Believers"

Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers



Welcome

Wherever you are on your journey of faith, we believe God meets you right where you are, and you are welcome here.

Time with Kids

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the community of the Holy Spirit is with you all. **And also with you**.

Prayer of the Day Let us pray together,

(ALL): Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

THE STORY

(Reader): Our story and God's story continues today, with two readings. First, a reading from 1 Thessalonians 3: 9-13.

(Reader): How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

(Reader): The Gospel reading is from the book of Luke chapter 21 verses 25-36.

PSALM 1 Gospel Acclamation



(Reader): [Jesus said:] "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Then he told them a parable:

(Side 1): "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near.

(Side 2): So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place.

(ALL): Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

(Reader): "Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

(Reader): Stay tuned for the continuing saga that is our story and God's story.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Sermon – Pastor Stephen Cook

Hymn - "Emmanuel"



Evangelical Lutheran Worship

Installation of a Pastor

INTRODUCTION

Installation is appropriately set within the service of Holy Communion, following the sermon and hymn of the day. The Nicene Creed or the Apostles' Creed may precede the installation rite. This order is appropriate for installing a pastor who has been previously ordained. The bishop, or an ordained minister designated by the bishop, presides at the installation of a pastor.

PRESENTATION

The assembly stands. The pastor to be installed and a representative of the calling body come before the presiding minister and the assembly.

The presiding minister addresses the assembly.

Having been authorized by the church to install full name,

our co-worker in the gospel, as position,

I now ask for certification of this call.

A representative of the calling body addresses the presiding minister.

After prayerful deliberation,

we, of name of calling/employing body,

have called full name as position.

I present her/him and this letter certifying the call.

The representative gives the presiding minister the letter certifying that the call has been received and accepted.

The representative moves aside, and the assembly is seated.

ADDRESS AND QUESTIONS

The presiding minister addresses the pastor being installed.

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)

The presiding minister questions the pastor being installed.

Name, 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?

Response:

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? *Response:*

I will, and I ask God to help me.

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

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? *Response:*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. *The assembly responds:*

Amen.

The assembly stands.

The presiding minister addresses the assembly.

People of God,

will you receive name as a messenger of Jesus Christ
sent to serve all people with the gospel of hope and salvation?

Will you regard her/him as a servant of Christ and a steward of the mysteries of God?

We will, and we ask God to help us.

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

We will, and we ask God to help us.

The presiding minister addresses the pastor being installed.

Name the office of position is now committed to you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

BLESSING

The newly installed pastor may kneel as the presiding minister proclaims God's blessing. The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make you complete in everything good so that you may do God's will, working in you that which is pleasing in God's sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever.

Amen.

The pastor stands. The following procession to the places of the word and sacraments may be used.

The presiding minister escorts the pastor to the place of baptism. A representative of the congregation says:

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

They proceed to the place of the word. A representative of the congregation says: You have been called to be among us to proclaim the good news.

They proceed to the place of the meal. A representative of the congregation says: You have been called to be among us to preside at the Lord's supper.

The presiding minister may address the assembly with these or similar words. People of God, I present to you name, your position. Let us welcome her/him in the name of Christ.

The assembly may offer acclamation with applause.

The service continues with the prayers of intercession. Prayers are included for the newly installed pastor, all ministries in the church, and all Christians in their vocations.

Prayers for the World

Together we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

Each petition will close with the words: God of Life And you are invited to respond: **Hear our prayer**

Offering

Worship Leader: Thank you for your continued generosity and for all the ways you support God's ministry here at River of Hope. You can contact the church office and sign up for simply giving or give online or drop a check off at the church office.

Offering Song "Guardian Light"



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The Feast

Setting the Table {help children bring up plate with bread, Chalice with wine, 2 globes of offering, napkins}

the children lead us as we pray together: Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest. And let these gifts to us be blest. Blest be God who is our bread, may all the world be clothed and fed. Amen.

Thanksgiving at the Table

The Lord is with you

And also with you

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Invitation to the Meal

This is not my table or River of Hope's table, but rather this is Christ's table and all are welcome. If you hunger and thirst for grace and mercy that comes through Jesus Christ, then Christ has set this table just for you. Bring all that you are and all that you have to the table. You will be fed. You are forgiven. There is enough.

As we gather in this place, we remember, that in the night when Jesus was betrayed by his best friends, he took bread. He blessed it and broke it and gave it to these same friends saying, "Take and eat. This is my body given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup, blessed it and gave it for all to drink saying, "This is the new covenant, the new promise, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this for the remembrance of me." Let us pray together the prayer our Lord taught us:

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.
Forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory forever and forever. Amen.

Communion Song: Special Music

Blessing after Communion May the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his peace. **Amen.**

Prayer for Good Courage O God,

you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Sending

Why does our church exist? What is our purpose? We go out to transform lives through Jesus Christ.

Purpose Sightings {Read slides so people online can hear}

MILESTONES! – "Thy Holy Wings" Vs. 1 It's time for sharing milestones - a time where we join together as a community to share the big, small, good, and hard milestones in our life.

Thy Holy Wings



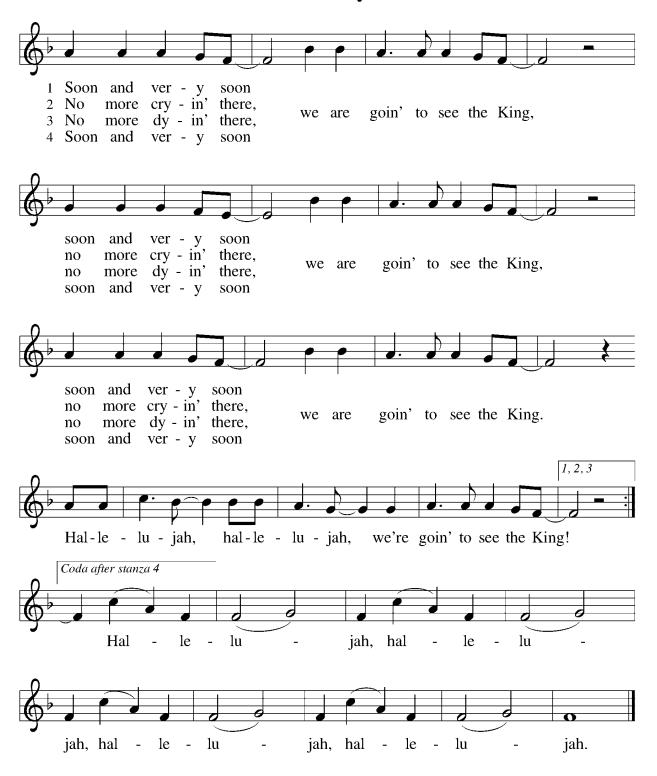


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Sending Song: "Soon and Very Soon"

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Music: VERY SOON, Andraé Crouch

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Go in peace – serve the Lord! Thanks be to God

Music to Send You Out

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