

Installation of Pastor Brock Groth



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Welcome! Thank you for joining us for worship. In our service we gather before our almighty God to offer him our worship and praise. We also gather to strengthen ourselves through the study of God's holy and powerful Word.

∞ Prayer before worship

O Lord, our Chief Shepherd, thank you for bringing a Pastor to our congregation. As we gather around your Word, we pray that St. Paul's may be a blessing to Pastor Groth and his family. We pray that he be a blessing to us. Keep us steadfast in Word and Sacrament, where we receive all your promises. Amen.

M: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

CHURCH

532

God Is Here! As We His People

1 God is here! As we his peo - ple Meet to of - fer
praise and prayer, May we find in full - er mea - sure
What it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the world a -
round us, All our var - ied skills and arts Wait the
com - ing of his Spir - it In - to o - pen minds and hearts.

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: '1 God is here! As we his peo - ple Meet to of - fer'. The second staff continues: 'praise and prayer, May we find in full - er mea - sure'. The third staff: 'What it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the world a -'. The fourth staff: 'round us, All our var - ied skills and arts Wait the'. The fifth staff: 'com - ing of his Spir - it In - to o - pen minds and hearts.' The score ends with a double bar line.

M: Lord of the Church, we come to you today, confessing our sin and seeking your forgiveness. We rejoice that in this place, you remind us of the grace you freely give. Trusting in your promise, we ask you to send your Spirit through the Gospel you have given to us.

C: Amen

CW 532 Verse 2:

**Here are symbols to remind us Of our lifelong need of grace.
Here are table, font, and pulpit; Here the cross has central place.
Here, in honesty of preaching, Here, in silence as in speech,
Here, in newness and renewal, God the Spirit comes to each.**

M: Lord of the Church, we praise not only for life eternal, but also for the joy of living for you here. Help us train our children. Sustain us with your Sacrament. Open our ears to the preaching of your Word. May what we hear always be new to us.

C: **Amen.**

CW 532, verse 3

**Here our children find a welcome In the Shepherd's flock and fold;
Here, as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us as of old.
Here the servants of the Servant Seek in worship to explore
What it means in daily living To believe and to adore.**

M: Lord of the Church, hear the prayers of your people and accept the praise we bring. We thank you for forgiveness in Christ. We thank you for the unchanging Gospel that comforts us in ever-changing times. We thank you for this day of grace. We thank you for inviting and receiving our praise!

C: **Amen**

CW 532, verse 4

**Lord of all, of Church and Kingdom, In an age of change and doubt,
Keep us faithful to the gospel; Help us work your purpose out.
Here, in this day's dedication, All we have to give, receive;
We who cannot live without you, We adore you! We believe!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

The minister says the Prayer of the Day.



THE WORD



FIRST LESSON

Joshua 1:1-9

This is what happened after the death of Moses, the servant of the LORD.

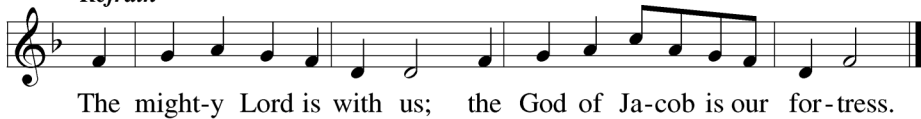
The LORD said to Joshua son of Nun, the attendant of Moses, ²“Moses my servant is dead. So prepare to cross the Jordan River that lies in front of you. You and all this people, prepare to go into the land that I am about to give to the people of Israel. ³I have given you every place where the sole of your foot has stepped, just as I promised Moses. ⁴From the Wilderness and from Lebanon to the Great River, the Euphrates River—all the land of the Hittites—as far as the Mediterranean Sea, where the sun sets, this will be your territory. ⁵No one will be able to stand against you all the days of your life. Just as I was with Moses, I will be with you. I will not abandon you, and I will not forsake you.

⁶“Be strong and courageous, because you will divide this land among these people, this land which I swore to their fathers that I would give to this people. ⁷Just be strong and very courageous. Be careful to act according to the entire Law which my servant Moses commanded for you. Do not turn from it to the right or to the left, so that you may succeed wherever you go. ⁸This Book of the Law must never depart from your mouth, and you are to meditate on it day and night, so that you will act faithfully according to everything written in it, because then you will prosper in everything you do, and you will succeed. ⁹Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified and do not be overwhelmed, because the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.”

PSALM OF THE DAY

PSALM 46

Refrain



Psalm tone



God is our refuge and strength,*
an ever-present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way*
and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,

though its waters roar and foam*
and the mountains quake with their surging.

Refrain

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,*
the holy place where the Most High dwells.

God is within her, she will not fall;*
God will help her at break of day.

“Be still, and know that I am God;*
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth.”

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,*
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Refrain

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SECOND LESSON

1 Peter 5:1-7

Therefore, as a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and as one who also shares in the glory that is about to be revealed, I appeal to the elders among you: ²Shepherd God's flock that is among you, serving as overseers, not grudgingly but willingly, as God desires, not because you are greedy for money but because you are eager to do it. ³Do not lord it over those entrusted to your care, but be examples for the flock. ⁴And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive an unfading crown of glory.

⁵Likewise, young men, be submissive to those who are older. And all of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another. For "God opposes the proud, but he gives grace to the humble."

⁶Therefore humble yourselves under God's powerful hand so that he may lift you up at the appointed time. ⁷Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. Let the one who has my word speak it faithfully. Alleluia
(Jeremiah 23:28)

Choir

Be Strong in the Lord



GOSPEL

Matthew 9:35—10:4

³⁵Jesus traveled through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every sickness. ³⁶When he saw the crowds, he was moved with compassion for them, because they were troubled and downcast, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. ³⁸Therefore pray that the Lord of the harvest will send out workers into his harvest.”

10 Jesus called his twelve disciples to himself and gave them authority to drive out unclean spirits and to heal every disease and every sickness. ²These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon (who is called Peter) and his brother Andrew; James the son of Zebedee and his brother John; ³Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; ⁴Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



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.

SERMON: 2 Timothy 4:1-5

GOD'S RECIPE FOR A SUCCESSFUL MINISTRY

CONFESSION OF FAITH: AUGSBURG CONFESSION, ARTICLES IV AND V

IV. [JUSTIFICATION]

¹ It is also taught among us that we cannot obtain forgiveness of sin and righteousness before God by our own merits, works, or satisfactions, but that we receive forgiveness of sin and become righteous before God by grace, for Christ's sake, through faith,

² **when we believe that Christ suffered for us and that for his sake our sin is forgiven and righteousness and eternal life are given to us.**

³ For God will regard and reckon this faith as righteousness, as Paul says in Romans 3:21–26 and 4:5.

V. [THE OFFICE OF THE MINISTRY]

¹ To obtain such faith God instituted the office of the ministry, that is, provided the Gospel and the sacraments.

² **Through these, as through means, he gives the Holy Spirit, who works faith, when and where he pleases, in those who hear the Gospel.**

³ **And the Gospel teaches that we have a gracious God, not by our own merits but by the merit of Christ, when we believe this.**

⁴ Condemned are the Anabaptists and others who teach that the Holy Spirit comes to us through our own preparations, thoughts, and works without the external word of the Gospel.

RITE OF INSTALLATION

Exhortation to the Pastor-elect

Promises by the Pastor-elect

Exhortation to the Congregation

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 the flock:

- ◆ Listen eagerly to the preaching of the Word, receiving it not as the word of man, 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

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.

We will, and we ask God to help us.

The almighty and merciful God strengthen and assist you always.

INSTALLATION

PRAYER—LORD'S PRAYER

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O Christ, Who Called the Twelve



1 O Christ, who called the Twelve To
 2 O Christ, who taught the Twelve The
 3 O Christ, who sent the Twelve On
 4 O Christ, th' a - pos - tles' Lord, The



rise and fol - low you, For -
 truth for a - ges sealed, Whose
 roads they'd nev - er trod To
 mar - tyr's strength and song, The



sak - ing old, fa - mil - iar ways For
 words and works a - wak - ened faith, The
 serve, to suf - fer, teach, pro - claim The
 cru - ci - fied and ris - en King To



ven - tures bold and new: Grant
 ways of God re - vealed: In -
 near - er reign of God: Send
 whom the saints be - long: Though



us to hear your call To
 struct us now, we pray, By
 us on ways where faith Tran -
 gen - er - a - tions pass, Our



risk se - cur - i - ty And,
 your em - pow'r - ing Word. True
 scends ti - mid - i - ty, Where
 trib - ute still we bring, Our

bound in heart and will to you, Find
 teach - er, be for all who seek Their
 love in - forms and hope sus - tains Both
 hymns a sac - ri - fice of praise, Our

per - fect lib - er - ty.
 light, their life, their Lord.
 life and min - is - try.
 lives an of - fer - ing.

This hymn leads us to consider the cost of discipleship and to pray for Jesus' guidance and strength to fulfill his will.

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 Tune: TERRA BEATA (66 86 66 86) English; adapt. Franklin L. Sheppard, 1852–1930

M: Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: A - men.

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
 The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

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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.

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Biography of Pastor Brock Groth



Brock is originally from Hastings, MN. He graduated from Gustavus Adolphus College in 2006 with a degree in Chemistry and worked in a lab in Shakopee, MN, doing research and development for two years. He went back to school (Martin Luther College) to become a pastor in 2008. Heather is from Indianapolis, IN. She graduated from Martin Luther College in New Ulm, MN, in 2011 with a major in Elementary Education. Brock and

Heather met at MLC playing co-ed softball the summer before Brock's first year at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary. After Heather's graduation in 2011, the two got engaged and joined the Friends of China program, where they taught English and Bible studies in Beijing, China, for one year. They were married that October in Beijing.

Upon completion of Brock's senior year at the seminary in 2015, he accepted a call to serve as a friendly counselor to Guntur, India. Seven months later the Lord blessed Brock and Heather with their first child, Gideon. In May of 2017, he was assigned to serve as associate pastor for St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Citrus Heights, CA, where he served for 4 years. While in Citrus Heights, the Lord blessed Brock and Heather with two more children, Zemira (Zeh-MEER-ah) in 2018 and Lydia in 2020. On April 11, 2021, Brock accepted the call to serve as pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Bangor, WI.

Please pray for Brock, Heather, Gideon, Zemira, and Lydia, that they may glorify God in their lives here in Bangor and that St. Paul's can continue to be a beacon of eternal hope to the community.

Service Participants:

Liturgist: Rev Galen Riediger (Christ Lutheran Church, West Salem)

Sermon: Prof. James Korthals (Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, retired)

Organist: Mrs. Irene Bakken

St. Paul's Choir