

*Jesus promises eternal life to his sheep*

## HOLY COMMUNION

*Saturday evenings in Easter*

*4 Easter † May 11, 2019 † 5:00 pm*

### *Christ is our shepherd*

*The gift of new life, of eternal life, is the gift of the risen Christ. It is the promise of Jesus. It was true for Dorcas in Joppa. It was true for those "who have come out of the great ordeal" in the Revelation vision. It is true for us and for all the baptized: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.*

## GATHERING

*The disciples urged Jesus strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them.*

### GATHERING MUSIC

"Andante Sostenuto"

Charles M. Widor (arr. T. S.)

*The bell calls the assembly to worship.*

*Please stand, as you are able, and face the leaders with the evening prayer candle in the center of the assembly.*

### EASTER GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

We are illumined by the brightness of his rising.

**Jesus Christ is the light of the world.**

Death has no more dominion over him

**Jesus Christ is risen from the dead.**

Dying he destroyed our death.

**Rising he restored our life.**

### HYMN TO THE RISEN CHRIST

"We Have Been Told"

*verses are sung by the soloist, all join on the refrain:*

We have been told, we've seen his face, and heard his voice a - live in our hearts; "Live in my love with all your heart, as the Fa-ther has loved me, so I have loved you."

### GATHERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

God of all power, you called from death our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep.

Send us as shepherds to rescue the lost, to heal the injured, and to feed one another with knowledge and understanding; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; in whose name we pray.

**Amen.**

*The presider continues with words of welcome.*

## WORD

*Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, Jesus interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.*

### READING FROM THE EARLY CHURCH

*Peter raises Talitha/Dorcas from the dead*

Acts 9:36-43

*Dorcas was a faithful and devoted woman of charity in the community of Joppa. Her kindness and her work with clothing was well-known, especially to the widows in town. When she fell ill and died, Peter raised her back to life through the power of prayer.*

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

### GOSPEL

*The assembly welcomes the gospel, singing:*

Be not a - fraid, sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al - le - lu - ia!

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John 10:22-30

*Jesus responds to questions about his identity with the remarkable claim that he and the Father are one. Those who understand this are his sheep; they hear his voice, follow, and will never be snatched from his hand.*

*before the reading:*

The holy gospel according to ....  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*after the reading:*

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

### SERMON

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

### HYMN

"Lord Jesus You Shall Be My Song"

(hymn) 808

stanzas 1 - 3

### ORDINATION OF A PASTOR

Barb VanDrasek

*Barb has been called to serve as pastor*

*of Gethsemane Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota.*

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### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

...hear us O God,

**your mercy is great.**

## MEAL

*When Jesus was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him.*

### PEACE

The peace of the risen Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

### OFFERING

*When bread and wine are broken and shared in the Lord's Supper an offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.*

*During this time, the table is set.*

"This Joyful Eastertide"

Alex Wyton

### Offertory Prayer

Let us pray together.

**Risen Christ, receive these gifts, with our hopes, dreams, and prayers. Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread, that our eyes may be opened to see your presence among us, and our lives filled with the new life of your resurrection. Amen.**

### GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

*The presider continues with the Great Thanksgiving, concluding:*

### Lord's Prayer (1975)

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.

*All who come seeking Jesus are invited to receive these gifts of God.  
 Communion at this service is served standing at stations near the altar. Pick up a cup  
 for wine or filled with grape juice as you approach. Grape juice and gluten-free bread  
 are available upon request. The benefits of the sacrament are fully present in either the  
 bread or the wine, should health reasons prevent you from receiving one of them.  
 Children are welcome to receive communion or a blessing. Prayer at the chancel  
 kneelers during communion is always welcomed.*

"Psalm 23" David Houmard

*silence for reflection concludes the communion*

### Prayer after Communion

God of abundance,  
 with this bread of life and cup of salvation  
 you have united us with Christ,  
 making us one with all your people.  
 Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,  
 that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world  
 and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## EASTER BLESSING

*That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem.  
 They told what had happened on the road  
 and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.*

### SENDING DIALOG

We have heard the holy and saving gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**We have celebrated with joy the Easter mysteries.**

We have been nurtured at the holy table  
 and baptized into the priesthood of Christ.

**We offer ourselves now to the Lord of all creation  
 in thanksgiving for all that God has done for us.**

Go out from this Easter assembly  
 to proclaim the mighty works of the Lord.

**Let us bear God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

### BLESSING

May the risen Christ bring you all joy and peace in believing,  
 that you may abound in hope.

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,  
 bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

### SENDING SONG

"Be Thou My Vision"

(hymn) 793  
 stanzas 1, 2 & 4

### DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
 Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Go in peace. Share the good news.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

"Fantasia for Organ"

Johann Pachelbel

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## SERVING TODAY

Bishop Ann Svennungsen, *presiding at the ordination*

Pastor D. Foy Christopherson, *presiding*

Pastor Peter Nycklemoe, *preaching*

Megan Bowman, *assisting minister*

Debra Thelen, *reader*

Timothy Short, *organist/pianist*

Mark Kieffer, *sound operator*

Richard Stegall, *sacristan*

Seminary Relations Ministry Team,

Corey Bryant, Gregory Rogers, Varney Kiazolu,

Rosalinda Morales, Alan Filzen, *ushers, greeters & hosts*

**Chancel flowers** this weekend are given by Floyd Ward and Roger Sorbel  
 in loving memory of their mothers Gladys and Bonnie and in celebration of  
 their 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Additional flowers are given by Laurel and Paul  
 Stewart, married this weekend, in loving memory of their grandparents. If  
 you wish to donate flowers contact Judy Korogi 10 days in advance at 612-  
 788-1288.



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## WELCOME



**You are welcome. No exceptions.**

Central Lutheran Church experiences God's expansive love and strives to share it abundantly. We affirm all people without regard to age, race, biological sex, housing status, ethnicity, sexual orientation, immigration, refugee or migration status, gender identity or expression, socioeconomic status, and physical or mental health or ability. All are a part of God's family, created in God's image. • We strive to practice radical hospitality with all people. Everyone is invited to immerse themselves in the life of this community of faith as we explore the promise of God for all. • Central Lutheran is a Reconciling in Christ congregation.

**Guests are welcome.** We are pleased you are worshiping with us today. We invite guests to complete the "Welcome to Central" card found in the pew racks and leave it with an usher or place it in the offering plate. If you would like more information about Central, please contact us at 612-870-4416, or email [info@centralmpls.org](mailto:info@centralmpls.org).

**Children are welcome** at all services. Worship bulletins for children and activity bags are available at Sanctuary entrances. The nursery may be found near the welcome desk. Nursery staff are provided on Sunday mornings.

**Welcome to the Lord's Table.** All who come seeking Jesus are welcome at the Lord's Table. Please follow the guidance of the ushers and instructions in the order of service. During communion, ministers will bring bread and wine to persons in designated access seating areas. If you are not in a designated access seating area and desire to commune where you are seated, please notify an usher who will direct communion ministers to come and serve you. Communion may be received in one kind (only bread or only wine) from any station if wheat bread or alcohol presents a health concern. Gluten-free breads and alcohol-free wine are available by request at most liturgies from most communion stations.

**Welcome to the Holy Baptism.** All who come seeking Jesus are welcome to receive Holy Baptism. Please visit with any worship leader, staff member, hospitality volunteer, contact the church office, or complete an information card, indicating that you wish to be baptized. A pastor will contact you.

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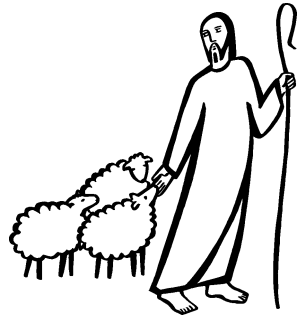
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# ORDINATION OF A PASTOR

## PRESENTATION

*Barb VanDrasek has been called to serve as pastor of Gethsemane Lutheran Church in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The candidate for ordination is presented to the presiding minister and to the assembly.*

*Barb is presented by Brittany Schiebe, president of the congregation.*

I present for ordination to the ministry of word and sacrament Barb VanDrasek, who has been prepared, examined, and approved for this ministry and who has been called by the church to this ministry through Gethsemane Lutheran Church.

### **Amen. Thanks be to God.**

*The presenters return to their places as the assembly is seated.*

## ADDRESS AND QUESTIONS

**B** All baptized Christians are called to share in Christ's ministry of love and service in the world, to the glory of God and for the sake of the human family and the whole creation.

According to apostolic usage you are now to be entrusted with the office of word and sacrament in the one holy catholic church by the laying on of hands and by prayer.

### **Charges concerning the use of the means of grace**

*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 Corinthians:* I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. (1 Corinthians 11:23-26)

**B** Before almighty God, to whom you must give account, and in the presence of this assembly, I ask: Will you assume this office, believing that the church's call is God's call to the ministry of word and sacrament?

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

**B** The church in which you are to be ordained confesses that the holy scriptures are the word of God and are the norm of its faith and life.

We accept, teach, and confess the Apostles', the Nicene, and the Athanasian Creeds.

We also acknowledge the Lutheran confessions as true witnesses and faithful expositions of the holy scriptures.

Will you therefore preach and teach in accordance with the holy scriptures and these creeds and confessions?

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

**B** Will you be diligent in your study of the holy scriptures and faithful in your use of the means of grace?

Will you 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?

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

**B** Will you give faithful witness in the world, that God's love may be known in all that you do?

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

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

### **Amen.**

*Rostered leaders are invited forward to participate in the laying on of hands.*

*The candidate for ordination kneels.*

## THANKSGIVING

**B** The Lord be with you.

### **Amen. And also with you.**

**B** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

### **Amen. It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**B** Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, we bless you for your infinite love in Christ our Lord, in whom we have redemption and forgiveness of sins according to the riches of his grace.

We thank you that by his death your Son overcame death, and that, raised by your mighty power, he gives us new life.

We praise you that, having ascended into heaven, Christ pours out his gifts abundantly on the church, making some apostles, some prophets, some pastors and teachers, to equip your people for their work of ministry for building up the body of Christ.

*The bishop lays both hands on the head of the candidate for ordination.*

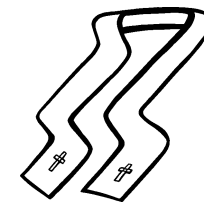
*Other rostered leaders participating in the laying on of hands join the bishop.*

*The assembly keeps a time of silent prayer.*

*Finally, the bishop prays:*

**B** Eternal God, through your Son, Jesus Christ, pour out your Holy Spirit upon Barb and fill her with the gifts of grace for the ministry of word and sacrament. Bless her proclamation of your word and administration of your sacraments, so that your church may be gathered for praise and strengthened for service. Make her a faithful pastor, patient teacher, and wise counselor. Grant that in all things she may serve without reproach, that your people may be renewed and your name be glorified in the church; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

### **Amen.**



*The ordination stole is a gift from Central Lutheran Church, Barb's home congregation.*

## GIVING OF A STOLE

*A stole is placed over the candidate's shoulders. Then the bishop says:*

**B** Receive this stole as a sign of your work, and live in obedience to the Lord Jesus, serving his people and remembering his promise: "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." (Matthew 11:28-30)

## CHARGES FROM THE MINISTERIUM

*The candidate for ordination stands. Scripture passages are addressed to the candidate.*

*Hear the words of the apostles:* Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called. (1 Timothy 6:11-12)

*And again:* Take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you guardians, to feed the church of God that he obtained with the blood of his own Son. (Acts 20:28)

*And again:* Tend the flock of God that is in your charge, not under compulsion but willingly, not for sordid gain but eagerly. Do not lord it over those in your charge, but be examples to the flock. And when the chief shepherd appears, you will win the crown of glory that never fades away. (1 Peter 5:2-4)

*And again:* Think of us in this way, as servants of Christ and stewards of God's mysteries. Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy. (1 Corinthians 4:1-2)



## BLESSING

- ⓑ Barb, care for God's people, bear their burdens,  
and do not betray their confidence.  
So discipline yourself in life and teaching that you preserve the truth,  
giving no occasion for false security or illusory hope.  
Witness faithfully in word and deed to all people.  
Give and receive comfort as you serve within the church.  
And be of good courage, for God has called you,  
and your labor in the Lord is not in vain.
- ⓑ 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.**

## ACCLAMATION BY THE ASSEMBLY

- ⓑ Will you, assembled as the people of God  
and speaking for the whole church,  
receive Barb as a messenger of Jesus Christ,  
sent by God to serve all people with the gospel of hope and salvation?  
Will you regard her as a servant of Christ?
- 🔊 **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?
- 🔊 **We will, and we ask God to help us.**
- ⓑ Let it be acclaimed that Barb VanDrasek  
is a called and ordained minister in the church of Christ.  
She has Christ's authority to preach the word of God  
and administer the sacraments, serving God's people  
as together we bear God's creative and redeeming love to all the world.
- 🔊 **Amen. Thanks be to God.**

*The assembly may offer acclamation with applause.*

*The service continues with the PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION.*



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## FROM THE ORDINAND

Over the past weeks my heart has been full, as I have thought of the many people who have walked beside me, or led, or pushed from behind, to keep me going to this day. Some are still with me, some now at a distance, and some are present in spirit. I cherish them all, as I recall our times together, and the gifts each one has shared. All of them have contributed to my learning, growth, and preparation for ministry. Of course, the people of Central loom largest in the formation of my pastoral identity: the pastors, the staff, and the congregation. I am grateful for all of the support and the opportunities for growth that I have been given by my church. And, I am grateful to God for all of you.

As I look forward, the path inclines gently upward. It'll be a climb, as I grow into my ministry in my first call at Gethsemane. It's interesting, though, how God keeps putting people in my path who carry me along. So, I trust that God will provide all that I need to be worthy of the title, *pastor*.

Did you know that the ELCA provides a job description for pastors? It includes: preach the Word; administer the sacraments; conduct public worship; provide pastoral care; and speak publicly to the world in solidarity with the poor and oppressed, calling for justice and proclaiming God's love for the world. And, my personal favorite: *strive to extend the Kingdom of God*.

This is a daunting list of responsibilities. Embedded within each of them is the deep work of relationship that is the foundation of all ministry. Above all, ordination is a *humbling* experience. To be ordained means to enter into a sacred trust with the people of God, and to remain worthy of that trust in all things. It is a privilege to be allowed into people's lives in the ways that pastors are allowed in. When the Bishop asks, "Will you...?" my first thought may be, "Well, I'll *try*...". But, God is faithful, and I will continue to trust in that. So, I'm ready. When the Bishop asks, "Will you...?" I'll reply, "I will, and I ask God to help me."

I ask for your continued prayers as I go forward. Keep in touch!

– Barb VanDrasek