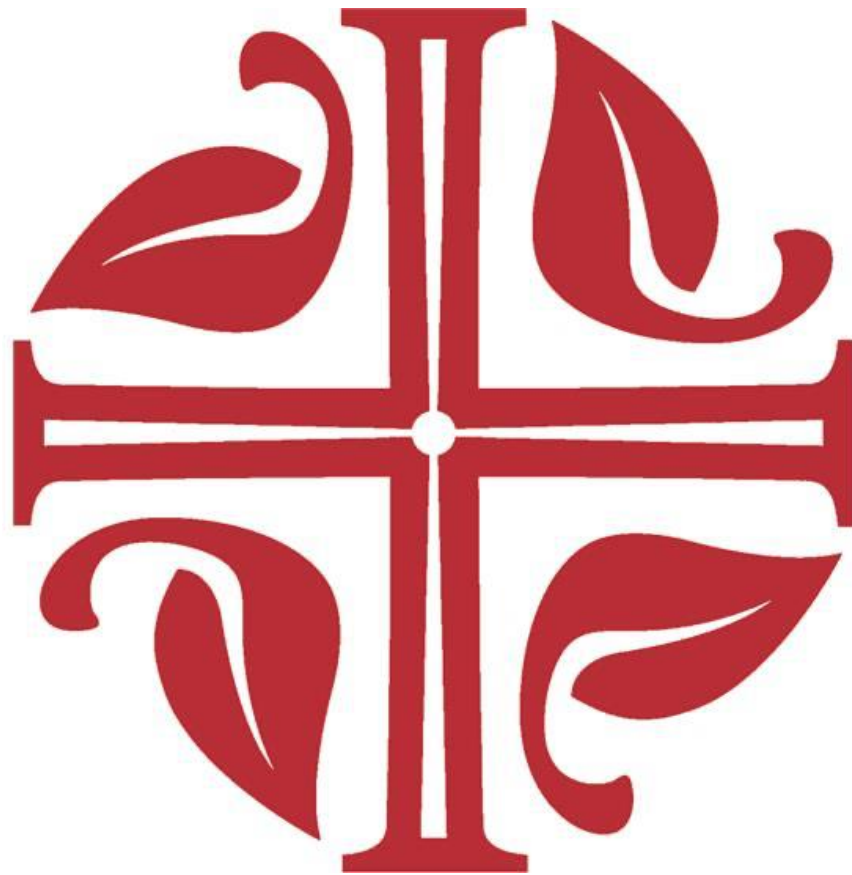


**Service of Word and Sacrament
and
the Ordination of
Kristofer Shurson Rhude**



**February 4, 2023
University Lutheran Church
Cambridge, MA**

Serving Today – Thank You!

- Presiding: **The Rev. Claire S. Burkat**, Bishop, Sierra Pacific Synod, ELCA
- Preaching: **The Rev. Cody Sanders, PhD.**, Pastor, Old Cambridge Baptist Church
- Hosting Pastor: **The Rev. Carrie Ballenger**, Pastor, University Lutheran Church
- Sponsor: **The Rev. Kathleen Reed**, Pastor, retired, formerly University Lutheran Church
- Organist: **The Rev. Imogene Stulken**, Music Director and Organist, University Lutheran Church, Campus Minister at UMass Lowell
- Cantor: **The Rev. Kari Jo Verhulst**, Pastor, Lutheran Church of the Newtons, MA
- Presenter: **Randy Presuhn**, Call Committee Chair, Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, San Jose, CA
- Readers: **Louisa Fish-Sadin**, friend from Harvard Divinity School
Tom Rhude, father
Greta Goetz, friend from UW Madison School of Education
- Exhorters: **The Rev. Maggie Anderson Peterson**, Pastor of home congregation: St. Martin's Lutheran Church, Cross Plains, WI
The Rev. Diane L. Moore, DMin. PhD., Pastor, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Professor at Harvard Divinity School
The Rev. Gloria White-Hammond, MD., Pastor, Bethel AME Church, Boston, MA, Professor at Harvard Divinity School
- Prayers: **The Rev. Samm Melton-Hill**, Pastor, Highlands Lutheran Church, Denver, CO & New Beginnings Worshipping Community, Denver Women's Correctional
- Communion Asst.: **John Gregg**, member, University Lutheran Church
Kate Cottrell, friend from HDS, former staff at University Lutheran Church
- Greeters/Ushers: **Evelyn Bonander & Amanda Wiederoder**, members, University Lutheran Church
- Tech Verger: **Chris Pollari**, member, University Lutheran Church
- Reception: **Amy Kremer, Laura Tracey, Erika Zimmons, & Susie Hoglund**, members, University Lutheran Church

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Thank you for joining us for today's service of word, sacrament, and ordination. Wherever you have come from and whoever you are, know that you are welcome and belong in this church. We know that God's love is for all people, regardless of race, class, culture, sexual orientation, gender identity, or documentation status.

Numbered hymns can be found in the cranberry hymnals in your pew, and all are invited to join their voices in song this day! This ordination service includes the sacrament of Holy Communion. All who are drawn in faith are welcome to join in this holy meal. Those who wish not to participate are invited to come forward with arms crossed to receive a blessing.



GATHERING

PRELUDE

Imogene Stulken

"Partita on VENI CREATOR SPIRITUS" ("Creator Spirit, Heavenly Dove") – Tune: Sarum plainsong (c. 9th century); setting by John Eggert (1946 – 2022)

"This Is My Song" [FINLANDIA] – Tune by Jean Sibelius (1865 – 1957); settings by J. Wayne Kerr (b. 1958) and Robert J. Powell (b. 1932)

WELCOME

Pr. Carrie Ballenger

Land Acknowledgment: University Lutheran Church is located on the original and ancestral homelands of the Pawtucket and Massa-adchu-es-et (Massachusetts) peoples, and we give thanks for their presence here since time immemorial. We also wish to recognize and honor all our Indigenous siblings who have called, and who continue to call, this land their home.

GATHERING HYMN

ELW 641: All Are Welcome

Please rise in body or in spirit.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Bp Burkat: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning you created us in your image and placed us in a well-watered garden. In the desert, you promised pools of water for the parched, and you gave us water from the rock. When we did not know the way, you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters. At the cross, you washed us from Jesus' wounded side, and on this day, you shower us again with the water of life.

We praise you for your salvation through water, for the water in this font, and for all water everywhere, today especially for the watersheds that have nourished Kristofer throughout his life: watersheds of the Menominee River, Lake Michigan, Lake Superior, Black Earth Creek, the Wisconsin River, English Bay, the Squamish River, the Charles River, and the San Francisco Bay.

Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love. Satisfy all who thirst, and give us the life only you can give.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ, our living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

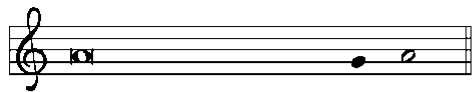
GREETING

Bp Burkat: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

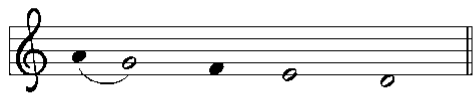
And also with you.

KYRIE

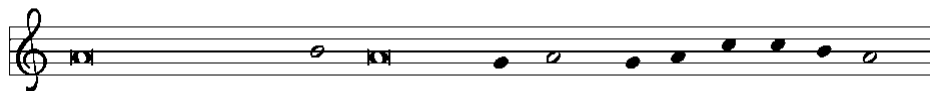
Pr. Kari Jo Verhulst



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



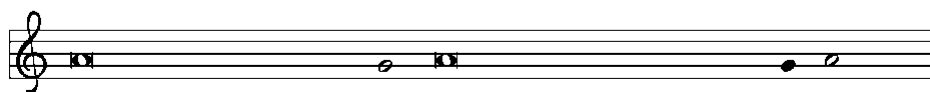
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



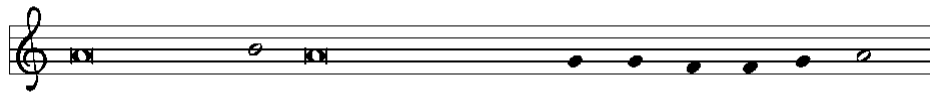
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Refrain
Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

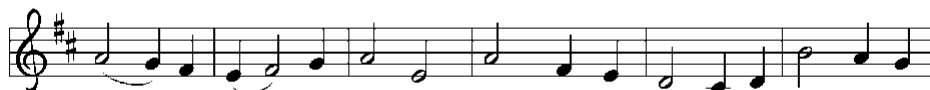
Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - cr. A - men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Bp Burkat: Almighty and merciful God, you built your church on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, and you instituted the office of the ministry of word and sacrament so that the apostolic and prophetic work might continue throughout the ages. Grant that Kristofer, now to be ordained, may carry out this ministry faithfully in the power of your Spirit; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Congregation: Amen.

Please be seated.



WORD

FIRST READING

Micah 6:6-8

Louisa Fish-Sadin

⁶“With what shall I come before the LORD
and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?
⁷Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”
⁸He has told you, O mortal, what is good,
and what does the LORD require of you
but to do justice and to love kindness
and to walk humbly with your God?

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

¹Hallelujah! Praise the LORD from the heavens;
praise God in the heights.

²**Praise the LORD, all you angels;
sing praise, all you hosts of heaven.**

³Praise the LORD, sun and moon;
sing praise, all you shining stars.

⁴**Praise the LORD, heaven of heavens,
and you waters above the heavens.**

⁵Let them praise the name of the LORD,
who commanded, and they were created,

⁶**who made them stand fast forever and ever,
giving them a law that shall not pass away.**

⁷Praise the LORD from the earth,
you sea monsters and all deeps;

⁸**fire and hail, snow and frost,
tempestuous wind, doing God's will;**

⁹mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars;

¹⁰**wild beasts and all cattle,
creeping things and flying birds;**

¹¹sovereigns of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the world;

¹²**young men and maidens,
old and young together.**

¹³Let them praise the name of the LORD,
whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over earth and heaven.

¹⁴**The LORD has raised up strength for the people and praise for all faithful
servants, the children of Israel, a people who are near the LORD. Hallelujah!**

SECOND READING

Romans 8:35-39

Greta Goetz

³⁵ Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁶ As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered."

³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

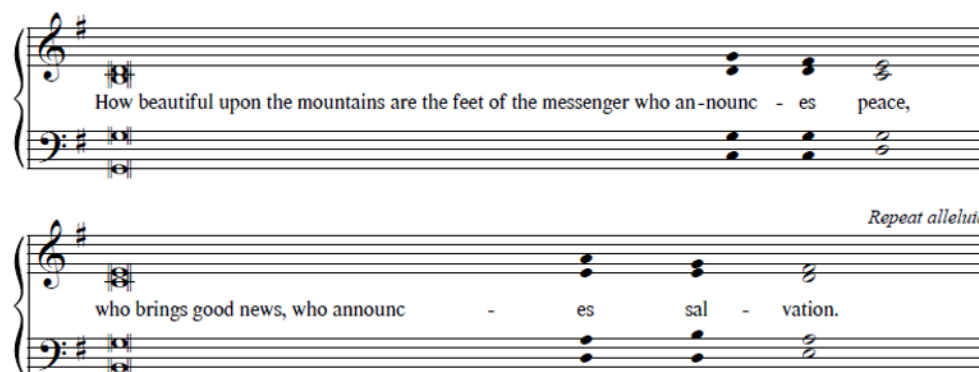
Please rise in body or in spirit.

All:



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Cantor:



How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who an-nounc - es peace,
who brings good news, who announc - es sal - vation.

Repeat alleluia

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 1st chapter
Glory to you, O Lord.

⁴⁶ And Mary said,
"My soul magnifies the Lord,
⁴⁷ and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
⁴⁸ for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.
Surely from now on all generations will call me blessed,
⁴⁹ for the Mighty One has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.
⁵⁰ His mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.
⁵¹ He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.
⁵² He has brought down the powerful from their thrones
and lifted up the lowly;
⁵³ he has filled the hungry with good things
and sent the rich away empty.
⁵⁴ He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,
⁵⁵ according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

HYMN OF THE DAY

ACS 1043: Spirit, Open My Heart

Please rise in body or in spirit.

Spirit, Open My Heart

Refrain



Spir-it, o - pen my heart to the joy and pain of



liv-ing. As you love may I love, in re - ceiv - ing



and in giv - ing. Spir - it, o - pen my heart.



1 God, re - place my ston - y heart with a heart that's



2 Write your love up - on my heart as my law, my



3 May I weep with those who weep; share the joy of



kind and ten - der. All my cold - ness and



goal, my sto - ry. In each thought, word, and



friend and neigh - bor. As I live from day to

Refrain



fear to your grace I now sur - ren - der.



deed, may my liv - ing bring you glo - ry.



day, love will be my fin - est la - bor.

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APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.



ORDINATION

PRESENTATION FOR ORDINATION

Pr. Kathleen Reed: I present for ordination to the ministry of word and sacrament
Kristofer Shurson Rhude, who has been prepared, examined, and approved for
this ministry,

Randy Presuhn: And who has been called by the church to this ministry through
Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, in San Jose, California.

Thanks be to God.

Please be seated.

ADDRESS AND QUESTIONS

Scripture readings are addressed to Kristofer by Pr. Kathleen Reed, Pr. Kari Jo Verhulst, and Pr. Cody Sanders. The bishop proceeds with questions for Kristofer.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Pr. Samm Melton-Hill

Please rise in body or in spirit.

The bishop concludes the prayers:

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

ALL: Amen.

HYMN OF INVOCATION

ELW 577: *Creator Spirit, Heavenly Dove*

THANKSGIVING

Bp. Burkat: The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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 ordinand. Other ordained pastors who are participating in the laying on of hands place one hand on the ordinand.

Eternal God, through your Son, Jesus Christ, pour out your Holy Spirit upon Kristofer and fill him with the gifts of grace for the ministry of word and sacrament. Bless his proclamation of your word and administration of your sacraments, so that your church may be gathered for praise and strengthened for

service. Make him a faithful pastor, patient teacher, and wise counselor. Grant that in all things he 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.

C: Amen.

Please be seated.

GIVING OF A STOLE

The stole is a long band of fabric which for centuries has been worn by clergy as a sign of ordination. It is presented during the ordination rite and is a symbol of the yoke of service to Christ.

Laura Krueger, Kristofer's spouse, will present the stole she made for Kristofer's ordination to Rev. Kathleen Reed, his sponsor, who will place the stole on his shoulders.

CHARGE

Kristofer receives charges of from scripture from Pr. Diane Moore, Pr. Gloria White-Hammond, Pr. Maggie Anderson Peterson, and Pr. Samm Melton-Hill

BLESSING

ACCLAMATION BY THE ASSEMBLY

Please rise in body or in spirit.

Bp. Burkat: Will you, assembled as the people of God and speaking for the whole church, receive Kristofer as a messenger of Jesus Christ, sent by God to serve all people with the gospel of hope and salvation? Will you regard him as a servant of Christ?

We will, and we ask God to help us.

Will you pray for him, help and honor him for 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.

Let it be acclaimed that Kristofer is a called and ordained minister in the church of Christ. He 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.

WORDS OF GRATITUDE

The Rev. Kristofer Shurson Rhude

PEACE

Pr. Kristofer: The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.



MEAL

OFFERING

Today's offering will go to support the mission and ministries of our host, University Lutheran Church, whose work includes preparing Christian leaders like Kristofer, hosting the Harvard Square Homeless Shelter, and walking with undocumented people through its sanctuary efforts.

OFFERTORY

Please rise in body or in spirit.

ELW 681: *We Plow the Fields and Scatter*

OFFERING PRAYER

Pr. Kristofer: Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kin-dom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever. **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Bp. Burkat: The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

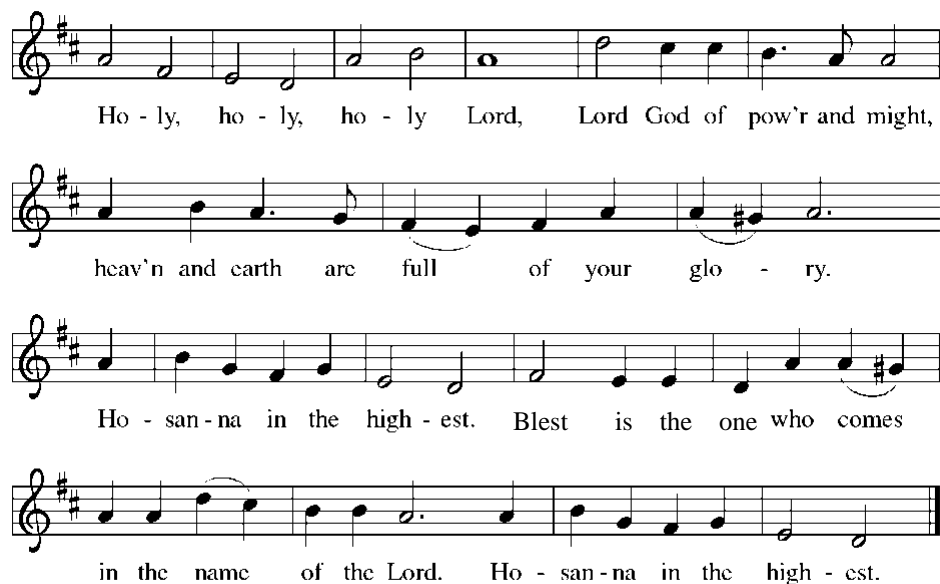
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through the great shepherd of your flock, our Savior Jesus Christ; who after his resurrection sent forth the apostles to preach the gospel and teach all nations, and promised to be with them, even to the end of the age. And so, with the glorious company of the apostles, with the choirs of angels and all the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Blest is the one who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Bp. Burkat: Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God.

The universe declares your praise: beyond the stars; beneath the sea; within each cell; with every breath.

We praise you, O God.

Generations bless your faithfulness: through the water; by night and day; across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future.

We bless you, O God.

We give you thanks for your dear Son: at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer; beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now.

We thank you, O God.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We pray for the gift of your Spirit: in our gathering; within this meal; among your people; throughout the world.

Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Friends, it gladdens the heart of Jesus when we pray,

God our Mother, God 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.

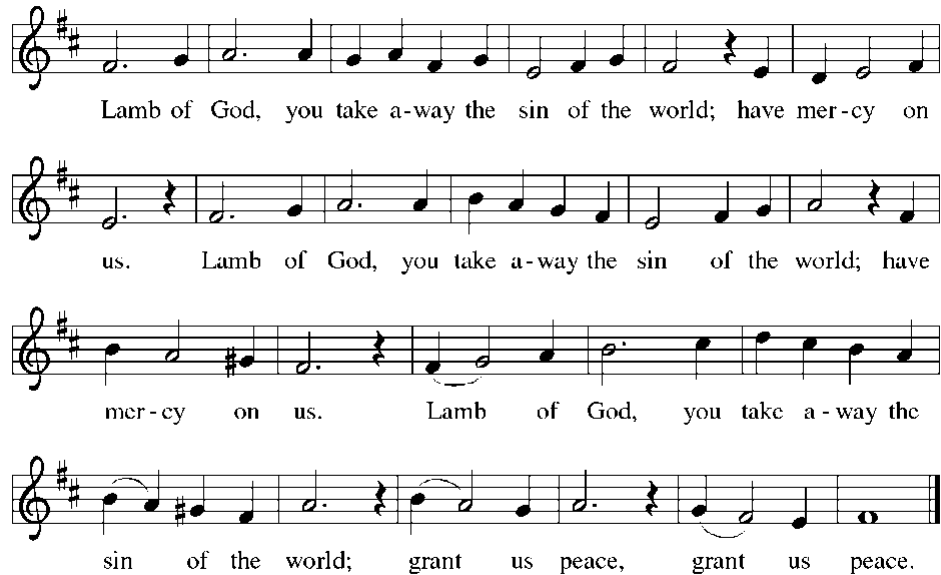
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Please be seated.

Those worshipping via Zoom: Individuals may commune themselves and households may give the bread and wine/grape juice to one another.

LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

ELW 496: *One Bread, One Body*

ELW 469: *By Your Hand You Feed Your People*

ELW 573: *My Soul Now Maginifies the Lord*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Bp. Burkat: Let us pray.

We thank you, almighty and gracious God, that you have fed us with heavenly food, the body and blood of your Son, uniting us through him in the communion of the Holy Spirit. As you have again raised up among us a faithful servant for the ministry of word and sacrament, grant that we, with Kristofer, may joyfully serve you all our days and finally rejoice in your glory; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.



SENDING

BENEDICTION

Bp. Burkat: The holy Three, the holy One, increase your hope, strengthen your faith, deepen your love, and † grant you peace.

Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING HYMN

ELW 710: *Let Streams of Living Justice Flow*

DISMISSAL

Bp. Burkat: Go in peace. Serve the Lord

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Imogene Stulken

“Creator Spirit, Heavenly Dove” [VENI CREATOR SPIRITUS] – Tune: Sarum plainsong, mode VIII (c. 9th century); setting by David Cherwien (b. 1957)

A Message from Kristofer

On the day of my ordination, I feel the incredible, humbling honor and privilege it is to become a pastor in this church that spans nearly 2000 years. I am just one small part of a vast, beloved community. A cloud of witnesses has shepherded the Christian faith through its history, and they surround us all today. I know that my life and my calling is built on the shoulders of those who pondered the mysteries of God before us. Today I'd like to give special thanks for my grandparents: Margaret, Morrie, Lorencie, and Stanley. Their presence is felt, but I wish they could have been alongside us today.

Of course, there are many saints with us today with whom I'd also like to share my gratitude. For me to reach this moment, I have required a lot of support and encouragement, which I have been blessed to receive throughout my life. So many friends and family deserve individual thanks that I could not hope to list them all here. So I hope that in these collective gratitudes you will be able to place yourself. Know that if you are reading these words, you have my thanks for the ways that you have been there for me.

Many thanks to the people of St. James's Lutheran Church in Marinette, WI; Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Marinette, WI; St. Martin's Lutheran Church in Cross Plains, WI; Dunbar Lutheran Church in Vancouver, BC; University Lutheran Church in Cambridge, MA, and St. John's Lutheran Church in Evansville, WI. You have all helped to guide my life of faith as I have lived across North America. No matter where I lived, you ensured that I had a loving home.

To this list of homes I am ecstatic to be adding Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in San Jose, CA. In just a few short weeks with you, I have felt so blessed to have been called by such a loving, thoughtful, and generous community. I am humbled by the trust that you have placed in me, and I look forward to serving God and our neighbors with you in the years to come.

While these Lutheran communities have played a special role in raising me and guiding me to this moment, I also feel so fortunate for the many multi-religious friends and partners that have supported me along the way. I especially want to thank the congregations of the Cambridge Interfaith Sanctuary Coalition, whose work helped to pull me into this calling. Many thanks to Cambridge Minyan, Eitz Chayim, First Church in Cambridge, Faith Lutheran, First Parish in Cambridge, Friends Meeting at Cambridge, HDS Student Led Interfaith and Secular Coalition, Harvard-Epworth UMC, Old Cambridge Baptist Church, and St. James's Episcopal Church.

I have been blessed by incredible teachers and supportive friends throughout my many years of education who have prepared and equipped me for this moment. Special thanks are due to my loved ones from the public schools of the Middleton-Cross Plains Area School District, the University of British Columbia, Harvard Divinity School, and the University of Wisconsin. Many of these teachers and friends are here today, and affirmed my call in moments when I desperately needed such encouragement.

Finally, there are five individuals who I would like to specially recognize. First, I want to thank my family: my mother Nancy, my father Tom, and my sister Kirsten, who have given me all the love and opportunities that any child could ever hope for. I am who I am today because of how you raised me, and my faith and calling has been shaped by you all more than anyone else.

Next, my sponsor, Pr. Kathleen. You put unbelievable trust in me as a student and intern, and gave me the freedom to discover for myself what it meant to be a leader in this church. Your gentle guidance and steadfast care during my years of discernment are what led me to this moment. I do not exaggerate when I say that without you, I would never have become a pastor. Thank you for leading me here.

Finally, my partner Laura. You know more than anyone the struggles that I've faced in pursuing this vocation. Without your love, encouragement, and wisdom, I would have left this path long ago. Thank you for always knowing that this was my calling, and for showing me that, especially in those moments when I could no longer see it.