

The Installation Service of Senior Pastor Christopher Allan Spelbring Sunday, November 20, 2022 3 p.m.



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Prelude:

Partita on "St. Anne" By Paul Manz

Ringing of the Bells

Stand and face the Processional Cross

Processional Hymn: Thy Strong Word



5 Give us lips to sing Thy glory, Tongues Thy mercy to proclaim, Throats that shout the hope that fills us, Mouths to speak Thy holy name.
Alleluia, alleluia! May the light which Thou dost send
Fill our songs with alleluias, Alleluias without end!
God the Father, light-creator,

God the Father, light-creator, To Thee laud and honor be.
To Thee, Light of Light begotten, Praise be sung eternally.
Holy Spirit, light-revealer, Glory, glory be to Thee.
Mortals, angels, now and ever Praise the holy Trinity!

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Opening Versicles

Psalm 51:15; Psalm 70:1

- P O Lord, open my lips,
- **G** and my mouth will declare Your praise.
- P Make haste, O God, to deliver me;
- **•** make haste to help me, O Lord.
- **G** 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. Praise to You, O Christ. Alleluia.

Psalmody

Psalm 40:3-4, 7-11, 16

- He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the LORD.
- Blessèd is the man who makes the LORD his trust, who does not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after a lie!
- Then I said, "Behold, I have come; in the scroll of the book it is written of me:
- I desire to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart."
- I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation; behold, I have not restrained my lips, as you know, O LORD.

I have not hidden your deliverance within my heart;
 I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation;

- I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness from the great congregation.
- As for you, O LORD, you will not restrain your mercy from me; your steadfast love and your faithfulness will ever preserve me!
- But may all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; may those who love your salvation say continually, "Great is the LORD!"
- **G** 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.

Salutation and Collect

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- G And also with you.
- **P** Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, You have always given to Your Church on earth faithful shepherds to guide and feed Your flock. Make all pastors diligent to preach Your holy Word and administer Your means of grace, and grant Your people wisdom to follow in the way that leads to life eternal; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G Amen.

King Of Kings by Brooke Ligertwood, Scott Ligertwood, Jason Ingram

In the darkness we were waiting Without hope without light Till from Heaven You came running There was mercy in Your eyes

To fulfill the law and prophets To a virgin came the Word From a throne of endless glory To a cradle in the dirt

Chorus

Praise the Father Praise the Son Praise the Spirit three in one God of Glory Majesty Praise forever to the King of Kings

To reveal the kingdom coming And to reconcile the lost To redeem the whole creation You did not despise the cross

For even in Your suffering You saw to the other sideKnowing this was our salvationJesus for our sake You diedChorus

And the morning that You rose All of heaven held its breath Till that stone was moved for good For the Lamb had conquered death

And the dead rose from their tombs And the angels stood in awe For the souls of all who'd come To the Father are restored

And the Church of Christ was born Then the Spirit lit the flame Now this Gospel truth of old Shall not kneel shall not faint

By His blood and in His Name In His freedom I am free For the love of Jesus Christ Who has resurrected me Chorus

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 52:7–10

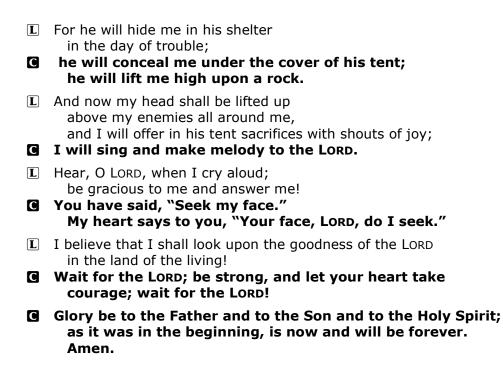
⁷How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." ⁸The voice of your watchmen—they lift up their voice; together they sing for joy; for eye to eye they see the return of the LORD to Zion. ⁹Break forth together into singing, vou waste places of Jerusalem, for the LORD has comforted his people; he has redeemed Jerusalem. ¹⁰The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

- **L** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **G** Thanks be to God.

Psalmody

Psalm 27:1, 4-8, 13-14

- L The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?
- The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?
- I One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life,
- **C** to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple.



Epistle

Ephesians 4:1–7, 11–13

¹I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ²with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— ⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. ⁷But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift.

¹¹And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, ¹²to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.



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Holy Gospel

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.

G Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁹On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." ²⁰When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." ²²And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G Praise to You, O Christ.

Responsary

- P Teach me Your way, O Lord, that I may walk in Your truth.
- **G** Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.
- P Unite my heart to fear Your name that I may walk in Your truth.
- **G** Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.
- **G** Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.



I Am Forever Who I Am

Trumpet: Fred Hasstedt, Jack Burge

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Sermon

"God gave . . ."

Only Jesus

by Bernie Herms, Mark Hall, Matthew West

Make it count leave a mark build a name for yourself Dream your dreams chase your heart above all else Make a name the world remembers But all an empty world can sell is empty dreams I got lost in the light when it was up to me To make a name the world remembers But Jesus is the only name to remember

Chorus And I I don't want to leave a legacy I don't care if they remember me Only Jesus And I I've only got one life to live I'll let every second point to Him Only Jesus

All the kingdoms built all the trophies won Will crumble into dust when it's said and done Cause all that really matters Did I live the truth to the ones I love Was my life the proof that there is only One Whose name will last forever Chorus

Bridge Jesus is the only name Jesus is the only name Jesus is the only name to remember (Repeat) Chorus

Ending I I don't want to leave a legacy I don't care if they remember me Only Jesus

Rite of Installation of Pastor Christopher Allan Spelbring as Senior Pastor of Zion Lutheran Church



The senior pastor-elect is presented before the altar. The presiding minister, standing before the altar, says:

Invocation, Address, and Prayer

- \mathbf{P} In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- **C** Amen.
- Beloved in the Lord, through the Church's usual order, the Reverend Christopher Allan Spelbring has been called by the Lord of the Church to be senior pastor at Zion Lutheran Church in Belleville, Illinois.
- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **G** And also with you.
- **P** Let us pray.

O God, You once taught the hearts of Your faithful people by sending them the light of Your Holy Spirit. Grant us in our day by the same Spirit to have a right understanding in all things and evermore to rejoice in His holy consolation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G Amen.

The presiding minister addresses the pastor-elect:

The Institution of the Office of the Holy Ministry

Hear what Holy Scripture says concerning the institution of the Office of the Holy Ministry . . .

Jesus came and said to them, "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, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Matthew 28:18-20)

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld." (John 20:21-23)

The Responsibilities of the Office of the Holy Ministry

Hear what Holy Scripture says concerning the responsibilities of the Office of the Holy Ministry . . .

Jesus said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem." (Luke 24:46-47)

For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." (1 Corinthians 11:23-25)

This is how one should regard us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found faithful. (1 Corinthians 4:1-2)

Shepherd the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight, not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you; not for shameful gain, but eagerly; not domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock. And when the chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory. (1 Peter 5:2-4)

The Strength and Promise in the Office of the Holy Ministry

Hear what Holy Scripture says concerning the strength and promise God gives to those in the Office of the Holy Ministry . . .

"Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord." For it is not the one who commends himself who is approved, but the one whom the Lord commends. (2 Corinthians 10:17-18)

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work. (2 Timothy 3:14-17)

The presiding minister addresses the pastor-elect:

Vows

Dear brother in Christ, the Lord grant that you receive and keep these words in your heart so that you may be strengthened and encouraged in your labors.

God gathers His Church by and around His Holy Gospel and thereby also grants it growth and increase according to His good pleasure. That this may be done, He has established the Office of the Holy Ministry into which you have been called by the Church and have been ordained and consecrated by prayer and the laying on of hands. It is fitting that you should again acknowledge the responsibilities of this holy office in which you are to serve as the senior pastor of Zion Lutheran Church.

In the presence of this congregation and before our Lord God to whom you must give an account now and at the Last Day, I now ask you:

Do you acknowledge that the Lord has called you through His Church into the ministry of Word and Sacrament?

- R I do.
- Do you believe and confess the canonical books of the Old and New Testaments to be the inspired Word of God and the only infallible rule of faith and practice?
- **R** Yes, I believe and confess the canonical Scriptures to be the inspired Word of God and the only infallible rule of faith and practice.

- Do you believe and confess the three Ecumenical Creeds, namely the Apostles', the Nicene, and the Athanasian Creeds, as faithful testimonies to the truth of the Holy Scriptures, and do you reject all the errors which they condemn?
- Yes, I believe and confess the three Ecumenical Creeds because they are in accord with the Word of God. I also reject all the errors they condemn.
- ▶ Do you confess the Unaltered Augsburg Confession to be a true exposition of Holy Scripture and a correct exhibition of the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church? And do you confess that the Apology of the Augsburg Confession, the Small and Large Catechisms of Martin Luther, the Smalcald Articles, the Treatise on the Power and Primacy of the Pope, and the Formula of Concord—as these are contained in the Book of Concord—are also in agreement with this one scriptural faith?
- **R** Yes, I make these Confessions my own because they are in accord with the Word of God.
- Do you promise that you will perform the duties of your office in accordance with these Confessions, and that all your preaching and teaching and your administration of the Sacraments will be in conformity with Holy Scripture and with these Confessions?
- **R** Yes, I promise, with the help of God.
- Will you faithfully instruct both young and old in the chief articles of Christian doctrine, will you forgive the sins of those who repent, and will you promise never to divulge the sins confessed to you? Will you minister faithfully to the sick and dying, and will you demonstrate to the Church a constant and ready ministry centered in the Gospel? Will you admonish and encourage the people to a lively confidence in Christ and in holy living?
- **R** Yes, I will, with the help of God.
- Finally, will you honor and adorn the Office of the Holy Ministry with a holy life? Will you be diligent in the study of Holy Scripture and the Confessions? And will you be constant in prayer for those under your pastoral care?
- I will, the Lord helping me through the power and grace of His Holy Spirit.

The presiding minister and the pastor-elect turn to face the congregation. The presiding minister says:

Address to the Congregation

Beloved in the Lord, Holy Scripture says, "Obey your leaders and submit P to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no advantage to you."

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, Christopher Allan Spelbring has been called to be the senior pastor of Zion Lutheran Church. You have heard the solemn promise of him called to be your pastor. Will you receive him, show him that love, honor, and obedience in the Lord that you owe to the shepherd and teacher placed over you by your Lord Jesus Christ, and will you support him by your gifts and pray for him always that in his labors he may retain a cheerful spirit and that his ministry among you may be abundantly blessed? If so, then answer: We will, with the help of God.



- **G** We will, with the help of God.
- Will you honor and uphold your pastor as he serves Christ in all his Godpleasing responsibilities? Will you aid him as he cares for his family? Will you be diligent to "put the best construction on everything," recognizing that "love covers a multitude of sins"? If so, then answer: We will, with the help of God.
- **G** We will, with the help of God.
- P The almighty and most merciful God strengthen and assist you always.

The presiding minister asks the pastor-elect:

- P Are you willing and ready to assume this public trust and responsibility?
- R I am.

Installation

Hebrews 13:20-21

Christopher Allan Spelbring I install you as the senior pastor of Zion P Lutheran Church in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

G Amen.

- P Now may 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, equip you with everything good that you may do His will, working in you that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.
- **G** Amen.

(Pastor Spelbring kneels)

P Let us pray.

Merciful God and Father, You have graciously promised that, through the preaching of the crucified Christ, those who believe in Him will be saved. By Your Holy Spirit grant grace to Christopher Allan Spelbring whom You have given to be pastor of this congregation. Grant him readiness and steadfastness in this ministry, patience, understanding, and great zeal. Support and strengthen him in Your service that by Your Word Your Church may be built and increased; through Your Son, our great High Priest, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

- G Amen.
- Almighty and most merciful God and Father, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You have established Your Church to be a temple and dwelling place of the Holy Spirit. We give thanks that You continue to provide shepherds to feed and serve Your flock in which the Holy Spirit has made them overseers. We humbly implore You ever to strengthen the labors of Your ministers, that through their ministry of Word and Sacrament Your people may increase in Your knowledge and service and grow up into Him who is the head, even Jesus Christ, to whom, with You and the Holy Spirit, be all glory now and forever.
- G Amen.
- Go, therefore, and be a shepherd of the Good Shepherd's flock. Preach the Word of God; administer the Holy Sacraments; offer prayer for all the faithful; instruct, watch over, and guide the flock among which the Holy Spirit has placed you. Do it not for earthly gain but with great joy, for you have been called not to lordship but to serve His flock. And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away. The almighty and most merciful God, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.
- G Amen.

The service continues presided over by Pastor Spelbring

Prayer of the Church

On this day of great joy, let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all the people according to their needs. All praise and glory be to You, O God our Father, for You have gathered us together as Your sheep under the Head and in the love of the great Shepherd of the sheep, our Lord Jesus Christ. As You have made us Your own by your most gracious will, so we pray that You would bind us to one another in the faith and the love that is in Christ Jesus. Lord, in Your mercy,

G hear our prayer.

Give to Your whole Church on earth Your light and Your truth, and continue to provide faithful pastors to feed Your sheep with Your pure Word and Sacraments.

Lord, in Your mercy,

• hear our prayer.

Grant to all Your people ears attuned only to the Word of Your Law and Gospel. And especially of this congregation, we ask that by Your Spirit that You would give us Your supply of love, joy, and peace toward one another; patience, kindness, and goodness in time of confusion or conflict; faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Help us to both live and walk by the Spirit,

Lord, in Your mercy,

G hear our prayer.

Continue to create in us new hearts that delight in nothing more than to worship You and receive your Word of grace, and then to proclaim Your Word to the world around us, that all Your sheep may hear Your voice and with us follow You in faith, hope, and love. Lord, in Your mercy,

G hear our prayer.

- Hear our prayers for all who are in any need: the sick, the injured, those who are troubled, the lonely, and the dying. Like a shepherd, lead them to the green pasture of Your Word, protect them from all harm, give them peace to endure, and the healing of which they have need. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **G** hear our prayer.
- Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- **G** Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9–13

- **P** Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:
- 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.

Salutation and Benedicamus

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **G** And also with you.
- **P** Let us bless the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

sung by the Choir



by Johann Sebastian Bach

Soli Deo Slorid

Worship Leader:	Rev. Kirk Clayton, Presiding Minister
	Rev. Mark Wiesner, Proclaiming Minister
Organist:	Timothy Spelbring
Cross Bearer:	Landon Baack
Scripture Readers:	William Weber IV, Bret Boyd II, Peyton Mueller
Praise Vocals/Band:	Vocals: Ananda Baron, Phoebe Bergt, Josh Davis; Band:
	Josh Davis; acoustic; Jake Meyer, electric; Steve
	Westlund, bass guitar; Chris Baron, set; Dawn Tayon,
	keys
Elder on Duty:	Kyle Lewis
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Ushers:	Mike Ward, Jeff Papka

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Nursery Available

Children are welcome in worship here at Zion but if a little one (or their parent) needs a short break, the church lobby is available for walking and comforting. The nursery is located to the left as you exit the sanctuary if you should need a quiet space. Diaper changing stations are located in the handicapped stalls of the restrooms.