

I thank him  
who has  
given me strength,  
Christ Jesus our Lord,  
because  
he judged me faithful,  
appointing me  
to his service,

1 Timothy 1:12

Installation Service

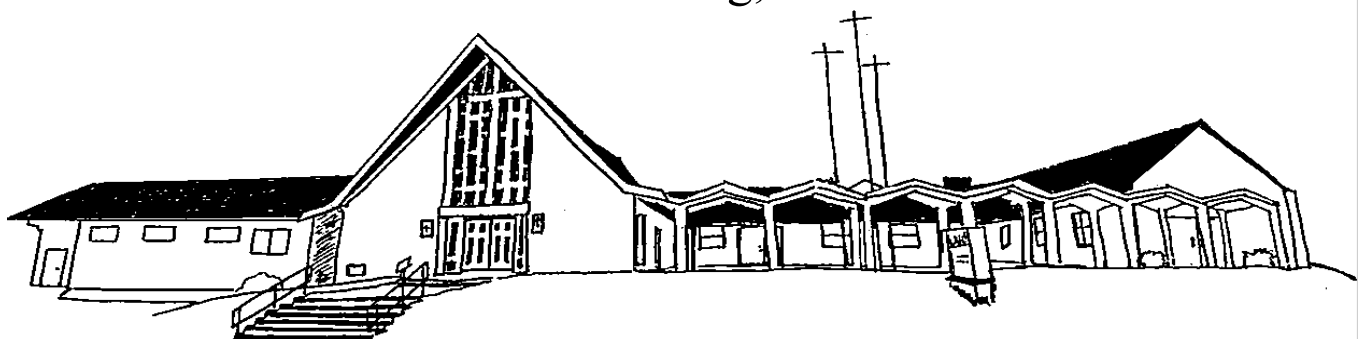
***Reverend Daniel Scott Golden***

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St. Paul Lutheran Church

Parkersburg, WV



## **Excerpts from the Augsburg Confession, concerning the Office of the Holy Ministry**

### **Article V -The Ministry**

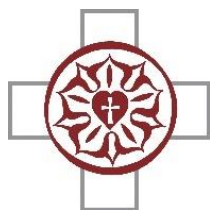
So that we may obtain this faith, the ministry of teaching the Gospel and administering the Sacraments was instituted. Through the Word and Sacraments, as through instruments, the Holy Spirit is given (John 20:22). He works faith, when and where it pleases God (John 3:8), in those who hear the good news that God justifies those who believe that they are received into grace for Christ's sake. This happens not through our own merits, but for Christ's sake. (Augsburg Confession, Article V)

### **Article XIV -Order in the Church**

Our churches teach that no one should publicly teach in the Church, or administer the Sacraments, without a rightly ordered call. (Augsburg Confession, Article XIV)

### **Article XXVIII -Church Authority**

Our teachers' position is this: the authority of the Keys (Matthew 16:19), or the authority of the bishops –according to the Gospel –is the power or commandment of God, to preach the Gospel, to forgive and retain sins, and to administer Sacraments. Christ sends out His apostles with this command, “As the Father has sent Me, even so I am sending you...Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld” (John 20:21-22). And in Mark 16:15, Christ says, “Go...proclaim the Gospel to the whole creation.” This authority is exercised only by teaching or preaching the Gospel and administering the Sacraments, either to many or to individuals, according to their calling. In this way are given not only bodily, but also eternal things: eternal righteousness, the Holy Spirit, and eternal life. These things cannot reach us except by the ministry of the Word and the Sacraments, as Paul says, “The Gospel...is the power of God for salvation to everyone that believes” (Romans 1:16). There, the Church has the authority to grant eternal things and exercises this authority only by the ministry of the Word. (Augsburg Confession, Article XXVIII, paragraphs 5-10)



## **And from Luther's Small Catechism...**

### **What is the Office of the Keys?**

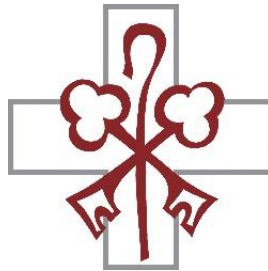
The Office of the Keys is that special authority which Christ has given to His church on earth to forgive the sins of repentant sinners, but to withhold forgiveness from the unrepentant as long as they do not repent.

### **Where is this written?**

This is what St. John the Evangelist writes in chapter twenty: The Lord Jesus breathed on His disciples and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven." (John 20:22-23)

### **What do you believe according to these words?**

I believe that when the called ministers of Christ deal with us by His divine command, in particular when they exclude openly unrepentant sinners from the Christian congregation and absolve those who repent of their sins and want to do better, this is just as valid and certain, even in heaven, as if Christ our dear Lord dealt with us Himself.



### **The Table of Duties**

#### **To Bishops, Pastors, and Preachers**

The overseer must be above reproach, the husband of but one wife, temperate, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, not given to drunkenness, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. He must manage his own family well and see that his children obey him with proper respect. (1 Timothy 3:2-4)

He must not be a recent convert, or he may become conceited and fall under the same judgment as the devil. (1 Timothy 3:6)

He must hold firmly to the trustworthy message as it has been taught, so that he can encourage others by sound doctrine and refute those who oppose it. (Titus 1:9)

## **What the Hearers Owe Their Pastors**

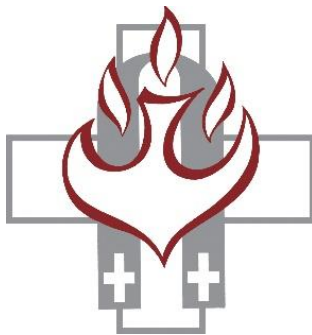
The Lord has commanded that those who preach the gospel should receive their living from the gospel. (1 Corinthians 9:14)

Anyone who receives instruction in the word must share all good things with his instructor. Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. (Galatians 6:6-7)

The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching. For the Scripture says, "Do not muzzle the ox while it is treading out the grain," and "The worker deserves his wages." (1 Timothy 5:17-19)

We ask you, brothers, to 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. Live in peace with each other. (1 Thessalonians 5:12-13)

Obey your leaders and submit 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. (Hebrews 13:17)



# *St. Paul Lutheran Church*

*June 19, 2021*

*The  
Installation of*

***Rev. Daniel S. Golden***



## AS WE GATHER

The Office of the Holy Ministry has been instituted by Christ Himself as a gift to His Church (John 20:19-23, Ephesians 4:11-16). Through the Christian congregation, as the holder of all churchly authority, God calls qualified men to fill his divinely established office. The rites of ordination and installation are distinct. Ordination is the Church's recognition that a man has been rightly called by God through the Church into the Office of Holy Ministry, whereas Installation marks the beginning of a pastor's work in a particular place.



## Prelude

*(Please stand and face the cross during the processional)*

### Opening Hymn with processional      **A Mighty Fortress Is Our God**      **LSB #657**



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, A sword and shield vic -  
2 No strength of ours can match his might. We would be lost, re -  
3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land All threat'ning to de -  
4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, No thanks to foes, who



to - rious; He breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod And wins sal -  
ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, Whom God Him -  
your us, We trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; They can - not  
fear it; For God Him - self fights by our side With weap - ons



va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe Has sworn to  
self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be? The Lord of  
o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage; In bat - tle  
of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house, Goods, hon - or,



work us woe. With craft and dread - ful might He  
hosts is He, Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord, God's  
we'll en - gage. His might is doomed to fail; God's  
child, or spouse, Though life be wrenched a - way, They



arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.  
on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.  
judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.  
can - not win the day. The King - dom's ours for - ev - er!

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*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**[P]** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**[C]** Amen.

## Confession and Absolution

- P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**C** **who made heaven and earth.**
- P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,  
**C** **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

- P** O almighty God, merciful Father,  
**C** **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**
- P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

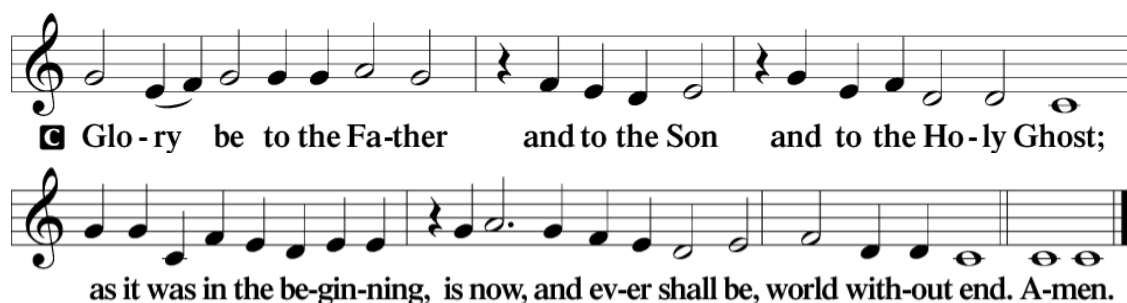
## Service of the Word

### Psalm

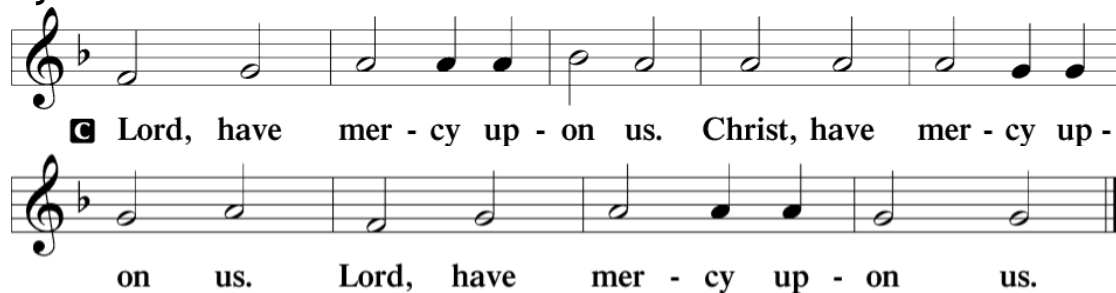
*Psalm 107:1–9, 19*

- <sup>1</sup>Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,  
**for his steadfast love endures forever!**
- <sup>2</sup>Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,  
**whom he has redeemed from trouble**
- <sup>3</sup>and gathered in from the lands,  
**from the east and from the west,  
from the north and from the south.**
- <sup>4</sup>Some wandered in desert wastes,  
**finding no way to a city to dwell in;**

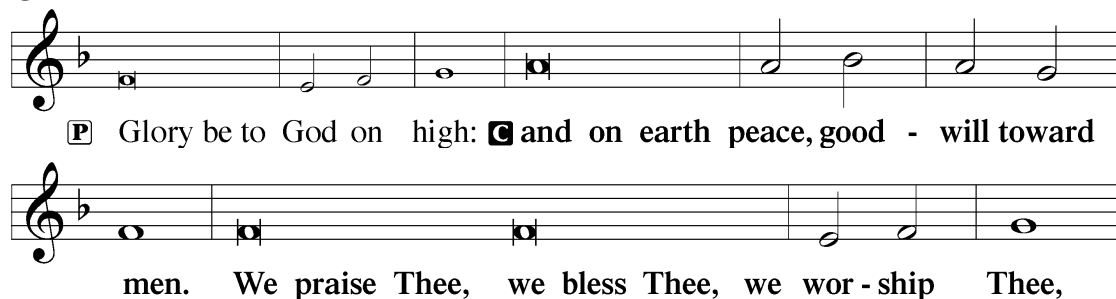
- <sup>5</sup>hungry and | thirsty,  
**their soul fainted with in them.**
- <sup>6</sup>Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble,  
**and he delivered them from their distress.**
- <sup>7</sup>He led them by a straight way  
**till they reached a city to dwell in.**
- <sup>8</sup>Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love,  
**for his wondrous works to the children of men!**
- <sup>9</sup>For he satisfies the longing soul,  
**and the hungry soul he fills with good things.**
- <sup>19</sup>Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble,  
**and he delivered them from their distress.**



## Kyrie



## Gloria in Excelsis





we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.

O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-

on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

☐ The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.

**P** Let us pray.

Merciful God, we humbly implore You to cast the bright beams of Your light upon Your Church that we, being instructed by the doctrine of the blessed apostles, may walk in the light of Your truth and finally attain to the light of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

*Please be seated.*

### Old Testament Reading

*Numbers 21:4–9*

<sup>4</sup>From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. <sup>5</sup>And the people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food.”

<sup>6</sup>Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. <sup>7</sup>And the people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you. Pray to the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. <sup>8</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, “Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live.” <sup>9</sup>So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Epistle

*1 Timothy 2:1–6*

<sup>1</sup>First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, <sup>2</sup>for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. <sup>3</sup>This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, <sup>4</sup>who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. <sup>5</sup>For there is one God, and there is one mediator

between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Please stand.*

### Alleluia



**C** Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

### Holy Gospel

*John 16:23–33*

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



**C** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>23</sup>[Jesus said:] “In that day you will ask nothing of me. Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you. <sup>24</sup>Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.

<sup>25</sup>“I have said these things to you in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures of speech but will tell you plainly about the Father. <sup>26</sup>In that day you will ask in my name, and I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf; <sup>27</sup>for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. <sup>28</sup>I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father.”

<sup>29</sup>His disciples said, “Ah, now you are speaking plainly and not using figurative speech! <sup>30</sup>Now we know that you know all things and do not need anyone to question you; this is why we believe that you came from God.” <sup>31</sup>Jesus answered them, “Do you now believe? <sup>32</sup>Behold, the hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home, and will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone, for the Father is with me. <sup>33</sup>I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## Apostles' Creed

**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.  
And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life  $\dagger$  everlasting. Amen.

*Please be seated.*

### The Hymn of the Day      God Loved the World So That He Gave      LSB #571



1 God loved the world so that He gave His on - ly  
2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, Who was made  
3 God would not have the sin - ner die; His Son with  
4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son For - gives all



Son the lost to save, That all who would in  
flesh and suf - fered death; All then who trust in  
sav - ing grace is nigh; His Spir - it in the  
sins which you have done; And, jus - ti - fied by



Him be - lieve Should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.  
Him a - lone Are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.  
Word de - clares How we in Christ are heav - en's heirs.  
Je - sus' blood, Your Bap - tism grants the high - est good.

5 If you are sick, if death is near,  
This truth your troubled heart can cheer:  
Christ Jesus saves your soul from death;  
That is the firmest ground of faith.

△6 Glory to God the Father, Son,  
And Holy Spirit, Three in One!  
To You, O blessed Trinity,  
Be praise now and eternally!

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## Sermon

Rev. Clint Poppe

**P** The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

**C** Amen.



## Installation of a Pastor

*Please stand.*

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

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

*The presiding minister addresses the congregation:*

**P** Beloved in the Lord, through the Church's usual order, the Reverend **Daniel Scott Golden** has been called by the Lord of the Church to be pastor of Saint Paul Lutheran Church in Parkersburg, West Virginia.

## THE SALUTATION AND COLLECT

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

O almighty God, by Your Son, our Savior, You have always given to Your Church on earth faithful shepherds to guide and feed Your flock. Therefore we pray, make all pastors diligent to preach Your holy Word and to administer Your means of grace, and grant Your people wisdom to follow in the way that leads to life eternal; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

*The presiding minister and pastor-elect remain standing. The assisting ministers may join the presiding minister at the altar.*

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

### **The Institution of the Office of the Holy Ministry**

- P** Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 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 things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

*Matthew 28:18-20 NKJV*

- P** Jesus said to them again, “Peace be to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send 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 retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

*John 20:21-23*

### **The Responsibilities of the Office of the Holy Ministry**

- P** 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 and forgiveness of sins should be preached in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.”

*Luke 24:46-47 alt.*

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*

Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophecy when the council of elders laid their hands on you. Practice these things, devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress. Keep a close watch on yourself and on the teaching. Persist in this, for by so doing you will save both yourself and your hearers.

*1 Timothy 4:14-16*

## The Strength and Promise in the Office of the Holy Ministry

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

Continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them, and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

*2 Timothy 3:14-17 NKJV*

- P** 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 a pastor of this congregation. 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.*

- P** 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.*

- P** 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?

- R** *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.*

- P** 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.*

**P** 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.*

**P** 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.*

**P** 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?

**R** *I will, the Lord helping me through the power and grace of His Holy Spirit.*

## **Installation of the Pastor of a Congregation**

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

**P** Beloved in the Lord, Holy Scripture says, “Obey your leaders and submit 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.”

**P** 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.



**C** We will, with the help of God.

**P** The almighty and most merciful God strengthen and assist you always.

**P** Are you willing and ready to assume this public trust and responsibility?

**R** *I am.*

**P** Daniel Scott Golden, I install you as pastor of St. Paul Lutheran Church, in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** 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.

**C** Amen.

*Hebrews 13:20-21*

*Please stand.*

**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 Daniel, 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.

**C** Amen.

### Blessing

**P** 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.

**C** Amen.

## Prayer of the Church

### Lord's Prayer

**C** 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.

### Closing Collect

**P** Almighty and ever-living God, You fulfilled Your promise by sending the gift of the Holy Spirit to unite disciples of all nations in the cross and resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ. By the preaching of the Gospel spread this gift to the ends of the earth; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen

### Benedicamus

**P** Bless we the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Benediction

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.



**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.

## Closing Hymn

## Preach You the Word

LSB #586



1 Preach you the Word and plant it home To men who  
2 We know how hard, O Lord, the task Your ser - vant  
3 The sow - er sows; his reck - less love Scat - ters a -  
4 Though some be snatched and some be scorched And some be



like or like it not, The Word that shall en -  
bade us un - der - take: To preach Your Word and  
broad the good - ly seed, In - tent a - lone that  
choked and mat - ted flat, The sow - er sows; his



dure and stand When flow'rs and men shall be for - got.  
nev - er ask What pride - ful prof - it it may make.  
all may have The whole - some loaves that all men need.  
heart cries out, "Oh, what of that, and what of that?"

5 Of all his scattered plenteousness  
One-fourth waves ripe on hill and flat,  
And bears a harvest hundredfold:  
"Ah, what of that, Lord, what of that!"

6 Preach you the Word and plant it home  
And never faint; the Harvest Lord  
Who gave the sower seed to sow  
Will watch and tend His planted Word.

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## Postlude

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## A special THANK YOU ~

To all those attending today's celebration.

*Almighty and everlasting God, whose infinite power alone does  
Great wonders, send down on Your ministers and on the congregations  
Committed to their care the healthful spirit of Your grace, and that they  
may truly please You, pour on them the dew of Your continual blessing:  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen*

To today's participants:

Officiant: Rev. Danny Koch

Proclaimer: Rev. Clint Poppe, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Lincoln, NE

Additional Clergy participating in the service

The Elders at St. Paul Lutheran Church

Organist: Paula Engelhardt

And a special Thank You to Rev. Roger Sayre for his help with the Divine Service, liturgy, and congregation visitation during our vacancy.

## **Getting to know the Pastor:**

Greetings in the name of the Lord!

I am married to Julie, and we have 5 children, ages 27 through 10: Alex, Emily, Nick, Casey, and Kelly. Julie just finished as a teacher's aide at Ascension Lutheran School in Fort Wayne, where Kelly just finished 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Kelly is our youngest and the last one living with us.

Our family hobbies include hiking, biking, visiting state parks, finding new foods (especially bakeries!), and bookstores. Kelly enjoys swimming, gymnastics, and playing clarinet. Julie is an avid reader, loves to bake, and work on crafts. My hobbies include playing guitar, golfing, and swimming.

I started my journey toward full-time ministry in our home congregation at Calvary Lutheran Church in Waterloo, NY. The ministry is a second career for me. I spent 21 years in retail management, most of them as a store manager of Walmart, Kohl's, and Harbor Freight Tools.

I was baptized by God and became a Christian at the age of 35 on Palm Sunday, 2011. I was confirmed as an LCMS Lutheran communicant member on Christmas Eve, 2012. In 2015 I became interested in church work and took online classes through Concordia Wisconsin to be a certified Lay Minister. In 2017, I left my first career behind and we took the leap of faith and I enrolled in seminary. We sold our house in upstate NY and moved! During my 3rd year we were placed for vicarage in Lincoln, Nebraska under the supervision of today's preacher, Pastor Clint Poppe.

At the end of our fourth year on April 27, I was called to be the pastor of the congregation here at St. Paul Lutheran in Parkersburg, WV! On May 21, I graduated from Concordia Theological Seminary Fort Wayne with a Master of Divinity degree. I was ordained June 13 in our previous home church Calvary Lutheran in Waterloo, NY.

We look forward to serving Christ with our new church family! Pastor Golden