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"WE GROW IN GOD'S WORD SO THAT WE CAN GO WITH GOD'S WORD"

The Installation of Rev. Matthew Guse

Welcome to Northdale Lutheran! We are so glad you are joining us to proclaim what God has done and to sing his praises. Here the Lord also comes to us and strengthens us with his mighty Word. Take a moment to meet and greet those around you! Also:



- ❖ Restrooms are in the entrance and through the nursery hallway.
- ❖ Handicapped accessible restroom facilities are located through the nursery hallway and back in the preschool area.
- ❖ To help keep the sanctuary as a quiet place of worship and meditation and for your convenience, a Quiet Room is available for the whole service for young children in the back of the sanctuary. Please make use of this room if your child becomes loud in worship. ***Please do not leave children unattended in the Quiet Room. We ask that at least one adult be present while children are in this room.***
- ❖ Everything you need for worship is printed in the worship folder.



Installation - Installation serves to acknowledge the validity of the divine call issued and the fitness of a person to carry out the duties of his office—preaching, teaching, baptizing, administering the Lord’s Supper, and performing any work or office of the church. The person installed also declares his allegiance to Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions. Pastor and congregation are filled by God's Word and promises with joy and thankfulness, dedication and zeal, hope and courage in doing the Lord's work together.

Serving Participants today are Pastor Chuck Westra (preacher), pastor at Christ Our Savior in Columbia, TN and District President of the South Atlantic District of the WELS and Pastor Phil Hunter (presiding minister), pastor of Citrus Grove in Wesley Chapel, FL.

About Pastor Guse - I was born in Milwaukee, WI during my father’s final year at the seminary. I grew up in Columbia, SC and Marietta, GA where my father served as pastor for many years. I attended Martin Luther Prep School, Northwestern College, and the Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary. Upon seminary graduation in 1998, I received my first call into the public ministry to serve a new mission start up in Las Vegas, NV. After 14 years of serving Beautiful Savior Las Vegas, in 2012 I accepted a call to serve St. Peter’s Lutheran Church in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin as school and associate pastor.

I am married to Elizabeth (Liz) Guse from Fountain City, WI. We have 3 children. Ethan Guse is 22 and attending college to be a fire fighter / first responder. Brice Guse is 19 and is in his sophomore year at Martin Luther College studying in the pastor track. Ben Guse is 16 finishing his high school studies in Wisconsin.

Liz and I are looking forward to meeting all the faculty, staff, and members of Northdale Lutheran. We are excited to see what the new years bring as the Lord continues to bless the ministry among us. We look forward to the sun, warmth, and the blessings of our gracious Lord.

OPENING HYMN, CW 239 , "GLORY BE TO GOD THE FATHER"



1 Glo - ry be to God the Fa - ther, Glo - ry be to
 2 Glo - ry be to him who loved us, Washed us from each
 3 Glo - ry to the King of an - gels, Glo - ry to the
 4 Glo - ry, bless-ing, praise e - ter - nal!— Thus the choir of



God the Son, Glo - ry be to God the Spir - it,
 spot and stain; Glo - ry be to him who bought us,
 Church's King, Glo - ry to the King of na - tions;
 an - gels sings; Hon - or, rich - es, pow'r, do - min - ion!—



Great Je - ho - vah, Three in One! Glo - ry,
 Made us kings with him to reign! Glo - ry,
 Heav'n and earth, your prais - es bring! Glo - ry,
 Thus its praise cre - a - tion brings. Glo - ry,



glo - ry While e - ter - nal a - ges run!
 glo - ry To the Lamb that once was slain!
 glo - ry To the King of glo - ry sing!
 glo - ry, Glo - ry to the King of kings!

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808–89, alt.

Tune: WORCESTER (87 87 47) Walter G. Whinfield, 1865–1919.

PLEASE STAND

INVOCATION

M(inister): The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C(ongregation): And also with you.

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord!

SONG OF PRAISE

Refrain



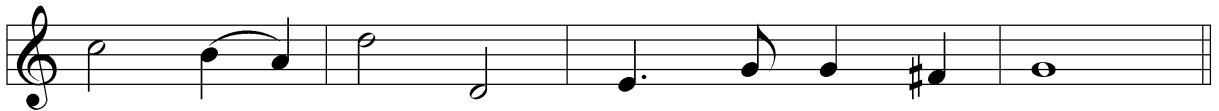
Lift high the cross; the love of Christ pro - claim Till



all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.



1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod, Our
2 Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign, The
3 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be: Praise



king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
hosts of God in con - qu'ring ranks com - bine.
to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.

Text: George W. Kitchin, 1827–1912, abr., altered by Michael R. Newbolt, 1874–1956, alt. © 1974 Hope Publishing Co., Carol Stream, IL 60188. All rights reserved. Used by permission.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Almighty God, look with favor on those whom you have called to minister to you people. Fill them with doctrine, and clothe them with holiness of life, that they may joyfully serve to the glory of your name and for the benefit of your Church, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.



C: A - men.

THE WORD OF GOD*



THE FIRST LESSON: JOSHUA 1:1-9

After the death of Moses the servant of the Lord, the Lord said to Joshua son of Nun, Moses' aide: ²"Moses my servant is dead. Now then, you and all these people, get ready to cross the Jordan River into the land I am about to give to them—to the Israelites. ³I will give you every place where you set your foot, as I promised Moses. ⁴Your territory will extend from the desert to Lebanon, and from the great river, the Euphrates—all the Hittite country—to the Mediterranean Sea in the west. ⁵No one will be able to stand against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you. ⁶Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their ancestors to give them.

⁷"Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go. ⁸Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. ⁹Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." (NIV)

*The Word of God

"The reading of the Lessons is a highlight of a service. The spiritually hungry have come to be fed and nurtured and to drink from the waters of life. Knowing that 'faith comes from hearing the message,' God's people listen intently with attention aroused to be blessed by the hearing of God's Word." Christian Worship Manual

PSALM OF THE DAY, *PSALM 46:1-5, 10*

M: God is our refuge and strength,

C: An ever-present help in trouble.

M: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way

C: And the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,

M: Though its waters roar and foam

C: And the mountains quake in their surging.

M: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,

C: the holy place where the Most High dwells

M: God is within her, she will not fall;

C: God will help her at break of day

M: Be still and know that I am God;

C: I will be exalted among the nations. I will exalted in the earth.

THE SECOND LESSON: II TIMOTHY 3:14 – II TIMOTHY 4:5

¹⁴But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, ¹⁵and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, ¹⁷so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

¹In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge: ²Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction. ³For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. ⁴They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. ⁵But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry.(NIV)

PLEASE STAND

THE GOSPEL LESSON: MATTHEW 3:1-12

In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea ²and saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” ³This is he who was spoken of through the prophet Isaiah:

“A voice of one calling in the wilderness,
‘Prepare the way for the Lord,
make straight paths for him.’”

⁴John’s clothes were made of camel’s hair, and he had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵People went out to him from Jerusalem and all Judea and the whole region of the Jordan. ⁶Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River.

⁷But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to where he was baptizing, he said to them: “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? ⁸Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. ⁹And do not think you can say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham. ¹⁰The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.

¹¹“I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me comes one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹²His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor, gathering his wheat into the barn and burning up the chaff with unquenchable fire.” (NIV)

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

BE SEATED

SERMON HYMN, CW #542, "DEAR LORD TO YOUR TRUE SERVANTS GIVE"

1 Dear Lord, to your true ser - vants give The grace to
 2 They glad - ly go at your com - mand To spread your
 3 When all their la - bor seems in vain, Re - vive their

you a - lone to live. Set free from sin to
 Word o'er sea and land. Be with them, Lord, and
 sink - ing hopes a - gain; And when suc - cess crowns

serve you, Lord, They go to share your
 make them strong To heal sin's ills, to
 what they do, Oh, keep them hum - ble,

liv - ing Word, The gos - pel mes - sage to pro -
 right the wrong. Your rule is o - ver wind and
 Lord, and true Un - til be - fore your judg - ment

claim That all may know your sav - ing name.
 wave, And might - y is your arm to save.
 seat They lay their tro - phies at your feet.

Text: W. Gustave Polack, 1890–1950, alt.

Tune: MELITA (88 88 88) John B. Dykes, 1823–76.

SERMON TEXT: ISAIAH 6:1-8

SERMON THEME:

Look Into The Face Of God

PLEASE STAND

APOSTLES' CREED

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

**I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there 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 everlasting. Amen.**

BE SEATED

THE RITE OF INSTALLATION

M: Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ said to his Church: "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go 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 I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." *Matthew 28:18-20*

Holy Scripture assures us that our risen and ascended Lord will always provide the Church with the gifts necessary to carry out this commission. The apostle Paul writes to the Ephesians, "He who had ascended higher than all the heavens in order to fill the whole universe gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the Body of Christ might be built up." *Ephesians 4:11-12*

EXHORTATION TO THE PASTOR ELECT

M: Dear brother in Christ, this congregation has called you to serve in the office of the holy ministry. It is good that you should hear again what God in his holy Word impresses on his pastors concerning this sacred office.

St. Paul states that a pastor "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. He must also have a good reputation with outsiders, so that he will not fall into disgrace and into the devil's trap" *1 Timothy 3:2-7*.

He urges Timothy to "set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity." He further advises him: "Devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to preaching, and to teaching. Watch your life and your doctrine closely. Persevere in them, because if you do, you will save both yourself and your hearers" *1 Timothy 4:12-13, 16*.

In the final chapter of his second letter to Timothy, the apostle gives additional words of encouragement: "Preach the Word. Correct, rebuke and encourage, with great patience and careful instruction. Keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist." *2 Timothy 4:2-4*

The ability to carry out this calling is not in us, but comes alone from God, as St. Paul reminds the Corinthian Christians: "Not that we are competent in ourselves to claim anything for ourselves, but our competence comes from God" *2 Corinthians 3:5*

PROMISES BY THE PASTOR ELECT

M: In keeping with the word and will of the Lord, you are about to be installed as a pastor at Northdale Lutheran Church. I ask you, in the presence of God and this congregation: Are you fully determined to carry out this work according to the grace which God will give?

I am.

M: Do you believe that the canonical books of the Old and New Testament are the inspired Word of God and the only infallible rule of faith and practice?

I do.

M: Do you accept the three Ecumenical Creeds—the Apostles', the Nicene, and the Athanasian—as faithful testimonies to the truth of the Holy Scriptures, and do you reject all the errors which they condemn?

I do.

M: Do you believe that the Unaltered Augsburg Confession is a true exposition of the Word of God and a correct presentation of the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church; and that the other confessions in the Book of Concord are also in agreement with this one scriptural faith: the Apology of the Augsburg Confession, the Small and Large Catechisms of Martin Luther, the Smalcald Articles, and the Formula of Concord?

I do.

M: Do you solemnly promise that all your teaching and your administration of the Sacraments will conform to the Holy Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions?

I do.

M: Will you give faithful witness to Christ in the world that God's love may be known in all that you do and say?

I will, and I ask God to help me.

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

EXHORTATION TO THE CONGREGATION

M: Brothers and sisters in Christ, you have heard the solemn promise given by the one you have called to be your pastor. I urge you, therefore, to receive him as your pastor and to keep in mind always what the Word of God expects of you as members of his flock:

Listen eagerly to the preaching of the Word, receiving it not as the word of men, but as it actually is, the Word of God. (*cf. 1 Thessalonians 2:13*)

Take to heart his scriptural words of warning and encouragement, humbly accepting the Word planted in you. (*cf. James 1:21*)

Work together with him for our Lord's kingdom so that by your works of service the Body of Christ might be built up. (*cf. Ephesians 4:12*)

Help him by your word and example in teaching the young, remembering how the Scriptures urge you to bring up your children in the training and instruction of the Lord. (*cf. Ephesians 6:4*)

Honor and love him, as the apostle Paul says: "Respect those who work hard among you, who are over you in the Lord and who admonish you. Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work." (*1 Thessalonians 5:12-13*)

Pray for him continually, that his ministry among you may be greatly blessed and that, with all his responsibilities, he may continue to have a cheerful spirit.

Provide also for his physical needs, for the Lord says, "The worker deserves his wages;" and the Apostle Paul says, "Anyone who receives instruction in the Word must share all good things with his instructor." (*Galatians 6:6*)

Finally, remember what the Scriptures say: "Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no advantage to you." (*Hebrews 13:7*)

PROMISES BY THE CONGREGATION

M: I now ask you, in the presence of God:

Are you willing to receive your pastor as a minister of God? Will you show him the love, honor, and obedience in the Lord which you owe to a shepherd and overseer placed over you by the Lord Jesus Christ, the Chief Shepherd and Overseer of souls? If so, answer: We will, and we ask God to help us.

C: We will, and we ask God to help us.

The almighty and merciful God strengthen and assist you always.

INSTALLATION

The pastor-elect kneels. The installing minister, laying his right hand on the head of the pastor-elect, says:

Matthew Guse, I install you as pastor at Northdale Lutheran Church in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

May the Lord pour out his Holy Spirit for the work committed to you that you may faithfully proclaim the gospel in Word and Sacraments. (Laying on of Hands)

CLOSING PRAYERS

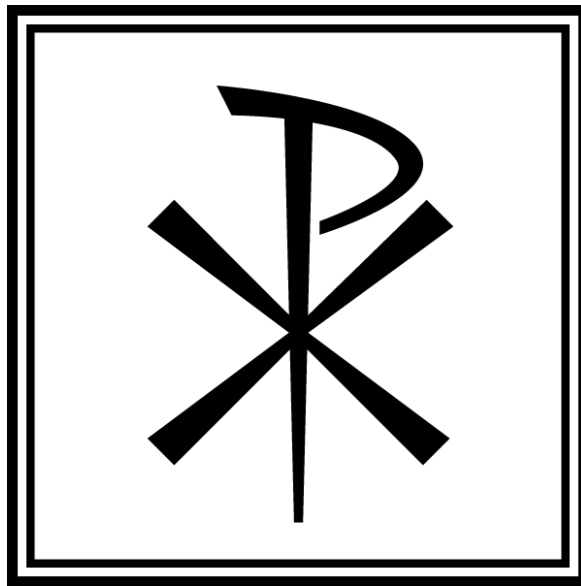
M Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus Christ, the eternal and only Son of God, you sit at the right hand of the Father and give gifts to men, sending out pastors and teachers to prepare God's people for works of service so that the body of Christ, the Church, may be built up. We thank and praise you that you have again provided this flock with a faithful shepherd. We ask you to grant your grace to both pastor and people, that they may do what pleases you, holding on to faith and a good conscience, and finally, with all the elect, obtain eternal life, in your name we pray.

C: Amen.

**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.**

M Go, then, take up the work to which you have been called.
The Lord bless you and make you a blessing to many, that you may bear fruit,
and that your fruit may remain to eternal life

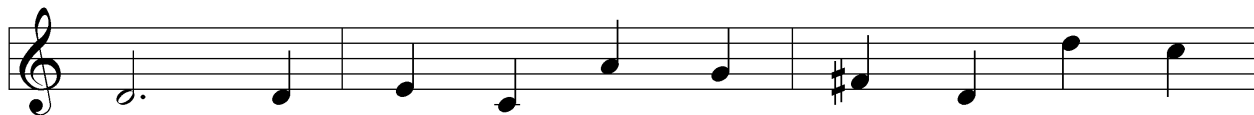


PLEASE STAND

FINAL HYMN, CW #528, "CHRIST IS OUR CORNERSTONE" (v. 1,3,4)



1 Christ is our cor - ner - stone; On him a - lone we
2 Oh, then, with hymns of praise These hal - lowed courts shall
3 Here, gra - cious God, do now And ev - er - more draw
4 Here may we gain from heav'n The grace which we im -



build. With his true saints a - lone The courts of
ring! Our voic - es we will raise The Three in
near; Ac - cept each faith - ful vow And all your
plore, And may that grace, once giv'n, Be with us



heav'n are filled. On his great love Our hopes we
One to sing And thus pro - claim In joy - ful
chil - dren hear, And more and more On those who
ev - er - more Un - til that day When all the



place Of pres - ent grace And joys a - bove.
song, Both loud and long, That glo - rious name.
pray Each ho - ly day Your bless - ing pour.
blest To end - less rest Are called a - way!

Text: Latin hymn, c. 8th century, abr.; tr. John Chandler, 1806–76, alt.
Tune: DARWALL'S 148TH (66 66 4444) John Darwall, 1731–89.

CLOSING PRAYER

M: Grant us, Lord, the Spirit to think and do what is right that we, who cannot do anything that is good without you, may by your help be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



BLESSING

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

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.



BE SEATED

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WELS

Christ's Love, Our Calling.