

POST COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

Lord of life, in the gift of your body and blood you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation. Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy, bearing witness to the abundance of your love in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

People of God, you are Christ's body, bringing new life to a suffering world. The holy Trinity, one God, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN: The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve **ELW #551**

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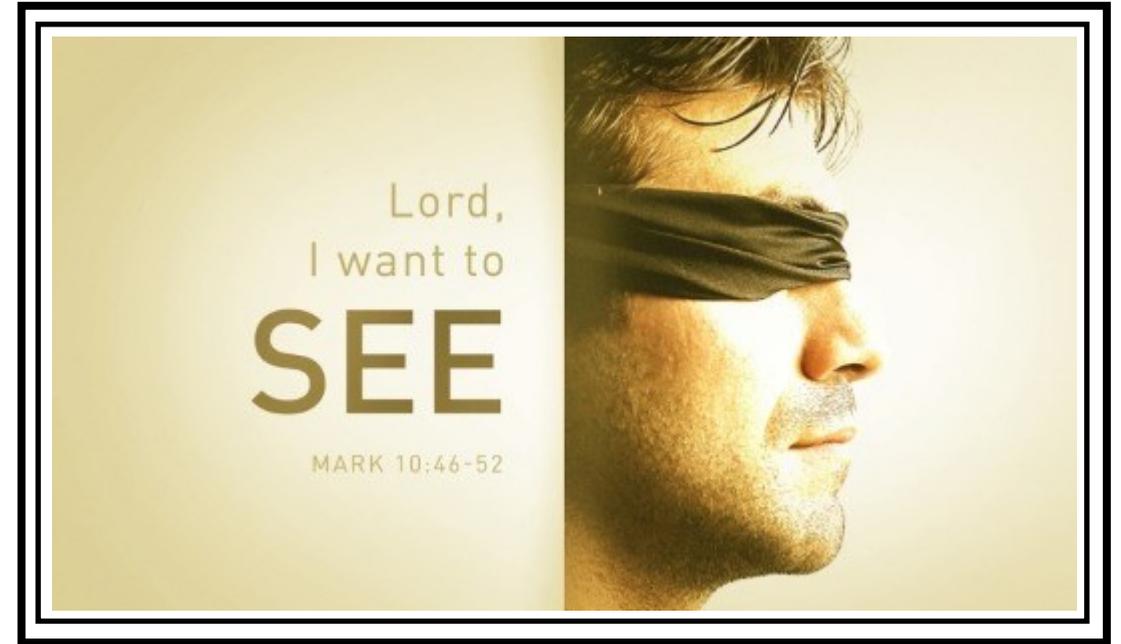
Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

PRAYERCARE Leo Nelson, the family of Lowell Nelson, Yutaro Nakanishi, the family of Annie Lindgren, the family of John Solheim, Donna Lindgren, Don Grover, Vicki Ford, Dave Danberg, Caroline Greene, Nia Glynn, Ron Hackmann, the family of Doris Fors, Helen Swanson, the family of Ann Rue, the family of Kurt Kowarsch, the family of Joe Mallery, Dan Petersen, the family of Margaret Dale, the family of Cheryl Slattengren, Marcielle Rogers, Cleo Stomberg, Michelle Lynch, and the family of Brian Maloney.

Sunday, October 24, 2021
Pastor Dwight Rudquist
Deacon Krista Lind
Music: Toni Brekke
Ushers: Gail Johnson
Vocals: Michelle Lynch
Lector: Wendy Szczepanski
Fellowship Host: Rose Anderson
& Joy Buchholtz



Sunday, October 24, 2021

Twenty-Second Sunday After Pentecost

Installation Service for Pr. Dwight Rudquist

Bolded words: Congregation
Non-bolded words: Pastor

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, whose teaching is life, whose presence is sure, and whose love is endless. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

God our comforter: **like lost sheep, we have gone astray. We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity. We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression. We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed. Free us from our sin, gracious God. Listen when we call out to you for help. Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.**

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. By the gift of grace in Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous. Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins. **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN: Soli Deo Gloria

ELW #878

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

Eternal light, **shine in our hearts. Eternal wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance. Eternal compassion, have mercy on us. Turn us to seek your face, and enable us to reflect your goodness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

PRAYERS

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

COMMUNION LITURGY

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish but have eternal life. We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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.**

DISTRIBUTION OF ELEMENTS

COMMUNION HYMN: By Your Hand You Feed Your People

ELW #469

Deacon Lind: Will you be diligent in your study of the holy scriptures and faithful in your use of the means of grace?

Pastor Rudquist: I will, and I ask God to help me.

Deacon Lind: Trusting in God's care, will you love, serve, and pray for God's people, nourish them with the word and sacraments, and lead them by your own example in faithful service and holy living?

Pastor Rudquist: I will, and I ask God to help me.

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

Pastor Rudquist: I will, and I ask God to help me.

Deacon Lind: Almighty God, who has given you the will to do these things, graciously give you the strength and compassion to perform them. **ALL: Amen.**

(Congregation Stand)

Deacon Lind: People of God, will you receive Pastor Rudquist as a messenger of Jesus Christ sent to serve all people with the gospel of hope and salvation? Will you regard Pastor Rudquist as a servant of Christ and a steward of the mysteries of God?

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

Deacon Lind: Will you pray for Pastor Rudquist? Will you help and honor him in carrying out this ministry? In all things, will you strive to live together in the peace and unity of Christ?

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

Deacon Lind: Dwight Rudquist, the office of Pastor is now committed to you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **ALL: Amen.**

BLESSING

Deacon Lind: The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make you complete in everything good so that you may do God's will, working in you that which is pleasing in God's sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever. **ALL: Amen.**

Deacon Lind: People of God, I present to you Pastor Dwight Rudquist, your pastor.

Let us welcome him in the name of Christ.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:7-9

For thus says the LORD: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O LORD, your people, the remnant of Israel." See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 126

When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,
we were like those who dream.
Then our mouth was filled with laughter,
and our tongue with shouts of joy;
then it was said among the nations,
"The LORD has done great things for them."
The LORD has done great things for us,
and we rejoiced.

Restore our fortunes, O LORD,
like the watercourses in the Negeb.
May those who sow in tears
reap with shouts of joy.
Those who go out weeping,
bearing the seed for sowing,
shall come home with shouts of joy,
carrying their sheaves.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 7:23-28

Furthermore, the former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL: Mark 10:46-52

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 10th Chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE: Pastor Dwight Rudquist

HYMN OF THE DAY: Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading (Vs1-3) ELW #802

PRESENTATION

Deacon Lind: Having been authorized by the church to install Dwight Rudquist, our co-worker in the gospel, as our pastor, I now ask for certification of this call.

Congregational President: After prayerful deliberation, we, of First Evangelical Lutheran Church, have called Pastor Dwight Rudquist to serve as a minister of word and sacrament in the position of pastor. I present Pastor Rudquist and this letter certifying the call.

ADDRESS AND QUESTIONS

A reading from John: Jesus said, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you. Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." (*John 20:21-23*)

A reading from Matthew: Jesus said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (*Matthew 28:18-20*)

A reading from First Timothy: Set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Attend to the public reading of scripture, to exhorting, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you through prophecy with the laying on of hands by the council of elders. Put these things into practice, devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress. Pay close attention to yourself and to your teaching; continue in these things, for in doing this you will save both yourself and your hearers. (*1 Timothy 4:12-16*)

Deacon Lind: Dwight Rudquist, in the presence of this assembly will you commit yourself to this new trust and responsibility, in the confidence that it comes from God through the call of the church?

Pastor Rudquist: I will, and I ask God to help me.

Deacon Lind: Will you preach and teach in accordance with the holy scriptures and with the confessions of the Lutheran church? Will you carry out this ministry in harmony with the constitutions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America?

Pastor Rudquist: I will, and I ask God to help me.