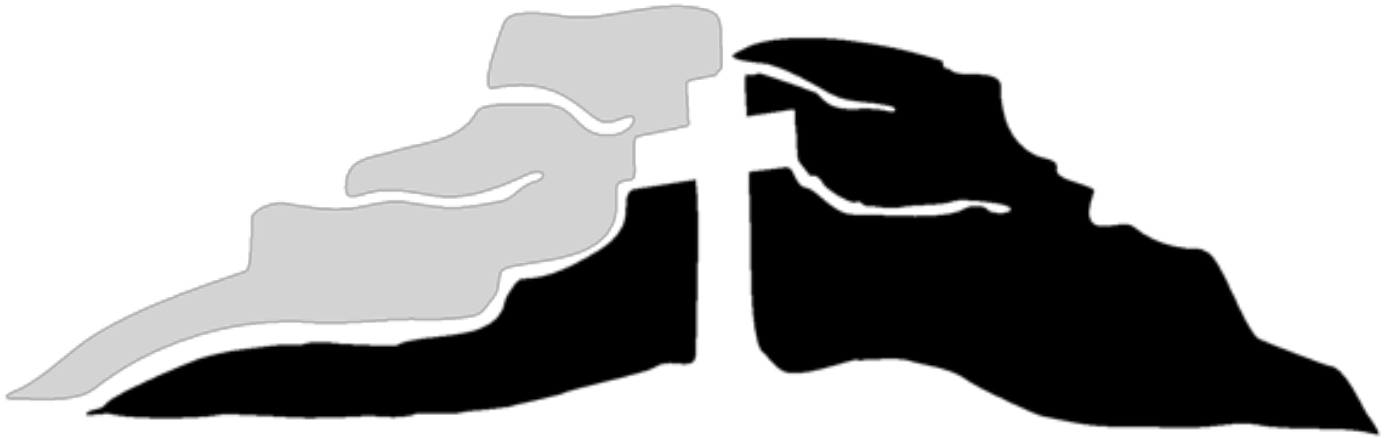


Installation of Reverend Jonathan Brohn as Pastor of Christ the Rock Lutheran Church in Farmington



The Glory of the Ministry of the Gospel of Jesus Christ

There are basically two religious stories: the glory story and the story of the cross. The glory story goes like this: We humans came from glory and are bound for glory. We got a little off the track along the way, but, with effort, we can get back on the right track. The story of the cross is so different: We are more than just a little off track; we are spiritually dead and even our will (our “want to”) is captivated to the devil, the fallen world around us and to our own sinful flesh. Not only is our effort fruitless (before God); it brings on more despair (or pride, if we think we ‘ve got the problem licked). But Jesus Christ was born, lived, died and was raised again for us. And Paul says, “I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.” Luther, 15 centuries later, rightly says, “The cross alone is our theology.”

If Christ the Rock were of the glory story variety, we ’d expect our new pastor to whip us into even better shape and hone us into a successful, glorious machine. But we are a congregation of the cross of Christ. And so we celebrate today the fact that God has raised up another soul to serve in the ministry of the gospel of Jesus Christ. And we ’ll be thankful for and work with our pastor to point to the cross of Jesus Christ alone as the foundation, center and focus of our work.

OPENING HYMN

“The God Who Kept Our Fathers True”

by Werner Franzmann (tune -CW 3)

1. **THE GOD WHO KEPT OUR FATHERS TRUE
WOULD STILL DESCEND LIKE MORNING DEW
UPON US ALL WITH HIS GRACE;
HE LETS US SEE A FATHER 'S FACE
WHO IS ALL EAGERNESS TO BLESS
THOSE WHO HIS SON AS LORD CONFESS.
THEN HELP US EVER BE,
O FATHER, TRUE TO THEE**

2. **THE SON WHO CAME FROM HEAVEN'S THRONE
STILL COMES IN GRACE TO ALL HIS OWN.
THEY FIND IN WORD AND SACRAMENT
ALL BLESSINGS CHRIST FOR SINNERS MEANT:
THE PEACE AND JOY OF SINS FORGIV'N
ALL COMFORT, STRENGTH, AND HOPE OF HEAV'N.
THEN HELP US EVER BE,
O SAVIOR, TRUE TO THEE.**

3. **THE SPIRIT WHO THROUGH ALL THE YEARS
HAS BROUGHT THE GOSPEL TO OUR EARS;
WHO SHOWED US CHRIST TO CHEER OUR HEART,
TO BID ALL FEAR AND DOUBT DEPART,
TO PROMPT GLAD WITNESS TO OUR LORD—
HE STILL WILL EV'RY GRACE AFFORD.
THEN HELP US EVER BE,
O SPIRIT, TRUE TO THEE.**

INVOCATION

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: AND THE LORD BE WITH YOU.

P: This is the day the Lord has made.

C: WE WILL REJOICE AND BE GLAD IN IT.

P: May the Lord our God be with us as he was with our fathers.

C: MAY HE NEVER LEAVE US NOR FORSAKE US.

P: Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord.

C: LET US SHOUT ALOUD TO THE ROCK OF OUR SALVATION.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Almighty God, look with favor on those whom you have called to minister to your 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: AMEN.

FIRST LESSON

Joshua 1:1-9

The Lord called Joshua to lead his people after Moses died.

After the death of Moses the servant of the LORD, the LORD said to Joshua son of Nun, Moses' aide: "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. I will give you every place where you set your foot, as I promised Moses. Your territory will extend from the desert to Lebanon, and from the great river, the Euphrates—all the Hittite country—to the Great Sea on the west. No one will be able to stand up 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. "Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their forefathers to give them. 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. Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; 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. Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go."

PSALM 84

“How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place”



1 How love - ly is thy dwell - ing place, O Lord of hosts, to
 2 Be - side thine al - tars, gra - cious Lord, the swal - lows find a
 3 They who go through the des - ert vale will find it filled with
 4 One day with - in thy courts ex - cels a thou - sand spent a -
 me! My thirst - y soul de - sires and longs with -
 nest; how hap - py they who dwell with thee and
 springs, and they shall climb from height to height till
 way; how hap - py they who keep thy laws nor
 in thy courts to be; my ver - y heart and
 praise thee with - out rest, and hap - py they whose
 Zi - on's tem - ple rings with praise to thee, in
 from thy pre - cepts stray, for thou shalt sure - ly
 flesh cry out, O liv - ing God, for thee.
 hearts are set up - on the pil - grims' quest.
 glo - ry throned, Lord God, great King of kings.
 bless all those who live the words they pray.

SECOND LESSON

2 Corinthians 3:1b-6

Paul talks about the glory of the gospel ministry, a ministry given and empowered by God. We see this glory in the results of that ministry, namely, that the Corinthians were brought to faith in Christ.

Are we beginning to commend ourselves again? Or do we need, like some people, letters of recommendation to you or from you? You yourselves are our letter, written on our hearts, known and read by everybody. You show that you are a letter from Christ, the result of our ministry, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts.

Such confidence as this is ours through Christ before God. Not that we are competent in ourselves to claim anything for ourselves, but our competence comes from God. He has made us competent as ministers of a new covenant--not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

Confession of the 2nd Article of the Creed (Luther's explanation)

I BELIEVE THAT JESUS CHRIST, TRUE GOD, BEGOTTEN OF THE FATHER FROM ETERNITY, AND ALSO TRUE MAN, BORN OF THE VIRGIN MARY, IS MY LORD.

HE HAS REDEEMED ME, A LOST AND CONDEMNED CREATURE, PURCHASED AND WON ME FROM ALL SINS, FROM DEATH, AND FROM THE POWER OF THE DEVIL, NOT WITH GOLD OR SILVER BUT WITH HIS HOLY, PRECIOUS BLOOD AND WITH HIS INNOCENT SUFFERING AND DEATH.

ALL THIS HE DID THAT I SHOULD BE HIS OWN AND LIVE UNDER HIM IN HIS KINGDOM, AND SERVE HIM IN EVERLASTING RIGHTEOUSNESS, INNOCENCE AND BLESSEDNESS, JUST AS HE HAS RISEN FROM DEATH AND LIVES AND RULES ETERNALLY.

THIS IS MOST CERTAINLY TRUE.

THIRD LESSON

Matthew 9:35-10:4

*The Lord tells his followers to pray for workers for the harvest.
Then he calls them to be an answer to their own prayer.*

Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

He called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority to drive out evil spirits and to heal every disease and sickness.

These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon (who is called Peter) and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

Confession of the Third Article of the Creed

I BELIEVE THAT I CANNOT BY MY OWN THINKING OR CHOOSING BELIEVE IN JESUS CHRIST, MY LORD, OR COME TO HIM.

BUT THE HOLY SPIRIT HAS CALLED ME BY THE GOSPEL, ENLIGHTENED ME WITH HIS GIFTS, SANCTIFIED AND KEPT ME IN THE TRUE FAITH. IN THE SAME WAY, HE CALLS, GATHERS, ENLIGHTENS AND SANCTIFIES THE WHOLE CHRISTIAN CHURCH ON EARTH, AND KEEPS IT WITH JESUS CHRIST IN THE ONE TRUE FAITH.

IN THIS CHRISTIAN CHURCH HE DAILY AND FULLY FORGIVES ALL SINS TO ME AND ALL BELIEVERS.

ON THE LAST DAY HE WILL RAISE ME AND ALL THE DEAD AND GIVE ETERNAL LIFE TO ME AND ALL BELIEVERS IN CHRIST.

THIS IS MOST CERTAINLY TRUE.

SERMON HYMN

“We Bid You Welcome in His Name”

Christian Worship #547



1 We bid you wel - come in the name Of Je - sus,
2 Come as a shep - herd; guard and keep This fold from
3 Come as a teach - er sent from God With his whole
4 Come as a mes - sen - ger of peace, Filled with the

our ex - alt - ed head. Come as a ser - vant—
hell and world and sin. Nour - ish the lambs and
coun - sel to de - clare. Our souls en - cour - age
Spir - it, fired with love. God bless your work, your

so he came— We shall re - ceive you in his stead.
feed the sheep; The wound - ed heal; the lost bring in.
with the Word, While we up - hold your hands with prayer.
strength in - crease, And guide us all to heav'n a - bove.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854, abr., alt.
Tune: HERR JESU CHRIST, MEINS (LM) *As hymnodus sacer*, Leipzig, 1625, alt.

SERMON

Titus 1:5-9

“Qualified”

Rev. Matt Frey, Chairman of the Colorado District Mission Board of WELS

HYMN

“You Have Been Our Dwelling Place”

You have been our dwell - ing place through -
 out all time, our safe - ty, our ref - uge, our home.
 You have been our dwell - ing place through - out all time, our
 safe - ty, our ref - uge, our home.

Cantors:

Refrain

Congregation:

Refrain

You turn us back into dust and say “go back children of the earth.”
 To your eyes a thousand years are like yesterday, come and gone.
 no more than a watch in the night.

Refrain

You sweep us away like a dream, like grass which springs up in the morning.
 In the morning it springs up and flow’rs;
 by ev’ning it withers and fades.

Refrain

Make us know the shortness of our life
 that we may gain wisdom of heart.
 Lord, relent! Is your anger forever? Show pity to your servants.

Refrain

In the morning, fill us with your love; we shall exult and rejoice all our days.
 Let the favor of the Lord be upon us: give success to the work of our hands.

Refrain

THE RITE OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

PRAYER & THE LORD’S PRAYER led by Pastor Brohn

BLESSING

C: A - men.

CLOSING HYMN

“Send, O Lord, Your Holy Spirit”

Christian Worship #545



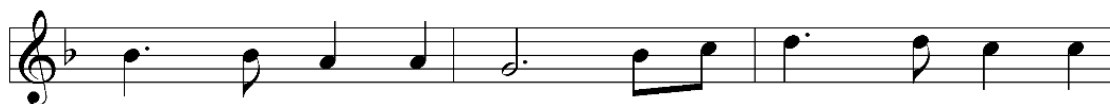
1 Send, O Lord, your Ho - ly Spir - it On your
2 You, O Lord, your - self have called them For your
3 Help, Lord Je - sus, help them nour - ish Our dear



ser - vants now, we pray; Let them all be faith - ful
pre - cious lambs to care; But to pros - per in their
chil - dren with your Word, That in con - stant love they



shep - herds That no lamb is led a - stray. Your pure
call - ing, They the Spir - it's gifts must share. Grant them
serve you Till in heav'n their song is heard. Bound - less



teach - ing to pro - claim, To a - dore your ho - ly
wis - dom from a - bove; Fill their hearts with ho - ly
bless - ings, Lord, be - stow On your ser - vants' work be -



name, And to feed your lambs, dear Sav - ior,
love. In their weak - ness, Lord, be near them;
low Till by grace to them is giv - en



Make their aim and sole en - deav - or.
In their prayers, Good Shep - herd, hear them.
Their re - ward, the crown of heav - en.

Text: German hymn, 19th century; tr. Frederick W. Herzberger, 1859–1930, alt.
Tune: WERDE MÜNTER (87 87 77 88) Johann Schop, c. 1590–1667.

To God Alone Be the Glory!