

OUR SAVIOR EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Installation of Andrew R. Burmeister

April 7, 2013, 4:00 p.m.

☆ Stand ◆ Be seated.

☆ Opening Responsive Hymn

♩ **God of the prophets, bless the prophets' sons;
Elijah's mantle o'er Elisha cast,
Each age its solemn task may claim but once;
Make each one nobler, stronger than the last.**

P *In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit,*

C **Amen.**

P *How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news,*

C **who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation,**

P *who say to Zion, "Your God reigns!"*

C **Listen! Your watchmen lift up their voices; together they shout for joy.**

♩ **Anoint them prophets, men who are intent
To be your witnesses in word and deed,
Their hearts aflame, their lips made eloquent
Their eyes awake to ev'ry human need.**

P *Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.*

C **I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

♩ **Anoint them priests, strong intercessors they,
For pardon and for love and hope and peace,
That, through their pleading, guilty sinners may
Find Jesus' mercy and from sin release.**

P *Therefore let us confess our sins, confident that our gracious God forgives us.*

C **Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of your name; deliver us, and atone for our sins, for your name's sake!**

P *Peace be with you! Our crucified and risen Lord Jesus Christ tells his Church, "If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven." I, therefore, a called pastor of his Church, by his authority forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

C **Amen. Thanks be to God!**

♩ **Anoint them kings, yes, kingly kings, O Lord,
Anoint them with the Spirit of your Son,
Theirs not a jeweled crown, a blood-stained sword;
Theirs, by sweet love, for Christ a kingdom won.**

☆ Psalm 119:103-105

P *How sweet are your words to my taste,*

C **sweeter than honey to my mouth!**

P ¹⁰⁴ *I gain understanding from your precepts;*

C **therefore I hate every wrong path.**

P ¹⁰⁵ *Your word is a lamp to my feet*

C **and a light for my path.**

☆ The Prayer of the Day

P *Almighty God, look with favor on those whom you have called to minister to your people. Fill them with faithfulness to your 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.**

◆ Epistle Lesson • 1 Peter 5:1-7

“Be shepherds of God’s flock”

To the elders among you, I appeal as a fellow elder, a witness of Christ’s sufferings and one who also will share in the glory to be revealed: ² Be shepherds of God’s flock that is under your care, serving as overseers – not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not greedy for money, but eager to serve; ³ not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock. ⁴ And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away.

⁵ Young men, in the same way be submissive to those who are older. All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.”

⁶ Humble yourselves, therefore, under God’s mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. ⁷ Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

**♪ Make them apostles, heralds of your cross;
Forth let them go to tell the world of grace.
Inspired by you, may they count all but loss
And stand at last with joy before your face.**

☆ The Holy Gospel • Matthew 9:35-10:4

“My eyes have seen your salvation...”

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. ³⁶ When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. ³⁸ Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.”

^{10:1} He called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority to drive out evil spirits and to heal every disease and sickness.

² 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; ³ Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; ⁴ Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

◆ Sermon Hymn

**♪ Lord Jesus, you have come A teacher sent from heaven
And by both word and deed God’s truth to us have given.
You wisely have ordained The holy ministry
That we, your flock, may know The truth that sets us free.**

☆ Sermon Text • 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 Great Sea on the west. ⁵No 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.

⁶"Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their forefathers to give them. ⁷Be 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. ⁸Do 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. ⁹Have 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."

◆ Sermon: Be Strong and Courageous

☆ ♪ O blessed ministry of reconciliation,
That shows the way to God And brings to us salvation!
Lord, by your gospel pure, You bless and keep your fold;
You call, enlighten, keep; You comfort and uphold.

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.

☆ ♪ The servants you have called
And to your church are giving

Preserve in doctrine pure And holiness of living.

**Your Spirit fill their hearts And charge their words with pow'r;
What they should boldly speak, Oh, give them in that hour!**

◆ The Installation

Exhortation to the pastor-elect

Promises by the pastor-elect

Exhortation to the Congregation

Promises by the Congregation

P 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.**

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

Installation

Prayer and Lord's Prayer

◆ The Hymn

♪ **Preserve this ministry**
While harvest days are keeping;
And since the fields are ripe
And hands are few for reaping,
Send workers forth, O Lord,
The sheaves to gather in
That not a soul be lost
Which you have come to win.

☆ The Collect for Peace

P God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed, give to Your servants that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments, and also that we being defended by You from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

☆ The Benediction • Romans 15

P May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope. In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

◆ The Hymn

(Men)

♪ **Send, O Lord, your Holy Spirit**
On your servant now, we pray:
Let him prove a faithful shepherd
To your little lambs always.
Your pure teaching to proclaim,
To extol your holy name,
And to feed your lambs, dear Savior,
Make his aim and sole endeavor.

(Women)

♪ **You, O Lord, yourself have called him**
For your precious lambs to care;
But to prosper in his calling,
He the Spirit's gifts must share.
Grant him wisdom from above,
Fill his heart with holy love;
In all weakness. Lord, be near him,
In his prayers, Good Shepherd, hear him.

(All)

♪ **Help, Lord Jesus, help him nourish**
Our dear children with your Word
That in constant love they serve you
Till in heav'n their song is heard.
Boundless blessings, Lord, bestow
On his faithful toil below,
Till by grace to him is given
His reward, the crown of heaven

Participants

- Preacher: **Rev. Michael Dale**
Christ Lutheran, Port St. Lucie FL
- Lector: **Rev. Matthew Moldstad**
Peace, Kissimmee FL
- Liturgist/
Officiant: **Rev. Herb Huhnerkoch, pastor emeritus**
Circuit visitor of ELS Circuit 1
Hispanic ministry at Peace, Kissimmee FL
- Organist: **Janice Thomas**

ELS Circuit 1 Pastors (many participating in laying on of hands)

(Rev.) Christopher Dale

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Peace Lutheran, Lakeland FL

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Rev. Matthew Moldstad

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Trinity Lutheran, Sebastian FL

Rev. Luke Willitz

New Life Lutheran, Sebring FL

Rev. Richard Winters, pastor emeritus

Retired WELS pastor, FL

Acknowledgements

Thank you...

... to all who traveled to be with us at Our Savior Lutheran Church today for this joyous event.

... to our Ladies' Guild for planning and carrying out the dinner following this service.

...to all participating pastors.

Andy Burmeister

Andrew Richard Burmeister was born January 22, 1962, in Winona, Minnesota. He was brought to faith in Baptism (by his grandfather, Rev. Herman Pankow) on February 10, 1962. He was confirmed in the Christian faith at Goodview Trinity Lutheran Church in May 1976; attended Lutheran Elementary in Minnesota and Lutheran High School in Wisconsin. He attended undergraduate university at St. Mary's University of Minnesota (grad. 1984) and graduate school at the University of Southern California, attaining a Master of Computer Science in 1985.

He worked in software research and development and has taught as a science professor in colleges and universities in Minnesota, including our Bethany Lutheran College in Mankato. He has traveled and lived abroad, including New Zealand in 1994 & 1995.

Andy Burmeister entered Bethany Lutheran Seminary in 2002 and finished the three years of coursework. He served as vicar at Our Redeemer Lutheran of Kallangur, Queensland, Australia. He received a Divine Call to (continue to) serve as Pastor of Our Redeemer and has served there since 2006.

