

*The Installation of Rev. Colter Adam Knippa
as Pastor of Zion Lutheran Church
in North Highlands, California
22 July 2018*



WELCOME

PROPHET READING Isaiah 52:7-9

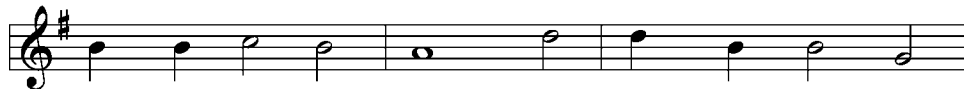
- ⁷ How beautiful upon the mountains
are the feet of him who brings good news,
who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness,
who publishes salvation,
who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."
⁸ The voice of your watchmen—they lift up their voice;
together they sing for joy;
for eye to eye they see
the return of the Lord to Zion.
⁹ Break forth together into singing,
you waste places of Jerusalem,
for the Lord has comforted his people;
he has redeemed Jerusalem.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

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v. 1,2,4,6,7



1 Oh, for a thou - sand tongues to sing My
2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, As -
4 He breaks the pow'r of can - celed sin; He



great Re - deem - er's praise, The glo - ries of my
sist me to pro - claim, To spread through all the
sets the pris - 'ner free. His blood can make the



God and King, The tri - umphs of His grace!
earth a - broad, The hon - ors of Thy name.
foul - est clean; His blood a - vails for me.

- ⁶ See all your sins on Jesus laid;
The Lamb of God was slain.
His soul was once an offering made
For ev'ry soul of man.

7 To God all glory, praise, and love
Be now and ever giv'n
By saints below and saints above,
The Church in earth and heav'n.

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ANNOUNCEMENT AND INVOCATION

ASSISTING MINISTER (A): Beloved in the Lord, through the Church's usual order, the Reverend Colter Adam Knippa has been called by the Lord of the Church to be pastor of Zion Lutheran Church here in North Highlands, California. We are all gathered to extend our blessing for installing him into this station of the office of the holy ministry established by God for serving Jesus' Church. It is the Lord who gathers us today, in the name with which He baptizes us into His Church, in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

CONGREGATION (C): Amen.

A: The Lord Almighty bless this day and give us peace until He returns.

C: Amen.

A: It is good to give thanks to the Lord,

C: to sing praise to Your name, O Most High;

A: to herald Your love in the morning,

C: Your truth at the close of the day.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

A: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

(Silent Reflection)

Holy and gracious God,

C: I confess that I have sinned against You this day. Some of my sin I know — the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed — but some is known only to You. In the name of Jesus Christ I ask forgiveness. Deliver and restore me that I may rest in peace.

A: By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ, and in Him we are forgiven. We rest at night in his peace and rise each morning to serve Him.

CHOIR "Psalm 148", arranged by Mark Patterson

EPISTLE READING 2 Timothy 4:1-5

¹ I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: ² preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. ³ For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, ⁴ and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. ⁵ As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

GOSPEL READING John 21:20-23

²⁰ Peter turned and saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following them, the one who also had leaned back against him during the supper and had said, "Lord, who is it that is going to betray you?" ²¹ When Peter saw him, he said to Jesus, "Lord, what about this man?" ²² Jesus said to him, "If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you? You follow me!" ²³ So the saying spread abroad among the brothers that this disciple was not to die; yet Jesus did not say to him that he was not to die, but, "If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you?"

RESPONSORY

A: Into Your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

C: Into Your hands I commend my spirit.

A: You have redeemed me, O Lord, God of truth.

C: Into Your hands I commend my spirit.

A: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

C: Into Your hands I commend my spirit.



1 Christ has a - ris - en, al - le - lu - ia.
 2 For three long days the grave did its worst
 3 The an - gel said to them, "Do not fear!
 4 "Go spread the news: He's not in the grave;
 5 Christ has a - ris - en; He sets us free;



Re - jice and praise Him, al - le - lu - ia.
 Un - til its strength by God was dis - persed.
 You look for Je - sus who is not here.
 He has a - ris - en this world to save.
 Al - le - lu - ia, to Him prais - es be.



For our Re - deem - er burst from the tomb,
 He who gives life did death un - der - go;
 See for your - selves the tomb is all bare;
 Je - sus' re - deem - ing la - bors are done;
 Je - sus is liv - ing! Let us all sing;



E - ven from death, dis - pel - ling its gloom.
 And in its con - quest His might did show.
 On - ly the grave cloths are ly - ing there."
 E - ven the bat - tle with sin is won."
 He reigns tri - um - phant, heav - en - ly King.

Refrain



Let us sing praise to Him with end - less joy;



Death's fear - ful sting He has come to de - stroy.



Our sin for - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!



Je - sus is liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

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SERMON "As you begin... again"

APOSTLES' CREED

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 everlasting. Amen.

RITE OF INSTALLATION

INSTALLING MINISTER (M): The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: 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.

SCRIPTURAL INSTRUCTION REGARDING THE OFFICE OF THE HOLY MINISTRY

M: Hear what Holy Scripture says concerning the institution of the Office of the Holy Ministry.

John 20:21-23

²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." ²² And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld."

Ephesians 4:11-13

¹¹ He gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, ¹² to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³ until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ

M: Hear what Holy Scripture says concerning the responsibilities of the office of the Holy Ministry.

1 Corinthians 4:1-2

⁴ This is how one should regard us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. ² Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found faithful.

1 Peter 5:2-4

² shepherd the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight, not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you; not for shameful gain, but eagerly; ³ not domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock. ⁴ And when the chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory.

M: Hear what Holy Scripture says concerning the strength and promise God gives to those in the Office of the Holy Ministry.

2 Timothy 3:14-17

¹⁴ As for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it ¹⁵ and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷ that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

Acts 20:32

³² And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified.

VOWS OF A PASTOR

M: 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?

PASTOR COLTER (P): I do.

M: 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?

P: Yes, I believe and confess the canonical Scriptures to be the inspired Word of God and the only infallible rule of faith and practice.

M: 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?

P: 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.

M: Do you confess the Unaltered Augsburg Confession to be the 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 Concord¹— are also in agreement with this one scriptural faith?

P: Yes, I make these Confessions my own because they are in accord with the Word of God.

M: 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?

P: Yes, I promise with the help of God.

M: 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 to holy living?

P: Yes, I will, with the help of God.

M: 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?

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

RESPONSIBILITY & BLESSING OF THE CONGREGATION

M: 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."

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? Will you be diligent to "put the best construction on everything" in your speaking about him and aid him in his efforts? 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.

M: The almighty and most merciful God strengthen and assist you always.

PRESENTATION OF SYMBOLS OF PASTORAL MINISTRY

Baptismal Shell

Receive this shell as a symbol of Christ's grace in baptism, and lead us to remember that washing that makes you and us sons and daughters of God.

¹ The documents listed above were written by leaders of the Lutheran Reformation during the 16th century. They summarize the Christian faith as it is taught by the Scriptures and the early Church. We name these writings in this service because we believe they remain helpful as we hold that same Christian faith today. They guide pastors in their preaching and teaching, and help all Christians understand the heart of the Gospel. The commitment made here unites us with all other Christians who believe, teach, and confess this same apostolic faith. These documents are published together in one volume known as the Book of Concord.

Paten and Chalice

Receive this paten and chalice, recalling God's call for you to administer Christ's body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins.

Bible

Receive this Bible, the source and authority of your preaching and teaching among us.

Cross

Receive this cross and remember that you preach Christ Crucified and His rising from the dead for us.

Fishing Net

Receive this net, recalling the Apostle's charge for you to "do the work of an evangelist" and Jesus' charge for us to be "fishers of people" as we follow Him.

Basin and Towel

Receive this basin and towel so that, just as Jesus washed His disciples' feet, you may realize in all aspects of your ministry that we seek not to be served but to serve.

INSTALLATION

M: Are you willing and ready to assume this public trust and responsibility?

P: I am.

M: Colter Adam Knippa, I install you as pastor of Zion Lutheran Church, in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

M: 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.

M: 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 Colter, 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.

M: Almighty and most merciful God and Father, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You have established Your Church to be a temple and dwelling place of the Holy Spirit. We give thanks that You continue to provide shepherds to feed and serve Your flock in which the Holy Spirit has made them overseers. We humbly implore You ever to strengthen the labors of Your ministers, that through their ministry of Word and Sacrament Your people may increase in Your knowledge and service and grow up into Him who is the head, even Jesus Christ, to whom, with You and the Holy Spirit, be all glory now and forever.

C: Amen.

M: 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.

INSTALLATION HYMN

“God of the Prophets, Bless the Prophets’ Sons”

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1 God of the proph - ets, bless the proph - ets' sons;
2 A - noint them proph - ets, men who are in - tent
3 A - noint them priests, strong in - ter - ces - sors they,
4 A - noint them kings, yes, king - ly kings, O Lord.



E - li - jah's man - tle o'er E - li - sha cast.
To be Your wit - ness - es in word and deed,
For par - don and for love and hope and peace,
A - noint them with the Spir - it of Your Son.



Each age its sol - emn task may claim but once;
Their hearts a - flame, their lips made el - o - quent,
That, through their plead - ing, guilt - y sin - ners may
Theirs not a jew - eled crown, a blood - stained sword;



Make each one no - bler, strong - er than the last.
Their eyes a - wake to ev - 'ry hu - man need.
Find Je - sus' mer - cy and from sin re - lease.
Theirs, by sweet love, for Christ a king - dom won.

Make them apostles, heralds of Your cross;
Forth let them go to tell the world of grace.
Inspir'd by You, may they count all but loss
And stand at last with joy before Your face.

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PRAYER AS PASTOR AND CONGREGATION

P: Hear my prayer, O Lord;

C: Listen to my cry.

P: Keep me as the apple of Your eye;

C: Hide me in the shadow of Your wings.

P: In righteousness I shall see You;

C: as I go, Your presence will give me joy.

P: (additional prayers offered here, closing with ...) In all things, Father, grant us Your Holy Spirit to trust in Your promises through Your Risen and Ascended Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

C: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.

SENDING BLESSING

P: Go out into the world in peace.

Have courage, hold to what is good and
return no one evil for evil.

Strengthen the fainthearted, support the weak,
help the suffering, honor all people,

love and serve the Lord rejoicing in the power of His Holy Spirit.
And Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you all.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN “Rise Shine You People”



1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered
2 See how He sends the pow'rs of e - vil reel - ing;
3 Come, cel - e - brate, your ban - ners high un - furl - ing,
4 Tell how the Fa - ther sent His Son to save us.



Our hu - man sto - ry; God in Him is cen - tered.
He brings us free - dom, light and life and heal - ing.
Your songs and prayers a - gainst the dark - ness hurl - ing.
Tell of the Son, who life and free - dom gave us.



He comes to us, by death and sin sur -
All men and wom - en, who by guilt are
To all the world go out and tell the
Tell how the Spir - it calls from ev - 'ry



round - ed, With grace un - bound - ed.
driv - en, Now are for - giv - en.
sto - ry Of Je - sus' glo - ry.
na - tion His new cre - a - tion.

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