

Service of Holy Communion

marking the ordination of
Lucas John Shurson
to the ministry of Word and Sacrament

Sunday, September 18, 2022 | 3:00 pm
First Evangelical Lutheran Church | Kenyon, MN

Welcome to First Lutheran!

As the procession enters and the recession leaves the nave, you are invited to rise and face the cross. Where you see the symbol of the large cross + in this bulletin you are invited to rise. Parts of the service to be spoken or sung by the congregation are marked **in bold lettering**.

Communion will be served continuously. At the usher's invitation, please proceed to the front of the church via the center aisle. You will receive bread first (gluten-free upon request) then wine (red) or grape juice (white) in individual cups. Baskets will be placed by the side aisles for empty cups, and you will return to your pews via those side aisles. If you would like communion to be brought to you, please inform an usher.

Presider: Bishop Regina Hassanally

Preacher: Pastor Paul Graham

Assisting Ministers: Pastor Julie Rogness, Pastor Ben Nelson

Ordinand: Lucas Shurson

Crucifer: Andrea Bonneville DeNaples

Lector: Tori Remer

Readers: Zachariah Tritz, Pastor Amy Mihelich Smith

Chargers: Rev. Heather Culuris, Rev. Matthew Marohl

Presenters: John and Becky Shurson

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PRELUDE

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Ralph Vaughan Williams

WELCOME

Rev. Julie Rogness

GATHERING

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS +

Rev. Julie Rogness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination

Most merciful God, we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I

therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

PROCESSIONAL † All Creatures, Worship God Most High, 835

All creatures, worship God most high!

Sound ev'ry voice in earth and sky; Alleluia! Alleluia!

Sing, brother sun, in splendor bright;

sing, sister moon and stars of night:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Sing, brother wind; with clouds and rain

you grow the gifts of fruit and grain; Alleluia! Alleluia!

Dear sister water, bright and clear,

make music for your Lord to hear:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Sing, brother fire, so mirthful, strong;

drive far the shadows, join the throng: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Dear mother earth, so rich in care,

praise God in colors bright and rare:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

All who for love of God forgive,

all who in pain or sorrow grieve: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Christ bears your burdens and your fears;

still make your song amid the tears:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

And you, most gentle sister death,

waiting to hush our final breath: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Since Christ our light has pierced your gloom,

fair is the night that leads us home.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

O sisters, brothers, take your part,
and worship God with humble heart; Alleluia! Alleluia!
All creatures, bless the Father, Son,
and Holy Spirit, Three in One:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

GREETING +

Rev. Julie Rogness

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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY +

Rev. Julie Rogness

Almighty and merciful God, you built your church on the foundation of
the apostles and prophets, and you instituted the office of the ministry of
word and sacrament so that the apostolic and prophetic work might
continue throughout the ages. Grant that Lucas, now to be ordained,
may carry out this ministry faithfully in the power of your Spirit;
through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 52:7-10

Zachariah Tritz

How beautiful upon the mountains
are the feet of the messenger who announces peace,
who brings good news,
who announces salvation,
who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."

Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices;

together they shout for joy,
for in plain sight they see
the return of the Lord to Zion.

Break forth; shout together for joy,
you ruins of Jerusalem,
for the Lord has comforted his people;
he has redeemed Jerusalem.

The Lord has bared his holy arm
before the eyes of all the nations,
and all the ends of the earth shall see
the salvation of our God.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING: Ephesians 4:4-16 Rev. Amy Mihelich Smith

There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said,

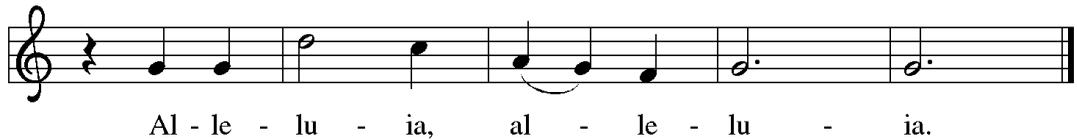
"When he ascended on high, he made captivity itself a captive;
he gave gifts to his people."

(When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) He himself granted that some are apostles, prophets, evangelists,

pastors and teachers to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming; but speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION +



How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation.

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GOSPEL: Mark 6:30-44 +

Rev. Paul Graham

The apostles gathered around Jesus and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by

yourselves and rest a while.” For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he began to teach them many things. When it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, “This is a deserted place, and the hour is now very late; send them away so that they may go into the surrounding country and villages and buy something for themselves to eat.” But he answered them, “You give them something to eat.” They said to him, “Are we to go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread and give it to them to eat?” And he said to them, “How many loaves have you? Go and see.” When they had found out, they said, “Five, and two fish.” Then he ordered them to get all the people to sit down in groups on the green grass. So they sat down in groups of hundreds and of fifties. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to his disciples to set before the people, and he divided the two fish among them all. And all ate and were filled, and they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. Those who had eaten the loaves numbered five thousand men.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Rev. Paul Graham

HYMN OF THE DAY + God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending, 678
**God, whose giving knows no ending,
from your rich and endless store:
nature’s wonder, Jesus’ wisdom,
costly cross, grave’s shattered door,**

gifted by you, we turn to you,
off'ring up our selves in praise;
thankful song shall rise forever,
gracious donor of our days.

Skills and time are ours for pressing
toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
all at peace in health and freedom,
races joined, the church made one.
Now direct our daily labor,
lest we strive for self alone;
born with talents, make us servants
fit to answer at your throne.

Treasure, too, you have entrusted,
gain through pow'rs your grace conferred;
ours to use for home and kindred,
and to spread the gospel word.
Open wide our hands in sharing,
as we heed Christ's ageless call,
healing, teaching, and reclaiming,
serving you by loving all.

APOSTLES' CREED +

Bishop Regina Hassanally

Let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to
the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he**

is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

RITE OF ORDINATION

PRESENTATION

John and Becky Shurson

We present for ordination to the ministry of word and sacrament Lucas John Shurson who has been prepared, examined, and approved for this ministry and who has been called by the church to this ministry through Faith Lutheran Church of Caldwell, Idaho. **Thanks be to God.**

ADDRESS & QUESTIONS

Bishop Regina Hassanally

All baptized Christians are called to share in Christ's ministry of love and service in the world, to the glory of God and for the sake of the human family and the whole creation. According to apostolic usage you are now to be entrusted with the office of word and sacrament in the one holy catholic church by the laying on of hands and by prayer.

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 Corinthians: I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, “This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes. (1 Corinthians 11:23-26)

Before almighty God, to whom you must give account, and in the presence of this assembly, I ask: Will you assume this office, believing that the church’s call is God’s call to the ministry of word and sacrament?

I will, and I ask God to help me.

The church in which you are to be ordained confesses that the holy scriptures are the word of God and are the norm of its faith and life. We accept, teach, and confess the Apostles’, the Nicene, and the Athanasian Creeds. We also acknowledge the Lutheran confessions as true witnesses and faithful expositions of the holy scriptures. Will you therefore preach and teach in accordance with the holy scriptures and these creeds and confessions?

I will, and I ask God to help me.

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

I will, and I ask God to help me.

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

I will, and I ask God to help me.

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

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION +

Rev. Ben Nelson

HYMN OF INVOCATION

Come Down, O Love Divine, 804

**Come down, O love divine;
seek thou this soul of mine
and visit it with thine own ardor glowing;
O Comforter, draw near;
within my heart appear
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.**

**Oh, let it freely burn,
till worldly passions turn
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
and let thy glorious light
shine every on my sight,
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.**

**Let holy charity
mine outward vesture be,
and lowliness become mine inner clothing —**

true lowliness of heart,
which takes the humbler part,
and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.

And so the yearning strong,
with which the soul will long,
shall far outpost the pow'r of human telling;
no soul can guess Love's grace
till it becomes the place
wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.

THANKSGIVING

Bishop Regina Hassanally

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, we bless you for your infinite love in Christ our Lord, in whom we have redemption and forgiveness of sins according to the riches of his grace. We thank you that by his death your Son overcame death, and that, raised by your mighty power, he gives us new life. We praise you that, having ascended into heaven, Christ pours out his gifts abundantly on the church, making some apostles, some prophets, some pastors and teachers, to equip your people for their work of ministry for building up the body of Christ.

Eternal God, through your Son, Jesus Christ, pour out your Holy Spirit upon Lucas and fill him with the gifts of grace for the ministry of word and sacrament. Bless his proclamation of your word and administration of your sacraments, so that your church may be gathered for praise and strengthened for service. Make him a faithful pastor, patient teacher, and

wise counselor. Grant that in all things he may serve without reproach, that your people may be renewed and your name be glorified in the church; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

GIVING OF THE STOLE Bishop Regina Hassanally, Susan Stanley
Receive this stole as a sign of your work, and live in obedience to the Lord Jesus, serving his people and remembering his promise: “Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.” (Matthew 11:28-30)

CHARGES Rev. Heather Culuris, Rev. Matthew Marohl
Bishop Regina Hassanally
Hear the words of the apostles: Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called. (1 Timothy 6:11-12)

And again: Take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you guardians, to feed the church of God that he obtained with the blood of his own Son. (Acts 20:28)

And again: Tend the flock of God that is in your charge, not under compulsion but willingly, not for sordid gain but eagerly. Do not lord it over those in your charge, but be examples to the flock. And when the chief shepherd appears, you will win the crown of glory that never fades away. (1 Peter 5:2-4)

And again: Think of us in this way, as servants of Christ and stewards of God's mysteries. Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy. (1 Corinthians 4:1-2)

Lucas, care for God's people, bear their burdens, and do not betray their confidence. So discipline yourself in life and teaching that you preserve the truth, giving no occasion for false security or illusory hope. Witness faithfully in word and deed to all people. Give and receive comfort as you serve within the church. And be of good courage, for God has called you, and your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

BLESSING

Bishop Regina Hassanally

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. **Amen.**

ACCLAMATION BY THE ASSEMBLY +

Bishop Regina Hassanally

Will you, assembled as the people of God and speaking for the whole church, receive Lucas as a messenger of Jesus Christ, sent by God to serve all people with the gospel of hope and salvation? Will you regard him as a servant of Christ?

We will, and we ask God to help us.

Will you pray for him, help and honor him for his work's sake, and in all things strive to live together in the peace and unity of Christ?

We will, and we ask God to help us.

Let it be acclaimed that Lucas John Shurson is a called and ordained minister in the church of Christ. He has Christ's authority to preach the

word of God and administer the sacraments, serving God's people as together we bear God's creative and redeeming love to all the world. Amen. **Thanks be to God.**

PEACE +

Rev. Lucas Shurson

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING +

Bishop Regina Hassanally

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

PREFACE +

Bishop Regina Hassanally

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through the great shepherd of your flock, our Savior Jesus Christ;
who after his resurrection sent forth the apostles
to preach the gospel and teach all nations,
and promised to be with them, even to the end of the age.
And so, with the glorious company of the apostles,
with the choirs of angels and all the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

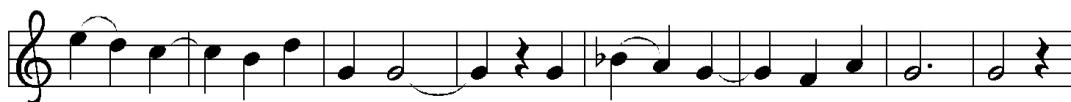
SANCTUS +



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and



might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



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WORDS OF INSTITUTION +

Bishop Regina Hassanally

LORD'S PRAYER +

Bishop Regina Hassanally

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 COMMUNION

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

ANTHEM

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether, 470

Draw us in the Spirit's tether,
for when humbly in your name
two or three are met together,
you are in the midst of them. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Touch we now your garment's hem.

As disciples used to gather
in the name of Christ to sup,
then with thanks to God the giver
break the bread and bless the cup,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
so now bind our friendship up.

All our meals and all our living
make as sacraments of you,
that by caring, helping, giving,
we may be disciples true.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
We will serve with faith anew.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

Bishop Regina Hassanally

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Bishop Regina Hassanally

We thank you, almighty and gracious God, that you have fed us with
heavenly food, the body and blood of your Son, uniting us through him
in the communion of the Holy Spirit. As you have again raised up among
us Lucas for the ministry of word and sacrament, grant that we, with

Lucas, may joyfully serve you all our days and finally rejoice in your glory; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

BENEDICTION †

Rev. Lucas Shurson

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace. **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL †

O Day Full of Grace, 627

O day full of grace that now we see
appearing on earth's horizon,
bring light from our God that we may be
abundant in joy this season.
God, shine for us now in this dark place;
your name on our hearts emblazon.

How blest was that gracious midnight hour,
when God in our flesh was given;
then brightened the dawn with light and pow'r
that spread o'er the darkened heaven;
then rose o'er the world that Sun divine,
which gloom from our hearts has driven.

Yea, were ev'ry tree endowed with speech,
and were ev'ry leaflet singing,
they never with praise God's worth could reach,
though earth with their praise were ringing.
Who fully could praise the Light of life
who light to our souls is bringing?

As birds in the morning sing their praise,
God's fatherly love we cherish
for giving to us this day of grace,
for life that shall never perish.
The church God has kept two thousand years,
and hungering souls did nourish.

DISMISSAL

Rev. Lucas Shurson

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord, BWV 651 J.S. Bach

All are invited to join Pastor Lucas Shurson in the Fellowship Hall for a celebratory reception in honor of this special occasion.

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To my family, who have lived faithfully into the promises they made in my baptism for these past twenty-seven years.

Finally, to the many, many people whose work contributed to this service. The members of First who have prepared the reception and the livestream embody the hospitality that I grew to love in Kenyon. Jamie and Caitlin brought God's Word with their musicianship I encountered at St. Olaf. Above all, all those attending here and virtually reflect the universal church through which God works.