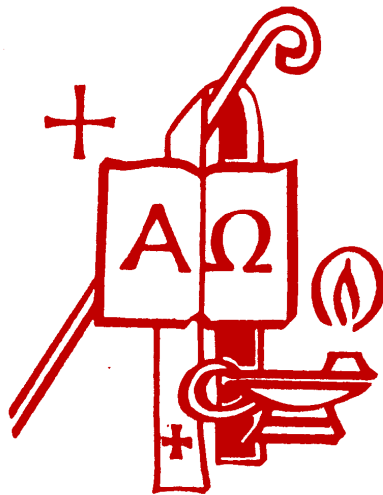


# **RITE OF ORDINATION**

**New Jersey Synod  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**

***MINISTER OF WORD AND SERVICE  
SHIRLEY TALLURI***

***MINISTERS OF WORD AND SACRAMENT  
DANIEL L. FIELDS  
KARA H. SONG***



***FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH  
MONTCLAIR, NEW JERSEY  
Saturday, August 10, 2024  
2:00 P.M.***

## **GATHERING**

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

**PRELUDE**

*God Is Here*

arr. Lloyd Larson

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

[ Silence all cell phones, thank you. Congregation responses are in **bold-faced type**. ]



### **THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

[The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.]

*Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.*

**Amen.**

*Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.*

[Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.]

*We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning you created us in your image and placed us in a well-watered garden. In the desert, you promised pools of water for the parched, and you gave us water from the rock. When we did not know the way, you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters. At the cross, you washed us from Jesus' wounded side, and on this day, you shower us again with the water of life.*

*We praise you for your salvation through water, for the water in this font, and for all water everywhere, especially for the Delaware, Tappan Zee, and Raritan Rivers, and the Atlantic Ocean. Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love. Satisfy all who thirst, and give us the life only you can give.*

*To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ, our living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.***

**GATHERING HYMN**

*Soli Deo Gloria!*

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### **APOSTOLIC GREETING**

*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

Let us pray.

*O God, through the ages you have called from among your people those who will carry out the ministries of deacon and pastor. Let your blessing rest now on all who answer that call. Grant that Shirley, Daniel, and Kara, now to be ordained, may carry out these ministries faithfully in the power of your Spirit. Give them understanding of the gospel, sincerity of purpose, diligence in ministry, and the beauty of life in Christ, that many people will be served and your name be glorified; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.*

[Congregation please be seated.]

## WORD

God speaks to us in scripture, reading, preaching and song.

### READING

Deuteronomy 34:1-12

*Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the LORD showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, <sup>2</sup>all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, <sup>3</sup>the Negeb, and the Plain — that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees — as far as Zoar. <sup>4</sup>The LORD said to him, "This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, 'I will give it to your descendants'; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there." <sup>5</sup>Then Moses, the servant of the LORD, died there in the land of Moab, at the LORD's command. <sup>6</sup>He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. <sup>7</sup>Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigor had not abated. <sup>8</sup>The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended.*

*<sup>9</sup>Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the LORD had commanded Moses.*

*<sup>10</sup>Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face. <sup>11</sup>He was unequalled for all the signs and wonders that the LORD sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, <sup>12</sup>and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.*

*This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God*

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Celtic Alleluia [Congregation please stand.]

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## **HOLY GOSPEL**

Luke 24:13-35

<sup>3</sup>Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup>and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup>While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, <sup>16</sup>but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup>And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup>Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" <sup>19</sup>He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, <sup>20</sup>and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. <sup>21</sup>But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. <sup>22</sup>Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, <sup>23</sup>and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. <sup>24</sup>Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." <sup>25</sup>Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! <sup>26</sup>Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" <sup>27</sup>Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

<sup>28</sup>As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. <sup>29</sup>But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup>When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup>Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup>They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" <sup>33</sup>That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. <sup>34</sup>They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" <sup>35</sup>Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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

[Congregation please be seated.]

## **SERMON**

*Catching Glimpses at the Boundaries of Life and Ministry*

The Rev. Dr. Dennis T. Olson

Silence for Reflection

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service*

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## NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,\* who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

\*Or, "who proceeds from the Father." The phrase "and the Son" is a later addition to the creed.

[Congregation please be seated.]

## PRESENTATION

[Candidate for ordination to the ministry of word and service is presented to the presiding minister and to the assembly.]

*I present for ordination to the ministry of word and service Shirley Talluri, who has been prepared, examined, and approved for this ministry and who has been called by the church to this ministry through the NJ Synod Council. **Thanks be to God.***

[Candidates for ordination to the ministry of word and sacrament are presented to the presiding minister and to the assembly.]

*I present for ordination to the ministry of word and sacrament Daniel Fields, who has been prepared, examined, and approved for this ministry and who has been called by the church to this ministry through Grace Lutheran Church, Perth Amboy. **Thanks be to God.***

*I present for ordination to the ministry of word and sacrament Kara Song, who has been prepared, examined, and approved for this ministry and who has been called by the church to this ministry through Calvary Lutheran Church, Allendale. **Thanks be to God.***

## **THE RITE OF ORDINATION**

### **ADDRESS AND QUESTIONS**

[The presiding minister addresses the candidates.]

*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.*

[The presiding minister addresses the candidate for ordination to the ministry of word and service.]

*Shirley, you have been called as a minister of word and service to give leadership in the church's mission to proclaim the gospel through word and deed. You are now to be entrusted with the ministry of word and service in the one holy catholic church by the laying on of hands and by prayer.*

*A reading from Luke: Jesus said, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." (Luke 4:18-19)*

*A reading from First Corinthians: There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. (1 Corinthians 12:4-7)*

*A reading from Second Corinthians: The love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! (2 Corinthians 5:14-17)*

[The presiding minister addresses the candidates for ordination to the ministry of word and sacrament.]

*Daniel and Kara, 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 to his disciples, "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 to his disciples, "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 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)

*[The presiding minister addresses questions to the candidate for ordination to the ministry of word and service.]*

*Shirley, before almighty God, to whom you must give account, and in the presence of this assembly, I ask: Will you accept this ministry, believing that the church's call is God's call to the ministry of word and service? I will, and I ask God to help me.*

*[The presiding minister addresses questions to the candidates for ordination to the ministry of word and sacrament.]*

*Daniel and Kara, 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 presiding minister addresses questions to the candidates for ordination.]*

*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 carry out your ministry 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, encourage and support them as they worship and grow in faith, 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 through word and deed, 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** [Congregation please stand.]

*With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.*

*For the holy catholic church, that, filled with your love, it may hunger for truth and thirst after righteousness: God of mercy, **receive our prayer.***

*For all members of the church, that they may serve you in true and godly lives: God of mercy, **receive our prayer.***

*For Shirley called to the ministry of word and service in the church, for Daniel and Kara, called to the ministry of word and sacrament in the church, that, sustained by your Holy Spirit, they may carry out this ministry with joy and a spirit of bold trust, serve your people and the world in need, build up your church, and glorify your name: God of mercy, **receive our prayer.***



*For all ministers of word and sacrament; for all ministers of word and service; for Elizabeth and Tracie, our bishops; that, together with all those responsible for the care and nurture of your people, they may support one another in serving Christ: God of mercy, **receive our prayer.***

*For the peace of the church, that our divisions may be overcome, so that, united in Christ, we may serve the world and bear witness to the good news: God of mercy, **receive our prayer.***

*For the mission of the church, that in faithful witness it may proclaim the gospel and in humble love serve all in need: God of mercy, **receive our prayer.***

*For the nations of the world and their leaders, that they may work for justice and promote the dignity and freedom of every person: God of mercy, **receive our prayer.***

*For the whole creation, that everything you have made may fulfill your purpose and that we may exercise care for your diverse gifts: God of mercy, **receive our prayer.***

*For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, the lonely, the forgotten, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected: God of mercy, **receive our prayer.***

[Other intercessions may be included.]

*For the glorious company of all the saints, those who have died in faith and those who live in certain hope, we praise you. That their witness may give us courage until the day of Jesus Christ: God of mercy, **receive our prayer.***

*Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.***

**HYMN OF INVOCATION**

*Creator Spirit, Heavenly Dove*

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## THANKSGIVING

*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 evangelists, some pastors, some deacons, and teachers, to equip your people for their work of ministry for building up the body of Christ.*

[The presiding minister lays both hands on the head of the candidate for the ministry of word and service.]

*Eternal God, through your Son, Jesus Christ, pour out your Holy Spirit upon Shirley and fill her with the gifts of grace for the ministry of word and service. Send your power and blessing, that she may carry out this ministry with faithfulness and perseverance. Let your servant's life and teaching so reflect your grace that many may come to know you and love you through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

[The presiding minister lays both hands on the head of each candidate for the ministry of word and sacrament.]

*Eternal God, through your Son, Jesus Christ, pour out your Holy Spirit upon Daniel/Kara and fill him/her with the gifts of grace for the ministry of word and sacrament. Bless your servant's proclamation of your word and administration of your sacraments, so that your church may be gathered for praise and strengthened for service. Make him/her a faithful pastor, patient teacher, and wise counselor. Grant that in all things Daniel/Kara 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.*

[Congregation please be seated.]

## GIVING OF A STOLE

[The candidates may remain kneeling. A stole is placed over each candidate's shoulders as the presiding minister says:]



*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)

## CHARGE [The candidates stand.]

*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: 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)

*And again: Rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of hands. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us. Be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. (2 Timothy 1:6, 13-14; 2:1)*

*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)*

[The presiding minister continues.]

*Shirley, Daniel, and Kara, care for God's people, bear their burdens, and do not betray their confidence. So discipline yourselves 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**

*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.***

[Congregation please stand.]

## **ACCLAMATION BY THE ASSEMBLY**

*Will you, assembled as the people of God and speaking for the whole church, receive Shirley as minister of word and service, and Daniel and Kara as ministers of word and sacrament, sent by God to serve all people in Christ's name? Will you regard them as servants of Christ? **We will, and we ask God to help us.***

*Will you pray for them, help and honor them for their 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.***

[The presiding minister presents the newly ordained minister of word and service to the assembly.]

*Let it be acclaimed that Shirley Talluri is a called and ordained minister of word and service in the church of Christ. She has Christ's authority to witness to the gospel and to serve with boldness as together we bear God's creative and redeeming love to all the world. **Amen. Thanks be to God.***

[The presiding minister presents the newly ordained ministers of word and sacrament to the assembly.]

*Let it be acclaimed that Daniel Fields and Kara Song are called and ordained ministers of word and sacrament in the church of Christ. They have 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.***

[After all the newly ordained ministers have been presented, the assembly may offer acclamation with applause.]

## **MEAL**

### **SHARING OF PEACE**

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

[The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.]

## OFFERING ANTHEM

*Here I am*

arr. Jack Schrader



*The offering is designated for Lutheran Disaster Response.*

## OFFERING PRAYER [Congregation please stand.]

*Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.*

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*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.*

*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 Shirley, Daniel, and Kara, and 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:*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and  
might; heav - en and earth are filled with your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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*You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.*

*In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.*

*Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.*

*For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.*  
**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

*Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.*

*To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.*  
**Amen, amen, amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the me of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen**

*The gifts of God for the people of God. Come and receive.*

## **DISTRIBUTION**

All are welcome at Christ's table. Come forward at the direction of the ushers. Distribution will be by intinction, that is, after receiving the wafer, dip it into the cup. Gluten-free wafers are available by request; communion with either element is complete. Non-communing participants are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.

## **COMMUNION HYMNS**

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## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

*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 faithful servants for the ministry of word and service and the ministry of word and sacrament, grant that we, with Shirley, Daniel, and Kara, may joyfully serve you all our days and finally rejoice in your glory; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.*

## **BLESSING**

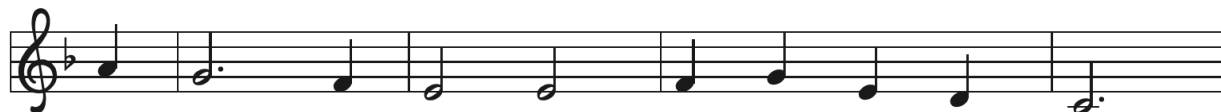
*The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, be upon you now and forever. Amen.*

## SENDING HYMN

### *Go to the World*



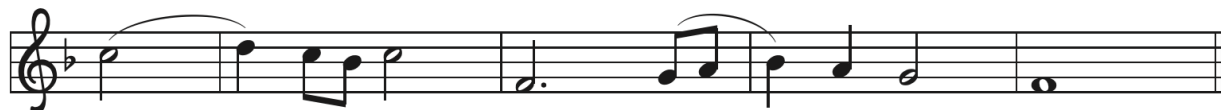
1 Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth.  
2 Go to the world! Go in - to ev - 'ry place.  
3 Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless, and pray;  
4 "Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,



Go preach the cross where Christ re - news life's worth,  
Go live the word of God's re - deem - ing grace.  
the nights of tears give way to joy - ous day.  
for I am with you till the age shall end,



bap - tiz - ing as the sign of our re - birth.  
Go seek God's pres - ence in each time and space.  
As ser - vant church, you fol - low Christ's own way.  
when all the hosts of glo - ry cry, A - men!"



Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

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## DISMISSAL

*Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.*

*Thanks be to God.*

## POSTLUDE

*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

arr. Thomas Chesterton

**GATHERING HYMN** *Soli Deo Gloria*



1 O God of bless - ings, all praise to you! Your love sur -  
 2 All praise for proph - ets, through grace in - spired to preach and  
 3 All praise for mu - sic, deep gift pro - found, through hands and  
 4 All praise for Je - sus, best gift di - vine through word and  
 5 A bil - lion voic - es in one great song, now soft and



rounds us our whole life through. You are the  
 wit - ness with hearts on fire. Your Spir - it  
 voic - es in ho - ly sound; the psalms of  
 wit - ness, in bread and wine; in - car - nate  
 gen - tle, now deep and strong, in ev - 'ry



free - dom of those op - pressed; you are the com - fort of all dis -  
 choos - es the weak and small to sing the new reign where might - y  
 Da - vid, and Mar - y's praise, in word - less splen - dor and lyr - ic  
 love song of bound - less grace, priest, teach - er, proph - et in time and  
 cul - ture and style and key, from hill and val - ley, with sky and



tressed. Come now, O ho - ly and wel - come guest:  
 fall; with them may we live your gos - pel call:  
 phrase, with all cre - a - tion one song we raise:  
 space, your stead - fast kind - ness with hu - man face:  
 sea, with Christ we praise you e - ter - nal - ly:

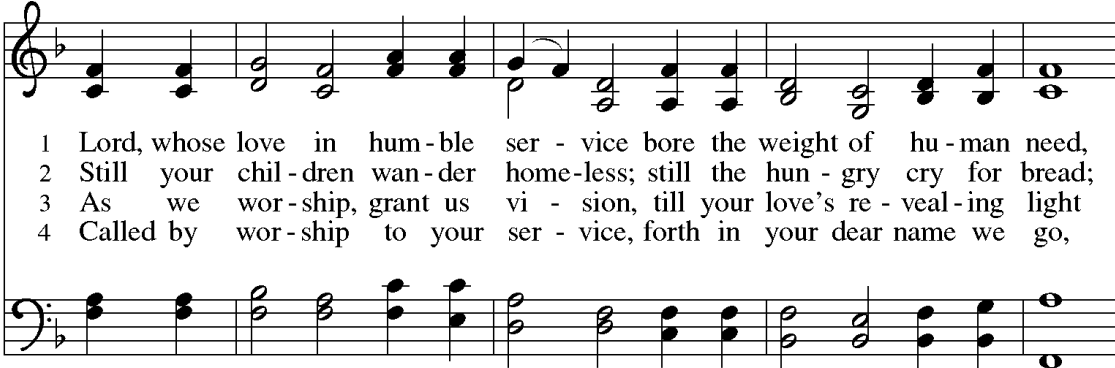


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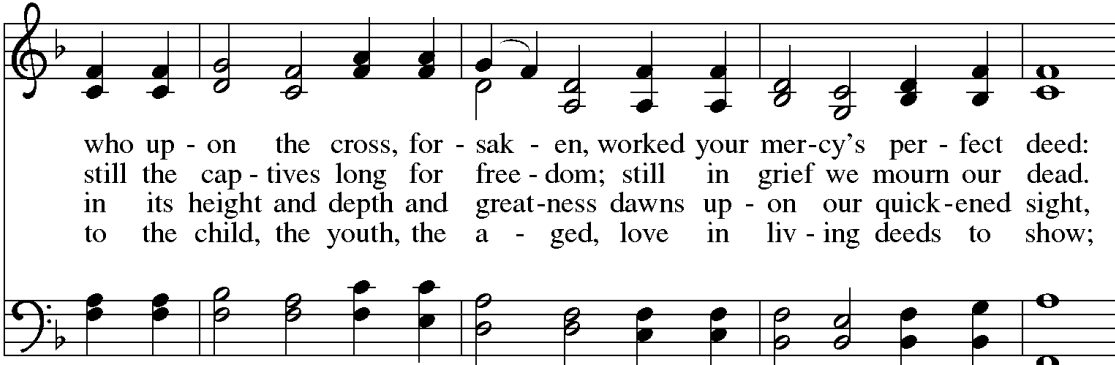
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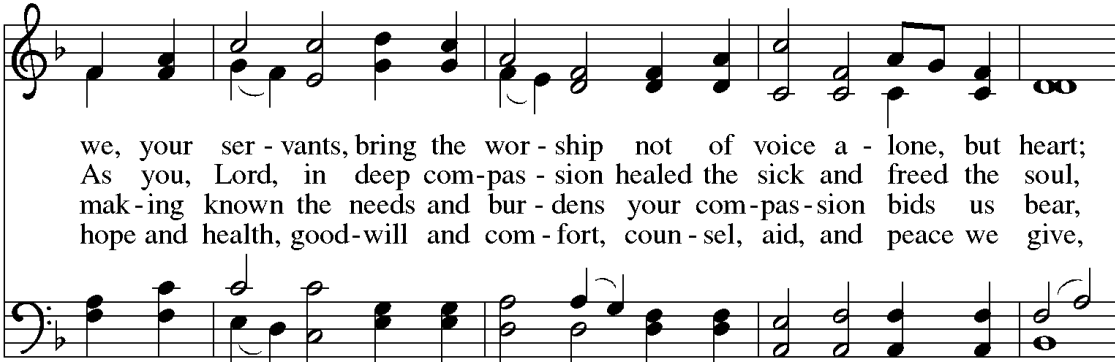
**HYMN OF THE DAY**    *Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service*



1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser - vice bore the weight of hu - man need,  
 2 Still your chil - dren wan - der home - less; still the hun - gry cry for bread;  
 3 As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion, till your love's re - veal - ing light  
 4 Called by wor - ship to your ser - vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up - on the cross, for - sak - en, worked your mer - cy's per - fect deed:  
 still the cap - tives long for free - dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.  
 in its height and depth and great - ness dawns up - on our quick - ened sight,  
 to the child, the youth, the a - ged, love in liv - ing deeds to show;



we, your ser - vants, bring the wor - ship not of voice a - lone, but heart;  
 As you, Lord, in deep com - pas - sion healed the sick and freed the soul,  
 mak - ing known the needs and bur - dens your com - pas - sion bids us bear,  
 hope and health, good - will and com - fort, coun - sel, aid, and peace we give,



con - se - crat - ing to your pur - pose ev - 'ry gift which you im - part.  
 by your Spir - it send your pow - er to our world to make it whole.  
 stir - ring us to ar - dent ser - vice, your a - bun - dant life to share.  
 that your ser - vants, Lord, in free - dom may your mer - cy know and live.

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 Music: BEACH SPRING, *The Sacred Harp*, Philadelphia, 1844; arr. *Selected Hymns*, 1985  
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**HYMN OF INVOCATION** *Creator Spirit, Heavenly Dove*

1 Cre - a - tor Spir - it, heav'n - ly dove, de - scend  
 2 To you, the Com - fort - er, we cry; to you,  
 3 In you, with grac - es sev - en - fold, we God's  
 4 Your light to ev - 'ry sense im - part, and shed

up - on us from a - bove; with grac - es man - i -  
 the gift of God most high, true fount of life, the  
 al - might - y hand be - hold; while you with tongues of  
 your love in ev - 'ry heart; your own un - fail - ing

fold re - store your crea - tures as they were be - fore.  
 fire of love, the soul's a - noint - ing from a - bove.  
 fire pro - claim to all the world God's ho - ly name.  
 might sup - ply to strength - en our in - fir - mi - ty.

Text: Rhabanus Maurus, 776–856; tr. composite  
 Music: KOMM, GOTT SCHÖPFER, J. Klug, *Geistliche Lieder*, 1543



**COMMUNION HYMNS**    *Lamb of God*

1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
 2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
 3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;

you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
 you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
 e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

**COMMUNION HYMN**    *Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken*

1 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken by the  
 2 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken in a  
 3 Loaves are gath - er - ken, words are spo - ken, as in  
 4 By the loaves you break and give us, send us

Gal - i - le - an shore. Je - sus, Bread of life from  
 qui - et room one night. In the bread and wine you  
 faith we gath - er here. Je - sus speaks a - cross the  
 in your name to share bread for which the mil - lions

heav - en, was their food for - ev - er - more.  
 gave them, Christ, you came as Light from  
 a - ges: "I am with you; do not fear!"  
 hun - ger, words that tell your love and care.

*Refrain*  
 By your bod - y bro - ken for us, by your  
 wine of life out - poured, Je - sus, feed a - gain your  
 peo - ple. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

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# COMMUNION HYMN *Bring Many Names*



1 Bring man - y names, beau - ti - ful and good,  
 2 Strong moth - er God, work - ing night and day,  
 3 Warm fa - ther God, hug - ging ev - 'ry child,  
 4 Old, ach - ing God, gray with end - less care,  
 5 Young, grow - ing God, ea - ger, on the move,  
 6 Great, liv - ing God, nev - er ful - ly known,



cel - e - brate, in par - a - ble and sto - ry, ho - li - ness in  
 plan - ning all the won - ders of cre - a - tion, set - ting each e -  
 feel - ing all the strains of hu - man liv - ing, car - ing and for -  
 calm - ly pierc - ing e - vil's new dis - guis - es, glad of good sur -  
 say - ing no to false - hood and un - kind - ness, cry - ing out for  
 joy - ful dark - ness far be - yond our see - ing, clos - er yet than

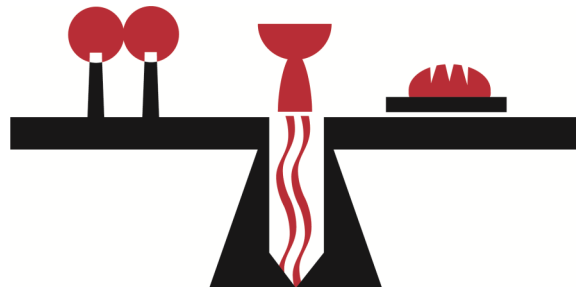


glo - ry, liv - ing, lov - ing God. Hail and ho -  
 qua - tion, gen - i - us at play: Hail and ho -  
 giv - ing till we're rec - on - ciled: Hail and ho -  
 pris - es, wis - er than de - spair: Hail and ho -  
 jus - tice, giv - ing all you have: Hail and ho -  
 breath - ing, ev - er - last - ing home: Hail and ho -



san - na! Bring man - y names!  
 san - na, strong moth - er God!  
 san - na, warm fa - ther God!  
 san - na, old, ach - ing God!  
 san - na, young, grow - ing God!  
 san - na, 6 great, liv - ing God!

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## PARTICIPANTS

<i>Presiding Minister</i>	The Rev. Tracie L. Bartholomew, Bishop of the Synod
<i>Preacher</i>	The Rev. Dr. Dennis T. Olson Member, NJ Synod Candidacy Committee
<i>Assistants to the Bishop</i>	The Rev. Dean Brown The Rev. Maristela Freiberg The Rev. Sara Lilja
<i>Assisting Minister</i>	Arundel T. Clarke, Vice President of the Synod
<i>Musician</i>	Jeanne Elmuccio, Director of Music, Calvary, Cranford
<i>Ushers</i>	Lay Members, NJ Synod Council

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## CANDIDATES FOR ORDINATION

### SHIRLEY TALLURI

**SPONSOR:** The Rev. Scott Rush, Pastor, Emanuel, New Brunswick

Shirley Talluri was born and raised in the southern state of Andhra Pradesh, India. A fifth generation Lutheran, Shirley was raised in a family that inculcated her with reading the word of God, singing hymns, praying and loving the neighbors. She was inspired by the Catholic nuns during her undergraduate studies in a Catholic college. She completed post graduate studies in Political Science at Jawaharlal Nehru University in New Delhi. Shirley's deep passion to serve the underprivileged during that phase made her involved in slum ministry in Delhi where she taught kids in poverty and shared the word of God with those living in Delhi slums. Shirley briefly worked for HSBC bank and for Google company in Hyderabad, India. The corporate work did not bring her joy. The desire to serve God caused her to quit her job. Though she was not sure what God was calling her for, she came to the United States to study for the Master of Arts in Theological Studies degree in New Brunswick Theological Seminary in 2007. It is during this time that God called her to the ministry of Chaplaincy.

Shirley married Srikanth Tatipaka in 2010 towards the end of her Theological studies. They are blessed with one son Sanay Elijah Tatipaka. Shirley worked briefly at Emanuel Lutheran Church in New Brunswick as Christian Education and youth coordinator. She has been working as a hospice Chaplain for the past nine years and continues to remain an active member of Emanuel.

Shirley gives glory to God for being able to finish her journey towards ordination and being called to hospice ministry. She gives thanks to her husband Srikanth, son Elijah, Father Rajesh and Mother Prameela, brother Sean for their love and belief in her. She is thankful to Emanuel Lutheran Church for their support without which this journey would not have been possible. She wishes to extend special thanks to Rev. Tiina Nummela, Rev. Jeffrey Eaton, Rev. Don Stiger, Rev. Dave Stoner, Rev. Linnea Clark, Rev. Marc Stutzel, Rev. Miles Hopgood, and Rev. Scott Rush not only for their support at different stages of her life but also for their theological guidance and mentorship in one form or another. Last but not the least, Shirley would also like to extend her thanks to Bishop Tracie Bartholomew and the New Jersey Synod candidacy committee for helping her in this journey. It is her ardent desire to be able to lead an exemplary life with the help of Christ and share the good news of the love of Christ in her calling now and in the future wherever God leads her.

## DANIEL LOUIS FIELDS

**SPONSOR:** The Rev. Nancy A. Nardi, Retired

**LAY PARTICIPANT:** Sandra and Larry Fields, Parents of the Ordinand

Daniel Louis Fields was born to Larry & Sandra Fields and raised in Staten Island, NY with his brother, Michael, until his family moved to Old Bridge, NJ in his seventh grade year. It was in this new community that Daniel, born of an ELCA Lutheran mother and Jewish father, discovered his relationship with Jesus after finding curiosity and excitement in the happenings of his home congregation, Messiah in Parlin, NJ. Daniel grew up celebrating the richness of religious diversity, and, in his teenage years at Messiah, was baptized, received first Holy Communion, and was Confirmed.

Daniel received an A.A.S. degree as an Education Practitioner from Middlesex County College, a B.S. in Mathematical Sciences from Kean University, and a certificate in Teacher of Students with Disabilities from Rowan University. Throughout his college years, with seeds planted by God, Daniel began to find a desire for leadership and serving others.

At age 18, in his freshman year of college, he became an Assistant Store Manager for Dollar Tree, growing into his passion of service and developing a voice to aid in guiding and supporting his colleagues. At Messiah, Daniel served as a Sunday School teacher, worship leader, lay preacher, on congregational committees, as the Financial Secretary and the Congregational Council President. He is also an elected member of the NJ Synod Council.

In his daytime life, Daniel is a sixth grade mathematics teacher at Monroe Township Middle School where he also serves as the co-advisor of the Kiwanis sponsored Builders Club, an organization that shapes the service leadership skills of middle school students. He was awarded Teacher of the Year for the 2022-2023 school year. In addition, he is an active member of and advocate for his local, county, state, and national labor unions.

After years of wrestling with discernment and listening to God's call, Daniel began his seminary journey in the fall of 2019. He graduated from United Lutheran Seminary with Academic Honors, a Concentration in Town & Country Ministry, and a certificate in Congregational Faith Formation in the spring of 2024. He gives thanks to God for the support of his family and friends, the relationships he has made in seminary, his internship mentors, and the faith communities of Parlin, Perth Amboy, and Edison that have helped in shaping who God has called him to be.

Daniel has been called to serve as Pastor of Grace Lutheran Church in Perth Amboy, NJ. He feels especially called to the mission of evangelism, fellowship, and pastoral care and believes wholeheartedly that "all are welcome"!

## KARA HWIAIKIM SONG

**SPONSOR:** The Rev. Michael C. Linderman, Pastor, Redeemer, Ramsey

**LAY PARTICIPANT:** Kathy Peterson, Chair, Worship and Music Committee and Call Committee

Pastor Kara Song was born in Seoul, South Korea and immigrated to the U.S. as a toddler in the early 1970s. She was raised in Georgia, where her father planted two Korean Presbyterian (PCUSA) churches. She graduated from Emory University with a Bachelor of Arts degree, double-majoring in Sociology & Music. In 1998, she received a Master of Public Administration (MPA) degree from Georgia State University. In 2022, Kara graduated from Drew Theological Seminary with a Master of Divinity degree. She recently completed required coursework, internship, and Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) through United Lutheran Seminary as part of her ordination process with the ELCA.

She has worked in various social service and nonprofit/governmental/educational sector positions in Georgia, Oregon, California, Connecticut, New York, and New Jersey. Her job experience includes: Substance abuse prevention, treatment and recovery; HIV/AIDS prevention; Crime Victims services; Minority Youth Re-entry services in state correctional facilities; Child Protective Services, Administrative Analyst work in cities of Hartford & Avon, CT, Passaic Co. Community College, William Paterson University, and St. John's University. She currently works full-time as a Contract Supervisor for the State of NJ-Dept. of Children & Families and will continue to be bi-vocational while serving at Calvary Lutheran in Allendale. Kara has served in a variety of ministry positions in mainly Asian-American congregations in Atlanta, San Jose, Los Angeles, Portland (OR), Springfield (MA), Wayne & Woodland Park (NJ). Prior to arriving at Calvary, she was a regular guest-preacher to youth in northern NJ Korean churches in Leonia, Fair Lawn, and Little Ferry. She was also an active member at Grace United Methodist Church (Wyckoff), where she was a Lay Delegate to the Greater NJ UMC Annual Conference and Council Secretary. Kara is engaged to Michael and considers herself a "Panda Mom" to her two fun-loving sons, Kyle (23), Ryan (20), and rescue pooch, Phoenix.

Kara is thankful to all who have supported and loved on her, encouraging her to serve God with all her heart. She has been a blessed recipient of many other Christian traditions (i.e. Presbyterian, Methodist, Pentecostal, Catholic, Charismatic, Non-denominational, etc.) and such diversity has been instrumental in her faith formation. She never dreamed that she would become a Lutheran pastor and is tremendously grateful to the congregation at Calvary, who God used to ignite this flame of pastoring. She also thanks the New Jersey Synod for calling her to join in ministry and is excited to be part of this wonderful community. Lastly, she is grateful to Rev. Linderman for his mentoring during this journey and to her family, who has sowed seeds of God's goodness and continue to do so daily!



## NEW JERSEY SYNOD, ELCA

### CORE VALUES

Core values are guiding principles that are essential and enduring. Core values guide all aspects of an organization: policy, program, and operations. Core values express what the organization stands for and how it will conduct itself.

#### FAITHFULNESS

Rooted and nurtured in relationship with God through Word and Sacrament, we follow Jesus for the sake of the world. Daily prayerful *discernment* and striving for *excellence* in discipleship move us forward into God's future.

#### RESPECT

This is about *justice*: justice for each child of God, honor especially for the least, and respect in all relationships so that they are life-giving, grace-filled, safe, and create peace, as the Creator intended.

#### DIVERSITY

All of God's children together express the wonder and majesty of creation. Life in *community*, fully and richly *inclusive* and marked by unfailing *hospitality*, is a sign of God's Kingdom.

#### GENEROSITY

To live is to give. Giving beyond expectation or reason can reflect the *grace* and *compassion* of the One in whose image we are made.

#### CHANGE

The Gospel is about *transformation*, stirred by the power of life over death. *Hope*-filled people can change; hopeless people cannot.

#### INTERDEPENDENCE

Synod literally means to walk together. Our journey together is experienced as *accompaniment*, committed to *collaboration*, marked by *multiplication*, and blessed with *synergy* as we engage in God's mission.

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