



METROPOLITAN NEW YORK SYNOD
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

SERVICE OF THE WORD WITH THE RITE OF ORDINATION
TO THE MINISTRY OF WORD AND SACRAMENT
IN CHRIST'S ONE, HOLY, CATHOLIC AND APOSTOLIC CHURCH
MARTHA MARIA CRUZ, ABIGAIL MARIE FERJAK, AND DAWN ANN MORELLO
Saint Peter's Lutheran Church, Huntington Station, NY
Saturday in the Fourth Week after Pentecost
Juneteenth, 2021 (June 19, 2021) ☩ 4:00 P.M.

GATHERING

GATHERING MUSIC

At the conclusion of the music, please stand as you are able.

GATHERING AT FONT

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

Blessed be God, now and forever!

A READING FROM REVELATION ☩ REVELATION 22:1-2

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as your children, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all. We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

The trumpets sound the angels sing
The feast is ready to begin
The gates of heav'n are open wide
And Jesus welcomes you inside

Chorus:

Sing with thankfulness
Songs of pure delight
Come and revel in
Heaven's love and light
Take your place at the
Table of the King
The feast is ready to begin
The feast is ready to begin

Tables are laden with good things
O taste the peace and joy He brings
He'll fill you up with love divine
He'll turn your water into wine

Chorus

The hungry heart He satisfies
Offers the poor His paradise
Now hear all heaven and earth applaud
The amazing goodness of the Lord

Chorus

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.**



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



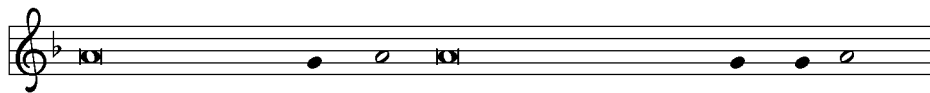
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - va - tion, let us pray to the Lord.



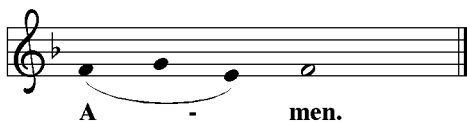
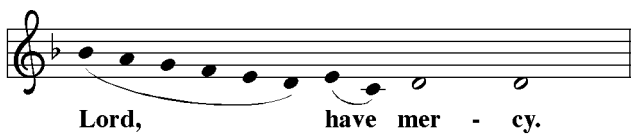
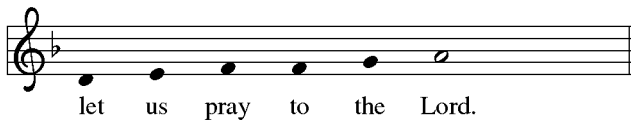
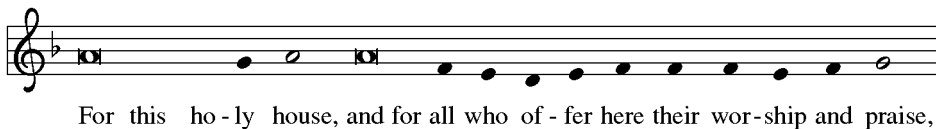
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well - being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



HYMN

Refrain



Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.

Refrain



2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.

Refrain



3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty and merciful God, you build 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 through the ages.

Grant that Martha Cruz, Abigail Ferjak, and Dawn Morello, 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, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

All are seated.

WORD

FIRST READING ✠ ISAIAH 52:7-12

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 sing for joy;
for in plain sight they see
the return of the Lord to Zion.
Break forth together into singing,
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.
Depart, depart, go out from there!
Touch no unclean thing;
go out from the midst of it, purify yourselves,
you who carry the vessels of the Lord.
For you shall not go out in haste,
and you shall not go in flight;
for the Lord will go before you,
and the God of Israel will be your rear guard.
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 96

Sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
Sing to the Lord, bless the name of the Lord;
proclaim God's salvation from day to day.
Declare God's glory among the nations
and God's wonders among all peoples.
For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised,
more to be feared than all gods.
As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols;
but you, O Lord, have made the heavens.
Majesty and magnificence are in your presence;
power and splendor are in your sanctuary.
Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples,
ascribe to the Lord honor and power.
Ascribe to the Lord the honor due the holy name;
bring offerings and enter the courts of the Lord.

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;
tremble before the Lord, all the earth.
Tell it out among the nations: "The Lord is king!
The one who made the world so firm that it cannot be moved will
judge the peoples with equity."
Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
let the sea thunder and all that is in it; let the field be joyful and all that is therein.
Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy at your coming, O Lord,
for you come to judge the earth.
You will judge the world with righteousness
and the peoples with your truth.

Silence for reflection.

SECOND READING ✠ GALATIANS 3:19-29

Why then the law? It was added because of transgressions, until the offspring would come to whom the promise had been made; and it was ordained through angels by a mediator. Now a mediator involves more than one party; but God is one.

Is the law then opposed to the promises of God? Certainly not! For if a law had been given that could make alive, then righteousness would indeed come through the law. But the scripture has imprisoned all things under the power of sin, so that what was promised through faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe.

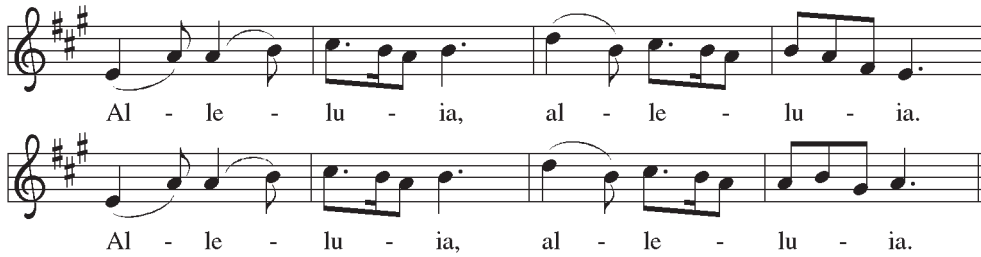
Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

All stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL ✠ JOHN 15:1-17

The holy gospel according to Saint John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples. As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON

All stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY



1 O bless - ed spring, where word and sign em - brace us
2 Through sum - mer heat of youth - ful years, un - cer - tain
3 When au - tumn cools and youth is cold, when limbs their
4 As win - ter comes, as win - ters must, we breathe our
5 Christ, ho - ly Vine, Christ, liv - ing Tree, be praised for



in - to Christ the Vine: here Christ en - joins each one to
faith, re - bel - lious tears, sus - tained by Christ's in - fus - ing
heav - y har - vest hold, then through us, warm, the Christ will
last, re - turn to dust; still held in Christ, our souls take
this blest mys - ter - y: that word and wa - ter thus re -



be a branch of this life - giv - ing Tree.
rain, the boughs will shout for joy a - gain.
move with gifts of beau - ty, wis - dom, love.
wing and trust the prom - ise of the spring.
vive and join us to your Tree of Life.

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*,
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.**

**The phrase “and the Son” is a later addition to the creed.*

PRESENTATION

THE ORDINANDS ARE PRESENTED

The ordinand Martha is presented by The Rev. James O’Hanlon

I present for ordination to the ministry of word and sacrament, Martha Cruz, who has been prepared, examined, and approved for this ministry and who has been called by St. Thomas Lutheran church, of Central Nyack, New York, to this ministry through the Metropolitan New York Synod. **Thanks be to God.**

The ordinand Abigail is presented by The Rev. Danielle Miller

I present for ordination to the ministry of word and sacrament, Abigail Ferjak, who has been prepared, examined, and approved for this ministry and who has been called by Grace Lutheran Church, of Scarsdale, New York, to this ministry through the Metropolitan New York Synod. **Thanks be to God.**

The ordinand Dawn is presented by The Rev. Jennifer Dyer Boyd

I present for ordination to the ministry of word and sacrament, Dawn Morello, who has been prepared, examined, and approved for this ministry and who has been called by First Lutheran Church of Throggs Neck, New York, to this ministry through the Metropolitan New York Synod. **Thanks be to God.**

The assembly is seated.

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 to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to

them, “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: And Jesus came and said to them, “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: For 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 Cor 11:23-26*)

QUESTIONS

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

***Each candidate responds:
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’, Nicene, and Athanasian Creeds. We also acknowledge the Lutheran confessions as true witnesses and faithful expositions of the Holy Scriptures.

Will you therefore serve in accordance with the Holy Scriptures and these creeds and confessions?

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?

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

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

The assembly responds: **Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The assembly stands

All
[A] *repeat continuously* [B]

Hum.

God of mer-cy, hold us in love.

A
B

Leader or Assistant

1. In peace, in peace, we pray to you:
 2. For peace and sal - va - tion, we pray to you:
 3. For peace be-tween na - tions, for peace be-tween peo - ples:
 4. For us, who are gath-ered to wor-ship and praise you:
 5. For all of your ser-vants who live out your gos - pel:
 6. For all those who gov - ern, that jus - tice might guide them:
 7. For all those who la - bor in ser-vice to oth - ers:
 8. Grant weath-er that nour - ish - es all of cre - a - tion:
 9. Keep watch on our loved ones and keep us from dan - ger:
 10. For all the be - lov - ed who rest in your mer - cy:

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Leader or Assistant

Help us, com-fort us, all of our days:

All

Keep us, hold us, gra - cious God.

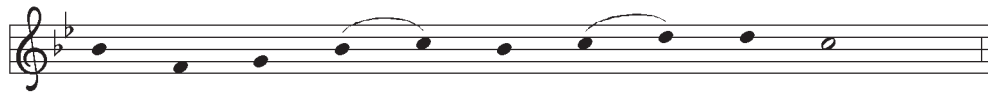
Into your hands most gracious God, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in your steadfast love through Jesus Christ, Our Savior and Lord.

Amen

HYMN OF INVOCATION



1 Cre - a - tor Spir - it, heav'n - ly dove,
 2 To you, the Com - fort - er, we cry;
 3 In you, with grac - es sev - en - fold,
 4 Your light to ev - 'ry sense im - part,
 5 Keep far from us our cru - el foe,
 6 Teach us to know the Fa - ther, Son,



de - scend up - on us from a - bove;
 to you, the gift of God most high,
 we God's al - might - y hand be - hold;
 and shed your love in ev - 'ry heart;
 and peace from your own hand be - stow;
 and you, of both, to be but one;



with grac - es man - i - fold re - store
 true fount of life, the fire of love,
 while you with tongues of fire pro - claim
 your own un - fail - ing might sup - ply
 up - held by you, our strength and guide,
 that through the a - ges all a - long



your crea - tures as they were be - fore.
 the soul's a - noint - ing from a - bove.
 to all the world God's ho - ly name.
 to strength - en our in - fir - mi - ty.
 no e - vil can our steps be - tide.
 your praise may be our end - less song.



7 Praise to your e - ter - nal mer - it,



Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it. A - men.

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

Brief silence

Eternal God, through your Son, Jesus Christ, pour out your Holy Spirit upon Martha/Abigail/Dawn and fill her with the gifts of grace for the ministry of Word and Sacrament.

Bless her proclamation of your Word and administration of your Sacraments, so that your church may be gathered for praise and strengthened for service.

Make her a faithful pastor, patient teacher, and wise counselor. Grant that in all things she 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.**

The assembly is seated.

GIVING OF A STOLE

The stole is placed on Martha by Synod Deacon Philip Jenks, William Cruzgriffith, and Katherine Cruz-Griffith.

The stole is placed on Abigail by Pastor Becca Seely and Harry Ferjak-Seely.

The stole is placed on Dawn by Mark, Nicole, Jen and Luke Morello.

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.”

CHARGE

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 guardian, 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*)

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

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

The assembly stands. The new ministers face the assembly.

Siblings, assembled as the people of God and speaking for the whole church, will you receive Martha, Abigail and Dawn as messengers of Jesus Christ, sent by God to serve all people with the gospel of hope and salvation? 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.

Let it be acclaimed that Martha Cruz, Abigail Ferjak, and Dawn Morello are called and ordained ministers 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.

The assembly shall offer acclamation with vigorous applause.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

The people may extend to one another a sign of Christ's peace with a greeting, a wave and a smile. Do not leave your seats.

The assembly is seated.

AT THE OFFERING

The offering is received for the Bishop's Discretionary Fund, which supports ministers and other rostered leaders in times of crisis or opportunity. Write checks payable to "Metro NY Synod."

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All stand.

THANKSGIVING OF THE WORD

Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things:
you spoke light into the darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life
into being.

For your Word of life, O God,
we give you thanks and praise.

By your Word you called your people Israel to tell of your wonderful gifts:
freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey, a pathway home from exile,
wisdom for life with you.

For your Word of life, O God,
we give you thanks and praise.

Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness:
forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death, the way of your self-
giving love.

For your Word of life, O God,
we give you thanks and praise.

Send your Spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us: renew our faith,
increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of the world in need.

Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; through Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory
forever. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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 time of trial
 and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power
 and the glory are yours,
 now and forever. Amen.

All stand.

PRAYER

O God, we give you thanks that you have again raised up among us faithful servants for the ministry of word and sacrament. Grant that we, with Martha, Abigail and Dawn, may joyfully serve you all our days and finally rejoice in your glory; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

BENEDICTION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

Refrain – All

We've come this far by faith, lean-ing on the Lord;

trust-ing in his ho - ly word, he's nev - er failed us yet.

Oh, can't turn a - round, we've come this

far by faith. We've come this far by faith.

1 Just remember
the good things God has done,
things that seemed impossible;
oh, praise him for the vict'ries he has won.

2 Don't be discouraged
with trouble in your life;
he'll bear your burdens,
and move all the discord and strife.

DISMISSAL

Called by God to proclaim the Gospel. Forgiven through Christ's unending love.
Empowered by the Holy Spirit, to serve in faith, not fear: Go In Peace.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

LEADERS IN THIS LITURGY

Presiding

The Rev. Paul Egensteiner, *Bishop*
Metropolitan New York Synod, ELCA

Assisting Minister

Member of Diaconate Council

Music Leader

Mr. Chris Clay
St John's Lutheran Church, Knoxville, TN

Lector

Member of Diaconate Council

Host Pastor

The Rev. Rebecca Pollicino
St. Peter's Lutheran Church

Chaplain to the Bishop

The Rev. Arden Strasser
St. Luke's Lutheran Church

ABOUT THE RITE OF ORDINATION

Because all of its baptized members share in Christ's ministry of love and service, the church equips and supports them for their ministries in the world. Within this context of ministry, the church calls some of its baptized members for specific ministries. Within the people of God and for the sake of the gospel ministry entrusted to all believers, God has instituted the office of ministry of word and sacrament.

In the Rite of Ordination, the church entrusts this office to those who have heard God's call and have accepted the church's call, and sends them into this ministry. Ordination is an act of the whole church, not merely of the local congregation or of the assembly that gathers. The assembly gathered in Christ's name speaks on behalf of the whole church when receiving candidates into the ministry of word and sacrament.