



**WE GATHER TO SHARE AND CELEBRATE
IN THE JOYOUS MOMENTS OF THE
ORDINATION
of
*Dave Johnson***

Sunday, June 26, 2011

4:00 pm

Holy Communion Service and Rite of Ordination

led by Bishop Thomas Skrenes, Northern Great Lakes Synod
of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America

with Dinner Celebration following

Hosted at Bethany Lutheran Church, 130 Odill Drive ~ Norway, Michigan

THE GATHERING*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God*

Welcome to worship on this special day celebrating the Rite of Ordination with joyous songs, festive musical offerings and the word of God that proclaims the victory of Christ for us all. All baptized and confessing believers are invited to gather at the Lord's Table as His family, to share the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ in the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Thank you for joining me on this special day and may the power of the Holy Spirit descend everlasting blessings to you all on this day and always.

*Dave Johnson**Leaders speak regular print—Assembly speaks bold print**Arrow directives indicate the following: ▲ stand if able ▼ be seated*▼ **Prelude**▲ **Processional Hymn***"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"*

Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
While the hope of endless glory fills my heart with joy and love,
Teach me ever to adore thee; may I still thy goodness prove.

Here I raise my Ebenezer, hither by thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be;
Let that grace now like a fetter bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

▲ **Welcome**▼ **Call To Worship***"In This Very Room" Bethany Lutheran Choir with Anna Anderson, soloist*

In this very room there's quite enough love for one like me,
And in this very room there's quite enough joy for one like me,
And there's quite enough hope and quite enough power to chase away any gloom,
For Jesus, Lord Jesus ... is in this very room.

And in this very room there's quite enough love for all of us,
 And in this very room there's quite enough joy for all of us,
 And there's quite enough hope and quite enough power to chase away any gloom,
 For Jesus, Lord Jesus ... is in this very room.

In this very room there's quite enough love for all the world,
 And in this very room there's quite enough joy for all the world,
 And there's quite enough hope and quite enough power to chase away any gloom,
 For Jesus, Lord Jesus ... is in this very room.

▲ **Confession and Forgiveness**

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 one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God,

**We confess that we have turned from you
 and given ourselves into the power of sin.**

We are truly sorry and humbly repent.

**In your compassion, forgive us our sins, known and unknown,
 things we have done and things we have failed to do.**

**Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit,
 so that we may live and serve you in newness of life
 through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God,
 Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our 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.

▲ **Song of Gathering**

“Here I Am Lord”

“I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
 All who dwell in deepest sin my hand will save.

I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright,
 Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?”

Refrain Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
 I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

“I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people’s pain.
 I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
 I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?” **Refrain**

“I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
 Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?” **Refrain**

▲ **Prayer of the Day**

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 Dave Johnson, now to be ordained, special blessings that will allow him
 to carry out this ministry faithfully in the power of your Spirit;
 through your son, Jesus Christ, Our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

▼ ***God's Word from the Old Testament (NIV)***

A reading from the first Chapter of Jeremiah, verses 1 thru 9

The words of Jeremiah son of Hilkiah, one of the priests at Anathoth in the territory of Benjamin. The word of the LORD came to him in the thirteenth year of the reign of Josiah son of Amon king of Judah, and through the reign of Jehoiakim son of Josiah king of Judah, down to the fifth month of the eleventh year of Zedekiah son of Josiah king of Judah, when the people of Jerusalem went into exile.

The word of the LORD came to me, saying, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations."

"Alas, Sovereign LORD," I said, "I do not know how to speak; I am too young."

But the LORD said to me, "Do not say, 'I am too young.' You must go to everyone I send you to and say whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue you," declares the LORD.

Then the LORD reached out his hand and touched my mouth and said to me, "I have put my words in your mouth."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

▼ ***God's Word from the Psalms (NIV)***

Let us read responsively Psalm 130

Out of the depths I cry to you, LORD; Lord, hear my voice.

Let your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy.

If you, LORD, kept a record of sins, Lord, who could stand?

But with you there is forgiveness, so that we can, with reverence, serve you.

I wait for the LORD, my whole being waits, and in his word I put my hope.

**I wait for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning,
more than watchmen wait for the morning.**

Israel, put your hope in the LORD, for with the LORD is unfailing love
and with him is full redemption.

He himself will redeem Israel from all their sins.

▼ **God's Word from the New Testament (NIV)**

A reading from the fourth Chapter of 2 Corinthians, verses 1 thru 11 and 16 thru 18

Therefore, since through God's mercy we have this ministry, we do not lose heart. Rather, we have renounced secret and shameful ways; we do not use deception, nor do we distort the word of God. On the contrary, by setting forth the truth plainly we commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God. And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ.

But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body. For we who are alive are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that his life may also be revealed in our mortal body.

Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

▲ **Gospel Acclamation John 20: 21**

Alleluia! Peace be with you!

As the Father has sent me, I am sending you. Alleluia!

▲ **God's Word from the Gospel (NIV)**

The Holy Gospel according to John, Chapter 20, verses 19 thru 21

Glory to you, O Lord.

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

▼ **Sermon—God's Word Applied to Life**

Pastor Cori Johnson

▼ **Song of the Day**

"Canticle of the Turning"

My soul cries out with a joyful shout that the God of my heart is great,
And my spirit sings of the wondrous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight, and my weakness you did not spurn,
So from east to west shall my name be blest. Could the world be about to turn?
My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is about to turn!

Though I am small, my God, my all, you work great things in me,
And your mercy will last from the depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
Your very name puts the proud to shame, and to those who would for you yearn,
You will show your might, put the strong to flight, for the world is about to turn.
My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is about to turn!

Though the nations rage from age to age, we remember who holds us fast:
God's mercy must deliver us from the conqueror's crushing grasp.
This saving word that our forebears heard is the promise which holds us bound,
Till the spear and rod can be crushed by God, who is turning the world around.
My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is about to turn!

▲ **Apostles Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 creator of heaven and earth.
 I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
 He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,
 and born of the virgin Mary.
 He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.
 He descended into hell.
 On the third day he rose again.
 He ascended into heaven,
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
 He will come again 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.

THE RITE OF ORDINATION

of Dave Johnson by Bishop Thomas Skrenes

▼ **Presentation**

I present for ordination to the ministry of word and sacrament
Dave Johnson
 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.
Thanks be to God.

▼ **Address and Questions**

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.

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*

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*

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*

The presiding minister questions the ordinand: 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?

Ordinand 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', 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?

Ordinand responds: **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?

Ordinand responds: **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?

Ordinand responds: **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.

Assembly responds: **Amen.**

▲ **Prayers of Intercession**

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, **hear our prayer.**

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

For Dave, called to be a pastor in the church, that, sustained by your Holy Spirit,
he may carry out this ministry with joy and a spirit of bold trust,
serve your people, build up your church, and glorify your name.
God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For all pastors;
for all deaconesses, diaconal ministers, and associates in ministry;
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, **hear 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, **hear 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, **hear 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, **hear 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, **hear our prayer.**

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, **hear our prayer.**

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

Amen.

▼ **Song of Invocation**

“Renew Us” Bethany Lutheran Choir

O God, grant me new vision, new vision to see Your kingdom, new vision in this year.
O God, grant me a new heart, a new heart to feel Your love, a new heart in this year.
Christ, You are among us, Your light begins to shine, calling us from the darkness;
Renew us in this time, renew us in this time. Renew us, renew us in this time.

O God, grant me new strength, new strength to share Your word, new strength in this year.
O God, grant me new wisdom, new wisdom to do Your will, Lord, new wisdom in this year.
Christ, You are among us, Your light begins to shine, calling us from the darkness;
Renew us in this time, renew us in this time. Renew us, renew us in this time.

▲ **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 the work of ministry for building up the body of Christ.

The presiding minister and other ordained pastors participate in the laying on of hands

Eternal God, through you Son, Jesus Christ, pour out your Holy Spirit upon *Dave* 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, on God, now and forever.

Amen.

▲ **Giving of A Stole**

Ordinand remains kneeling, stole is placed over the shoulders, and the presiding minister continues

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**

Ordinand stands as the following words of the apostles are addressed

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*

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*

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*

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*

Presiding minister continues

Dave, 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 by Assembly**

Presiding minister addresses the assembly:

Will you, assembled as the people of God and speaking for the whole church, receive *Dave* 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?

Assembly responds: **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?

Assembly responds: **We will, and we ask God to help us.**

Presiding minister presents the newly ordained to the assembly:

Let it be acclaimed that *Dave* 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.

Assembly responds: **Amen. Thanks be to God.**

▲ **Sharing of the Peace**

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

Greet each other with love and the sign of Christ's peace, then be seated

▼ **Offering and Presentation of the Gifts***Offering designation will be given to Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp*▲ **Offering Prayer**

Let us pray.

God of mercy and grace,

the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing.

Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need,

through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and Lord.

Amen.▲ **The Great Thanksgiving and Words of Institution**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give Him 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,

O Lord, Holy Father, mighty, and merciful Lord.

In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,

who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,

who preached good news to the poor,

and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, in the night in which he was betrayed,

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, 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.

▲ **The Lord's Prayer**

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.

▲ **Invitation to the Sacrament of Holy Communion**

Come to the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

*Communion is received by intinction—dipping the wafer into wine when the chalice is offered.
 Ushers release assembly down center aisle, return to seats by side aisles.*

▼ **Distribution of Communion**

"Canticle of Hope" (based on Psalm 130) Bethany Lutheran Choir

I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in His Word, yes, in His Word I put my hope.
 My soul waits for the Lord, more than watchmen wait for the morning.
 I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in His Word, yes, in His Word I put my hope.
 Out of the depths I cry to You. O Lord, hear my plea for mercy.
 For with the Lord is forgiveness for all who fear His name. I wait for the Lord.
 I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in His Word, yes, in His Word I put my hope.
 I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, for with the Lord is unfailing love. I wait for the Lord.

▲ **Post Communion Prayer**

Let us pray. 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
 a faithful servant for the ministry of word and sacrament,
 grant that we, with *Dave*, may joyfully serve you all our days
 and finally rejoice in your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
 Amen.

▲ **Song of Sending***"I Know That My Redeemer Lives"*

I know that my Redeemer lives! What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
 He lives, he lives, who once was dead; He lives, my everliving head.

He lives triumphant from the grave; He lives eternally to save;
 He lives exalted, throned above; He lives to rule his Church in love.

He lives to grant me rich supply; He lives to guide me with his eye;
 He lives to comfort me when faint; He lives to hear my soul's complaint.

He lives to silence all my fears; He lives to wipe away my tears;
 He lives to calm my troubled heart; He lives all blessings to impart.

▼ **Choral Blessing***"Irish Blessing" ~ Bethany Choir**May the road rise up to meet you.**May the wind be always at your back.**May the sun shine warm upon your face.**May rain fall softly on your fields.**Until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of His hand.*▲ **Benediction and Dinner Blessing**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

Amen.▲ **Dismissal**

Alleluia!

Go forth in power and gladness, with great courage
 that we may do justice, make peace, share joy, grow in love, and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.**Alleluia!**

▲ **Recessional Hymn**

"I Know That My Redeemer Lives"

He lives to bless me with his love; He lives to plead for me above;
He lives my hungry soul to feed; He lives to help in time of need.

He lives, my kind, wise, heavenly friend; He lives and loves me to the end;
He lives, and while he lives, I'll sing; He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King!

He lives and grants me daily breath; He lives, and I shall conquer death;
He lives my mansion to prepare; He lives to bring me safely there.

Clergy to begin recessional, choir follows, then assembly starting with the front rows

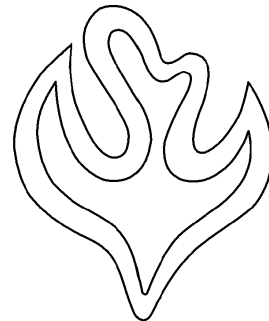
He lives, all glory to his name! He lives, my Savior, still the same;
What joy this blest assurance gives; I know that my Redeemer lives!



Everyone is asked to go outside or to the hallways
immediately following the service so the dinner tables can be set up.

The dinner line will begin in the hall at the Great Room Entrance.

Thank You for your cooperation and understanding!



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Dave Johnson

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who have helped shaped my faith and have supported me
through the good, the bad, and the ugly . . .

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ALL ARE WELCOME FOR DINNER FOLLOWING THE SERVICE

Baked Chicken, Pasta with Red Sauce, Salad, Bread, Dessert, Coffee and Punch

Special thanks to all those who provided, prepared, and served the celebration meal!

Chris Spence (Caterer)

Bethany, Calvary, and Faith Lutheran Churches

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Special thanks to all those who are leading and participating in the Ordination Service

Presiding Bishop	Bishop Thomas Skrenes
Presiding Minister	Pastor Dave Johnson
Presentation of Candidate	Pastor Jennifer Johnson-Wrege
Lectors	Pastor Mike Laakko
Prayer Assistant	Pastor Doug Johnson
Presentation of the Stole	Sue Johnson
Communion Assistants	Bishop Thomas Skrenes (host), Pastor Mike Laakko (wine) Pastor Dave Johnson (host), Pastor Cori Johnson (wine)
Pianist	Lori Dzik
Choir	Lori Manier, Leslie Randall, Sue Moll, Lisa Anderson, Myah Anderson, Anna Anderson, Orice Walters, Sue Raiche, Dorothy Temple, Gerry Nickels, Peggy Gattra, Sally Borga, Harlan Walters, Ray Anderson, Larry Raiche and Lori Dzik (director)
Greeters and Ushers	Ray and Andrea Anderson Paul and Myrna Ward
Acolyte	Christina Anderson
Altar Guild	Bethany Lutheran Church

ALTAR FLOWERS

In special recognition of Dave Johnson for the many months of serving
the congregations of Bethany and Calvary Lutheran Churches
