

A Service of Holy Communion
with
The Rite of Ordination of
Susan Lynn Christianson
to
The Ministry of Word and Sacrament



Sunday, May 22nd, 2022
4:00 P.M. Central Time

Christ Lutheran Church
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**Assembly stands as they are able.*

❖*Assembly may be seated.*

PRELUDE

Twyla Kirkeby

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“O God Beyond All Praising”

ELW #880

*WELCOME

Rev. Elizabeth Becker

*THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Rev. Elizabeth Becker

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.

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 daughters and sons, 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.**

*GREETING

Bishop Dee Pederson

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

Bishop Dee Pederson

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

❖FIRST READING: Isaiah 42:5-9

Becky Brown

❖RESPONSORIAL PSALM 103

Stacy Krusemark

Congregation, please sing responsively the Responsorial Psalm, following the Cantor's lead.

Send forth your spirit, O Lord and renew the face of the earth.

❖SECOND READING: Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13

Tina Olson

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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*GOSPEL READING: John 17:6-19

Rev. Katherine Rood

The Holy Gospel according to St. John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

❖SERMON:

Rev. Katherine Rood

*HYMN OF THE DAY *"You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore"*

ELW #817

*APOSTLES' CREED

Bishop Dee Pederson

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*PRESENTATION

**Dave Brown, Internship Committee Chair
Sara Brown, Internship Committee Member**

We present for ordination to the ministry of word and sacrament, Susan Lynn Christianson, who has been prepared, examined, and approved for this ministry and who has been called by the church to this ministry through St. Paul's and Swedlanda Lutheran churches.

Thanks be to God.

❖ADDRESS AND QUESTIONS

Bishop Dee Pederson

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 20:21-23:

Rev. JoHanna Buchholz

A reading from Matthew 28:18-20:

Rev. Scott Richards

A reading from First Corinthians 11:23-26:

Rev. Amy Karlson

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?

Susan 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?

Susan 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?

Susan 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?

Susan 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.

Amen.

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:**

*Mary Lou Platt, Jan Petrick,
Louise Carlson, Jodi Braband*

❖HYMN OF INVOCATION *"Hallelujahs" by Chris Rice" Erin Sauter, Vocalist
Chris Starr, Accompanist*

***THANKSGIVING**

Bishop Dee Pederson

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

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

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

Eternal God, through your Son, Jesus Christ, pour out your Holy Spirit upon Susan 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.

❖ **GIVING OF A STOLE**

**Clark, Jacob, and Brooklyn Christianson
Les & Marcia Torgerson**

The stole presented today was given to Susan by Rev. Katherine Rood, Susan's pastor, mentor, colleague, and friend.

Receive this stole as a sign of your work, and live in obedience to the Lord Jesus, serving his people and remembering his promise from the gospel of Matthew:

“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**

Virgil Christianson

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)

Shelly Kosek

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

Rob Lemke

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)

Sarah Lipke

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)

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

❖ **BLESSING**

Bishop Dee Pederson

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make you complete in everything good so that you may do God's will, working in you that which is pleasing in God's sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever.

Amen.

✳ **ACCLAMATION BY THE ASSEMBLY**

Bishop Dee Pederson

Will you, assembled as the people of God and speaking for the whole church, receive Susan Lynn Christianson as *a messenger* of Jesus Christ, sent by God to serve all people with the gospel of hope and salvation?

Will you regard her as *a servant* of Christ?

We will, and we ask God to help us.

Will you pray for her, help and honor her for her 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 Susan Lynn Christianson is a called and ordained minister in the church of Christ. She has Christ's authority to preach the word of God and administer the sacraments, serving God's people as together we bear God's creative and redeeming love to all the world.

Amen. Thanks be to God.

***SHARING OF THE PEACE**

Bishop Dee Pederson

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

You may now share the peace of Christ by placing your hand over your heart and sharing a peace-filled greeting with one another.

❖OFFERING:

“We Are an Offering”

ELW #692

The offerings received today will be sent to ELCA's Good Gifts and Lutheran Disaster Response: Eastern Europe Crisis Response. Good Gifts responds where and when needed most: starting new ministries, sending missionaries, training leaders, engaging youth and young adults, sharing the gospel and serving our neighbors. Lutheran Disaster Response is accompanying ELCA's companions in Ukraine, Hungary, Poland, Romania and Slovakia, as well as such ecumenical partners as the Lutheran World Federation and Church World Service, in their humanitarian responses to the crisis created by Russia's war against Ukraine. These partners provide refugees with immediate support and supplies such as food, blankets, water and hygiene kits.

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Rev. Elizabeth Becker

Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

Bishop Dee Pederson

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 God 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, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, who after his resurrection sent forth the apostles to preach the gospel and teach all nations, and promised to be with them, even to the end of the age. And so, with the glorious company of the apostles, with the choirs of angels and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

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***WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

Bishop Dee Pederson

***LORD'S PRAYER**

Bishop Dee Pederson

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

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.

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

❖DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

"Lamb of God"

ELW #146

"For Everyone Born"

Projected

"One Bread, One Body"

ELW #496

"Satisfy the Hungry Heart"

ELW #484

"Now the Feast and Celebration"

ELW #167

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Bishop Dee Pederson

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

***CLOSING ANNOUNCEMENTS**

***BLESSING**

Rev. Elizabeth Becker

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace. **Amen.**

***RECESSIONAL HYMN**

"Drawn to the Light"

ELW #593

***DISMISSAL**

Rev. Elizabeth Becker

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

POSTLUDE

Chris Starr

The Christ Lutheran Fellowship & Christian Education/Youth Ministry Teams invite everyone to join Susan and her family and friends for a light meal and fellowship in the Fellowship Hall following this afternoon's ordination service.

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Participating in today's service:

Ushers:	Brad Hahn, Head Usher Jim Carlson, Head Usher, Grace Unlimited Leader Nathan Stoltenburg, Previous Confirmation Student, Head Usher
Cantor:	Jon Braband, Vocalist, Grace Unlimited Leader, VBS Teacher
Acolyte:	Keenan Coon, Sunday School Student
Crossbearer:	Alec Schrupp, Previous Confirmation Student & Internship Committee Member
Presiding Minister:	Bishop Dee Peterson, Bishop of the Southwestern MN Synod, ELCA
Assisting Minister:	Rev. Elizabeth Becker, Interim Pastor
First Reading:	Becky Brown, Susan's Aunt & Baptismal Sponsor
Psalms:	Stacy Krusemark, Susan's Brother-in-Law
Second Reading:	Tina Olson, Susan's Sixth Grade Teacher & Confirmation Sponsor
Gospel & Sermon:	Rev. Katherine Rood, Previous CLC Pastor, Susan's Mentor, & Internship Supervisor
Presentation:	Dave Brown, Internship Committee Chair Sara Brown, Internship Committee Member
Address & Questions:	Rev. JoHanna Buchholz, Luther Seminary Classmate Rev. Scott Richards, Preceptor at Internship Site, St. Paul's & Trinity in Gaylord, Minnesota Valley Conference Dean Rev. Amy Karlson, Pastoral Colleague, First Lutheran in Hector
Prayers of Intercession:	Mary Lou Platt, Women's Bible Study Member Jan Petrick, Internship Committee Member Louise Carlson, Women's Bible Study Member Jodi Braband, Women's Bible Study Member, VBS Teacher
Giving of a Stole:	Clark Christianson, Susan's Husband Jacob & Brooklyn, Susan & Clark's Children Marcia & Les Torgerson, Susan's Parents
Charge:	Virgil Christianson, Susan's Father-in-Law Shelly Kosek, SS Teacher, Confirmation Mentor Rob Lemke, Past CLC Council Member, Confirmation Mentor Sarah Lipke, Member at Internship Site, Grace Lutheran, Brownton
Communion Assistants:	Dawn Peterson, Office Secretary Shari O'Donnell, Council Secretary Jodi Braband, Women's Bible Study Member, Grace Unlimited Leader, VBS Teacher
Musicians:	Twyla Kirkeby, Choir Accompanist, SS Music Leader Chris Starr, Vocalist, Pianist & Organist
Vocalist:	Erin Sauter, Past Council President, SS Teacher, & Confirmation Guide

Susan has been called to be the pastor of the St. Paul's & Swedlanda Lutheran congregations in Hector, MN. Her installation will take place on Sunday, June 12th at 8:30 a.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran and 10:30 a.m. at Swedlanda Lutheran.

Thank you to all who have participated in today's Worship Service, to the congregation of Christ Lutheran Church, and to all who have accompanied me along the way! You have all provided an environment and opportunities to grow and expand my gifts for ministry in ways I could never have imagined. Your nurturing support will continue to influence my ministry for many years to come. I am ever so grateful for your love and encouragement. Thank you! - *Susan Christianson*