

Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd
The Installation of Pastor Liz Davis - October 4th, 2026



GATHERING

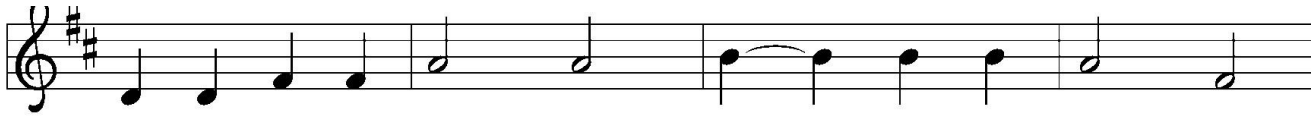
The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Prelude

Variations on *Holy, Holy, Holy* by Piet Post

Welcome and Announcements

***Gathering Song** Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty! (LCGS Favorite) ELW 413



1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God Al - might - y!
2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
though the eye of sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see,
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!
cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!



God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
which wert and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
per - fect in pow'r, in love and pu - ri - ty.
God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

***Prayer of the Day – Laila and Lydia Davis**

Reader 1: Come all God's people! Let us gather together to praise and thank our God!

All: Holy, Holy, Holy God – we celebrate today!

Reader 2: We gather together with gratitude for this moment, for this day.

All: Holy, Holy, Holy God – we celebrate today!

Reader 1: We gather together with gratitude for this church, and for this community.

All: Holy, Holy, Holy God – we celebrate today!

Reader 2: We gather together with gratitude for Pastor Liz and her Installation Sunday

All: Holy, Holy Holy God – we celebrate today!

Reader 1: This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it!

All: Holy, Holy, Holy God – we celebrate today!

Reader 2: Amen.

***Gathering Acclamation** God is Here! vs. 3 ELW 526

*Here our children find a welcome
in the Shepherd's flock and fold;
here, as bread and wine are taken,
Christ sustains us as of old.
Here the servants of the Servant
seek in worship to explore
what it means in daily living
to believe and to adore.*

WORD

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

Children's Sermon - Bishop Taryn Montgomery

Philippians 3:4b-14

A reading from Philippians:

[Paul writes:] If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

⁷ Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸ More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹² Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal, but I press on to lay hold of that for which Christ has laid hold of me. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, I do not consider that I have laid hold of it, but one thing I have laid hold of: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal, toward the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

***Gospel Acclamation** Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones ELW 424

*O friends, in gladness let us sing,
supernal anthems echoing: Alleluia! Alleluia!
To God the Father, God the Son,
and God the Spirit, Three in One:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

***Gospel: Matthew 28:18-20**

The holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing

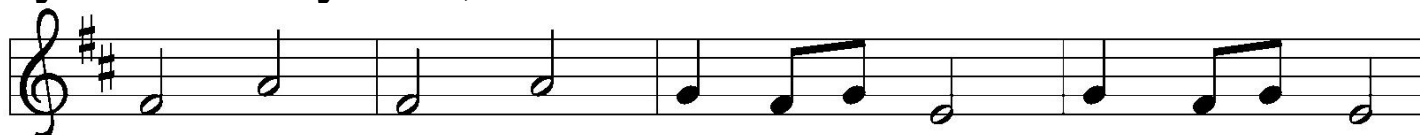
them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon – Bishop Taryn Montgomery

Hymn of the Day Lord, Be Glorified ELW 744



1	In	my	life,	Lord,	be	glo - ri - fied,	be	glo - ri - fied;
2	In	our	song,	Lord,	be	glo - ri - fied,	be	glo - ri - fied;
3	In	your	church,	Lord,	be	glo - ri - fied,	be	glo - ri - fied;
4	In	your	world,	Lord,	be	glo - ri - fied,	be	glo - ri - fied;



in	my	life,	Lord,	be	glo - ri - fied	to - day.
in	our	song,	Lord,	be	glo - ri - fied	to - day.
in	your	church,	Lord,	be	glo - ri - fied	to - day.
in	your	world,	Lord,	be	glo - ri - fied	to - day.

Installation of Pastor Elizabeth Esther Foght Davis

Presentation ***Bishop Taryn Montgomery***

Having been authorized by the church to install
Elizabeth Esther Foght Davis,
our co-worker in the gospel, as pastor,
I now ask for certification of this call.

Anna Quanbeck, LCGS President

After prayerful deliberation,
we, the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd,
have called Elizabeth Esther Foght Davis
to serve as a minister of word and sacrament in the position of pastor.

Joel Abenth, Call Committee Chair

We present Pastor Liz and this letter certifying the call.

Address and Questions

Anna Quanbeck, LCGS President

A reading from John: Jesus said, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you. Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." (*John 20:21-23*)

Joel Abenth, Call Committee Chair

A reading from Matthew: Jesus said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (*Matthew 28:18-20*)

Bishop Taryn Montgomery

A reading from First Timothy: Set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Attend to the public reading of scripture, to exhorting, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you through prophecy with the laying on of hands by the council of elders. Put these things into practice, devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress. Pay close attention to yourself and to your teaching; continue in these things, for in doing this you will save both yourself and your hearers. (*1 Timothy 4:12-16*)

Pastor Liz, in the presence of this assembly
will you commit yourself to this new trust and responsibility,
in the confidence that it comes from God through the call of the church?

Response: I will, and I ask God to help and guide me.

Will you preach and teach in accordance with the holy scriptures
and with the confessions of the Lutheran church?

Will you carry out this ministry in harmony with the constitutions
of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America?

Response: I will, and I ask God to help and guide me.

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

Response: I will, and I ask God to help and guide me.

Trusting in God's care,
will you love, serve, and 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?

Response: I will, and I ask God to help and guide me.

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

Response: I will, and I ask God to help and guide me.

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

Amen.

People of God,
will you receive Pastor Liz as a messenger of Jesus Christ
sent to serve all people with the gospel of hope and salvation?
Will you regard Pastor Liz as a servant of Christ
and a steward of the mysteries of God?

We will, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Will you pray for Pastor Liz?

Will you help and honor Pastor Liz in carrying out this ministry?

In all things, will you strive to live together in the peace and unity of Christ?

We will, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Liz, the office of pastor is now committed to you
in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

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.

At the place of baptism:

Kelsey Sprowell, Call Committee Member:

You have been called to be among us to baptize, to teach, and to forgive sins.

At the place of the word:

Frank Wanner, Call Committee/ Council Member:

You have been called to be among us to proclaim the good news.

At the place of the meal:

Craig Bursch, LCGS Vice-President:

You have been called to be among us to preside at the Lord's supper.

Bishop Taryn Montgomery:

People of God, I present to you your pastor, Liz Davis.

Let us welcome Pastor Liz in the name of Christ.

*** Prayers of the People**

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

We pray for your church in all nations. Make all congregations communities in which people experience your love and are empowered to share your love with others. Help and guide: the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd as we live out your call in this place, Pastor Liz as she officially becomes our pastor, and all of us in this new beginning.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for Your peace in all the earth. End violence and greed. Inspire unity and acceptance. Help us follow Jesus' example and treat all people as our fellow human beings, Your beloved children.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for all who are scared and stuck in situations beyond their control. We pray for all struggling with addiction and all in recovery, all who are unhoused and all who are hungry, all seeking healing from cancer, and all in need of any kind of healing, including those we name aloud and in our hearts——. Help all people to feel your love.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for the needs of our local community. Be present within ISD 709, our school district, as we prepare for voting regarding school funding. Grant wisdom, endurance, and courage to school board members, administrators, staff, teachers, and advocates who work to ensure the best for our students. Provide resources and a good education for our kids. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We give thanks for all who have died and now rest in your promise of eternal life. Continue to inspire us through their witness. Help us to trust in the resurrection.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

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

Amen.

~Our prayer petitions are shaped by this church. Use the bulletin insert titled Prayers of the People to lift up your prayers. If you have a prayer request you would like to be kept confidential, please drop a note into the prayer request box on the welcome desk.~

***Peace**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

Offering : “For the Beauty of the Earth” by John Rutter - LCGS Choir

***Offering Presentation Verse:** Sanctuary (LCGS Favorite)

*Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary
Pure and holy, tried and true
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living
Sanctuary for You*

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

***Words of Institution**

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

Distribution

In communion, we experience Jesus for us. The simple elements of bread and wine/juice convey Jesus' love, forgiveness, and grace. All are welcome to receive communion or a blessing. Ushers will invite your pew; continue forward to the communion server on your side of the sanctuary. Please put a hand over your heart for a blessing only. If you wish to receive communion,

hold open your hand to receive a wafer. Please tell the server if you need a gluten-free wafer. Dip the wafer in the wine (red) or juice (clear). You may immediately eat the wafer. Continue along the outside of the pews to return to your seat.

Song during Communion:

Be Thou My Vision (LCGS Favorite)

ELW 793

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

ELW 752 (repeat in prayer)



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,
 4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought both by day and by night,
 Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,
 thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
 great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

***Blessing**

The God of steadfastness and encouragement
grant you to live in harmony with one another,
in accordance with Christ Jesus.

Amen.

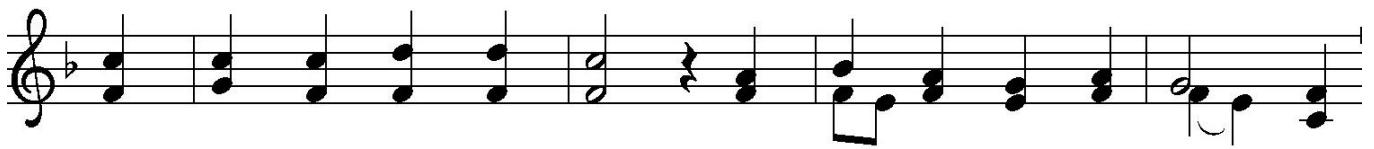
The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,
so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

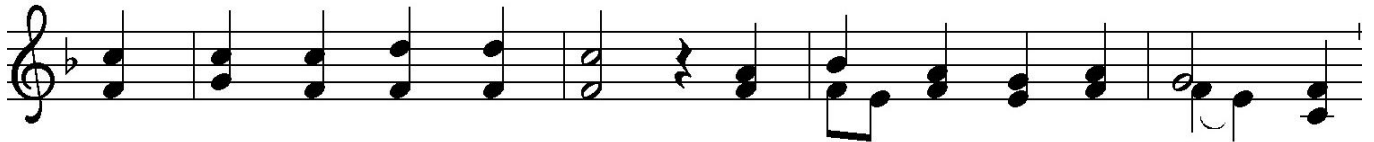
The God of all grace ☩ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

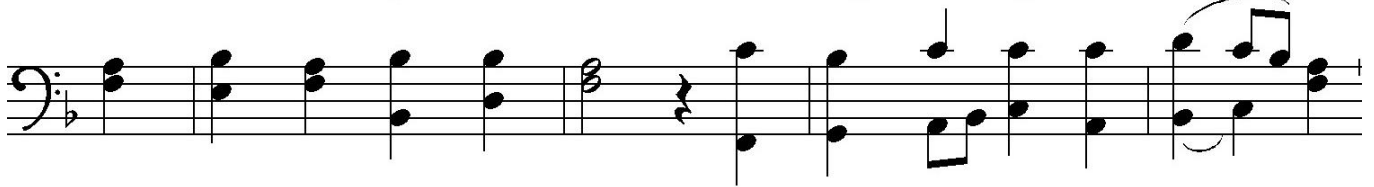
***Sending Song:** Now Thank We All Our God (LCGS Favorite) ELW 839 & 840
vs. 1 #839 vs.2 #840, in harmony vs. 3 #839



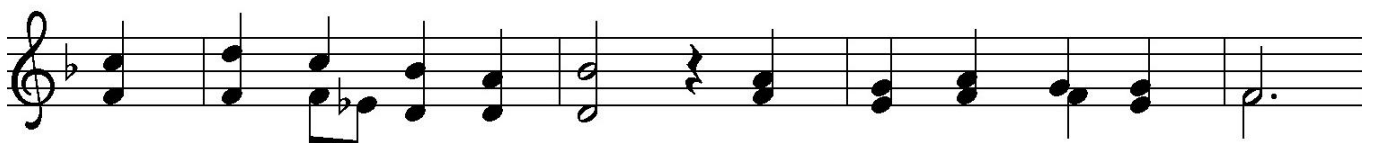
1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,
2 Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
3 All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,



who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,
the Son, and Spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven,



who, from our mothers' arms, has blest us on our way
and keep us all in grace, and guide us when perplexed,
the one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore;



with countless gifts of love, and still is ours to-day.
and free us from all harm in this world and the next.
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.



***Dismissal**

Go in peace, Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God

***Postlude**

Prelude in C Major, BWV 547 by J. S. Bach

~Thank you for sharing your favorite hymns and songs! Favorite hymns of LCGS will be noted in the bulletin. We would love to hear and share your stories about hymns that are important to you; please contact Pastor Liz or Parker.~

This Week at LCGS

Oct 4, Sunday – Pastor Liz’s Installation!

8:45AM Sunday School
8:45AM Choir rehearsal
9:30AM Worship
10:30AM Coffee Fellowship

Oct 5, Monday

9:00AM –3:30:00PM Quilters
6:00PM – Austin Story Project

Oct 6, Tuesday

Oct 7, Wednesday

7:00AM Men’s Bible Study
11:30AM Staff Meeting

6:00PM Confirmation

October 8, Thursday

1:00PM Al-Anon
7:00PM AA

October 9, Friday

8:00AM Women’s “Son”rise Bible Conversation (ZOOM)

October 10, Saturday

October 11, Confirmation Sunday

8:45AM Choir Rehearsal
8:45AM Sunday School
9:30AM Worship
10:30AM Coffee Fellowship

**Thank you all our volunteers who signed up this morning
and the following who prepared ahead!**

Altar Guild	Dave and Betsy Larsen
Projections Preparer	Julie Seidelmann
Projectionist	Julie Seidelmann
Streaming	Brian Fischer
Hospitality	Patty Altonen
	Next Week: Barb Hanson

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