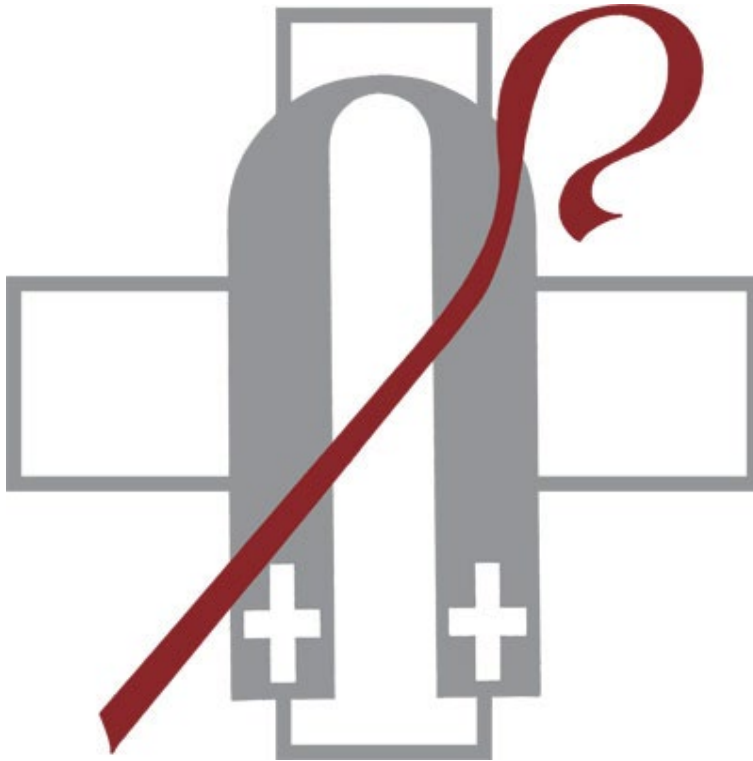


The installation of
Pastor Jonathan Fischer



Our Savior Lutheran Church
1332 Arrowhead Road
Grafton, Wisconsin

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
July 23, 2023
4:00 p.m.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

OPENING HYMN

Creator Spirit, By Whose Aid
Christian Worship 589 (1-3)

- 1 Creator Spirit, by whose aid
the world's foundations first were laid,
come, visit ev'ry humble mind;
come, pour your joys on humankind.
From sin and sorrow set us free;
may we your living temples be.
- 2 O Source of light, our Counselor,
the Father's help to us assure.
Come down, as promised, with your fire,
and hearts with heav'nly love inspire.
Your sacred, healing message bring
to sanctify us when we sing.
- 3 Giver of grace, descend from high
in answer to our earnest cry.
Help us eternal truths receive
and practice all that we believe.
Give us your wisdom that we see
the glory of the Trinity.

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Stand

INVOCATION

Minister In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Congregation Amen.

DIALOGUE OF PRAISE

M O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples! Sing to him, sing praises to him, tell of all his wonderful works!

- C** The works of the Lord are great and glorious. His name is worthy of praise!
- M** O Father Most Holy, gather us together in the name of Jesus whom the saints and angels adore as the Lamb on his throne and whose name is above every name,
that all we do might be done at your bidding,
filled with your grace,
directed by your wisdom,
informed by your truth,
accomplished to your glory.
- C** The works of the Lord are great and glorious. His love endures forever!
- M** O Father Most Gracious, bring us together in the name of Jesus, that in him we might be a spiritual temple, that founded on him we might be built together as living stones, that in him we might offer to you the spiritual service
of praise and thanksgiving,
of lives lived in your love,
of proclaiming your words and work,
of sharing your gifts to us.
- C** The works of the Lord are great and glorious. Tell of all his wonderful deeds!
- M** O Father eternal, you have sent out an invitation, you have prepared a great feast that all might enter the courts of your presence and the mansions of your paradise. Grant to us your blessing and peace,
that we may be witnesses of your truth,
the reflection of your glory,
the ambassadors of your kingdom.
- C** The works of the Lord are great and glorious. May our mouths be filled with his praise!
- M** To you, O Father, together with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God from all eternity and to all eternity, be glory, wisdom, power, and dominion forever.
- C** Alleluia! Amen!

RESPONSE

CW 589 st. 4

**Immortal honor, endless fame,
attend th' _almighty Father's name;
the Savior-Son be glorified,
who for all humankind has died;
and equal adoration rise
to you, O Spirit, in the skies.**

THE WORD

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

M Let us pray.

Almighty God, look with favor on those whom you have called to minister to your people. Fill them with faithfulness to your doctrine and clothe them with holiness of life that they may joyfully serve to the glory of your name and for the benefit of your Church; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Be seated

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 1:4-10
The Lord calls Jeremiah

⁴The word of the LORD came to me, saying,

⁵“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.”

⁶“Alas, Sovereign LORD,” I said, “I do not know how to speak; I am too young.”

⁷But 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. ⁸Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue you,” declares the LORD.

⁹Then the LORD reached out his hand and touched my mouth and said to me, “I have put my words in your mouth. ¹⁰See, today I appoint you over nations and kingdoms to uproot and tear down, to destroy and overthrow, to build and to plant.”

After the reading:

M The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God!**

Refrain

I re - joiced with those who said to me,
 “Let us go to the house of the Lord.”

Psalm Tone

I rejoiced with those who said to me,
 “Let us go to the house of the LORD.”
 Our feet are standing in your gates,
 O Jerusalem.

Refrain

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:
 “May those who love you be secure.
 May there be peace within your walls
 and security within your citadels.”

Refrain

For the sake of my brothers and friends,
 I will say, “Peace be within you.”
 For the sake of the house of the LORD our God,
 I will seek your prosperity.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
 and to the Holy Spirit,
 as it was in the beginning,
 is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Refrain

SECOND READING

1 Peter 5:1-7

Pastors are to shepherd the flock of God

¹ To the elders among you, I appeal as a fellow elder and a witness of Christ's sufferings who also will share in the glory to be revealed: ² Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, watching over them—not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not pursuing dishonest gain, but eager to serve; ³ not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock. ⁴ And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away.

⁵ In the same way, you who are younger, submit yourselves to your elders. All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because,

“God opposes the proud
but shows favor to the humble.”

⁶ Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. ⁷ Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

After the reading:

M The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

My Worth is Not in What I Own

Christian Worship #753

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GOSPEL

Matthew 28:16-20

The Great Commission

¹⁶ Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸ Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Therefore go 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 I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

After the reading:

M The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to you, O Christ.

Be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY

Lord Jesus, You Have Come
Christian Worship #897 (1-4)

- 1 Lord Jesus, you have come
a teacher sent from heaven
and by both word and deed
God's truth to us have given.
You wisely have ordained
the holy ministry
that we, your flock, may know
the truth that sets us free.
- 2 O blessed ministry
of reconciliation,
that shows the way to God
and brings to us salvation!
Lord, by your gospel pure
you bless and keep your fold,
you call, enlighten, keep,
you comfort and uphold.
- 3 Preserve this ministry
while harvest days are keeping;
and since the fields are ripe
and hands are few for reaping,
send workers forth, O Lord,
the sheaves to gather in
that not a soul be lost
which you have come to win.

- 4 **The servants you have called
and to your Church are giving
preserve in doctrine pure
and holiness of living.
Your Spirit fill their hearts
and charge their words with pow'r;
what they should boldly speak,
O give them in that hour!**

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SERMON

Based on 2 Corinthians 5:18-6:2

WHAT A MINISTRY!

For This Pastor, and for This Congregation

¹⁸All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: ¹⁹that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. ²¹God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

As God's co-workers we urge you not to receive God's grace in vain. ² For he says,

“In the time of my favor I heard you,
and in the day of salvation I helped you.” [Is 49:8]

I tell you, now is the time of God's favor, now is the day of salvation.

Stand

RESPONSE

CW 897 st.5

**Bring those into your fold
who still to you are strangers;
guard those who are within
against offense and dangers.
Press onward with your Word
till pastor and his fold
through faith in you, O Christ,
your glory shall behold.**

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Excerpts from the Augsburg Confession

(1530 A.D.)

- M** Our churches teach that the Word, that is, the Son of God, took upon himself human nature in the womb of the blessed virgin Mary. Therefore, he has two natures, one divine and the other human. They are united in one person and cannot be separated.
- C** **Thus there is only one Christ, true God and true man, who was born of the virgin Mary.**
- M** He truly suffered, was crucified, died, and was buried. He went through all this so that he could restore us to peace with the Father and be a sacrifice, not just for original sin, but also for all other sins. Christ also went down into hell, and truly rose again the third day.
- C** **Afterward he went up into heaven so that he might sit on the right hand of the Father.**
- M** There he rules forever and has power over all creatures, making holy all those that believe in him. He does this by sending the Holy Spirit into their hearts to rule, comfort, and make them alive, as well as defending them against the devil and the power of sin.
- C** **This same Christ will openly come again to judge the living and the dead, as the Apostles' Creed says.** *III:1-6*
- M** Our churches also teach that humans cannot be justified before God by their own power, merits, or deeds. Rather, they are freely justified for Christ's sake through faith. By faith we mean this: that they believe that they are both received into God's favor and that their sins are forgiven for Christ's sake.
- C** **For by his death, Christ has paid the debt for our sins. Thus God views the person who has this faith to be righteous in his sight.** *IV:1-3*
- M** So that we might receive this faith, God established the ministry of teaching the gospel and administering the sacraments. For the Holy Spirit is given to people through the Word and sacraments, the tools through which God works. Whenever and wherever it pleases God, this ministry creates faith in the hearts of those who hear the gospel.
- C** **And the gospel message is this: that not because of our own merits, but for Christ's sake, God justifies those who believe that they are received into grace because of what Christ did.** *V:1-3*

M Our churches also teach that there is and always will be one holy church. The church is the gathering of all believers, in which the gospel is purely preached and the holy sacraments are properly administered. VII:1

C **No one should teach publicly in the church or administer the sacraments unless he has been called in a proper and normal way.** VIX

Be seated

RITE OF INSTALLATION

Address to the Pastor-Elect

Promises by the Pastor-Elect

Address to the Congregation

Promises by the Congregation

Installation

Laying on of Hands by Participating Ministers

Stand

CLOSING PRAYER

Blessed Lord, since you have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

BLESSING

M The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

C **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

Dear Lord, to Your True Servants Give
Christian Worship #896

- 1 Dear Lord, to your true servants give
the grace to you alone to live.
Set free from sin to serve you, Lord,
they go to share your living Word,
the gospel message to proclaim
that all may know your saving name.**

- 2 They gladly go at your command
to spread your Word o’er sea and land.
Be with them, Lord, and make them strong
to heal sin’s ills, to right the wrong.
Your rule is over wind and wave,
and mighty is your arm to save.**

- 3 When all their labor seems in vain,
revive their sinking hopes again;
and when success crowns what they do,
O keep them humble, Lord, and true
until before your judgment seat
they lay their trophies at your feet.**

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Everyone is invited to remain for dinner and reception after the service.

Service Participants

- Presiding Minister Pastor Kurt Ebert
*Serving Christ Alone, Mequon/Thiensville
Circuit Pastor, Ozaukee Circuit*

- Preacher and Installing Minister..... Pastor Daniel Leyrer
*Serving St. Marcus, Milwaukee
District President, Southeastern Wisconsin District of the WELS*

- Organist..... David Porth
*Serving Pilgrim, Menomonee Falls
District Worship Coordinator, Southeastern Wisconsin District of the WELS*

- Anthem Stephanie Boeckman, Heidi Fischer, Andrea Havlik
Accompanist: Jon Hahm

Welcome Pastor Fischer & Family

Pastor Jonathan Fischer is the son of Rev. James and Marie Fischer, and the oldest of seven children. In 1982 the family moved to Jackson, MI where his father served St. Luke Lutheran Church. In 1993 the family moved to Wilmot, Wisconsin after his father accepted a call to Peace Lutheran Church.

He attended Luther Preparatory school in Watertown, graduating in 1998. After completing his studies at Martin Luther College in 2002, he continued on to Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary. He served as a Vicar at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Litchfield, Minnesota. In 2006, he graduated from the Seminary and was assigned as an associate pastor at Resurrection Lutheran Church in Chesapeake, Virginia. In 2013 he became the sole pastor of the congregation. While at Resurrection, he helped the congregation move to a new campus in 2007 and worked with the congregation to open Little Lambs Preschool in 2014. He also worked with WELS Military Services, serving as a military contact pastor. This work included reaching out to and supporting military personnel while they were deployed. To aid in his work with military personnel, he completed his WELS Chaplaincy Certification in 2014. During his 17 years at Resurrection, Pastor enjoyed helping people grow and mature in their faith and life as children of God.

While in Virginia, Pastor also served on the Committee for Constitutional Matters, the Satellite Summer Quarter Planning committee, and served as the District Secretary for three years. He is currently an instructor for the WELS Chaplain Certification program, teaching "The Spiritual Side of PTSD".

He met Melissa, a native of Ohio, while they were attending MLC. After Melissa taught in Modesto, CA for a year, they were married in 2005. They have seven children: Elijah and Simeon, who will be attending KML; Esther, Corah, Stephen, and Josiah, who will be attending Our Savior, and Silas. In his free time, you can find Pastor spending time with his family, woodworking, gardening, or fishing.

