

SERVICE OF INSTALLATION
for
THE REVEREND CLINTON HOFF
as

Pastor of Peace Lutheran Church
Fresno, California
September 29, 2024 ~ 4:00 p.m.

The Mission of Peace Lutheran Church is to honor our Lord Jesus Christ through worship and ministering to all God's people equipping them for service to God and to each other.

As We Gather: The Lord has answered our prayers in supplying a pastor for us. The Office of the Ministry has been instituted by the risen Jesus Himself as a gift to His Church (John 20:19-23; Ephesians 4:11-16). Through the Christian congregation, God calls qualified men to fill this divinely established office. Installation marks the beginning of a Pastor's work in a particular place.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

PRELUDE

Organist

CALL TO WORSHIP

Peace Handbell Choir
"Celebration Fanfare" – Bob Burroughs

Stand

PROCESSIONAL HYMN


"Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest" LSB 498



1 Come, Ho - ly Ghost, Cre - a - tor blest, And make
2 To You, the Coun - sel - or, we cry, To You,
3 In You, with grac - es sev - en - fold, We God's
4 Your light to ev - 'ry thought im - part, And shed



our hearts Your place of rest; Come with Your grace and
the gift of God Most High; The fount of life, the
al - might - y hand be - hold While You with tongues of
Your love in ev - 'ry heart; The weak - ness of our



heav'n - ly aid, And fill the hearts which You have made.
fire of love, The soul's a - noint - ing from a - bove.
fire pro - claim To all the world His ho - ly name.
mor - tal state With death - less might in - vig - or - ate.

5 Drive far away our wily foe,
And Your abiding peace bestow;
With You as our protecting guide,
No evil can with us abide.

6 Teach us to know the Father, Son,
And You, from both, as Three in One
That we Your name may ever bless
And in our lives the truth confess.

△ 7 Praise we the Father and the Son
And Holy Spirit, with them One,
And may the Son on us bestow
The gifts that from the Spirit flow!

Text: attr. Rabanus Maurus, 776–856; tr. Edward Caswall, 1814–78, alt.
Tune: Geistliche Lieder auff's new gebessert, 1533, Wittenberg, ed. Joseph Klug
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The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

23

PSALM

P The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

C **He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters.**

P He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

C **Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

P You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

C **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

KYRIE

LSB 152

A In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A 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.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C Amen.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

LSB 154

A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.

C Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:
We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You
for Your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God,
Lamb of God:

You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive
our prayer.

For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the
Lord,

You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the
Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

O Lord God, heavenly Father, by the blessed light of
Your holy Word You have led us to the knowledge of
Your Son. We humbly implore You to replenish us with
the grace of Your Holy Spirit that we may ever walk in

the light of Your truth and, rejoicing with sure
confidence in Christ, our Savior, be brought to
everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one
God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

FIRST READING

Isaiah 52:7–10

L A reading from Isaiah, chapter 52.

⁷How beautiful upon the mountains
are the feet of him who brings good news,
who publishes peace, who brings good news of
happiness,

who publishes salvation,
who says to Zion, “Your God reigns.”

⁸The voice of your watchmen—they lift up their voice;
together they sing for joy;

for eye to eye they see
the return of the LORD to Zion.

⁹Break forth together into singing,
you waste places of Jerusalem,
for the LORD has comforted his people;
he has redeemed Jerusalem.

¹⁰The 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.

L This is the word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Hmong Young Adults & Youth Choir
“Xijpeem Koj Lub Siab”
(“Have Thine Own Way, Lord”)

SECOND READING

Romans 10:14–17

L A reading from Romans, chapter 10.

¹⁴But how are they to call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? ¹⁵And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!” ¹⁶But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?” ¹⁷So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

L This is the word of the Lord

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

LSB 156

C **Alleluia.**

Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia, alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 21:1-9

L The Holy Gospel According to St. John, the 21st chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹After this Jesus revealed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he revealed himself in this way.

²Simon Peter, Thomas (called the Twin), Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples were together. ³Simon Peter said to them, “I am going fishing.” They said to him, “We will go with you.” They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

⁴Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵Jesus said to them, “Children, do you have any fish?” They answered him, “No.” ⁶He said to them, “Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some.” So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, because of the quantity of fish. ⁷That disciple whom Jesus loved therefore said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he was stripped for work, and threw himself into the sea. ⁸The other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, but about a hundred yards off.

⁹When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire in place, with fish laid out on it, and bread.

L This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

NYEEM TXOJMoo ZOO (HOLY GOSPEL)

Yauhas 21:1-9

L Txojmoo zoo lawv li Yauhas tshooj 21.

¹Tom qab ntawd, Yexus rov los tshwm rau nws cov thwjtim pom nram ntug Hiavtxwv Tinpelias; thiab qhov uas nws los tshwm rau lawv pom muaj li no. ²Ximoos Petus, Thaumias (tus uas muaj dua ib lub npe hu ua Ntxaib), Nathana-ees (tus uas nyob hauv lub zos Kanas pem lub xeev Kalilais), Xenpedais ob tug tub thiab muaj dua ob tug ntawm

Yexus cov thwjtim tuaj nyob ua ke. ³Ximoos Petus hais rau cov thwjtim ntawd hais tias, “Kuv yuav mus ntaus ntses.”

Lawv hais rau Petus hais tias, “Peb yuav nrog koj mus thiab.” Lawv txawm nce rau hauv nkoj; hmo ntawd lawv ntaus ntses ib hmo tiamsis tsis tau ib tug ntses li. ⁴Thaum kaj ntug txoog, Yexus los sawv tim ntug dej, tiamsis cov thwjtim tsis paub hais tias yog Yexus. ⁵Yexus nug lawv hais tias, “Cov hluas, nej ntaus tsis tau ntses li los?”

Lawv teb hais tias, “Ntaus tsis tau ib tug li.”

⁶Yexus hais rau lawv hais tias, “Nej cia li ntaus nej lub vas rau ntawm lub nkoj sab xis rau hauv thiaj yuav tau ntses.” Yog li ntawd, lawv txawm muab lub vas ntaus rau hauv thiab lub vas mag tau ntses ntau heev; lawv rub tsis taus lub vas los rau hauv nkoj li.

⁷Tus thwjtim uas Yexus hlub hais rau Petus hais tias, “Tus sawv tid yog peb tus Tswv ntag los sav!” Thaum Petus hnov dheev hais tias peb tus Tswv, Petus txawm muab nws lub tsho ntev los hnav, (rau qhov nws muab hle lawm) nws txawm dhia rau hauv hiavtxwv. ⁸Cov thwjtim uas tseem nyob hauv lub nkoj, lawv nquam lub nkoj thiab rub lub vas uas mag ntses puv nkaus los rau ntawm ntug dej, rau qhov lawv nyob tsis deb ntawm ntug dej kwvlam li tsib caug daj xwb. ⁹Thaum lawv mus txog tim ntug lawm, lawv pom ib cub thee cig ntsaj thuav muaj ntses thiab ncuav ci nyob saum cub thee ntawd.

L Ntawm no yog Txojmoo Zoo.

C Tswv Yexus, peb thov qhuas koj!

Sit

HYMN OF THE DAY

“God of the Prophets, Bless the Prophets’ Sons” LSB 682



1 God of the proph - ets, bless the proph - ets' sons;
 2 A - noint them proph - ets, men who are in - tent
 3 A - noint them priests, strong in - ter - ces - sors they,
 4 A - noint them kings, yes, king - ly kings, O Lord.
 5 Make them a - pos - tles, her - alds of Your cross;



E - li - jah's man - tle o'er E - li - sha cast.
 To be Your wit - ness - es in word and deed,
 For par - don and for love and hope and peace,
 A - noint them with the Spir - it of Your Son.
 Forth let them go to tell the world of grace.



Each age its sol - emn task may claim but once;
 Their hearts a - flame, their lips made el - o - quent,
 That, through their plead - ing, guilt - y sin - ners may
 Theirs not a jew - eled crown, a blood - stained sword;
 In - spired by You, may they count all but loss



Make each one no - bler, strong - er than the last.
 Their eyes a - wake to ev - 'ry hu - man need.
 Find Je - sus' mer - cy and from sin re - lease.
 Theirs, by sweet love, for Christ a king - dom won.
 And stand at last with joy be - fore Your face.

Text: Denis Wortman, 1835–1922, alt.

Tune: Trente quatre Pseaumes de David, 1551, Geneva, ed. Louis Bourgeois

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SERMON

The Reverend Michael Lange

“Morning Hope”

John 21:1-9

SPECIAL MUSIC

Peace Sunday School Singers

“Fishers of Men”

Stand

NICENE CREED

**☩ I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down
from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin
Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the
Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the
living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is**

**worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic
Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of
sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.**

Sit

RITE OF INSTALLATION

SPECIAL MUSIC

Hmong Ladies Choir

*“Tus Ntseeg Yuavtsum Hlub Vajtsv”
 (“Believer, Love the Lord Your God”)*

Believer, love the Lord your God
With all your heart and with all your soul,
With all your strength and with all your wisdom,
Let God use you for His Glory.

Refrain

*Jesus commands us to love one another.
Love the Lord your God with all your heart and all your soul,
Worthy of the calling you have received.*

Believer, love your neighbor
As you love yourself.
Honor your brothers;
Do good to all people. *Refrain*

Believer, love your enemies,
Love the one who ridicules you.

Love the one who does evil against you.
Give your enemy food to eat. *Refrain*

Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

OFFERTORY LSB 159

C What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?
I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.
I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.
I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,
in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

LORD'S PRAYER

C 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.

PRAYER

P Almighty and everlasting God, whose infinite power alone does great wonders, send down on Your ministers and on the congregations committed to their care the healthful spirit of Your grace, and that they may truly please You, pour on them the dew of Your continual blessing; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION LSB 166

P 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.

C Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

"We All Believe in One True God" LSB 953



1 We all be-lieve in one true God, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,
2 We all be-lieve in Je - sus Christ, Son of God and Mar - y's son,
3 We all con-fess the Ho - ly Ghost, Who from both in truth pro-ceeds,



Ev - er - pres - ent help in need, Praised by all the heav'n - ly host;
Who de - scend - ed from His throne And for us sal - va - tion won;
Who sus - tains and com - forts us In all tri - als, fears, and needs.



All He made His love en-folds, All cre - a - tion He up-holds.
By whose cross and death are we Res - cued from all mis - er - y.
Bless-ed, ho - ly Trin - i - ty, Praise for - ev - er be to Thee!

Text: Tobias Clausnitzer, 1619–84; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.
Tune: Neu-vermehrtes . . . Gesangbuch, 1693, 3rd ed., Meiningen

POSTLUDE

Organist

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THOSE SERVING TODAY



Organist	Karen Clancy
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Hmong Ladies Choir Director	Kaying Lee
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THE REVEREND MICHAEL LANGE

President

California-Nevada-Hawaii District of the LCMS



Mike has been married to Kristi (Peck) Lange since 1988. He is the father of four adult children who are engaged in their careers and in their local churches. He and Kristi are grandparents of six spread around the West and Midwest. Mike is a 1988 graduate of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. He continues studies in Missiology towards a DMin. He served as an Associate and interim Senior Pastor in Wayzata, MN; a missionary-at-large in Dixon and Brentwood, CA; and Senior Pastor in Brentwood, CA. Beginning in August 2013, he served as Assistant to the President, Mission Advancement of the CNH District until his election as CNH District President in May 2018.

“Nothing thrills me more than watching the lights come on in a new believer’s eyes. My secondary loves are assisting existing saints to deepen their relationship with Jesus and disciple others to follow him. I value serving with sacrificial love and for the purpose of equipping and releasing the next generation of leaders.”

THE REVEREND CLINTON S. HOFF



Clinton was born and raised in southern Alberta, Canada. He is the third of four children and grew up on a grain and beef-cattle farm. After graduating from the University of Alberta in Edmonton, he taught public and then private Christian school. He met his future wife, Lalita, on a sports mission trip before heading off to seminary in southern California (Talbot School of Theology). After finishing his M.Div. at

Talbot, Lalita and Clinton lived and worked with the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations in Minnesota. Thirsting for deeper Lutheran theology, Clinton started a Ph.D. program at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis.

After doctoral coursework and exams, Clinton completed the colloquy process and was ordained into the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod. His first call was as campus pastor at Concordia University, Saint Paul. After serving a dual parish in rural Wisconsin, Clinton and Lalita packed up their then 8 children and served as missionaries to Prague, Czech Republic. His next call was to Our Savior’s Lutheran church in Ridgecrest, California.

Pastor Hoff and Lalita have been blessed with 9 children. Their two oldest are married with young children, and the remaining 7 are finishing up grade school. Their youngest, Vivian is 4 years old.

