

The Service of Installation  
of  
The Reverend Benjamin Mathew Hayter



Monday, December 22, 2025  
5:00 p.m.

The Service of Installation  
of  
**The Reverend Benjamin Mathew Hayter**  
as  
*Administrative Pastor*  
at  
Immanuel Lutheran Church  
Waterloo, Illinois  
on  
The Feast of St. Thomas, Apostle  
Monday, December 22, 2025  
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**We celebrate Holy Communion today!** In this Supper of our Lord, we receive the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the earthly forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith. Since this Holy Communion is also a sign of our common confession of the Christian faith, we welcome to the Lord's Table those who are confirmed members of our Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask the pastor before or after the service.

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**Preservice Music / Bells**

**Divine Service, Setting Three**

*(Lutheran Service Book – page 184)*

*Please stand*

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

- 1 God of the prophets, bless the prophets’ sons;  
Elijah’s mantle o’er Elisha cast.  
Each age its solemn task may claim but once;  
Make each one nobler, stronger than the last.**
- 2 Anoint them prophets, men who are intent  
To be Your witnesses in word and deed,  
Their hearts aflame, their lips made eloquent,  
Their eyes awake to ev’ry human need.**

- 3 Anoint them priests, strong intercessors they,  
For pardon and for love and hope and peace,  
That, through their pleading, guilty sinners may  
Find Jesus' mercy and from sin release.
- 4 Anoint them kings, yes, kingly kings, O Lord.  
Anoint them with the Spirit of Your Son.  
Theirs not a jeweled crown, a bloodstained sword;  
Theirs, by sweet love, for Christ a kingdom won.
- 5 Make them apostles, heralds of Your cross;  
Forth let them go to tell the world of grace.  
Inspired by You, may they count all but loss  
And stand at last with joy before Your face.

### ✠ Confession and Absolution ✠

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

**C** Amen.

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** **who made heaven and earth.**

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

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

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C** **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord

Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father  
and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.



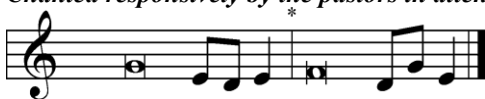
Amen.

## ✠ Service of the Word ✠

### Introit

*Psalm 89:1, 5, 15–16; antiphon: Psalm 31:14*

*Chanted responsively by the pastors in attendance.*



I trust in you, | O LORD;\*

I say, “You | are my God.”

I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, for- | ever;\*

with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all gener- |  
ations.

Let the heavens praise your wonders, | O LORD;\*

your faithfulness in the assembly of the | holy ones!

Blessèd are the people who know the | festal shout;\*

who walk, O LORD, in the light | of your face,

who exult in your name | all the day\*

and in your righteousness are ex- | alted.



☐ Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

I trust in you, | O LORD;\*

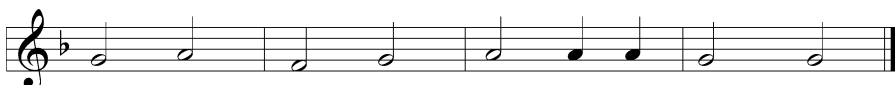
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### Kyrie

*Mark 10:47*



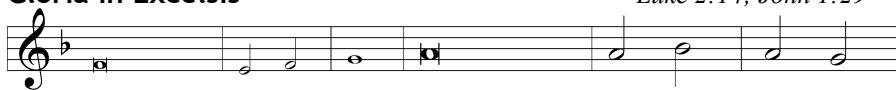
☐ Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

## Gloria in Excelsis

*Luke 2:14; John 1:29*



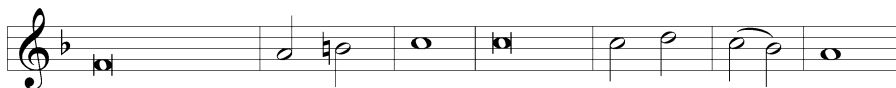
**P** Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



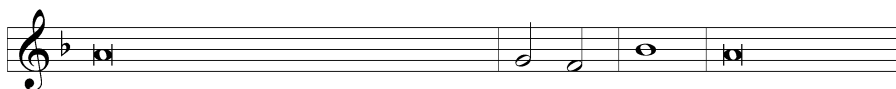
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.



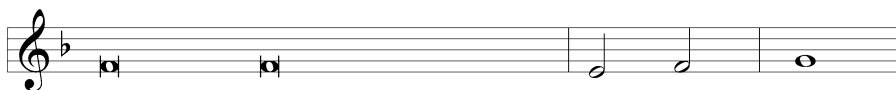
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-



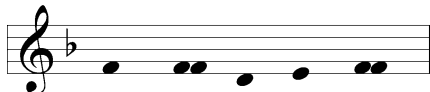
on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.



Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,



## Salutation and Collect of the Day

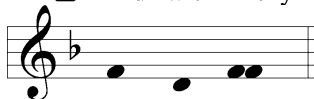


**P** The Lord be with you.

*2 Timothy 4:22*

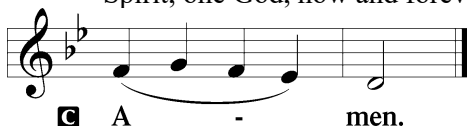


**G** And with thy spir - it.



**P** Let us pray.

**P** Almighty and ever-living God, You strengthened Your apostle Thomas with firm and certain faith in the resurrection of Your Son. Grant us such faith in Jesus Christ, our Lord and our God, that we may never be found wanting in Your sight; through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**G** A - men.

*Please be seated*

## Old Testament Reading

*Judges 6:36-40*

<sup>36</sup>Then Gideon said to God, "If you will save Israel by my hand, as you have said, <sup>37</sup>behold, I am laying a fleece of wool on the threshing floor. If there is dew on the fleece alone, and it is dry on all the ground, then I shall know that you will save Israel by my hand, as you have said." <sup>38</sup>And it was so. When he rose early next morning and squeezed the fleece, he wrung enough dew from the fleece to fill a bowl with water. <sup>39</sup>Then Gideon said to God, "Let not your anger burn against me; let me speak just once more. Please let me test just once more with the fleece. Please let it be dry on the fleece only, and on all the ground let there be dew." <sup>40</sup>And God did so that night; and it was dry on the fleece only, and on all the ground there was dew.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Gradual

*Romans 10:15b, 18b; Isaiah 52:7b, alt.*

*Chanted responsively by the pastors in attendance.*



How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the | good news,\*  
who publish peace and bring good news of sal- | vation.  
Their voice has gone out to | all the earth,\*  
and their words to the ends | of the world.

## Epistle

*Ephesians 4:7, 11-16*

<sup>7</sup>But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift.... <sup>11</sup>And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup>to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, <sup>13</sup>until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, <sup>14</sup>so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. <sup>15</sup>Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, <sup>16</sup>from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Please stand*

## Alleluia and Verse

*John 20:29b*



**C** Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

**P** Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.



**C** Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

## Holy Gospel

*John 20:19-29*

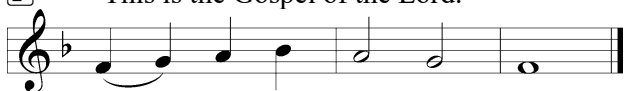
**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 20<sup>th</sup> chapter.



**C** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>19</sup>On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup>When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." <sup>22</sup>And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld." <sup>24</sup>Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe." <sup>26</sup>Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>27</sup>Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." <sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup>Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## Nicene Creed

**C** 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 worshipped 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  $\text{✠}$  of the world to come. Amen.

*Please be seated*

**Hymn of the Day**, *LSB 720*, “We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight”

## Sermon

*Please stand*

## Offertory

*Psalm 51:10-12*

**Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -**  
**new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -**  
**way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it**  
**from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -**  
**tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.**

*Please be seated*

**Offering** [Agape Ringers, “Advent Hope” (D. Hakes)]

## Installation of Pastor Benjamin Hayter

*Readings of scripture, vows of the pastor-elect, vows of the congregation, and installation of pastor-elect.*

**Post-Installation Hymn**, *LSB 768*, “To God the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray”

*Please stand*

## Prayer of the Church

*1 Timothy 2:1-4*

**P** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

*After each portion of the prayer:*

**P** Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

*The prayer concludes:*

**P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

## ✠ Service of the Sacrament ✠

### Preface

*2 Timothy 4:22; Colossians 3:1; Psalm 136*



**P** The Lord be with you.



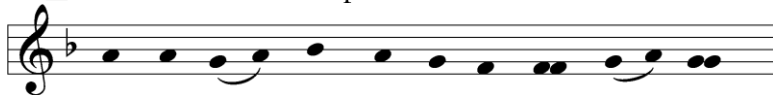
**C** And with thy spir - it.



**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.



**P** Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.



**C** It is meet and right so to do.

**P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father,

everlasting God; for You have mightily governed and protected Your holy Church, in which the blessed apostles and evangelists proclaimed Your divine and saving Gospel. Therefore with patriarchs and prophets, apostles and evangelists, with Your servant Thomas, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## Sanctus

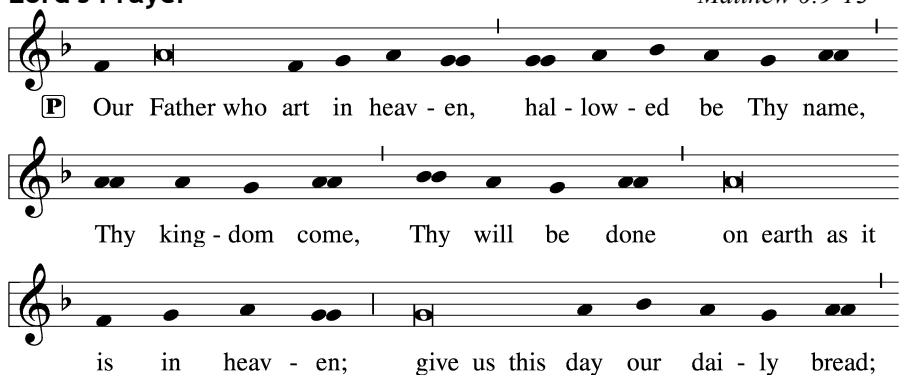
*Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*



**■** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;  
 heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,  
 ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,  
 bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.  
 Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Lord's Prayer

*Matthew 6:9-13*



**■** Our Father who art in heav - en, hal - low - ed be Thy name,  
 Thy king - dom come, Thy will be done on earth as it  
 is in heav - en; give us this day our dai - ly bread;

and forgive us our tres - pass - es as we forgive those who

tres - pass a - gainst us; and lead us not in - to

temp - ta - tion, but deliver us from e - vil.

**C** For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the

glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

**The Words of Our Lord** (Matt 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19-20; 1 Cor 11:23-25)

**Pax Domini**

*John 20:19*

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.

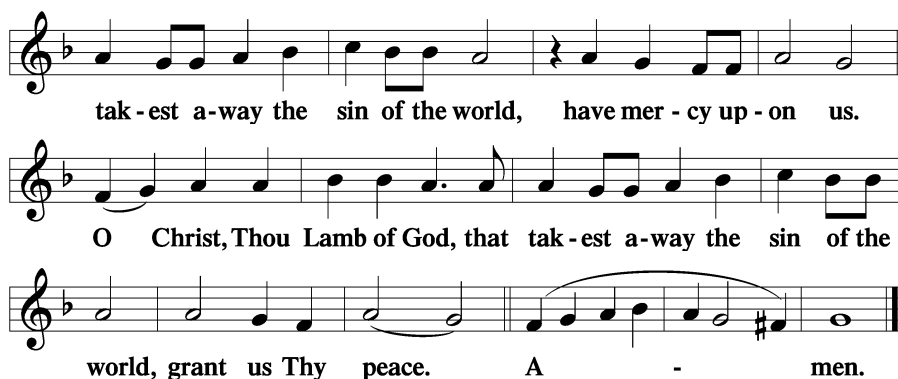
**C** A - men.

**Agnus Dei**

*John 1:29*

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the

world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up-on us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the

world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

*Please be seated*

### Distribution Hymns

*LSB 336, "Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending"*

Choir Anthem, "Lift Up Your Heads," arr. R. Gieseke

*LSB 471, "O Sons and Daughters of the King"*

*LSB 347, "Comfort, Comfort Ye My People"*

*Please stand*

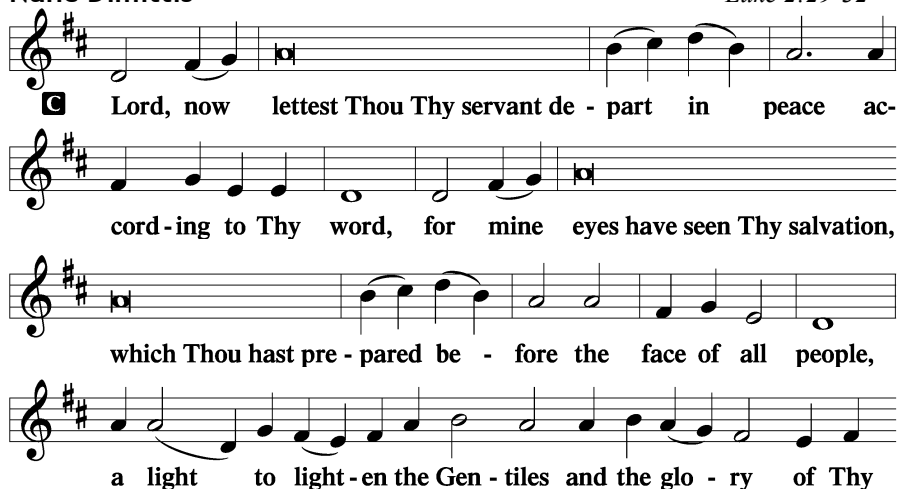
### The Dismissal

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

**C** Amen.

### Nunc Dimittis

*Luke 2:29-32*



**C** Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de-part in peace ac-

cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,

which Thou hast pre-pared be-fore the face of all people,

a light to light-en the Gen-tiles and the glo-ry of Thy

peo-ple Is - ra-el. Glo - ry be to the Father and  
to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A-men.

## Thanksgiving

*Psalm 107:1*

**A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,  
**G** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

**A** Let us pray.  
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**G** A - men.

**P** The Lord be with you.

*2 Timothy 4:22*

**G** And with thy spir - it.

## Benedicamus



**A** Bless we the Lord.

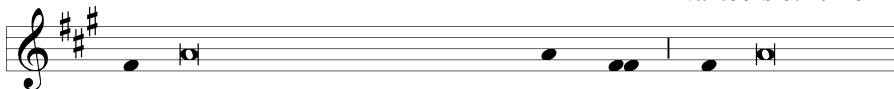
*Psalm 103:1*



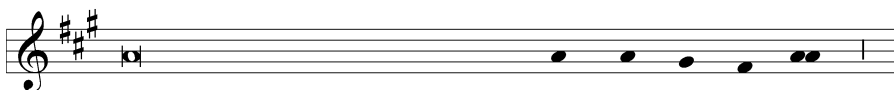
**C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

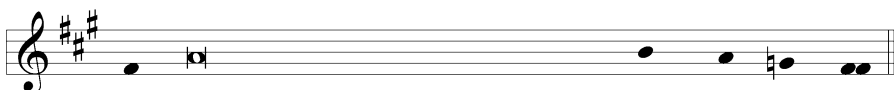
*Numbers 6:24-26*



**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and  $\text{✠}$  give you peace.



**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.

## Recessional Hymn, *LSB* 586, “Preach You the Word”

- 1 Preach you the Word and plant it home  
To men who like or like it not,  
The Word that shall endure and stand  
When flow'rs and men shall be forgot.
- 2 We know how hard, O Lord, the task  
Your servant bade us undertake:  
To preach Your Word and never ask  
What prideful profit it may make.
- 3 The sower sows; his reckless love  
Scatters abroad the goodly seed,  
Intent alone that all may have  
The wholesome loaves that all men need.

- 4    **Though some be snatched and some be scorched  
And some be choked and matted flat,  
The sower sows; his heart cries out,  
“Oh, what of that, and what of that?”**
- 5    **Of all his scattered plenteousness  
One-fourth waves ripe on hill and flat,  
And bears a harvest hundredfold:  
“Ah, what of that, Lord, what of that!”**
- 6    **Preach you the Word and plant it home  
And never faint; the Harvest Lord  
Who gave the sower seed to sow  
Will watch and tend His planted Word.**

## **Bells / Postlude**

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## **Worship Helpers**

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Installing Minister:	Rev. Heath Curtis, President of the Southern Illinois District
Preacher:	Rev. Aaron Uphoff, Calvary Lutheran Church in Watseka, IL
Celebrant:	Rev. Benjamin Hayter, Administrative Pastor at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Waterloo, IL
Lectors:	Rev. Mathew Hayter, St. Paul Lutheran Church in Union, MO, and Rev. Keith Kettner, St. John's in Beardstown, IL
Crucifer:	Collin Dethrow
Acolytes/Torchbearers:	Cason Birkenmeier and Henry Eggemeyer
Music Director:	Ann Frank
Ushers:	Don Birrittier, Warren Frank, Doug Simms, Jason Valerius

***Everyone is invited to a dinner in Pastor Hayter's honor immediately following the service. The dinner will be held in the multipurpose room.***