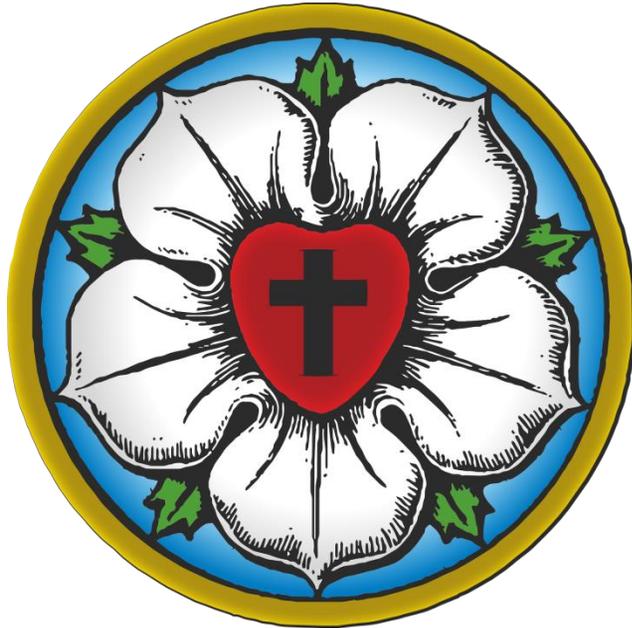


COMMISSIONING SERVICE FOR
DEACON

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APOSTLES LUTHERAN CHURCH
PEORIA, AZ

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

OPENING HYMN “Hark the Voice of Jesus Crying” 826



1 Hark, the voice of Je - sus cry - ing, “Who will go and work to - day?
2 If you can - not speak like an - gels, If you can - not preach like Paul,
3 If you can - not be a watch - man, Stand - ing high on Zi - on’s wall,
4 Let none hear you i - dly say - ing, “There is noth - ing I can do,”



Fields are white and har - vests wait - ing— Who will bear the sheaves a - way?”
You can tell the love of Je - sus, You can say He died for all.
Point - ing out the path to heav - en, Of - f’ring life and peace to all,
While the mul - ti - tudes are dy - ing And the Mas - ter calls for you.



Loud and long the Mas - ter call - eth; Rich re - ward He of - fers thee.
If you can - not rouse the wick - ed With the judg - ment’s dread a - larms,
With your prayers and with your boun - ties You can do what God com - mands;
Take the task He gives you glad - ly, Let His work your plea - sure be;



Who will an - swer, glad - ly say - ing, “Here am I, send me, send me”?
You can lead the lit - tle chil - dren To the Sav - ior’s wait - ing arms.
You can be like faith - ful Aar - on, Hold - ing up the proph - et’s hands.
An - swer quick - ly when He call - eth, “Here am I, send me, send me!”

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INTROIT Psalm 100

P: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

C: **Serve the LORD with gladness!**

Come into his presence with singing!

P: Know that the LORD, he is God!

It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

**C: Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise!
Give thanks to him; bless his name!**

P: For the LORD is good;

his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generation.

**All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning
Is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT Malachi 3:16-18

Then those who feared the LORD spoke with one another. The LORD paid attention and heard them, and a book of remembrance was written before him of those who feared the LORD and esteemed his name. "They shall be mine, says the LORD of hosts, in the day when I make up my treasured possession, and I will spare them as a man spares his son who serves him. Then once more you shall see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve him.

L: This is the word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE Ephesians 4:11-12

And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ,

L: This is the word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL Luke 12:22-34

P: The Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke, the twelfth chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

[Jesus] said to his disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? If then you are not able to do as small a thing as that, why are you anxious about the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass, which is alive in the field today, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith! And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried. For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them. Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you.

"Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Reflections from the teacher

Teacher – Rev. Dr. Dave Poedel

SOLO "Here I Am Lord" -Mrs. Mary Otte

RITE OF COMMISSIONING

P: Duane, do you believe the canonical books of the Old and New Testament to be the inspired Word of God and the only infallible rule of faith and practice?

C: I do.

P: Do you accept the Apostles, the Nicene, and the Athanasian Creed as faithful testimonies to the truth of the Holy Scriptures and do you acknowledge the expositions of the Scriptures, as contained in the Book of Concord, to be in agreement with the one scriptural faith?

C: I do.

P: Do you solemnly promise to serve God's people as a deacon, as prescribed by the conditions set forth by the Pacific Southwest District of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod?

C: I do.

P: Will you, trusting in God's care, seek to grow in love for those you serve, strive for excellence in your skills, and demonstrate the Gospel of Jesus Christ with a godly life?

C: I will, with the help of God.

P: And, to you as members of Apostles Lutheran Church keep Duane in your prayers and support him as God's servant as he carries out the Lord's will within His church?

A: We will, with the help of God.

P: Then, as a brother in Christ, serving as deacon, kneel before this altar, there to receive your solemn charge:

P: Duane, since you have been duly instructed and have successfully completed all deacon requirements for service in the Pacific Southwest District, I commission you to serve as a Deacon in Apostles Lutheran Church, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

THE COMMISSIONING PRAYER (the pastor) & LAYING ON OF HANDS

P: Almighty God, the fountain and source of all wisdom, we thank you for hearing the prayers of your servant, Duane, and for equipping him to serve you as a deacon in the midst of your people. Grant him a rich measure of your Holy Spirit, and fill him with wisdom and power. As he ministers to the needs of your people, give him the mind of Christ, that he may be a blessing to many. We ask this humbly that you alone may be glorified, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

THE BLESSING (the pastor)

P: Our brother in Christ, serve the Lord in peace and joy. The almighty and most merciful God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit go with you, bless and strengthen you for faithful service in His name. Amen.

(all return to their seats)

Pacific Southwest District Lay Leadership Program

Leader – Dr. Victoria Littlefield-Waufle

BENEDICTION

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.

CLOSING HYMN "A Mighty Fortress is Our God" 657



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, A sword and shield vic -
 2 No strength of ours can match his might. We would be lost, re -
 3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land All threat - ning to de -
 4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, No thanks to foes, who



to - rious; He breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod And wins sal -
 ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, Whom God Him -
 your us, We trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; They can - not
 fear it; For God Him - self fights by our side With weap - ons



va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe Has sworn to
 self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be? The Lord of
 o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage; In bat - tle
 of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house, Goods, hon - or,



work us woe. With craft and dread - ful might He
 hosts is He, Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord, God's
 we'll en - gage. His might is doomed to fail; God's
 child, or spouse, Though life be wrenched a - way, They



arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
 on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
 judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
 can - not win the day. The King - dom's ours for - ev - er!

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