

# Ordination of Lynette Marie McSpadden to the Ministry of Word & Service



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The Rev. Phyllis Milton, Bishop of the Virginia Synod

The Rev. Dr. David Young, Pastor of Bethel Lutheran Church

The Rev. Anna Havron, Pastor of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

The Rev. Ingrid Chenoweth, Pastor of St. Paul's Church

Sister Phyllis Cox, ELCA Deaconess serving on committees in the VA Synod and world diakonia organizations

# Ordination to the Ministry of Word and Service

*Because all of its baptized members share in Christ's ministry of love and service, the church equips and supports them for their ministries in the world. Within this context of ministry, the church calls some of its baptized members for specific ministries.*

*The ministry of word and service has New Testament roots in the ministry of diakonia: Stephen, Philip, and five others oversee the distribution of food within the church in Jerusalem; Phoebe and Priscilla are identified with diakonia in Paul's letters. Although this ministry has taken different forms throughout the church's history, its emphasis has been this: Those called to the ministry of word and service speak God's word to God's world, and in turn they speak also for the needs of God's world to the church; they give leadership in the church's mission to witness to God's love through both words and actions. In the service of Ordination to the Ministry of Word and Service, the church entrusts this ministry to those who have accepted the church's call and sends them into this ministry.*

*The offering will go to Lutheran Disaster Response, who shares God's hope, healing and renewal with people whose lives have been disrupted by disasters in the United States and around the world.*

## PRE-GATHERING MUSIC

ELW 574 – Here I am Lord

Psalm 150- Let everything...Praise – Elevation Worship

ELW 400 – God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind

ELW 641 – All are Welcome

ELW 763 – My Life Flows on

ELW 836 – Joyful Joyful We Adore Thee

ELW 815 – I Want to walk as a Child of the Light

## GATHERING

**Prelude**

**WELCOME AND INVOCATION**

*The assembly stands*

**Pastor David Young**

I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. <sup>2</sup>He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit.

**<sup>3</sup>You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup>Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me.**

<sup>5</sup>I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup>Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned.

**<sup>7</sup>If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup>My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.**

<sup>9</sup>As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. <sup>10</sup>If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. <sup>11</sup>I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

**PROCESSIONAL****ELW 504 -A Mighty Fortress is Our God****GREETING****Pastor David Young**

The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, the love of Christ that guards our hearts and minds, and the joy and consolation of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

**THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness, let us give thanks for the gift of baptism. (*Pastor David Young*)

Holy God, fountain of living water, source of mercy, tender and mighty, you are clothed with majesty and splendor. Your steadfast love fills the earth. (*Bishop Phyllis Milton*)

**Your steadfast love fills the earth.**

Your love flows through water, satisfying the thirst of all living things, sustaining life in this community, nourishing and delighting us. We bless you for our gifts of water. Your steadfast love fills the earth. (*Pastor David Young*)

**Your steadfast love fills the earth.**

Your love flows through water, a sign of your saving power: Noah and the animals survive the flood, Hagar discovers your well. The Israelites escape through the sea, and they drink from your gushing rock. Naaman washes his leprosy away, and the Samaritan woman will never be thirsty again. Your steadfast love fills the earth.

(*Sr. Phyllis Cox*)

**Your steadfast love fills the earth.**

Your love flows through the water of baptism joined to your life-giving Word: your well of mercy and cleansing flood, your sea of deliverance from death into life, your healing river washing sin away, your living water springing up to eternal life. Your steadfast love fills the earth. (*Pastor David Young*)

**Your steadfast love fills the earth.**

Fill us with your love. Clothe us and all your people with grace. Embolden us to do justice. Bless us to love mercy. Guide us to walk humbly with you, whom we thank and praise, through Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. (*Bishop Phyllis Milton*)

**Amen**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**Sr. Phyllis Cox**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray...Let us pray... O God, through the ages you have called from among your people those who will carry out the ministry of word and service in the church. Let your blessing rest now on all who answer that call. Grant that *Lynette Marie McSpadden*, now to be ordained to this ministry, may carry out the ministry of word and service faithfully in the power of your Spirit. Give her understanding of the gospel, sincerity of purpose, diligence in ministry and the beauty of life in Christ, that many people will be served and your name be glorified, through your Son, Jesus Christ.

**Amen**

*The assembly is seated.*

**WORD**

**FIRST READING:** Micah 6:6-8

**Mel Siebert**

“With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? <sup>7</sup>Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?” <sup>8</sup>He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Word of God, Word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PRAISE SONG** “Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly” (Barret/Ingram/Tomlin)

## SECOND READING: Philippians 4:1, 4-9

Robin Forrest

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

<sup>2</sup>Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. <sup>3</sup>Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. <sup>4</sup>Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>5</sup>And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

<sup>6</sup>Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. <sup>7</sup>As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you.

## THIRD READING: Romans 8:31-32, 35-39

George Donovan, Jr

If God is for us, who is against us? <sup>32</sup>He who did not withhold his own Son but gave him up for all of us, how will he not with him also give us everything else? <sup>35</sup>Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will affliction or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword? <sup>36</sup>As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.”

<sup>37</sup>No, in all these things we are more than victorious through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup>For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup>nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*The assembly stands, to welcome the Gospel.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The Holy Gospel according to John, the 13<sup>th</sup> Chapter  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**GOSPEL:** John 13:1-20

**Pastor Ingrid Chenoweth**

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. <sup>2</sup>The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper <sup>3</sup>Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, <sup>4</sup>got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. <sup>5</sup>Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. <sup>6</sup>He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" <sup>7</sup>Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." <sup>8</sup>Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." <sup>9</sup>Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" <sup>10</sup>Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." <sup>11</sup>For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

<sup>12</sup>After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? <sup>13</sup>You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. <sup>14</sup>So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. <sup>15</sup>For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. <sup>16</sup>Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. <sup>17</sup>If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them. <sup>18</sup>I am not speaking of all of you; I know whom I have chosen. But it is to fulfill the scripture, 'The one who ate my bread has lifted his heel against me.' <sup>19</sup>I tell you this now, before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe that I am he. <sup>20</sup>Very truly, I tell you, whoever receives one whom I send receives me; and whoever receives me receives him who sent me."

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The assembly is seated.*

**SERMON**

**Pastor Ingrid Chenoweth**

*The assembly stands.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**ELW 708 - JESU, JESU, FILL US WITH YOUR LOVE**

## THE NICENE CREED

God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## ORDINATION LITURGY

### Presentation

*The assembly stands.*

*Candidate for ordination gather with presenter/s and participating ministers before the assembly. The candidate is presented to the bishop and to the assembly.*

Presenters:

- Bishop Phyllis Milton, Bishop of the Virginia Synod
- Pastor David Young, representing Bethel Lutheran Church, in Winchester, VA
- Pastor Anna Havron, representing Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, in Front Royal, VA
- Sr. Phyllis Cox, representing the Deaconess Community of the ELCA

We present for ordination to the ministry of word and service *Lynette Marie McSpadden*, who has been prepared, examined, and approved for this ministry and who has been called by the church to this ministry through *Good Shepherd Evangelical Lutheran Church to serve as parish deacon.*

**Thanks be to God.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## **Address and Questions**

*The bishop addresses the candidate.*

All baptized Christians are called to share in Christ's ministry of love and service in the world, to the glory of God and for the sake of the human family and the whole creation. You have been called as minister of word and service to give leadership in the church's mission to proclaim the gospel through word and deed. You are now to be entrusted with the ministry of word and service in the one holy catholic church by the laying on of hands and by prayer.

*A reading from Ephesians:* I, therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace: there is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore, it is said, "When he ascended on high, he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people." (When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) He himself granted that some are apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming; but speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

*(Ephesians 4:1-16, read by Pastor Anna Havron)*

*A reading from Second Corinthians:* For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ: be reconciled to God.

*(2 Corinthians 5:14-20, read by Sr. Phyllis Cox)*

*A reading from Colossians:* Therefore, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

*(Colossians 3:12-17, read by Pastor David Young)*

*The bishop addresses questions to the candidate.*

Before almighty God, to whom you must give account, and in the presence of this assembly, I ask: Will you accept this ministry, believing that the church's call is God's call to the ministry of word and service?

I will, and I ask God to help me.

The church in which you are to be ordained confesses that the holy scriptures are the word of God and are the norm of its faith and life. We accept, teach, and confess the Apostles', the Nicene, and the Athanasian Creeds. We also acknowledge the Lutheran confessions as true witnesses and faithful expositions of the holy scriptures. Will you therefore carry out your ministry in accordance with the holy scriptures and these creeds and confessions?

I will, and I ask God to help me.

Will you be diligent in your study of the holy scriptures and faithful in your use of the means of grace? Will you pray for God's people, encourage and support them as they worship and grow in faith, and lead them by your own example in faithful service and holy living?

I will, and I ask God to help me.

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

I will, and I ask God to help me.

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

*The assembly stands for the prayers of intercession.*

**Prayers of Intercession**

**Kathy Peters**

Trusting in God's steadfast love and rejoicing in the gifts of the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

For the Church.

Holy God, you call your church to proclaim your Word and to embody your mercy. Strengthen the whole body of Christ, that we may live as witnesses to your grace in word and deed. Shape us to be a church that listens deeply, serves humbly, and walks faithfully with all whom you love. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

For this servant of Christ, called to the ministry of Word and Service.

Gracious God, we give you thanks for *Lynette* whom you have called and equipped for ministry as a deacon in your church. Ground her in your Word, sustain her by your Spirit, and give her courage to speak truth with love. May she carry out this ministry with joy and a spirit of bold trust, serve your people and the world in need, and glorify your name. May her life and ministry point always to Christ, who came not to be served, but to serve. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

For all deacons and those called to ministries of service and justice.

God of compassion, bless all who serve at the crossroads of church and world. When the work is heavy and the need feels endless, renew their strength. When voices for justice are resisted, give them wisdom and perseverance. Let their ministry reflect your promise: “I am making all things new.” God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

For the leaders of the church and for those who teach, preach, and serve.

Faithful God, guide bishops, pastors, deacons, and lay leaders. Knit us together in mutual respect and shared purpose, that the gifts of each may build up the whole body. Keep us rooted in your mission, not our own agendas. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

For the world and all who hunger for justice, peace, and dignity.

God of justice, you hear the cries of the poor and the oppressed. We pray for those who are marginalized, displaced, or forgotten. We pray for places of conflict and for leaders entrusted with power. Turn hearts toward peace, and make your church a living sign of your reconciling love. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

For all who are weary, grieving, or in need this day.

Tender God, draw near to all who carry heavy burdens—those who are sick, lonely, or afraid. Surround them with your care and with communities that reflect your mercy. Remind us that when one suffers, we all are called to bear one another's burdens. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

For those who have gone before us in faith.

God of hope, we give you thanks for the saints who have served you faithfully, especially those whose diaconal witness inspires us still. May we follow their example, trusting that nothing can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

### **Hymn of Invocation**

**ELW 578 – Creator Spirit, Heavenly Dove**

### **Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

**Bishop Phyllis Milton**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, we thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, your Word made flesh, who proclaimed your gracious reign in words and in deeds of service to the poor and the suffering; who humbled himself, taking on the form of a servant; and who showed us that the one wishing to be great must be servant of all.

We praise you for the many ministries in your church, and especially this day for calling people to the ministry of word and service: to proclaim your life-giving word in faithful and diverse ways, to equip all the people of God for their work of ministry, and to serve a world in need.

*The bishop lays both hands on the head of the candidate. Following a time of silent prayer, the bishop continues.*

Eternal God, through your Son, Jesus Christ, pour out your Holy Spirit upon *Lynette* and fill *her* with the gifts of grace for the ministry of word and service. Send your power and blessing, that *Lynette* may carry out this ministry with faithfulness and perseverance. Let your servant's life and teaching so reflect your grace that many may

come to know you and love you through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

***The assembly is seated.***

### **Giving of a Stole**

**Pastor David Young**

*The candidate may remain kneeling. A deacon's stole is placed over the candidate's shoulder.*

Receive this stole as a sign of your work, and live in obedience to the Lord Jesus, serving his people and remembering his promise: "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

*(Matthew 11:28-30)*

### **Giving of a Towel and Basin**

**Sr. Phyllis Cox**

Receive this towel and basin as a sign that you are to serve as Christ served, humbling himself and taking the form of a servant. Remember the words of Jesus: "If I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example; that you should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them." *(John 13:14-17)*

### **Charge**

*The candidate stands. The following scripture passages are addressed to the candidate.*

*Hear the words of the apostles:* Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called.

*(1 Timothy 6:11-12, read by Pastor Anna Havron)*

*And again:* Think of us in this way, as servants of Christ and stewards of God's mysteries. Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy.

*(1 Corinthians 4:1-2, read by Pastor David Young)*

*And again:* Rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of hands. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us. Be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. *(2 Timothy 1:6, 13-14; 2:1, read by Bishop Phyllis Milton)*

*The bishop addresses the candidate.*

Lynette care for God's people, bear their burdens, and do not betray their confidence.

Serve the needy, care for the sick, comfort the distressed, and, through words and actions, witness faithfully to God's love for all people. Cross every barrier that stands between the church and its ministry in the world. Seek out those places where the gospel of Jesus Christ meets the world's need. Empower, equip, and support all the baptized in the ministry of Jesus Christ.

Lead us all in proclaiming the gospel in word and song, in witness and service.

And be of good courage, for God has called you, and your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

## **Blessing**

*The bishop continues.*

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.**

*The assembly stands.*

## **Acclamation by the Assembly**

*The ministers and the candidate face the assembly. The bishop addresses the assembly.*

Will you, assembled as the people of God and speaking for the whole church, receive *Lynette* as minister of word and service, sent by God to serve all people in Christ's name? Will you regard *her* as a servant of Christ?

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

Will you pray for her, help and honor her for her work's sake, and in all things strive to live in the peace and unity of Christ?

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

*The bishop presents the newly ordained to the assembly.*

Let it be acclaimed that *Lynette Marie McSpadden* is a called and ordained minister of word and service in the church of Christ. *Lynette* has Christ's authority to witness to the gospel and to serve with boldness as together we bear God's creative and redeeming love to all the world.

**Amen. Thanks be to God.**

*After all the newly ordained minister of word and service has been presented, the assembly may offer acclamation with applause.*

## **Peace**

*The bishop and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.*

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say Peace be with you or similar words.*

*All return to their places. The assembly is seated. The service continues with the offering, which will go to Lutheran Disaster Response.*

## HOLY COMMUNION

### OFFERATORY SONG

**John Fredericksen**

“More Than Sunday” (written by John Fredericksen in honor of Lynette’s ordination)

*The assembly stands.*

### OFFERING PRAYER

**Pastor David Young**

Let us pray: God of goodness and growth, all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is sure. Word and water, wine and bread: these are signs of your abundant grace. Receive the gifts of your people and nourish us to proclaim your abiding love in our communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song.

**Amen.**

### DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -  
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -  
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION LORD'S PRAYER



Our God in heav-en, ho - ly is your name, your  
reign come, your will done, on earth as in heav-en.  
Give us today our dai-ly bread, and help us forgive as we have been for - giv-en.  
In the time of tri - al lead us in - to light, for yours is the  
king-dom, and the power, and the glo-ry, for - ev - er. Our  
God, in heav-en, ho-ly is your name, ho-ly is your name.

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## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to our Lord's table of inclusion.

**A table that hosts believers and betrayers, favored and outcast, seeker and disciple.**

Come to our Lord's table of forgiveness.

**A table that invites all, regardless of shame, sin, or past.**

Come to our Lord's table of assurance.

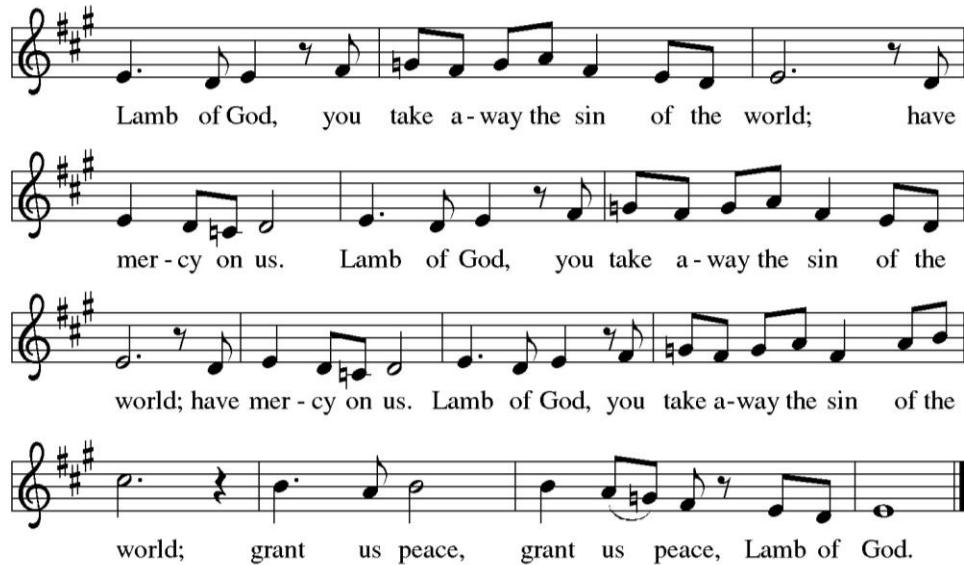
**A table that nourishes us through forgiveness, grace, and peace.**

Come to the Table.

**For the Lord Jesus is with us, and all are welcome!**

## DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

### LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

### COMMUNION SONGS

**ELW 496 – One Bread, One Body**

**ELW 396 – Spirit of Gentleness**

**ELW 785 – When Peace Like a River**

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Pastor Anna Havron**

Mighty God of mercy, as you heard the prayers of Hannah, so now hear us. Send your Spirit on this bread and wine, that sharing the body and blood of Christ we become his body in the world. Send your Spirit on this assembly, that like Phoebe, we serve one another with zeal. Send your Spirit on the church, that like Anna, we tell others of your mercy. Send your Spirit into our hearts, that like Dorcas, we care for the poor and needy.

**Amen**

### SENDING

### BLESSING

Let us go forth today, in the love of our Creator, in the strength of our Redeemer, in the power of our Sustainer, in the fellowship of witnesses, from every tribe and nation and culture. Those who are present, those from the past, those who are yet to come. Let us go forth today, united with the Sacred Three, in harmony with the Holy One, compassion in our hearts, gratitude in

our thoughts, generosity in our deeds, justice as our passion. Let us go forth today carrying God's image into our hurting world.

**Amen.**

*It is customary for a table blessing to be offered at this time, so that those attending the reception may go to the fellowship hall and begin enjoying the reception.*

Let us pray:

God bless this food that we are about to receive. Give bread to those who are hungry and hunger for charity and justice to us who have bread.

**Amen**

**SENDING HYMN**

**ELW 720 – We are Called**

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve Christ at the crossroads of the world. Bear God's Word with courage, practice mercy with joy, and trust that the Spirit goes before you.

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

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Lynette McSpadden is starting her second career. For the past 35 years, she has worked full-time at the Federal Aviation Administration; for the past 20 years in the metro-DC area. She plans to retire in 2028 and conduct her ministry as a retirement “project”.

Lynette felt the call to ministry in 2013 and had to put things on hold while attending to her aging mother. She started the ELCA candidacy process in 2018 by filling out the forms, answering essay questions and taking psychological tests. Lynette started her Master of Arts in Christian Ministry course work in January of 2019, virtually, at Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary in Columbia, SC and graduated in May 2024. Most recently she completed 1000 hours of internship at Bethel Lutheran Church in Winchester, VA in November 2025 and was ordained as a deacon in the ELCA on January 17, 2026. She has been called part-time as a deacon to her home church of Good Shepherd Evangelical Lutheran Church in Front Royal, V



## *A Note about Worship Leaders*

This worship service includes many who have supported Lynette during her candidacy and journey towards ordination into the Ministry of Word and Service.

Presiding: The Rev. Phyllis Milton, Bishop of The Virginia Synod

Pastor: The Rev. Dr. David Young, Pastor of Bethel Lutheran Church, Winchester

Assisting Minister: The Rev. Anna Havron, Pastor of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Preaching: The Rev. Ingrid Chenoweth, Pastor of St. Paul's Church, Woodstock

Deacon: Sister Phyllis Cox, ELCA Deaconess serving on committees in the VA Synod and world diakonia organizations

Pianists: Kristal Cutler and George Donovan, Bethel Lutheran Church, Winchester

Ordinand: Deacon Lynette Marie McSpadden

Worship Leaders: Lee Braithwaite, Mel Siebert, Robin Forrest, George Donovan, Kathy Peters

Worship Band and Choir, and Tech Team

Altar Guild: Vonda Wilt and team

Ushers: Shari Fletcher and team

Hospitality: Good Shepard Lutheran Church

We also give thanks for the spiritual assemblies that helped form Deacon Lynette McSpadden.

Family and Friends of Lynette

Good Shepherd Evangelical Lutheran Church in Front Royal

Bethel Lutheran Church in Winchester

Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary

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