



Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

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La Crosse, Wisconsin

May 15, 2022

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GRACE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Installation
of
Andrew C. Franzo

3 p.m.

May 15th, 2022

OPENING HYMN

Send, O Lord, Your Holy Spirit
CW (red) 545

- 1 Send, O Lord, your Holy Spirit
On your servants now, we pray;
Let them all be faithful shepherds
That no lamb is led astray.
Your pure teaching to proclaim,
To adore your holy name,
And to feed your lambs, dear Savior,
Make their aim and sole endeavor.
- 2 You, O Lord, yourself have called them
For your precious lambs to care;
But to prosper in their calling,
They the Spirit's gifts must share.
Grant them wisdom from above;
Fill their hearts with holy love.
In their weakness, Lord, be near them;
In their prayers, Good Shepherd, hear them.
- 3 Help, Lord Jesus, help them nourish
Our dear children with your Word,
That in constant love they serve you
Till in heav'n their song is heard.
Boundless blessings, Lord, bestow
On your servants' work below
Till by grace to them is given
Their reward, the crown of heaven.

INVOCATION AND GREETING

M: The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

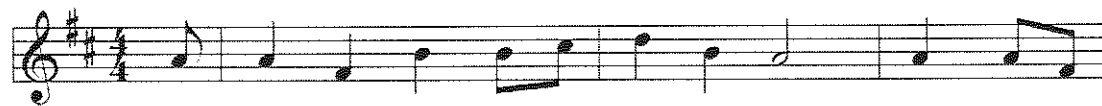
C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

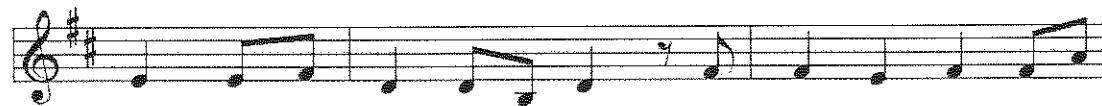
C: Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

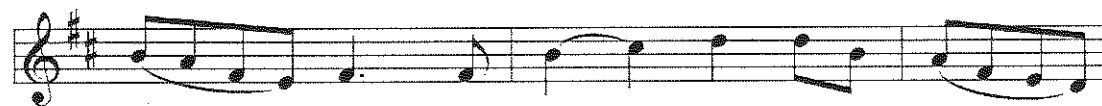
M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.



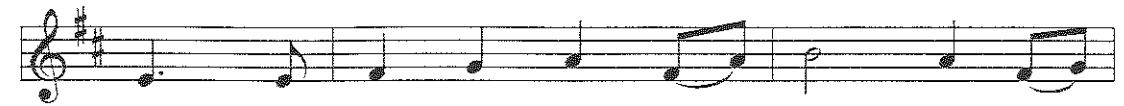
C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are



they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -



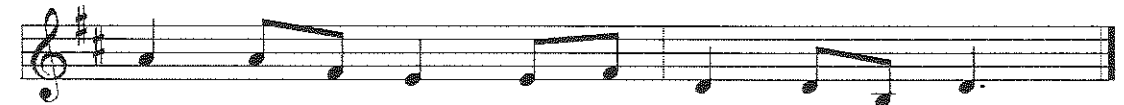
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ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.



Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.



C: A - men.

Please be seated

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Joshua 1:6-9

⁶Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their ancestors to give them.

⁷Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go. ⁸Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and success-

ful. ⁹Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.”

The Senior Choir will sing “Dear Lord, to Your True Servants Give” CW 896 (Blue)

SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 13:7-9, 15-21

⁷Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith. ⁸Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

⁹Do not be carried away by all kinds of strange teachings. It is good for our hearts to be strengthened by grace, not by eating ceremonial foods, which is of no benefit to those who do so.

¹⁵Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise—the fruit of lips that openly profess his name. ¹⁶And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

¹⁷Have confidence in your leaders and submit to their authority, because they keep watch over you as those who must give an account. Do this so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no benefit to you.

¹⁸Pray for us. We are sure that we have a clear conscience and desire to live honorably in every way. ¹⁹I particularly urge you to pray so that I may be restored to you soon.

²⁰Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, ²¹equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

VERSE OF THE DAY

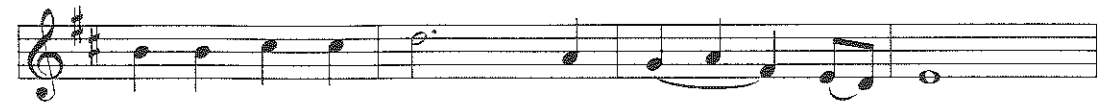
Alleluia. Let the one who has my word speak it faithfully. Alleluia.



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Out of reverence for the words and works of Jesus, please stand.

GOSPEL

LUKE 12:35-48

³⁵“Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning, ³⁶like servants waiting for their master to return from a wedding banquet, so that when he comes and knocks they can immediately open the door for him. ³⁷It will be good for those servants whose master finds them watching when he comes. Truly I tell you, he will dress himself to serve, will have them recline at the table and will come and wait on them. ³⁸It will be good for those servants whose master finds them ready, even if he comes in the middle of the night or toward daybreak. ³⁹But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰You also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.”

⁴¹Peter asked, “Lord, are you telling this parable to us, or to everyone?”

⁴²The Lord answered, “Who then is the faithful and wise manager, whom the master puts in charge of his servants to give them their food allowance at the proper time? ⁴³It will be good for that servant whom the master finds doing so when he returns. ⁴⁴Truly I tell you, he will put him in charge of all his possessions. ⁴⁵But suppose the servant says to himself, ‘My master is taking a long time in coming,’ and he then begins to beat the other servants, both men and women, and to eat and drink and get drunk. ⁴⁶The master of that servant will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour he is not aware of. He will cut him to pieces and assign him a place with the unbelievers.

⁴⁷“The servant who knows the master’s will and does not get ready or does not do what the master wants will be beaten with many blows. ⁴⁸But the one who does not know and does things deserving punishment will be beaten with few blows. From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked.

M: This is the Gospel of our Lord.



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Please be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY

With the Lord Begin Your Task
CW (red) 478

- 1 With the Lord begin your task; Jesus will direct it.
For his aid and counsel ask; Jesus will perfect it.
Ev'ry morn with Jesus rise, And, when day is ended,
In his name then close your eyes; Be to him commended.
- 2 Let each day begin with prayer, Praise and adoration.
On the Lord cast ev'ry care; He is your salvation.
Morning, evening, and at night Jesus will be near you,
Save you from the tempter's might, With his presence cheer you.
- 3 With your Savior at your side Foes need not alarm you;
In his promises confide And no ill can harm you.
All your trust and hope repose In the mighty Master,
Who in wisdom truly knows How to stem disaster.
- 4 If your task is thus begun With the Savior's blessing,
Safely then your course will run, Naught your soul distressing.
Good will follow ev'rywhere While you here must wander;
You at last the joy will share In the mansions yonder.

SERMON

Acts 20:28-31a

"God Never Promised You a Rose Garden"

Please stand

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

HYMN

Preach You the Word and Plant It Home
CW (red) 544

- 1 Preach you the Word and plant it home
To those who like or like it not,
The Word that shall endure and stand
When flow'rs and mortals are forgot.
- 2 We know how hard, O Lord, the task
Your servant bids 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 there may be
The wholesome loaves that people 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 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.

-Installation-

The Senior Choir will sing “*Go Now in Peace*”

PRAYER

HYMN

Jesus, Your Blood and Righteousness
 CW (red) 376 vv. 1-4

- 1 Jesus, your blood and righteousness
 My beauty are, my glorious dress;
 Mid flaming worlds, in these arrayed,
 With joy shall I lift up my head.
- 2 Bold shall I stand in that great day—
 Who can a word against me say?
 Fully through you absolved I am
 From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.
- 3 Lord, I believe your precious blood,
 Which at the very throne of God
 Forever will for sinners plead,
 For me—e’en for my soul—was shed.
- 4 Lord, I believe were sinners more
 Than sands upon the ocean shore,
 You have for all a ransom paid,
 For all a full atonement made.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

C: **Our Father in heaven**
 Hallowed be your name,
 Your kingdom come,
 Your will be done
 on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread;
Forgive us our sins,
 as we forgive those
 who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
 and the glory are yours
 now and forever. Amen

BLESSING

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

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: **A - men. A - men. A - men.**

CLOSING HYMN

May God the Father of our Lord
CW (red) 597

- 1 May God the Father of our Lord,
Who called you by his holy Word,
Perfect, establish, settle you,
Keep you through faith forever true.
- 2 In Jesus Christ may you be blessed
And brought to his eternal rest.
The work he has in you begun,
He will perform till all is done.
- 3 The Holy Spirit give you pow'r,
The strength of prayer in ev'ry hour,
The wisdom, knowledge, fear of God,
That lifts above his chast'ning rod.
- 4 May God the Father, God the Son,
And God the Spirit, Three in One,
Preserve you blameless till in grace
You stand before his holy face.

BIOGRAPHY

Pastor Andrew Franzo was born and raised in Emmaus, PA as the youngest child of Rob and Mary Franzo. A few weeks after his birth, Pastor Franzo was baptized by his grandfather, Pastor Orville Maasch, at Peace Lutheran Church in King of Prussia, PA. On May 21, 2000, he was confirmed in the Lutheran faith by Pastor Roger Huffman. His confirmation verse is Proverbs 3:5.

Pastor Franzo has an older brother with three children (one on the way) and an older sister with two children. In the fall of 2000, he started High School at Michigan Lutheran Seminary in Saginaw and graduated in 2004. From there he went on to Martin Luther College in New Ulm and graduated in 2008. After that he took a break from his pastoral studies altogether. Starting in the spring of 2009 he moved to Traverse City, MI area where he camped out for a summer on his family's property before moving to Traverse City. He stayed in Traverse City for the next three years.

In the fall of 2012 Pastor Franzo started at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary. For several years after his second year of college until his vicar year at the seminary he had also worked at Target, mainly in the backrooms.

From 2014/15 he served his vicar year in South Windsor, CT where he met his future wife Ashley. Ashley was raised in CT where she attended the University of Hartford, graduating in 2011 with a BS in Early Childhood Education. Andrew and Ashley were married by Pastor Huffman on June 18, 2016. They have two boys, Ammiel (4) and Azariah (2) and will live in the parsonage next to church.

For relaxation Pastor Franzo is more of an indoor person enjoying a good book or video game, while Ashley is more in tune with the outdoors and enjoys running, skiing, and figure skating. They both look forward to discovering the La Crosse area and learning more about the new family, Grace Lutheran Church, to which God has called them a part of church family.

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