

Prelude - "Gather Us In" - Verse 1 & 2

Service of the Word

*Gathering*

Gathering Song – "Gather Us In"



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark-ness  
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-t'ry, we are the old who  
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter, here we will take the  
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,



van-ished a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings  
 yearn for your face; we have been sung through-out all of his-t'ry,  
 bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,  
 light years a-way— here in this place the new light is shin-ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.  
 called to be light to the whole hu-man race.  
 call us a-new to be salt for the earth.  
 now is the king-dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en, gath-er us in, the  
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty, gath-er us in, the  
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion, give us to eat the  
 Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er, gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en,  
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly,  
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion  
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,



we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.  
 give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.  
 lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.  
 fire . . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

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B: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

*Prayer of the Day*

C: **Almighty and merciful God, you built your church on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, and you instituted the office of the ministry of word and sacrament so that the apostolic and prophetic work might continue throughout the ages. Grant that Char Guiliani, now to be ordained, may carry out this ministry faithfully in the power of your Spirit, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*Word*

**First Reading - Isaiah 42:5-9**

<sup>5</sup>Thus says God, the LORD,  
who created the heavens and stretched them out,  
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,  
who gives breath to the people upon it  
and spirit to those who walk in it:

<sup>6</sup>I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness,  
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;  
I have given you as a covenant to the people,  
a light to the nations,

<sup>7</sup>to open the eyes that are blind,  
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,  
from the prison those who sit in darkness.

<sup>8</sup>I am the LORD, that is my name;  
my glory I give to no other,  
nor my praise to idols.

<sup>9</sup>See, the former things have come to pass,  
and new things I now declare;  
before they spring forth,  
I tell you of them.

L: Word of God Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**Second Reading - 2 Timothy 4:1-5**

<sup>1</sup>In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: <sup>2</sup>proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. <sup>3</sup>For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, <sup>4</sup>and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. <sup>5</sup>As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

L: Word of God Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia.* How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace,\* who brings good news, who announces salvation. *Alleluia* (Isa.52:7)

## Gospel - John 20:19-23

P: The holy gospel according to John. C: **Glory to you, O God.**

<sup>19</sup>When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." <sup>22</sup>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 any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

P: Glory to you, O Lord. C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Sermon – Bishop Paul

### Hymn of the Day – “Gracious Lord Heed Our Pleading”

*Njo - o kwe - tu, Ro - ho mwe - ma, M - fa - ri - ji we - tu.*  
1 Gra - cious Spir - it, heed our plead - ing, fash - ion us all a - new.  
2 Come to teach us, come to nour - ish those who be - lieve in Christ.  
3 Guide our think - ing and our speak - ing done in your ho - ly name.

*Tu - fu - ndi - she ya mbi - ngu - ni, tu - we wa - tu wa - pya.*  
It's your lead - ing that we're need - ing, help us to fol - low you.  
Bless the faith - ful, may they flour - ish, strength - ened by grace un - priced.  
Mo - ti - vate all in their seek - ing, free - ing from guilt and shame.

*Refrain*  
*Njo - o, njo - o, njo - o, Ro - ho mwe - ma.*  
Come, come, come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.

*Njo - o, njo - o, njo - o, Ro - ho mwe - ma.*  
Come, come, come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.

4 Not mere knowledge, but discernment,  
nor rootless liberty;  
turn disquiet to contentment,  
doubt into certainty.

5 Keep us fervent in our witness,  
unswayed by earth's allure.  
Ever grant us zealous fitness,  
which you alone assure.

### *Apostles Creed*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.\*  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### *Ordination*

#### **Presentation**

**P:** I present for ordination to the ministry of word and sacrament Char Guiliani, who has been prepared, examined, and approved for this ministry and who has been called by the church to this ministry through Incarnation Lutheran Church.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

#### **Address and Questions**

**B:** 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. According to apostolic usage you are now to be entrusted with the office of word and sacrament in the one holy catholic church by the laying on of hands and by prayer.

*A reading from John:* Jesus said, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you. Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." (*John 20:21-23*)

*A reading from Matthew:* Jesus said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (*Matthew 28:18-20*)

*A reading from First Corinthians:* I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given

thanks, he broke it and said, “This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes. (*1 Corinthians 11:23-26*)

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

**Candidate responds:** 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 preach and teach in accordance with the holy  
scriptures and these creeds and confessions?

**Candidate responds:** 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,  
nourish them with the word and sacraments,  
and lead them by your own example in faithful service and holy living?

**Candidate responds:** 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?

**Candidate responds:** 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. The assembly responds: **Amen.**

### **Prayers of Intercession**

L: With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need,  
and all of God’s creation.

L: For the holy catholic church, and all its members, that, filled with your love, it may  
hunger for truth and thirst after righteousness and may serve you in true and godly lives:  
God of mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

L: For Char, called to the ministry of word and sacrament in the church, that, sustained by

your Holy Spirit, they may carry out this ministry with joy and a spirit of bold trust, serve your people, build up your church, and glorify your name: God of mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

L: For all ministers of word and sacrament; for all ministers of word and service; for Paul, our Bishop that, together with all those responsible for the care and nurture of your people, they may support one another in serving Christ: God of mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

L: For the peace and mission of the church, that united in Christ our divisions may be overcome, and in faithful witness proclaim the gospel, humbly love and serve all in need throughout the world bearing witness to the good news: God of mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

L: For the nations of the world and their leaders, that they may work for justice and promote the dignity and freedom of every person: God of mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

L: For the whole creation, that everything you have made may fulfill your purpose and that we may exercise care for your diverse gifts: God of mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

L: For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, the lonely, the forgotten, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected: God of mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

L: For the glorious company of all the saints, those who have died in faith and those who live in certain hope, we praise you. That their witness may give us courage until the day of Jesus Christ: God of mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

B: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: **Amen.**

### **Hymn of Invocation - "Creator Spirit, heavenly dove," 578 (Solo by Denise Sanders)**

#### **Thanksgiving\***

B: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

B: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

B: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, we bless you for your infinite love in Christ our Lord, in whom we have redemption and forgiveness of sins according to the riches of his grace.

We thank you that by his death your Son overcame death, and that, raised by your mighty power, he gives us new life. We praise you that, having ascended into heaven, Christ pours out his gifts abundantly on the church, making some apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip your people for their work of ministry for building up the body of Christ.

Eternal God, through your Son, Jesus Christ, pour out your Holy Spirit upon Char and fill

them with the gifts of grace for the ministry of word and sacrament.

Bless your servant's proclamation of your word and administration of your sacraments, so that your church may be gathered for praise and strengthened for service.

Make Char a faithful pastor, patient teacher, and wise counselor. Grant that in all things Char may serve without reproach, that your people may be renewed and your name be glorified in the church; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

### **Giving of a Stole**

B: 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*)

### **Charge**

**B:** *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*)

*And again:* Take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you guardians, to feed the church of God, obtained with the blood of God's own Son. (*Acts 20:28*)

*And again:* Tend the flock of God that is in your charge, not under compulsion but willingly, not for sordid gain but eagerly. Do not lord it over those in your charge, but be examples to the flock. And when the chief shepherd appears, you will win the crown of glory that never fades away. (*1 Peter 5:2-4*)

*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*)

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

So discipline yourself in life and teaching that you preserve the truth,  
giving no occasion for false security or illusory hope.

Witness faithfully in word and deed to all people.

Give and receive comfort as you serve within the church.

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

### **Blessing**

B: 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.

**C: Amen.**

### **Acclamation by the Assembly**

B: Will you, assembled as the people of God and speaking for the whole church, receive Char as a messenger of Jesus Christ, sent by God to serve all people with the gospel of hope and salvation? Will you regard *them* as a servant of Christ?

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

B: Will you pray for *them*,  
help and honor *them* for *their* work's sake,  
and in all things strive to live together in the peace and unity of Christ?

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

Let it be acclaimed that Char  
is a called and ordained minister of word and sacrament in the church of Christ.  
Char has Christ's authority to preach the word of God and administer the sacraments, serving God's people as together we bear God's creative and redeeming love to all the world.

**C: Amen. Thanks be to God.**

### **Peace**

B: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.** (Honk to pass the peace)

### **Offering – To be collected at the end of service\*\***

#### **Lord's Prayer**

**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.**

#### ***Sending***



## Blessing

B: The God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus.

C: **Amen.**

B: The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

B: The God of all grace ☩ bless you now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

## Sending Song – “The Spirit Sends Us Forth”



1 The Spir - it sends us forth to serve; we go in  
2 We go to com - fort those who mourn and set the  
3 We go to be the hands of Christ, to scat - ter  
4 Then let us go to serve in peace, the gos - pel



Je - sus' name to bring glad tid - ings  
bur - dened free; where hope is dim, to  
joy like seed and, all our days, to  
to pro - claim. God's Spir - it has em -



to the poor, God's fa - vor to pro - claim.  
share a dream and help the blind to see.  
cher - ish life, to do the lov - ing deed.  
pow - ered us; we go in Je - sus' name.

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## Dismissal

B: Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people; love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

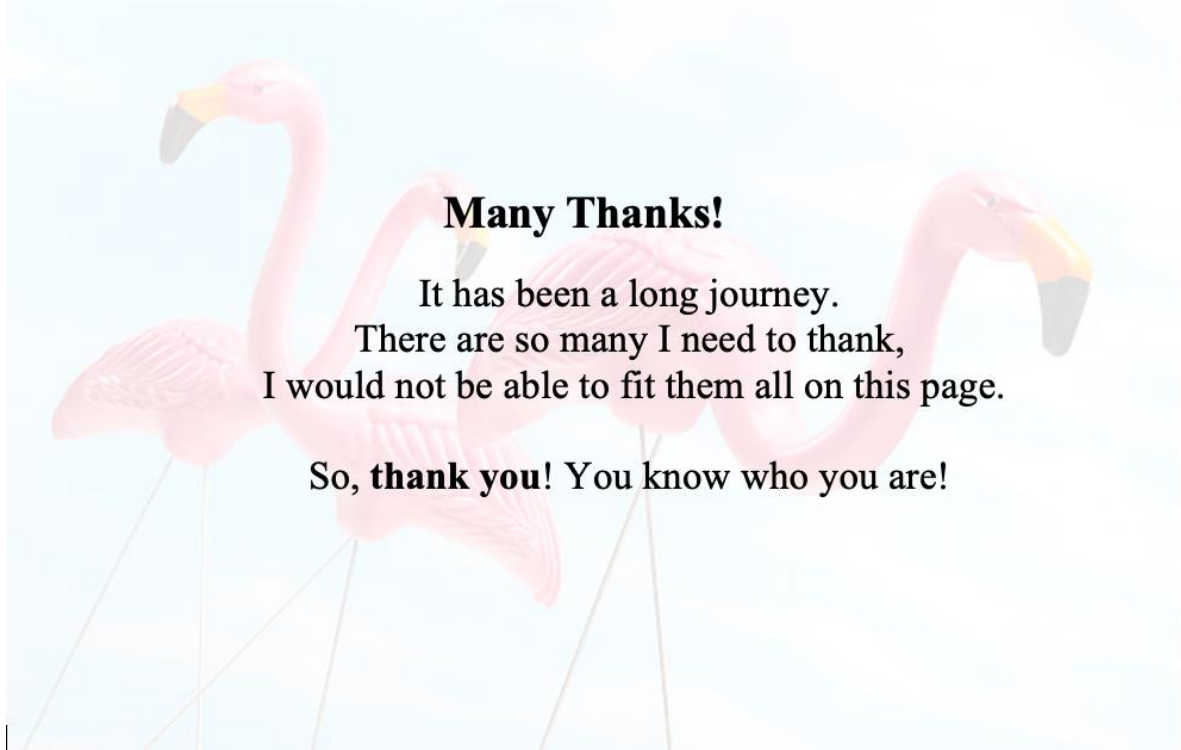
C: **Thanks be to God.**

\*This stole was crafted by Betty Kroll from St. Stephen the Martyr using hand tracings to represent the laying on of hands during the Thanksgiving in the Ordination Service.

\*\*You may drop off the offering as you drive under the canopy to greet Char with a wave! The offering is designated to Outreach for Hope and MICAH.

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## **Many Thanks!**

It has been a long journey.  
There are so many I need to thank,  
I would not be able to fit them all on this page.

So, **thank you!** You know who you are!