

Service of Installation  
*Pastor Amalia J. Vagts*



Sunday, November 14, 2021 3:30 pm  
 Our Saviour's Lutheran Church Tucson, AZ

# Installation of Pastor Amalia Vagts

November 14, 2021

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## Prelude

**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN ~ \*ELW Hymn #461**  
*"All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly"*

HOLY MANNA

1 All who hun-ger, gath-er glad-ly; ho-ly man-na is our bread.  
 2 All who hun-ger, nev-er strang-ers; seek-er, be a wel-come guest.  
 3 All who hun-ger, sing to- geth-er, Je-sus Christ is liv-ing bread.

Come from wil-der-ness and wan-d'ring. Here in truth we will be fed.  
 Come from rest-less-ness and roam-ing. Here in joy we keep the feast.  
 Come from lone-li-ness and long-ing. Here in peace we have been fed.

You that yearn for days of full-ness, all a-round us is our food.  
 We that once were lost and scat-tered in com-mu-nion's love have stood.  
 Blest are those who from this ta-ble live their days in grat-i-tude.

Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.  
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**Greeting**

**P:** *The grace of our Saviour Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*  
**C:** **And also with you.**

**Opening Litany:**

**P:** *Lord, make us instruments of your peace.  
 Where there is hatred, let us bring love;  
 Where there is injury, pardon;  
 Where there is doubt, faith;  
 Where there is despair, hope;  
 Where there is darkness, light;  
 Where there is sadness, joy.*

**C:** **O Divine Master, grant that we may not  
 So much seek to be consoled as to  
 console,  
 To be understood as to understand,  
 To be loved as to love.**

**P:** *For it is in giving that we receive,  
 It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
 And it is in dying that we are born to eternal  
 life.*

**C:** **Amen**

**Prayer of the Day**

*Through Jesus Christ you gave the holy apostles many gifts and commanded them to feed your flock. Inspire all pastors to proclaim your word diligently and your people to receive it willingly, that finally we may find our eternal home; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.*  
**Amen.**

**READINGS**

**Isaiah 55:8-13**

<sup>8</sup> For my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
 nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.  
<sup>9</sup> For as the heavens are higher than the earth,  
 so are my ways higher than your ways  
 and my thoughts than your thoughts.  
<sup>10</sup> For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,  
 and do not return there until they have watered the earth,  
 making it bring forth and sprout,  
<sup>11</sup> giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,  
 so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;  
 it shall not return to me empty,  
 but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,  
 and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.  
 and be led back in peace;  
 the mountains and the hills before you  
 shall burst into song,  
 and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.  
<sup>13</sup> Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;  
 instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;  
 and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial,  
 for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

**\*Gospel Acclamation ~ ELW #172**

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -  
 - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -  
 Hal - le - lu - jah.  
 lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

**\*Gospel: Luke 8: 16-18**

<sup>16</sup>“No one after lighting a lamp hides it under a jar, or puts it under a bed, but puts it on a lampstand, so that those who enter may see the light. <sup>17</sup>For nothing is hidden that will not be disclosed, nor is anything secret that will not become known and come to light. <sup>18</sup>Then pay attention to how you listen; for to those who have, more will be given; and from those who do not have, even what they seem to have will be taken away.”

**Sermon ~ Pastor David Pavesic**

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY ~ ELW Hymn #798**

“Will You Come & Follow Me?” (v. 1-5)

KELVINGROVE



1 “Will you come and fol - low me if I but call  
 2 “Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call  
 3 “Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call  
 4 “Will you love the you hide if I but call  
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't  
 your name? Will you care for cruel and  
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners  
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -  
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low



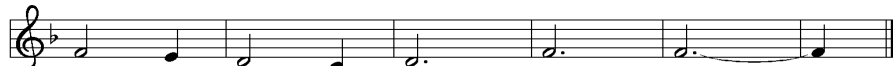
know and nev - er be the same?  
 kind and nev - er be the same?  
 free and nev - er be the same?  
 side and nev - er be the same?  
 you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my  
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -  
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as  
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the  
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be  
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer  
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I  
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and  
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"  
 pray'r in you and you in me?"  
 mean in you and you in me?"  
 sound in you and you in me?"  
 grow in you and you in me.

**Liturgy of Installation**

**Presentation**

*P: Having been authorized by the church to install Amalia Joann Vagts, our co-worker in the gospel, as Pastor for Our Saviour's Lutheran Church of Tucson, AZ, I now ask for certification of this call.*

*L: After prayerful deliberation, we, of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church Council, have called Amalia Joann Vagts as Pastor. I present her and this letter certifying the call.*

**ADDRESS AND QUESTIONS**

*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 Timothy: Set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Attend to the public reading of scripture, to exhorting, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you through prophecy with the laying on of hands by the council of elders. Put these things into practice, devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress. Pay close attention to yourself and to your teaching; continue in these things, for in doing this you will save both yourself and your hearers. (1 Timothy 4:12-16)*

*P: Amalia, in the presence of this assembly will you commit yourself to this new trust and responsibility, in the confidence that it comes from God through the call of the church?*

**Response:** I will, and I ask God to help me.

*P: Will you preach and teach in accordance with the Holy Scriptures and the Confessions of the Lutheran Church? Will you carry out this ministry in harmony with the constitutions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America?*

**Response:** I will, and I ask God to help me.

*P: Will you be diligent in your study of the Holy Scriptures and in your use of the means of grace? Will you love, serve, and 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?*

**Response:** I will, and I ask God to help me.

*P: Will you give faithful witness in the world, that God's love may be known in all that you do?*

**Response:** I will, and I ask God to help me.

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

*C: Amen.*

(Congregation, please rise in body and/or spirit)

*P: People of God, will you receive Amalia as a messenger of Jesus Christ sent to serve all people with the gospel of hope and salvation? Will you regard her as a servant of Christ and a steward of the mysteries of God?*

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

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

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

*P: Amalia, the office of Pastor with Our Saviour's Lutheran Church of Tucson, Arizona, is now committed to you in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

## **Blessing**

*P: 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.*

## **PROCESSION AND WELCOME**

*L: You have been called to be among us to baptize, to teach, and to forgive sins.*

*L: You have been called to be among us to proclaim the good news.*

*L: You have been called to be among us to preside at the Lord's supper.*

## **Prayers of Intercession ~ Pastor Rebecca Boardman**

Concluding each petition, the Pastor says, "Hear us, O God," and the congregation responds: "**your mercy is great.**"

## **Offering**

*Today's offering is designated for Joseph's Pantry at Grace St. Paul's Episcopal Church, a neighboring congregation providing food, showers, bathrooms, and refuge for people in our neighborhood experiencing homelessness and other needs.*

## **SPECIAL MUSIC**

### **\*Offering Prayer**

*Let us pray.*

*Holy God, you abide with your creation  
and in Jesus Christ you gather us at your table.*

*As you stayed with your disciples for a meal,  
so now stay with us.*

*As we receive these gifts of bread and wine,  
open our hearts to share what we have received:  
the abiding love of Jesus, our risen Savior. **Amen.***

### **\*The Great Thanksgiving**

*P: The Lord be with you.*

*C: **And also with you.***

*P: Lift up your hearts.*

*C: **We lift them to the Lord.***

*P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

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

*P: In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave  
thanks; broke it, and gave it to his  
disciples, saying:*

*Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.*

*Do this for the remembrance of me.*

*Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:*

*This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the  
forgiveness of sin.*

*Do this for the remembrance of me.*

*Remembering his love for us on the way,  
at the table, and to the end,  
we proclaim the mystery of faith:*

**C:** *Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.*

**\*Lord's Prayer**

*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. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.*

**COMMUNION**

This is Christ's table and you are welcome at it, without exception. Follow the direction of the ushers and flow of traffic. You may kneel or stand at the altar to receive the bread and wine, and briefly lower your mask to eat and drink. You may also come forward for a blessing only - please indicate this by crossing your hands over your heart.

**COMMUNION MUSIC ~ ELW Hymn #793**  
*"Be Thou My Vision"*

SLANE

**Prayer After Communion**

*P: Life-giving God, thank you for this feast of the universe. Send us by your Spirit, every one, with gifts to share and light to shine.*

*May we go out in joy, and be led forth in peace, as all the world in wonder echoes shalom, through Jesus Christ, who heals and saves. Amen.*

**\*Blessing**

*P: The holy Three,  
the holy One  
increase your hope,  
strengthen your faith,  
deepen your love,  
and grant you peace.  
Amen.*

**SENDING HYMN ~ ELW Hymn #677**  
*"This Little Light of Mine"*

THIS JOY

1 This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
2 Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
3 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine;

this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine;

oh,

this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine,  
ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine,  
Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine,

oh,

let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

**\*Dismissal**

*P: Go with Christ, shine your light!*  
*C: Thanks be to God!*



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**Worship Leaders:**

Today's installation is led by Rev. David Pavesic (Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church), Dean of the Sunrise-Santa Cruz Conference and the representative of Bishop Deborah Hutterer of the Grand Canyon Synod of the ELCA.

*Preacher & Presider:* Rev. David Pavesic  
*Communion Presider:* Rev. Amalia Vagts  
*Lector:* Michael Marty  
*Prayers:* Rev. Rebecca Boardman  
*Presentation:* Bonnie Phelps  
*President of Congregation*  
*Procession:* Patty Sirls, Scott Koenig,  
Meg Hughes  
*Call Committee*  
*Communion Assistant:* Mary Durham-Pflibsen  
*Accompanist:* Marshall Adams  
*Ushers:* Pam Hardman, Kathy DeVinney,  
Ginny Phillips, Angie Grandison  
*Altar Guild:* DeeAnn Arroyo,  
Mary Durham-Pflibsen  
*Tech:* Kent Pflibsen, Tracy Ratliff

Following today's service, you are warmly invited to a reception hosted by members of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church.

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