



Ordination and Installation of The Reverend Ryan Matthew Groh

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**St. John's Lutheran Church
Schubert, Missouri
St. John's Lutheran Church
Babbtown, Missouri**

Order of Worship

found on page 41 in The Lutheran Hymnal TLH

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Organ Prelude

Ring of the Bell

Processional Hymn: TLH #235 "O Holy Spirit, Enter In" vs. 1-4

(please stand)

**O Holy Spirit, enter in, And in our hearts Thy work begin,
Thy temple deign to make us. Sun of the soul, Thou Light Divine,
Around and in us brightly shine, To joy and gladness wake us
That we In Thee Truly living, To Thee giving Prayer unceasing,
May be in love be still increasing.**

**Give to Thy Word impressive pow'r That in our hearts, from this good hour,
As fire it may be glowing; That we confess the Father, Son,
And Thee, the Spirit, Three in One, Thy glory ever showing.
Say Thou, Guide now, Our souls ever That they never May forsake Thee,
But by faith their Refuge make Thee.**

**Thou Fountain whence all wisdom flows Which God on pious hearts bestows,
Grant us Thy consolation That in our pure faiths' unity
We faithful witnesses may be Of grace that brings salvation.
Hear us, Cheer us By Thy teaching; Let our preaching And our labor
Praise Thee, Lord, and serve our neighbor.**

**Left to ourselves, we shall but stray; Oh, lead us on the narrow way,
With wisest counsel guide us, And give us steadfastness that we
May ever faithful prove to Thee Whatever woes betide us.
Come, Friend, And mend Hearts now broken, Give a token Thou art near us,
Whom we trust to light and cheer us.**

The Versicles for Vespers, TLH Page 41 (responses sung)

P: O Lord, open Thou my lips.

C: And my mouth shall show forth Thy praise.

P: Make haste, O God, to deliver me.

C: Make haste to help me, O Lord.

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, world without end. Amen. Hallelujah!

The Psalmody - Psalm 40:3-4, 7-11, 16 (spoken responsively)

P: He put a new song in my mouth,

C: a song of praise to our God.

P: Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the Lord.

C: Blessed is the man who makes the Lord his trust,

P: who does not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after a lie!

C: Then I said, "Behold, I have come;

P: in the scroll of the book it is written of me:

C: I delight to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart."

P: I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation;

C: behold, I have not restrained my lips, as you know, O Lord.

P: I have not hidden your deliverance within my heart;

C: I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation;

P: I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness from the great congregation.

C: As for you, O Lord, you will not restrain your mercy from me;

P: your steadfast love and your faithfulness will ever preserve me!

C: But may all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you;

P: may those who love your salvation say continually, "Great is the Lord!"

C: As for me, I am poor and needy, but the Lord takes thought for me.

P: You are my help and my deliverer;

C: do not delay, O my God!

St. John's Choir Anthem: "Great is Thy Faithfulness"

The Scripture Lessons *Following each lesson the congregation responds:*

P: But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

C: Thanks be to Thee, O Lord!

The Old Testament Lesson *Jeremiah 1:4-10*

Now the word of the Lord came to me, saying, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations." Then I said, "Ah, Lord God! Behold, I do not know how to speak, for I am only a youth." But the Lord said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a youth'; for to all to whom I send you, you shall go, and whatever I command you, you shall speak. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, declares the Lord." Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth. And the Lord said to me, "Behold, I have put my words in your mouth. See, I have set you this day over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to break down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

P: But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

C: Thanks be to Thee, O Lord!

The Epistle Lesson*1 Timothy 6:11-16*

But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, to keep the commandment unstained and free from reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will display at the proper time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. To him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

P: But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

C: Thanks be to Thee, O Lord!**The Gospel Lesson***John 15:12-17**(Please stand)*

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. These things I command you, so that you will love one another.”

P: But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

C: Thanks be to Thee, O Lord!**Sermon Hymn:** TLH #491 “Send, O Lord, Thy Holy Spirit”

**Send, O Lord, Thy Holy Spirit On Thy servant now, we pray;
Let him prove a faithful shepherd To Thy little lambs always.
Thy pure teaching to proclaim, To extol Thy holy name,
And to feed Thy lambs, dear Savior, Make his aim and sole endeavor.**

**Thou, O Lord, Thyself hast called him For Thy precious lambs to care;
But to prosper in his calling, He the Spirit's gifts must share.
Grant him wisdom from above, Fill his heart with holy love;
In all weakness be Thou near him, In his prayers, Good Shepherd, hear him.**

**Help, Lord Jesus, help him nourish Our dear children with Thy Word
That in constant love they serve Thee Till in heav'n their song is heard.
Boundless blessings, Lord, bestow On his faithful toil below
Till by grace to him is given His reward, the crown of heaven. Amen.**

Sermon – Text: 1 Timothy 6:11-16**Hymn:** “Standing Through the Ages”

**Standing through the ages To praise our Lord above,
Let us sing together And lift our hearts in love.
For Christ our Lord is with us, Where two or three may be
Standing through the ages, Proclaiming victory.**

**Standing through the ages, Our offerings we bring;
Humble years we give You, Our one Eternal King.
Our gifts we lay before You; We give You but Thine own,
Standing through the ages By grace and faith alone.**

**Standing through the ages, Your Word will be our light;
Treasures stored in Heaven Will ease the bleakest night.
For mortal flesh shall fail us, Its sound defeat we see;
Standing through the ages, Your Life our Hope shall be.**

**Standing through the ages, Prepared for coming war,
Let us not forsake You, Our strong and mighty Lord.
For You our only armor, Our sword and shield will be,
Standing through the ages As time will go in peace. Amen.**

*Silas Luetkemeyer, composer - Samuel Luetkemeyer, arranger
Written for St. John's Schubert 175th Anniversary 2019*

Rite of Installation and Ordination

Ordination - The process by which someone becomes a pastor in our church results in a man being declared Biblically qualified after being examined at one of our seminaries. Once he is qualified, he becomes ordained as a pastor. Ordination is a simple rite where a man's call into the pastoral office is publicly affirmed.

Installation - Installation is a rite where a pastor is publicly placed into his role as pastor in a specific congregation. While ordination happens only once in a pastor's ministry, installation happens each time he begins serving in a new congregation or new role.

Hymn: TLH #492 "Lord of the Living Harvest"

**Lord of the living harvest That whitens o'er the plain,
Where angels soon shall gather Their sheaves of golden grain,
Accept these hands to labor, These hearts to trust and love,
And deign with them to hasten Thy kingdom from above.**

**As lab'ers in Thy vineyard Lord, send them out to be
Content to bear the burden Of weary days for Thee,
To ask no other wages When Thou shalt call them home
Than to have shared the travail Which makes Thy kingdom come.**

△ **Be with them, God the Father; Be with them, God the Son;
And God the Holy Spirit, Most blessed Three in One.
Make them Thy faithful servants Thee rightly to adore
And fill them with Thy fullness Both now and evermore. Amen.**

(The newly ordained and installed Pastor continues the service)

The Prayers of the Day TLH Page 44

The Kyrie *(sung by the congregation)*

C: Lord, have mercy upon us; Christ, have mercy upon us; Lord, have mercy upon us!

The Lord's Prayer (*spoken together*)

**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.**

The Salutation TLH Page 45 (*responses sung*)

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And with thy spirit.**

The Collect and Benediction (*responses sung*)

O God, You led Your holy apostles to ordain pastors in every place. Grant that Your flock, under the guidance of Your Holy Spirit, may choose suitable men for the ministry of Word and Sacrament and may uphold them in their work for the extension of Your kingdom; through Him who is the chief Shepherd of our souls, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

P: Bless we the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God**

The Benediction **C: Amen**

Recessional: TLH #235 "O Holy Spirit, Enter In" vs. 5-8 (*please remain standing for the recessional*)

**Thy heav'nly strength sustain our heart That we may act the valian part,
With Thee as our Reliance; Be Thou our Refuge and our Shield
That we may never quit the field, But bid all foes defiance.
Descend, Defend From all errors And earth's terrors. Thy salvation
Be our constant consolation.**

**O mighty Rock, O Source of Life, Let Thy dear Word, mid doubt and strife,
Be strong within us burning That we be faithful unto death,
In Thy pure love and holy faith, From Thee true wisdom learning.
Thy grace And peace On us shower; By Thy power Christ confessing,
Let us win our Savior's blessing.**

**O gentle Dew, from heav'n now fall With pow'r upon the hearts of all,
Thy tender love instilling, That heart to heart more closely bound,
In kindly deeds be fruitful found, The law of love fulfilling.
Dwell thus In us; Envy banish; Strife will vanish Where Thou livest.
Peace and love and joy Thou givest.**

**Grant that our days, while life shall last, In purest holiness be passed,
Be Thou our Strength and Tower, From sinful lust and vanity
And from dead works set Thou us free In every evil hour.
Keep Thou Pure now From offenses Hearts and senses. Blessed Spirit,
Let us heav'nly life inherit. Amen.**

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Biography

The Rev. Ryan M. Groh was born in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma on September 21, 1999, to his mother, Elizabeth Groh, and his father, Jeffrey Groh. He was baptized and confirmed at St. John’s Lutheran Church in Moore, Oklahoma.

He attended the preschool and elementary school at St. John’s in Moore, then went on to a local public junior high and high school. He later enrolled at Concordia University in Seward, Nebraska, where he met his beautiful wife, Grace. They were married on April 18, 2020, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Columbia, Missouri. He graduated from Concordia University with a degree in Psychology, having also completed the Pre-Seminary program.

Following graduation, they moved to Fort Wayne, Indiana, where Pastor Groh attended Concordia Theological Seminary. He did his fieldwork at St. Thomas Lutheran Church in Ohio City, Ohio, and his vicarage at Faith Lutheran Church in Capistrano Beach, California. He graduated from Concordia Theological Seminary with a Master of Divinity and will be ordained into the Office of the Holy Ministry on July 12, 2025, at St. John’s Lutheran Church in Jefferson City, Missouri.

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Those Serving in Today’s Worship:

Officiant – Rev. Brian Whittle, Circuit Visitor - Jefferson City Circuit

Preacher – Rev. Brian Thieme, Pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church – Columbia, Missouri

Ordinator: Rev. Dr. R. Lee Hagan, President - Missouri District LCMS

Organist: Mr. Samuel Luetkemeyer

Assisting Clergy

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Hymn # 235: Scripture: Isaiah 11:2; O Heiliger Geist, kehre bei uns ein; O Holy Spirit, Enter In; Author: Michael Shirmer (1640, alt.); Translator: Catherine Winkworth (1866, alt.); Tune: Wie schon leuchtet; Composer: Philipp Nicolai (1599).

Hymn # 491: Scripture: Acts 11:24; Segne, Herr, mit deinem Geiste; Author unknown, 19th century; Translator: Frederick W. Herzberger (†1930, alt.); Tune: Werde munter; Composer: Johann Schop, 1642.

Hymn # 492: Scripture: Luke 10:2; God Of The Living Harvest; Author: John S. B. Monsell (1866 ab); Tune: Aurelia; Composer: Samuel S. Wesley (1864).

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