

**INSTALLATION OF  
REVEREND JAMES R. JENNINGS**  
GETHSEMANE LUTHERAN CHURCH & PRESCHOOL  
MAY 10, 2025  
4:00 P.M.

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**THE ORDER OF SERVICE**

**PRELUDE**

*(PLEASE RISE)*

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

*912: CHRIST IS OUR CORNERSTONE*

**INVOCATION**

**P** In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

**THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

**P** My fellow Christians, we have come together this afternoon to worship the God of our salvation.

**C** **We are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.**

**P** Even when we were spiritually dead through our trespasses and sins, He made us alive together with Christ,

**C** **By grace we have been saved through faith; and this is not our doing, it is the gift of God.**

**P** O sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things!

**C** **His right hand and his holy arm have gotten Him the victory!**

**PSALM 111**

**P** Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

**C** **Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them.**

**P** Full of splendor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever.

**C** **He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered; the LORD is gracious and merciful.**

**P** He provides food for those who fear him; he remembers his covenant forever.

**C** **He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the inheritance of the nations.**

**P** The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy;

**C** **they are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.**

**P** He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name!

**C** **The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever!**

*(PLEASE BE SEATED)*

## THE SCRIPTURE READINGS

*ROMANS 10: 8-15*

But what does it say? "The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart," that is, the word of faith we are proclaiming:

That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.

As the Scripture says, "Anyone who trusts in him will never be put to shame." For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him,

For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?

And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

*(PLEASE RISE)*

*JOHN 15: 12-15*

My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.

Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends.

You are my friends if you do what I command.

I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you.

*MATTHEW 28: 18-20*

Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

Therefore go 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 I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

**MESSAGE HYMN**

*837: LIFT HIGH THE CROSS*

**MESSAGE**

**THE APOSTLES' CREED**

*INSTALLATION OF THE REVEREND JAMES R. JENNINGS*

**INVOCATION**

**ADDRESS**

**COLLECT**

**READINGS**

**QUESTIONING**

**SIGNING THE DIPLOMA OF VOCATION**

**INSTALLATION**

**LAYING ON OF HANDS**

**PRAYER**

**BLESSING**

*THE SERVICE CONTINUES PRESIDED OVER BY THE NEWLY INSTALLED*

*(PLEASE RISE)*

**PRAYERS**

**THE DISMISSAL AND THE BLESSING**

**CLOSING HYMN**

*477: ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA! HEARTS TO HEAVEN*

**POSTLUDE**