



**Order of service for the Rite of Ordination**  
Aimée Joy Pakan and Joel Matthew Pakan  
Saturday, January 16, 2021

## *Greeting and Announcements*

The congregations we will serve are located on the ancestral territory of the Oceti Sakowin (Seven Council Fires), an alliance that consisted of the Santee, Yankton, and Teton Lakota. They are commonly known as the Sioux by non-native people. The seven tribes now occupy nine different reservations in South Dakota. The nine reservations are: Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, Crow Creek Sioux Tribe, Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe, Lower Brule Sioux Tribe, Oglala Sioux Tribe, Rosebud Sioux Tribe, Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate, Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, and the Yankton Sioux Tribe. The South Dakota Synod honors and respects the diverse Indigenous peoples connected to this territory on which we gather.

The service today will be both live and have aspects that are pre-recorded. We ask for your patience as it may take a moment or two for transitions between the live and pre-recorded parts of the service. We will not be singing at Mount Olivet Conference and Retreat Center where this service is being hosted. If it is safe to sing in your context, we invite you to sing boldly and loudly from wherever you are watching in celebration with us.

For our offering today, please give a gift of time, energy, food, or money to an organization in your local community which is caring for people who are marginalized, hungry, sick, poor, or those experiencing homelessness.

## *Thanksgiving for Baptism*

Ever-living God, author of creation, we give you thanks for your gift of water that brings life and refreshes the earth. We bless and praise you, for by the water and the Word we are cleansed from sin and receive everlasting life. Join us again this day to the saving life and death of Christ; renew in us the living fountain of your grace; and raise us with Christ Jesus to live in newness of life; for you are merciful, and love your whole creation, and with all your creatures we give you glory, through your Son Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

## *Apostolic Greeting*

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

## *A Street Kyrie* words and music by Aimée & Joel Pakan, and Emmanuel Philor Sr.

Kyrie Eleison, another way of sayin' I can't breathe; we can't breathe.  
Christi Eleison, another way to plead, Momma, momma, come for me.  
We must confess today. We have gone astray. We must confess today. We have gone astray.  
"Thoughts and prayers" as healing as blank stares at white washed ceilings.  
We come to the street, to pray with our feet.

Walking prayer as a posture that laments all we've lost here  
Through raised fists and chanting, say their names, stop the lynching.  
We must confess today. We have gone astray. We must confess today. We have gone astray.

## *Confession and Statement of Forgiveness*

**We confess that we have separated ourselves from God and one another by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved with our whole hearts; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have deceived ourselves; the truth is not in us.**

**And God, who is faithful beyond our willful waywardness and who shows justice to all with mercy for the downtrodden and righteous anger for the indignant, forgives. And God's forgiveness is not the end of the conversation. This sanctifying forgiveness frees all who receive it to joyful acts of sacrifice, service, and repentance in the hope of reconciliation with all creation. So we cry justice today. Christ, come now we pray.**

We cry justice today, Christ, come now we pray...

Kyrie Eleison, another way of sayin' we come to the street, to pray with our feet.

## *Prayer of the Day*

Let us pray.

**Almighty and merciful God, you built your church on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, and you call your servants to the office of the ministry of word and sacrament so that the apostolic and prophetic work might continue throughout the ages. Grant that Aimee and Joel and all deacons and pastors may carry out this ministry faithfully in the power of your Spirit; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## *First Reading - Exodus 3:1-15* Vicar Mark Schlewitt, M.Div. - Seminary Classmate

<sup>1</sup> Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. <sup>2</sup> There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. <sup>3</sup> Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." <sup>4</sup> When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." <sup>5</sup> Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." <sup>6</sup> He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

<sup>7</sup> Then the LORD said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, <sup>8</sup> and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the

Jebusites.<sup>9</sup> The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them.<sup>10</sup> So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.”<sup>11</sup> But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?”<sup>12</sup> He said, “I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain.”

<sup>13</sup> But Moses said to God, “If I come to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?”<sup>14</sup> God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.” He said further, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘I AM has sent me to you.’”<sup>15</sup> God also said to Moses, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘The LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you’: This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations.

Word of God, Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 15** Danielle McCleary, M.Div. - Seminary Classmate, Kimberly McCleary

*The Psalm will be read responsively. The assembly will read the words in bold print.*

A Psalm of David.

<sup>1</sup> O LORD, who may abide in your tent? Who may dwell on your holy hill?

<sup>2</sup> **Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right, and speak the truth from their heart;**

<sup>3</sup> who do not slander with their tongue, and do no evil to their friends, nor take up a reproach against their neighbors;

<sup>4</sup> **in whose eyes the wicked are despised, but who honor those who fear the LORD;  
who stand by their oath even to their hurt;**

<sup>5</sup> who do not lend money at interest, and do not take a bribe against the innocent.  
Those who do these things shall never be moved.

Word of God, Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

## **Second Reading - 1 John 3:16-21, 4:16-21**

Minister Charryse N. Wright, M.Div. - Seminary Classmate

<sup>16</sup> We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another.<sup>17</sup> How does God’s love abide in anyone who has the world’s goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? <sup>18</sup> Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action.<sup>19</sup> And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him <sup>20</sup> whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything.<sup>21</sup> Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God;

<sup>4:16</sup> So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them.<sup>17</sup> Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may

have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. <sup>18</sup> There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. <sup>19</sup> We love because he first loved us. <sup>20</sup> Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. <sup>21</sup> The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Word of God, Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation - Tremé Alleluia words and music by Aimée & Joel Pakan

*The assembly stands.*

The musical score is written in 2/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of seven staves of music. The first staff is a vocal line with the lyrics 'A-lle - lu - ia!' repeated four times. The second staff is a bass line with the lyrics 'LORD, OH LORD TO WHOM SHALL WE GO? A-lle - lu - ia! A-lle - lu - ia! THAT'. The third staff continues the bass line with 'MOUN-TAIN'S TOO HIGH THIS VA-LLY'S TOO LOW. A-lle - lu - ia! A-lle - lu - ia!'. The fourth staff has the lyrics 'PI - LOT OUR DAYS IN JOY AND IN STRIFE. A-lle - lu - ia! A-lle - lu - ia!'. The fifth staff has 'YOU HAVE THE WORDS OF E - TER - NAL LIFE. A-lle - lu - ia! A-lle - lu - ia!'. The sixth and seventh staves are vocal lines with 'A-lle - lu - ia!' repeated four times.

A-lle - lu - ia! A-lle - lu - ia! A-lle - lu - ia! A-lle - lu - ia!

**LEADER** LORD, OH LORD TO WHOM SHALL WE GO? A-lle - lu - ia! A-lle - lu - ia! **LEADER** THAT

MOUN-TAIN'S TOO HIGH THIS VA-LLY'S TOO LOW. A-lle - lu - ia! A-lle - lu - ia!

**LEADER** PI - LOT OUR DAYS IN JOY AND IN STRIFE. A-lle - lu - ia! A-lle - lu - ia!

**LEADER** YOU HAVE THE WORDS OF E - TER - NAL LIFE. A-lle - lu - ia! A-lle - lu - ia!

A-lle - lu - ia! A-lle - lu - ia! A-lle - lu - ia! A-lle - lu - ia!

The holy gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

## Gospel - John 13:3-17, 20

<sup>3</sup> Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, <sup>4</sup> got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. <sup>5</sup> Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. <sup>6</sup> He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" <sup>7</sup> Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." <sup>8</sup> Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." <sup>9</sup> Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" <sup>10</sup> Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." <sup>11</sup> For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

<sup>12</sup> After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you?" <sup>13</sup> You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. <sup>14</sup> So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. <sup>15</sup> For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. <sup>16</sup> Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. <sup>17</sup> If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

<sup>20</sup> Very truly, I tell you, whoever receives one whom I send receives me; and whoever receives me receives him who sent me."

This is the gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The assembly is seated.*

**Sermon** Rev. Emmanuel Philor Sr, M.Div - Seminary Classmate

**Hymn of the Day - Canticle of the Turning** (on the following page)

words by Rory Cooney, b. 1952, based on the Magnificat; music: Irish traditional



1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the  
2 Though I am small, my . . . God, my all, you . . .  
3 From the halls of pow'r to the for - tress tow'r, not a  
4 Though the na - tions rage from . . . age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the  
work great . . . things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the  
stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your  
mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.  
depths of the past to the end of the age to be.  
jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant . . . from his throne.  
liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my  
Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to  
The hun - gry poor shall . . . weep no more, for the  
This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my  
those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the  
food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry  
prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?  
strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.  
mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.  
crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.



*Refrain*  
My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus - tice burn.



Wipe a - way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.

# *Immigrant's Creed*

**I believe in Almighty God, who guided people in exile and in exodus, the God of Joseph in Egypt and Daniel in Babylon, the God of foreigners and immigrants.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, a displaced Galilean, who was born away from his people and his home, who fled his country with his parents when his life was in danger, and returning to his own country suffered the oppression of the tyrant Pontius Pilate, the servant of a foreign power, who then was persecuted, beaten and finally tortured, accused and condemned to death unjustly. But on the third day, this scorned Jesus rose from the dead, not as a foreigner but to offer us citizenship in heaven.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the eternal immigrant from God's kin-dom among us, who speaks all languages, lives in all countries, and reunites all races.**

**I believe that the church is a secure home for the foreigner and for all believers who constitute it, who speak the same language and have the same purpose.**

**I believe the communion of saints begins when we accept the diversity of the saints.**

**I believe in the forgiveness of sin, which makes us all equal, and in reconciliation, which identifies us more than does race, language, or nationality.**

**I believe that in the resurrection God will unite us as one people in which all are distinct and all are alike at the same time.**

**Beyond this world, I believe in life eternal in which no one will be an immigrant but all will be citizens of God's kin-dom, which will never end. Amen.**

## **Rite of Ordination**

***Presentation*** - The Cloud of Witnesses (see note at the end of bulletin)

We present for ordination to the ministry of word and sacrament Aimee Joy Pakan and Joel Matthew Pakan. They have been prepared, examined, and approved for this ministry and have been called to this ministry through the South Dakota Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Aimee will serve Brandon Lutheran Church and Split Rock Lutheran Church. Joel will serve East Side Lutheran Church. **Thanks be to God.**

*The assembly may be seated.*

# Address and Questions

*Bishop Constanze Hagmaier addresses Joel and Aimee.*

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.

*Rev. Larry F. Wesolik* - 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)

*Rev. Theresa F. Latini, Ph.D* - 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)

*Pastor Laura Aase* - 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)

*Bishop Constanze Hagmaier addresses questions to Aimee and Joel.*

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?

*Each 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?

*Each 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?

*Each 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?

*Each 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

*Rev. Jennifer Moore, M.Div. - Seminary Classmate*

God of power and might, shine your radiance and come quickly to this weary world. Hear our prayers for everyone in need. *Brief silence for prayer.*

God of Love, you abide in your church and your church abides in you. Strengthen our witness to your perfect, expansive love, that your church may hunger for justice, thirst your righteousness, and disturb the status quo wherever power structures oppress and dehumanize our siblings.

God of mercy, **hold us in love.**

*Rev. Emily Papke-Larson, M.Div. - Seminary Classmate*

God of Creation, you pulled us from the dirt of this earth and gave us your breath as our life. May we remember our connection to each other and to you each time we feel the wind on our faces. Extend your compassion and care to all on this planet. Each person, plant, & animal a holy part of your web of life. Strengthen us for your service and empower us to work for justice on behalf of all you have created. God of mercy, **hold us in love.**

*Bridget Gautieri, M.Div. - Seminary Classmate*

God of all peoples and nations, remind us that even when our leaders are unjust, you are just, that even when our leaders fail us, you do not, and that even when our leaders break promises, you keep them. Lord, give all peoples and leaders the courage to lead with empathy and love, the fortitude to admit our wrongdoings, and the boldness to heal our broken nation and world. God of mercy, **hold us in love.**

*Rev. Ralen Robinson, M.Div. - Seminary Classmate*

God who loves all regardless of their creed, color, race, ability, and identity; we pray that you push us to see all our neighbors in this beautiful tapestry of the world - that we rebuke white supremacy, we rebuke all phobia, we rebuke all isms, and we rebuke all oppressions that constantly take us away from

you. Heal us, mend us, and remind us that the church is made up of people of all shapes, hues, sizes, and edges. And God of the powerful and helpless, come to all people struggling with illness, especially ones reeling from this infectious virus we call COVID. Give them strength and give them healing to be brought anew. God of mercy, **hold us in love.**

**Vicar Paul Larson - Seminary Classmate**

God of sinners and saints, we are thankful for our siblings who have preached truth and power from the pulpit, and who have shown us this world of grace, mercy, and love that Jesus continually asked his disciples to show to one another and showed us. Anoint all who have gone before us with the oil of gladness. God of Mercy, **hold us in love.**

**Minister Karol A. Mason, M.Div. - Seminary Classmate**

We remember the words of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King who warned that, "a negative peace which is the absence of tension" is less than "a positive peace which is the presence of justice." Therefore, let us pray that those who work for peace in our world may cry out first for justice.

For Joel and Aimee who are called to be pastors in this church - may these your servants, O God, be sustained by your Holy Spirit to do your good work and to carry out this ministry with joy and unfettered and unbridled trust in you. And in doing so, may you enable them to serve your people with gladness and to build up your church. Continue to guide Joel and Aimee's words, their spirits, their minds, and their feet so that even in the days when things get tough, or when they falter under their own strength, may you remind them that with you, everything is possible and that it will be alright. Because you, God alone, are always right and righteous. For your Word is proclaimed in Isaiah 52, "How beautiful upon the mountain are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, and who say to Zion, 'your God reigns'." So reign on, O God! Reign on in the lives of Joel and Aimee and in this, your church always. God of mercy, **hold us in your love.**

Draw us near to you, O God, and receive our prayers for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

***Hymn of Invocation - Somos uno en Christo*** (on the following page)

words by Anonymous; tr. Gerhard M. Cartford, b. 1923; music by anonymous

# We Are All One in Christ

## *Somos uno en Cristo*



*So - mos u - no en Cris - to, so - mos u - no. So - mos*  
 We are all one in Christ, we are one bod - y, all one



*u - no, u - no so - lo. So - mos u - no en Cris - to, so - mos*  
 peo - ple out of man - y. We are all one in Christ, we are one



*u - no. So - mos u - no, u - no so - lo.*  
 bod - y, all one peo - ple out of man - y.



*Un so - lo Dios, un so - lo Se - ñor, u - na so - la*  
 There is one God, and on - ly one Lord; there is one



*fe, un so - lo a - mor. Un so - lo bau - tis - mo, un so - lo Es -*  
 faith, one ho - ly love. There is one bap - tism; there is one



*pí - ri - tu, y e - se es el con - so - la - dor.*  
 Spir - it, who is God the com - fort - er.

## Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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.

**Bishop Constanze Hagmaier lays both hands on the head of each candidate. Other ministers may be invited by the presiding minister to participate. Following a time of silent prayer, Bishop Constanze Hagmaier, praying for each candidate in turn.**

Eternal God, through your Son, Jesus Christ,  
pour out your Holy Spirit upon **Joel / Aimee** and fill **Joel / Aimee** 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 **Joel / Aimee** a faithful pastor, patient teacher, and wise counselor.

Grant that in all things **Joel / Aimee** 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.

**Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## *Giving of Stoles*

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*

**Rev. Larry F. Wesolik** - 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)

**Rev. Theresa F. Latini, Ph.D** - 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)

**Rev. Laura Aase** - 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)

**Rev. Larry F. Wesolik** - 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)

**Bishop Constanze Hagmaier** - Aimee and Joel, care for God's people, bear their burdens, and do not betray their confidence. So discipline yourselves 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

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.**

*The assembly stands.*

## Acclamation by the Assembly

*Joel and Aimee face the assembly. The presiding minister addresses the assembly.*

Will you, assembled as the people of God and speaking for the whole church, receive Aimee and Joel as messengers of Jesus Christ, sent by God to serve all people with the gospel of hope and salvation? Will you regard them as servants of Christ? **We will, and we ask God to help us.**

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

*The presiding minister presents Aimee and Joel to the assembly.*

Let it be acclaimed that Aimee Joy Pakan and Joel Matthew Pakan are called and ordained ministers of word and sacrament in the church of Christ. Aimee and Joel have 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. **Amen. Thanks be to God.**

*The assembly may offer acclamation with applause.*

## Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

## Offering

*For our offering today, please give a gift of time, energy, food, or money to an organization in your local community which is caring for people who are marginalized, hungry, sick, poor, or those experiencing homelessness.*

## Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## Thanksgiving for the Word

Let us pray.

O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the vision that we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your table; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever. **Amen.**

## Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace. **Amen.**

## Dismissal

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.

**Thanks be to God.**