



The Installation Of Pastor Alan W. Gumm

**Bethany Evangelical Lutheran Church
North Fort Myers, Florida
and**

**Christ the King Evangelical Lutheran Church
Port Charlotte, Florida**

Service at Bethany Evangelical Lutheran Church

February 19, 2017

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Meeting Times

Sunday Worship 8:30 AM

Sunday school/ Bible Study

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Welcome! If you are visiting with us, please take a moment to sign the "guest register" in the back of the sanctuary so that we might get to know you better.

- **Restrooms** are located in the Fellowship Hall and a baby changing station is located in the Women's bathroom in the Preschool wing.
- **Cry-room.** If you have need of a cry-room, you may use the entryway couch area.

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PRESERVICE MUSIC

CHOIR: The Lord is in His Holy Temple

HYMN: #416 - How Firm a Foundation

INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: 🎵 Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

RESPONSE OF PRAISE: Psalm 145 (selected verses)

M: I will exalt you, my God the King; I will praise your name for ever and ever.

C: Every day I will praise you and extol your name for ever and ever.

M: Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom.

C: One generation will commend your works to another; they will tell of your mighty acts.

M: They will speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty, and I will meditate on your wonderful works.

C: They will celebrate your abundant goodness and joyfully sing of your righteousness.

M: The LORD is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love.

C: The LORD is good to all; he has compassion on all he has made.

M: All you have made will praise you, O LORD; your saints will extol you.

C: They will tell of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your might, so that all men may know of your mighty acts and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

M: The LORD is faithful to all his promises and loving toward all he has made.

C: The LORD upholds all those who fall and lifts up all who are bowed down.

M: The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food at the proper time.

C: You open your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing.

M: The LORD is righteous in all his ways and loving toward all he has made.

C: The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

M: My mouth will speak in praise of the LORD.

C: Let every creature praise his holy name for ever and ever.

M: The LORD be with you.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray. Almighty God, look with favor on those whom you have called to minister to your people. Fill them with doctrine, and clothe them with holiness of life,

that they may joyfully serve to the glory of your name and for the benefit of your Church, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 52:7-10

How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, “Your God reigns!” Listen! Your watchmen lift up their voices; together they shout for joy. When the LORD returns to Zion, they will see it with their own eyes. Burst into songs of joy together, you ruins of Jerusalem, for the LORD has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. The LORD will lay bare his holy arm in the sight of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth will see the salvation of our God.

EPISTLE LESSON: Ephesians 4:11-16

It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God’s people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming. Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ. From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

VERSE OF THE DAY: Alleluia. Let the one who has my word speak it faithfully.

Alleluia.

(Jeremiah 23:28)

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 9:35-8

Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep

without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.”

He called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority to drive out evil spirits and to heal every disease and sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon (who is called Peter) and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

HYMN OF THE DAY: #548 - O Lord, in Prayer You Spent the Night

SERMON TEXT: Ephesians 4:11-16

“The Lord of the Church has a Plan”

RITE OF INSTALLATION

Address to the Congregation

Exhortation to the Pastor-Elect

Promises by the Pastor-Elect

Exhortation to the Congregation

Promises by the Congregation

Installation

Prayer

Commission

CHOIR: #542 - Dear Lord, to Your True Servants Give (Choir vs. 1,2)

(Congregation v. 3)

When all their labor seems in vain, Revive their sinking hopes again;

And when success crowns what they do, Oh, keep them humble, Lord, and true

Until before your judgment seat They lay their trophies at your feet.

PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH

Pastor Gumm: God, our Father in heaven, be gracious and bless the proclamation of your Church that your ways may be known on earth and your salvation brought to all people.

Lord Jesus Christ, be gracious to us and bless your word proclaimed among us. Use it to

set fire to our hearts. Help us to speak your Word as the song of salvation. Let others hear it from our lips and see it in our lives.

Holy Spirit, fountain of wisdom and counselor in every need, give light to our hearts and minds. Enable us to become all things to all people, so that by all possible means, some might be saved.

O Triune God, hear our prayer and now hear the words our Savior taught...

LORD'S PRAYER

BLESSING

P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: ♪ Amen. Amen. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: #537 Onward Christian Soldiers

Presiding Minister.....Rev. Martin Luchterhand, Circuit Pastor of the Suncoast Circuit, South Atlantic District

Guest Preacher.....Rev. Jeremiah Gumm, Cross of Christ Lutheran Church, Liverpool, NY

Instrumentalists

Linda Martin (Cello)

Jan Nelson (Organ)

Sharon Martin (Organ)

Pastor Alan W. Gumm

Pastor Gumm was born to George and Betty Gumm in Jackson, WI. He attended David's Star Ev. Lutheran School in Kirchwyn, WI. He attended Northwestern Preparatory School and Northwestern College in Watertown, WI. He married Carolyn nee Degnitz in August of 1977. He graduated from Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in 1980. God, in His grace and mercy, blessed Pastor and Carolyn with four children: Jeremiah, Joseph, Hannah, and Jonathan. Jeremiah is married to Lisa and have four children: Addie, Matthias, Clara, and Muriel. Jeremiah is Pastor of Cross of Christ Ev. Lutheran Church in Liverpool, NY. Joseph is married to Annie and have three children: Benj, Evie, and Aaron. Joseph is principal and upper grade teacher at Trinity Lutheran School in Nicollet, MN. Annie also teaches there. Hannah is married to Joseph Mueller and is the Early Childhood Program director and teacher at St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church in Wisconsin Rapids, WI. Her husband Joseph works for AIG/Travelguard in Stevens Point, WI. They have two children: Lena and Gemma. Jonathan lives in Plover, WI and works at a bank in Stevens Point, WI.

Pastor Gumm was ordained and installed at St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church in Hazelton, ND in July of 1980. After more than 6 years, the Holy Spirit led him to serve the Lord at St. Peter's Ev. Lutheran Church in Kekoskee (Mayville), WI; Christ Our Redeemer in Gillette, WY; Prince Of Peace Ev. Lutheran Church in Yuma, AZ; and Hope Ev. Lutheran Church in West Chicago, IL. Carolyn is a speech pathologist with almost 40 years of experience. Her God-given talents have been used in many various aspects of speech pathology. She retired from full-time work in schools in 2015, but has substituted in several schools since retiring. Her love for her Lord has led her to serve in a multitude of ways within each of the congregations where her husband served. Pastor and Carolyn enjoy gardening, camping, cooking, and spending time with family and, of course, with their "fur child" (dog) Chewy.

Throughout the years and places, God's grace was always there. Soli Deo Gloria!