

Holy Communion

with

Rite of Ordination

March 21, 2020 † 11:00 a.m.

Augustana Chapel

Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago

Chicago, Illinois



Metropolitan Chicago Synod

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.



✠ GATHERING ✠

GREETING

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

C: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

B: Almighty and merciful God,
you built your church on the foundation of the apostles and prophets,
and you instituted the office of the ministry of word and sacrament
so that the apostolic and prophetic work might continue
throughout the ages.

Grant that Rita, now to be ordained,
may carry out this ministry faithfully in the power of your Spirit;
through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

Please be seated.

✠ WORD ✠

READING: *Psalm 103: 1-5*

A reading from the Psalms (*pause*)

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless his holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and do not forget all his benefits—
who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,
who redeems your life from the Pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
who satisfies you with good as long as you live
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

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

The Holy Gospel according to John.
Glory to you, O Lord.

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, 'Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.' For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. When it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, 'This is a deserted place, and the hour is now very late; send them away so that they may go into the surrounding country and villages and buy something for themselves to eat.' But he answered them, 'You give them something to eat.' They said to him, 'Are we to go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread, and give it to them to eat?' And he said to them, 'How many loaves have you? Go and see.' When they had found out, they said, 'Five, and two fish.' Then he ordered them to get all the people to sit down in groups on the green grass. So they sat down in groups of hundreds and of fifties. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to his disciples to set before the people; and he divided the two fish among them all. And all ate and were filled; and they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. Those who had eaten the loaves numbered five thousand men.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

✝ ORDINATION ✝

PRESENTATION

Presenter:

I present for ordination to the ministry of word and sacrament
Rita William Chirala, who has been prepared, examined,
and approved for this ministry
and who has been called by the church
to this ministry through Faith Lutheran Church, Sault St. Marie, Michigan.

C: Thanks be to God!

The presiding minister questions the ordinand.

B: 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.

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 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)

The presiding minister questions the ordinand.

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?

ORDINAND: 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?

ORDINAND: 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?

ORDINAND: I will, and I ask God to help me.

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

ORDINAND: 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

AM: With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

For the holy catholic church, that, filled with your love, it may hunger for truth and thirst after righteousness: God of mercy, **receive our prayer.**

For all members of the church, that they may serve you in true and godly lives: God of mercy, **receive our prayer.**

For Rita, called to be a pastor in the church, that, sustained by your Holy Spirit, she may carry out this ministry with joy and a spirit of bold trust, serve your people, build up your church, and glorify your name: God of mercy, **receive our prayer.**

For all ministers of word and sacrament; for all ministers of word and service; for Elizabeth, Yehiel, and Katherine, our bishops; that, together with all those responsible for the care and nurture of your people, they may support one another in serving Christ: God of mercy, **receive our prayer.**

For the peace of the church, that our divisions may be overcome, so that, united in Christ, we may serve the world and bear witness to the good news: God of mercy, **receive our prayer.**

For the nations of the world and their leaders, that they may work for justice and promote the dignity and freedom of every person: God of mercy, **receive our prayer.**

For the whole creation, that everything you have made may fulfill your purpose and that we may exercise care for your diverse gifts: God of mercy, **receive our prayer.**

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, the lonely, the forgotten, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected: God of mercy, **receive our prayer.**

For the glorious company of all the saints, those who have died in faith and those who live in certain hope, we praise you. That their witness may give us courage until the day of Jesus Christ: God of mercy, **receive our prayer.**

B: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: **Amen.**



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 pastors and teachers,
to equip your people for their work of ministry
for building up the body of Christ.

The presiding minister lays both hands on the head of the ordinand.

Other pastors who are participating in the laying on of hands place one hand on the ordinand.

Eternal God, through your Son, Jesus Christ,
pour out your Holy Spirit upon Rita
and fill her with the gifts of grace for the ministry of word and sacrament.
Bless her proclamation of your word and administration of your sacraments,
so that your church may be gathered for praise and strengthened for service.
Make her a faithful pastor, patient teacher, and wise counselor.
Grant that in all things she 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 pastors present may, in turn, offer a brief blessing, and then are seated.

GIVING OF A STOLE

The ordinand may remain kneeling.

A stole is placed over their shoulders by their sponsor.

BISHOP: 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

The ordinand stand. Scripture passages are addressed to the ordinand.

PASTOR 1: *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*)

PASTOR 2: *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 that he obtained with the blood of his own Son. (*Acts 20:28*)

PASTOR 3: *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*)

BISHOP: *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)

B: Rita, care for God's people, bear their burdens,
and do not betray their confidence.
So discipline yourself 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

B: 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.

C: **Amen.**

ACCLAMATION BY THE ASSEMBLY

The ministers and the ordinand face the assembly. The presiding minister addresses the assembly.

Will you, assembled as the people of God and speaking for the whole church,
receive Rita, as a messenger of Jesus Christ,
sent by God to serve all people with the gospel of hope and salvation?

We will, and we ask God to help us.

Will you regard her as a servant of Christ?

We will, and we ask God to help us.

Will you pray for her, help and honor her for her 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 the newly ordained to the assembly.

Let it be acclaimed that Rita William Chirala is a called and ordained minister in the church of Christ. She has 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.

✠ SENDING ✠

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

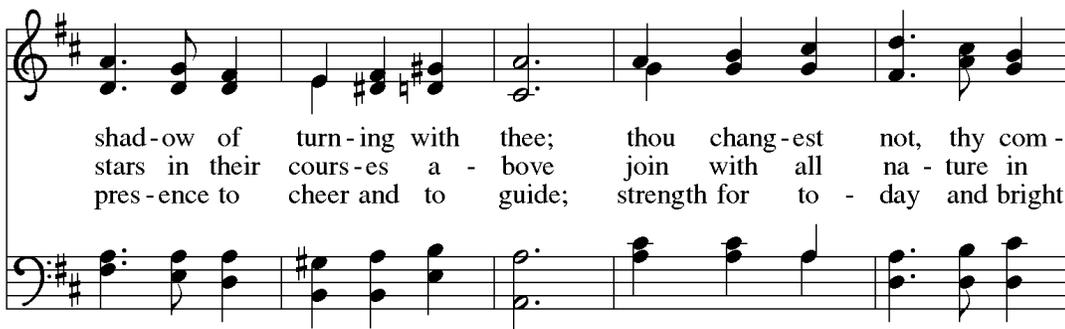
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SENDING HYMN:

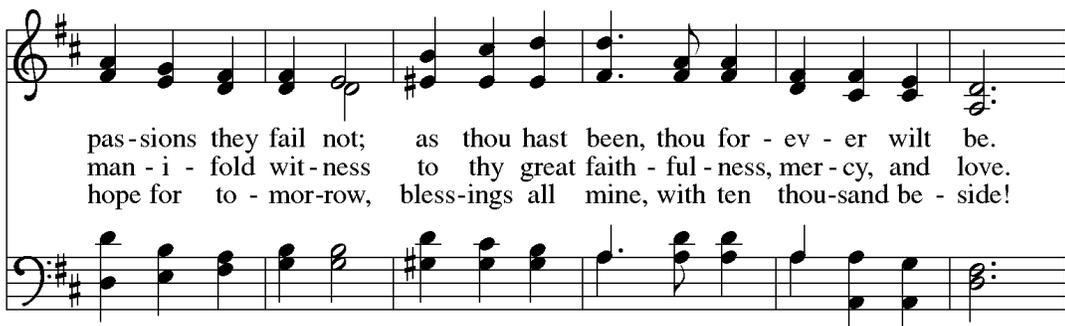
Great is Thy Faithfulness



1 Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther; there is no
2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest, sun, moon, and
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, thine own dear



shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang - est not, thy com -
stars in their cours - es a - bove join with all na - ture in
pres - ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright



pas - sions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for - ev - er wilt be.
man - i - fold wit - ness to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
hope for to - mor - row, bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Refrain



Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by
 morn-ing new mer-cies I see; all I have need-ed thy
 hand hath pro-vid-ed; great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un-to me.

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DISMISSAL

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Thanks be to God!

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