

INSTALLATION OF REV. DR. LANG YANG AS ASSOCIATE PASTOR/CHAPLAIN



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
SATURDAY, JANUARY 17, 2026 - 5:00 PM

(The * indicates when the congregation is to stand.)

PRELUDE

WELCOME

*INVOCATION, CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the **☩** Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: **who made heaven and earth.**

Pastor: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

People: **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

Pastor: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

People: **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

Pastor: 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.

People: **Amen.**

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"Blessed Jesus, at Your Word"

Hymn 904



1 Bless - ed Je - sus, at Your Word We are gath - ered
2 All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight Lie in deep - est
3 Gra - cious Sav - ior, good and kind, Light of Light, from
4 Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it, Lord, Praise to You and

all to hear You. Let our hearts and souls be stirred
 dark-ness shroud-ed Till Your Spir-it breaks our night
 God pro-ceed-ing, O - pen now our heart and mind;
 ad - o - ra - tion! Grant that we may trust Your Word,

Now to seek and love and fear You, By Your teach-ings,
 With the beams of truth un - cloud - ed. You a - lone to
 Help us by Your Spir-it's plead - ing. Hear the cry Your
 Con - fi - dent of our sal - va - tion, While we here be -

sweet and ho - ly, Drawn from earth to love You sole - ly.
 God can win us; You must work all good with - in us.
 Church now rais - es; Hear and bless our prayers and prais - es.
 low must wan - der, Till we sing Your prais - es yon - der.

THE SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray. O God, You have called us and all who call upon You to be saints, called from the darkness of our sin to the light of holiness in You. By Your Word and Spirit, work in us true repentance and faith and the faithfulness and love that are ours in Christ Jesus, our Lord; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

1 Samuel 16:1, 11-13

¹The LORD said to Samuel, “How long will you grieve over Saul, since I have rejected him from being king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil, and go. I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.”

¹¹Then Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but behold, he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and get him, for we will not sit down till he comes here.” ¹²And he sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. And the LORD said, “Arise, anoint him, for this is he.” ¹³Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers. And the Spirit of the LORD rushed

upon David from that day forward. And Samuel rose up and went to Ramah.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

1 Timothy 4:7b-12

⁷Rather train yourself for godliness; ⁸for while bodily training is of some value, godliness is of value in every way, as it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come. ⁹The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance. ¹⁰For to this end we toil and strive, because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Savior of all people, especially of those who believe. ¹¹Command and teach these things. ¹²Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

*HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 10:13-16

Pastor: The Gospel according to St. Mark, the tenth chapter.

People: Glory be to You, O Lord.

¹³And they were bringing children to him that he might touch them, and the disciples rebuked them. ¹⁴But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. ¹⁵Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.” ¹⁶And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to You, O Christ.

*SERMON HYMN “Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”

Hymn 849



1 Praise the One who breaks the dark - ness With a lib - er -

2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren With a strong, yet

3 Let us praise the Word In - car - nate, Christ, who suf - fered

at - ing light; Praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners,
 gen - tle, word; Praise the One who drove out de - mons
 in our place. Je - sus died and rose vic - to - rious

Turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight. Praise the One who preached the
 With the pierc - ing, two-edged sword. Praise the One who brings cool
 That we may know God by grace. Let us sing for joy and

Gos - pel, Heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease, Calm-ing
 wa - ter To the des - ert's burn - ing sand; From this
 glad - ness, See - ing what our God has done; Let us

storms, and feed - ing thou-sands With the ver - y Bread of peace.
 Well comes liv - ing wa - ter, Quench-ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
 praise the true Re - deem - er, Praise the One who makes us one.

SERMON

“Warmth, Challenge & Grace”

Mark 10:13-16

ANTHEM

“*Yog Vaajtswv Pum Zoo*” (According to God’s Will)
 (Vocal Solo)

THE INSTALLATION OF REV. DR. LANG YANG AS ASSOCIATE PASTOR/CHAPLAIN

- The Institution of the Office of the Public Ministry
- The Responsibilities of the Office of the Public Ministry
- The Strength and Promise in the Office of Public Ministry
- Questioning and Promise of the Candidate
- Officiant Addresses the Congregation
- Laying On of Hands

*PRAYER OF THE CONGREGATION

Ever living God, strengthen and sustain Your Servant, Pastor Lang Yang, with patience, understanding, wisdom, courage and boldness as he loves and cares for Your people; lead us to follow Jesus as he shares the saving message of Christ. Accept now the dedication and offering of our gifts and

talents to You, our Lord and our God. We place our lives before You to walk and work together in fulfilling the mission You would accomplish through each of us here at Grace Lutheran Church and beyond for the sake of Your Kingdom and in the name of Jesus. Amen.

***PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH AND BLESSING OF THE QUILTS**

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,
People: Hear our prayer.

HOLY COMMUNION

***PREFACE**

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Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is truly meet, right, and salutary...evermore praising You and singing:

***SANCTUS**

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C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

*LORD'S PRAYER

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.**

*AGNUS DEI

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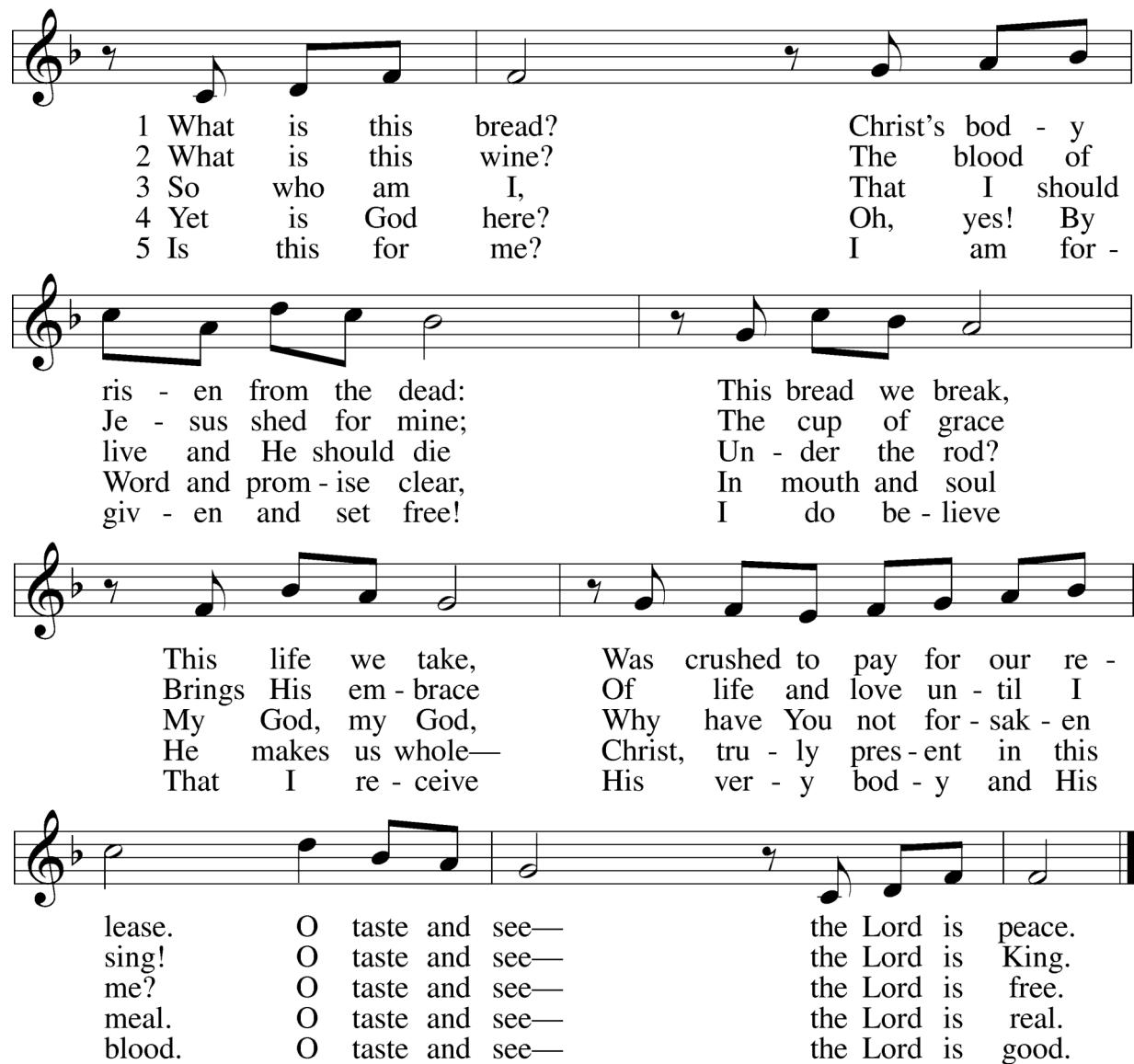
1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
 2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
 You take the sin of the world a - way;
 You take the sin of the world a - way;
 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
 Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
 And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

MUSIC DURING THE DISTRIBUTION

"What Is This Bread"

Hymn 629



1 What is this bread? Christ's bod - y
2 What is this wine? The blood of
3 So who am I, That I should
4 Yet is God here? Oh, yes! By
5 Is this for me? I am for -

ris - en from the dead: This bread we break,
Je - sus shed for mine; The cup of grace
live and He should die Un - der the rod?
Word and prom - ise clear, In mouth and soul
giv - en and set free! I do be - lieve

This life we take, Was crushed to pay for our re -
Brings His em - brace Of life and love un - til I
My God, my God, Why have You not for - sak - en
He makes us whole— Christ, tru - ly pres - ent in this
That I re - ceive His ver - y bod - y and His

lease. O taste and see— the Lord is peace.
sing! O taste and see— the Lord is King.
me? O taste and see— the Lord is free.
meal. O taste and see— the Lord is real.
blood. O taste and see— the Lord is good.

“Lord of All Hopefulness”

Hymn 738

1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,
2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,
3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,
4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,

Whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy:
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
Your hands swift to wel - come, Your arms to em - brace:
Whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm:

Be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,
Be there at our la - bors, and give us, we pray,
Be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,
Be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,

Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

*POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

*PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS AND CONSECRATION FOR THE LORD'S WORK

*BENEDICTION (Numbers 6:24-26)

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✡ give you peace.

People: Amen.

*SENDING HYMN

“Lift High the Cross” (vv. 1, 5 & 6)

Hymn 837

Refrain

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro-claim Till
all the world a - dore His sa - cred name.

1 Come, Chris-tians, fol - low where our Cap - tain trod,
5 Let ev - 'ry race and ev - 'ry lan - guage tell
6 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell.
Praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

Refrain

*DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

WORSHIP SERVICE LEADERS

SATURDAY, 5:00 PM

Preacher	The Rev. Charles T. Reich
Celebrant	The Rev. Dr. Lang Yang
Liturgists	The Rev. Steven M. Braun, Vicar Stephen Moore
Organist	Thomas Schulteis
Soloist	Phoua Yang
Communion Deacon	Vickie Ryan
Lector	Roger Walker
Usher/Greeter Team	Linda Davy, Jim Campbell

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The Rev. Dr. Lang Yang



Rev. Dr. Lang Yang was born in Xiengkhouang, Laos. He came to the United States in 1979, when he was 11 years old. He holds a Doctor of Ministry Degree (D.Min.), a Doctor of Biblical Exposition (D.B.E), a Juris Doctor Degree in Law (J.D.), a Master of Divinity degree in Chaplaincy (M.Div.), a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice, an Associate in Applied Science Degree in Criminal Justice, and an Associate of Arts Degree in General Education. In 1996, they relocated from North Carolina to Richville, Michigan, and joined St. Michael's Lutheran Church. Dr. Yang has served as President of Txakee Yang, Inc., Loss Prevention Investigator, and the First Hmong

Law Enforcement Officer in North Carolina, Store Manager, English/Hmong Language Interpreter Specialist, and as an ordained member of The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod (LCMS).

Dr. Yang currently serves as a Chaplain at Winter Haven Hospital, part of BayCare Health System. Dr. Yang has served as Associate Pastor and Minister to the Hmong members at St. Michael's (2004-2022), Our Savior Lutheran Church and School in Lansing, and Hmong Mission Outreach with the Michigan District LCMS, which began in 2004 and continued through 2025. Dr. Yang and his wife, Phoua, became members of Grace Lutheran Church and School in November 2025. Dr. Yang graduated on October 22, 2008, from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, through the Ethnic Immigrant Institute of Theology (EIIT) alternate route to ordination. Dr. Yang has served as President of the Hmong Mission Society in North America since 2012. He served three terms (6 years) as President of the LCMS Hmong Ministry Conference, Alumni Council for Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, and Committee of the LCMS Hmong Hymnal Project. He served as Counselor for the Hmong Lutheran Women's Mission. He also supports the mission work in Thailand through the Hmong International Mission by teaching pastoral candidates, students, and Hmong Ministry leaders, and engaging in outreach to the Hmong people. Dr. Yang is the first Hmong person in America to be appointed as an Officer to serve as a Chaplain (CPT) with the United States Army Reserve. He is certified to teach Strong Bond – Speed of Trust for Soldiers, Families, and Marriages. He also teaches Ask, Care, Escort – Suicide Intervention (ACE-SI). Dr. Yang is the former Great Lakes Region Chaplain for the Civil Air Patrol, a United States Air Force Auxiliary. He is a qualified Mission Chaplain, Ground Team Member (GTM3), Urban Direction Finding (UDF), and Mission Staff Assistant. He had served as Chaplain for the Tuscola County Sheriff's Department Chaplain Corps and Denmark Township, and interprets Hmong into English for the Michigan Secretary of State. He is a certified instructor teaching First Aid/CPR/AED for the American Red Cross. A Certified Church Planter Trainer with Church Dynamic Planter International (CDPI), he is qualified to train individuals in Church Planting Essentials. He is a Certified Instructor for the International Conference of Police Chaplaincy (ICPC). He can teach the courses anywhere in the world.