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*Divine Worship*  
*with the rite of*  
*Ordination and Installation*  
*for*  
*Jonathan Thomas Chapa*





# The Rite of Holy Ordination & The Rite of Installation for *Jonathan Thomas Chapa*

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**AS WE GATHER:** In the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (LCMS) no one takes up the office of pastor simply of his own volition. A man must be formed and trained as a pastor, examined by the church as to both his character and his ability to teach the Word of God faithfully, called by God through the church and, because our congregations are not independent franchises but members of a confessional fellowship, we also seek to recognize in a public way through the participation of the wider church that a pastor is properly called. Ordination is the public rite of the church, living in Christ, that proclaims openly all these elements. We welcome you today to this Rite of Ordination and Installation of Jonathan Chapa.

**THE PRE-SERVICE MUSIC** by the Firm Foundation Ringers

**THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN** *“My Hope is Built on Nothing Less”*

LSB 575

1 My hope is built on noth - ing less Than Je - sus'  
2 When dark - ness veils His love - ly face, I rest on  
3 His oath, His cov - e - nant and blood Sup - port me  
4 When He shall come with trum - pet sound, Oh, may I

blood and righ - teous - ness; No mer - it of my  
His un - chang - ing grace; In ev - 'ry high and  
in the rag - ing flood; When ev - 'ry earth - ly  
then in Him be found, Clothed in His righ - teous -

own I claim But whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.  
storm - y gale My an - chor holds with - in the veil.  
prop gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.  
ness a - lone, Re - deemed to stand be - fore His throne!

*Refrain*  
On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; All oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

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## THE INVOCATION

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

C **Amen.**

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.*

## THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

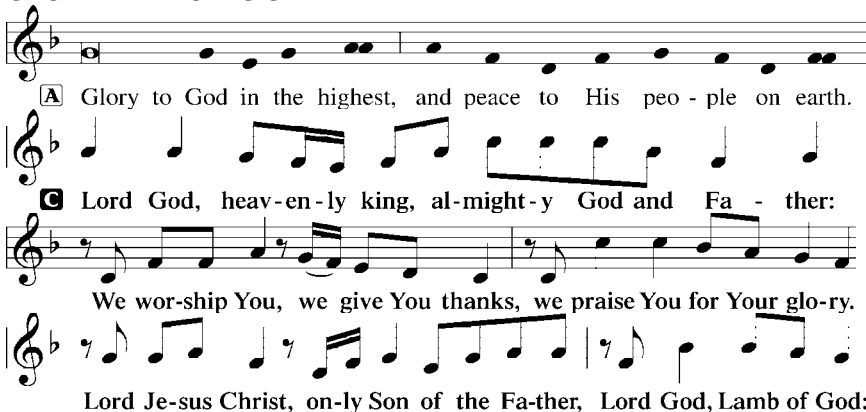
- P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved 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  $\mathbb{T}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C **Amen.**

## THE KYRIE

LSB 152

- A In peace let us pray to the Lord.
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- C **Amen.**

## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



The musical notation for the Gloria in Excelsis is presented in four staves. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a common time signature (C). The melody consists of a series of eighth and sixteenth notes. The lyrics are: [A] Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth. The second staff continues the melody with similar note values. The lyrics are: [C] Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther: The third staff continues the melody. The lyrics are: We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry. The fourth staff continues the melody. The lyrics are: Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



## THE SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

O God, You led Your holy Apostles to ordain pastors in every place. Grant that Your flock, under the guidance of Your Holy Spirit, may choose suitable men for the ministry of Word and Sacrament and may uphold them in their work for the extension of Your kingdom; through Him who is the Chief Shepherd of our souls, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

## THE OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 52:7-10

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." <sup>8</sup> The voice of your watchmen—they lift up their voice; together they sing for joy; for eye to eye they see the return of the Lord to Zion. <sup>9</sup> Break forth together into singing, you waste places of Jerusalem, for the Lord has comforted his people; he has redeemed Jerusalem. <sup>10</sup> The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## THE SPECIAL MUSIC *"Be Strong in the Lord"* by the Holiday Choir

## THE EPISTLE READING Romans 10:14-17

<sup>14</sup> How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? <sup>15</sup> And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!" <sup>16</sup> But they have not all obeyed the gospel.

For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?" <sup>17</sup> So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

## THE ALLELUIA AND VERSE

LSB 156

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## THE HOLY GOSPEL Mark 10:42-45

- A The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the tenth chapter.
- C **Glorify to You, O Lord.**

<sup>42</sup> And Jesus called them to him and said to them, "You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. <sup>43</sup> But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, <sup>44</sup> and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. <sup>45</sup> For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

## THE HYMN OF THE DAY "How Firm A Foundation"

LSB 728; vs.1-3 & 5

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,  
2 "Fear not! I am with you, O be not dis - mayed,  
3 "The soul that on Je - sus has leaned for re - pose  
5 "Through - out all their life - time My peo - ple will prove  
Is laid for your faith in His ex - cel - lent Word!  
For I am your God and will still give you aid;  
I will not, I will not, de - sert to his foes;  
My sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;  
What more can He say than to you He has said  
I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
That soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,  
And then, when gray hairs will their tem - ples a - dorn,



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**THE SERMON** by The Reverend Ryan Clark

## THE APOSTLES' CREED

- C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**THE SPECIAL OFFERING** In gratitude for the generous support already given to our Capital Campaign and for the blessing of being able to call Pastor Jonathan Chapa as our new pastor, we offer these gifts.

## THE RITE OF ORDINATION

- P Beloved in the Lord, Jonathan Chapa has been called by Jesus Christ, the Lord of the Church into the Office of the Holy Ministry of the Word and Sacraments. He has been prepared for this ministry by careful study and prayer. He has been examined and declared ready and prepared to undertake this sacred responsibility, and, by the guidance of God the Holy Spirit, he has, in the Church's usual order, been called to serve as Associate Pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church in Merrill, Wisconsin. We are all gathered here on behalf of the whole Church around the world to give our blessing in presenting him, according to the apostolic practice, to be ordained and consecrated to this office established by God.

## THE SALUTATION AND COLLECT

- P The Lord be with you  
C **And also with you**  
P O Lord God, heavenly Father, by the blessed light of Your holy Word You have led us to the knowledge of Your Son. We humbly implore You to replenish us with the grace of Your Holy Spirit that we may ever walk in the light of Your truth and, rejoicing with sure confidence in Christ, our Savior, be brought to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
C **Amen.**

## SCRIPTURAL INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING THE OFFICE OF THE HOLY MINISTRY

- R Hear what Holy Scripture says concerning the institution of the Office of the Holy Ministry:

- A <sup>18</sup> And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> 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, <sup>20</sup> teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Matthew 28:18-20)
- A <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." <sup>22</sup> And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld." (John 21:15-17)

### **SCRIPTURAL INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE OFFICE OF THE HOLY MINISTRY**

- R Hear what the Holy Scripture says concerning the strength and promise God gives to those in the Office of the Holy Ministry:
- A <sup>15</sup> When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Feed my lambs." <sup>16</sup> He said to him a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Tend my sheep." <sup>17</sup> He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" and he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. (John 21:15-17)
- A <sup>46</sup> and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, <sup>47</sup> and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. (Luke 24:46-47)
- A <sup>4</sup> Such is the confidence that we have through Christ toward God. <sup>5</sup> Not that we are sufficient in ourselves to claim anything as coming from us, but our sufficiency is from God, (2 Corinthians 3:4-5)
- A The saying is trustworthy: If anyone aspires to the office of overseer, he desires a noble task. <sup>2</sup> Therefore an overseer must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, sober-minded, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, <sup>3</sup> not a drunkard, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. <sup>4</sup> He must manage his own household well, with all dignity keeping his children submissive, <sup>5</sup> for if someone does not know how to manage his own household, how will he care for God's church? <sup>6</sup> He must not be a recent convert, or he may become puffed up with conceit and fall into the condemnation of the devil. <sup>7</sup> Moreover, he must be well thought of by outsiders, so that he may not fall into disgrace, into a snare of the devil. (1 Timothy 3:1-7)
- A <sup>2</sup> shepherd the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight, not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you; not for shameful gain, but eagerly; <sup>3</sup> not domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock. <sup>4</sup> And when the chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory. (1 Peter 5:2-4)

### **SCRIPTURAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE STRENGTH AND PROMISE IN THE OFFICE OF THE HOLY MINISTRY**

- R Hear what the Holy Scripture says concerning the strength and promise God gives to those in the Office of the Holy Ministry:
- A <sup>17</sup> "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord." <sup>18</sup> For it is not the one who commends himself who is approved, but the one whom the Lord commends. (2 Corinthians 10:17-18)
- A <sup>14</sup> But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it <sup>15</sup> and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. <sup>16</sup> All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup> that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work. (2 Timothy 3:14-17)

### THE ORDINATION

- R God gathers His church by and around His Holy Gospel and thereby also grants it growth and increase according to His good pleasure. That this may be done, He has established the Office of the Holy Ministry into which you have been called by the Church and are now to be ordained and consecrated by prayer and the laying on of hands.

In the presence of this congregation, Trinity Lutheran Church in Merrill, Wisconsin, and before our Lord God to whom you must give an account now and at the Last Day, I now ask you:

Do you acknowledge that the Lord has called you through His church into the ministry of Word and Sacraments?

*Jonathan: I do.*

- R Do you believe and confess the canonical books of the Old and New Testaments to be the inspired Word of God and the only infallible rule of faith and practice?

*Jonathan: Yes, I believe and confess the canonical Scriptures to be the inspired Word of God and the only infallible rule of faith and practice.*

- R Do you believe and confess the three Ecumenical Creeds, namely the Apostles', the Nicene, and the Athanasian Creeds, as faithful testimonies to the truth of the Holy Scriptures, and do you reject all the errors which they condemn?

*Jonathan: Yes, I believe and confess the three Creeds, because they are in accord with the Word of God. I also reject all the errors they condemn.*

- R Do you confess the Unaltered Augsburg Confession to be a true exposition of Holy Scripture and a correct exhibition of the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church? And do you confess that the Apology of the Augsburg Confession, and the Small and Large Catechisms of Martin Luther, the Smalcald Articles, The Treatise on the Authority of the Primacy of the Pope, and the Formula of Concord as they are contained in the Book of Concord of 1580, are also in agreement with this one scriptural faith?

*Jonathan: Yes I make these confessions my own because they are in accord with the Word of God.*

- R Do you promise that you will perform the duties of your office in accordance with these Confessions, and that all your preaching and teaching and your administration of the Sacraments will be in conformity with Holy Scripture and with these Confessions?

*Jonathan: Yes, I promise with the help of God.*



- R Will you faithfully instruct both young and old in the chief articles of Christian doctrine, will you forgive the sins of those who repent, and will you promise never to divulge the sins confessed to you? Will you minister faithfully to the sick and dying, will you demonstrate to the Church a constant and ready ministry centered in the Gospel, and will you compassionately admonish the people to a lively confidence in Christ and holy living?

*Jonathan: Yes, I will with the help of God*

- R Finally, will you adorn the office of the holy ministry with a holy life? Will you be diligent in study of Holy Scripture and the Confessions? And will you be constant in prayer for those under your pastoral care?

*Jonathan: I will, the Lord helping me through the power and grace of His Holy Spirit.*

### **(Laying hands on the candidate)**

- R Jesus said: "Peace be to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you." And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "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."

Jonathan Thomas Chapa, I ordain and consecrate you to the Office of the Holy Ministry of the Word and Sacraments in the one, holy, Christian, and apostolic Church, in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

- C **Amen.**

- R The Lord Jesus pour out on you His Holy Spirit for this office and work that you may faithfully preach the Gospel and administer the Sacraments.

- C **Amen.**

- P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray.

- C **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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

**THE VESTING** *(The other clergy lay on hands and offer a blessing from the Word of God. Upon completion of this, the newly ordained stands and is vested with a red stole as an insignia of the office which is placed upon the shoulders of the newly ordained. )*

### **RESPONSIBILITY AND BLESSING OF THE CHURCH**

- P Will the congregation please rise. Beloved in the Lord, Holy Scripture says, "Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no advantage to you." Will you, the faithful, according to the Church's public confession, and speaking for the whole Church, receive Pastor Chapa as a servant of Christ and minister of Word and Sacrament? If so, then answer: We will.

- C **We will. But more than that, we give thanks to God for raising up this servant for Christ's people, and we commend him to the whole church, to support and to heed as one authorized in Jesus' name, to publicly proclaim God's Word, and to administer Christ's sacraments. May the Word of Law from his mouth, convict all souls toward repentance, and may the Word of Good News from his mouth, assure all souls of**

**reconciliation with the Father, through the blood of Christ. May he know the Spirit's strength and power.**

P We pray: O eternal, merciful God, You have spoken through Your own dear Son, saying that the harvest is plentiful but the laborers few and that we should ask You, the Lord of the harvest, to send laborers into Your harvest. Hear now our prayer on behalf of Jonathan who this day has been ordained and consecrated to be Your minister in your Church. Strengthen him mightily to take up the Word of truth and faithfully to administer Your holy Sacraments.

O Lord Jesus Christ, our great High Priest, You gave Your own life to be a holy and perfect sacrifice for us and for our salvation. Grant Jonathan a heart zealous for Your people and boldness to guide, comfort, admonish, and serve Your congregation with gentleness and wisdom. Fill him, Your undershepherd, with Your love, that in Your name he will seek the straying and bear up the weak. Give him the heart never to grow weary in the service of Your flock.

O Holy Spirit, strengthen and keep Jonathan in the Word of truth and life, and support him in every time of trouble and distress. Make his labors fruitful and, when the day of labor is ended, grant him to come rejoicing before Your presence to receive with all the saints his portion in eternal salvation.

And to You, God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all glory and honor both now and forever.

C **Amen.**

### **THE RITE OF INSTALLATION**

R Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, the Reverend Jonathan Chapa has been called to be the Associate Pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church. I ask you now, in the presence of God: Will you receive him, show him that love, honor, and obedience in the Lord which you owe to the shepherd and teacher placed over you by your Lord Jesus Christ, and will you support him by your gifts and fervent prayers? If so, answer: We will with the help of God.

C **We will with the help of God.**

R The almighty and most merciful God strengthen and assist you always. Jonathan are you willing and ready to assume this trust and responsibility?

*Jonathan: I am.*

R Jonathan Chapa, I install you as Associate Pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

May 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, equip you with every thing good that you may do His will, working in you that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. (Hebrews 13:20-21)

Let us pray:

Merciful God and Father, You have graciously promised that, through the preaching of the crucified Christ, those who believe in him will be saved. By Your Holy Spirit grant grace to Jonathan, whom You have given to be a pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church. Grant him readiness and steadfastness in this ministry, patience, understanding, and great zeal. Support and strengthen him in Your service that by Your Word, Your Church may be built and increased through Your Son, our great High Priest, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

P **Amen.**

R Go, therefore, and be a shepherd of the Good Shepherd's flock. Proclaim the Word of God, administer the sacraments, offer prayer for all God's people, instruct, watch over, and guide the flock over which the Holy Spirit has placed you. Do it not for earthly gain but with joy, for you have been called not to lordship but to serve His flock. And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away.

The almighty and most merciful God, the Father, the T Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

P **Amen.**

## THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

### THE LORD'S PRAYER SONG *"The Lord's Prayer (It's Yours)"* by the Praise Team

**Vs.** *Father let your kingdom come (holy holy)  
Father let your will be done  
On Earth as in Heaven (let it be done)  
Right here in my heart  
(Repeat)*

**Chorus** *Give us this day our daily bread  
Forgive us forgive us  
As we forgive the ones who sinned  
Against us forgive them  
And lead us not into temptation  
But deliver us from the evil one  
Let your kingdom come*

**(Sing Verse 2x)**

**(Chorus)**

**Bridge** *It's yours it's yours  
All yours all yours  
The kingdom the power  
The glory are yours*

*It's yours it's yours  
All yours all yours  
Forever and ever  
The kingdom is yours  
(Repeat)*

**(Sing Verse 2x)**

**Tag** *On Earth as in Heaven  
Right here in my heart*

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## THE BENEDICTION

P 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 T give you peace.

C **Amen.**

### THE CLOSING RECESSIONAL SONG *"Won't Stop Now"* by the Praise Team

**Vs.1** I give You glory  
For all You've brought me through  
And now I'm ready  
For whatever You want to do

**We want You Lord like never before  
Your presence is an open door  
So come now Lord like never  
before**

**Vs.2** I'm moving forward  
To follow after You  
And now I'm ready  
For whatever You want to do

**Vs.3** In every season  
Your grace has been enough  
And I'm believing

**Chorus** **Your presence is an open door**

The best is yet to come

**Vs.4** The cross before me  
My hope on things above  
And in You Jesus  
The best is yet to come

**(Chorus)**

**Bridge** I know breakthrough is coming  
By faith I see a miracle  
My God made me a promise  
And it won't stop now  
(Repeat 3X)

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The Flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God in honor and celebration of the Installation and Ordination of Pastor Jon Chapa.



*I am excited to be serving as pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church! While we are currently living in Merrill, I am originally from Buffalo, Minnesota. I grew up attending Lutheran schools in the surrounding area and was grateful for the opportunities that they provided for me and for the teachers and pastors who helped me grow in my faith. I spent a few semesters at Iowa State University in the engineering program and two summers working at Camp Omega in Waterville, Minnesota where I met my wife*

*Stephanie. From there, I transferred to and graduated from Concordia University Nebraska with a degree in Secondary Education. After getting married, Steph and I continued on to St. Louis where I graduate from Concordia Seminary. When I am not in the church office, I enjoy disc golf, playing board games, and watching football. While it is hard to pick a favorite verse of Scripture, one of my favorites is Romans 8:1 “There is therefore no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus”*

*Steph and I are grateful when we get to spend time with our families. Most of my extended family lives in the Southwestern Minnesota area, though I hear that some of you might know my brother. Steph is familiar with the state since much of her extended family in Wisconsin, especially around the Hudson area. While we do not yet have children, we love getting to spend time with our nieces, nephews, and our cat! Steph and I enjoy spending time outdoors, camping, gardening, and hiking.*

*I look forward to meeting you all and serving together as God's people!*

*Jon Chapa*

