

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION
with **ORDINATION**
of **MATTHEW OSCAR SHEPHERD**
to the **MINISTRY OF WORD AND SACRAMENT**
in the **EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA**



October 23, 2021

Friendship Lutheran Church
Taylorsville, North Carolina

Participating in the Liturgy

Presiding Minister (PM).....Reverend Tim Canniff-Kuhn
Proclaiming Minister..... Reverend Andrew Miller
Ordaining Minister (OM).....Reverend Dr. Timothy Smith, Bishop
Lectors.....Reverend Mary Canniff-Kuhn
Steve Shealy
Sponsor.....Trudi Warren
Exhorters.....Rev. Tim Canniff-Kuhn
Larry Nichols
Rev. Mary Canniff-Kuhn
Doug Ramsey
Presenter of the Stole.....Olivia, Gabriel & Ian Sheperd
Chargers.....Katie Bencken
Eric Randolph
Rev. Jeffrey Howard
Christopher Girardeau
MusiciansSilsa Moore
Nathan Bowman
Brittany Greathouse
Olivia Shepherd
Rev. Tim Canniff-Kuhn

+ GATHERING +

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (PM)

GATHERING HYMN

“Sanctuary”

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary
Pure and holy, tried and true
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living
Sanctuary, for You.

GREETING

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

All: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

PM: Let us pray together. Almighty and merciful God,

All: **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 Matthew Oscar, now to be ordained, may carry out this
ministry faithfully in the power of your Spirit; through your Son, Jesus
Christ, our Savior Our Lord. Amen.**

The people are seated.

+ WORD +

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

Anthem: “Reckless Love”

First Reading: 1 Samuel 3:1-10

Second Reading: John 20:19-23

Gospel Reading: John 15:12-17

Sermon

Hymn: “Will you Come and Follow Me” (The Summons)

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,
Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,
And admit to what I mean in you and you in me?

Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,
Through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

APOSTLES' CREED

PM: United to the universal Church through the Spirit, we profess our faith:

**All: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

+ RITE OF ORDINATION +

PRESENTATION

Sponsor - I present for ordination to the ministry of word and sacrament
Matthew Oscar Shepherd, who has been prepared, examined,
and approved for this ministry and who has been called by the
Church to this ministry through St. James Lutheran Church.

All: Thanks be to God!

The people are seated.

ADDRESS AND QUESTIONS

- OM: 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.
- E1: Our Lord Jesus Christ says, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." *Luke 4:18-19*
- E2: And again: "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*
- E3: And again: "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*
- E4: St. Paul writes: I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took 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 this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. *1 Corinthians 11: 23-26*
- OM: 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.*

OM: 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.*

OM: 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.*

OM: 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.*

OM: Almighty God, who has given you the will to do these things, graciously give you the strength and compassion to perform them.

All: Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The people stand.

PM: With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, the world and all those in need.

Each portion of the prayers concludes:

PM: Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

The people are seated.

THANKSGIVING

OM: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

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

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

OM: 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, 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 the building up the body of Christ.

*Ordained ministers from all Christian traditions may come forward
and lay hands upon the ordinand, signifying the outpouring
of the Holy Spirit on the Church's ministers.*

OM: Eternal God, through your Son, Jesus Christ, pour out your Holy Spirit upon Matthew Oscar, and fill him with the gift of grace for the ministry of word and sacrament. Bless his proclamation of your word and administration of your sacraments, so that your church may be gathered for praise and strengthened for service. Make him a faithful pastor, patient teacher, and wise counselor. Grant that in all things he 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.

All: Amen.

THE GIVING OF A STOLE

P: Matthew, 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 who 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*

CHARGES TO THE ORDINAND

- C1: 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*
- C2: 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 God's own Son. *Acts 20:28*
- C3: 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*
- C4: 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*
- OM: Matthew, 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

- OM: 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.

All: Amen.

ACCLAMATION BY THE ASSEMBLY

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

All: We will, and we ask God to help us.

OM: Will you pray for Matthew, help and honor him for his work's sake, and in all things strive to live together in the peace and unity of Christ?

All: We will, and we ask God to help us.

OM: Let it be acclaimed that Matthew Oscar Shephard is a called and ordained minister in the church of Christ. He 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!

All: Amen! Thanks be to God!

The assembly may offer acclamation with applause.

+ **MEAL** +

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

Our offerings today are given to the Mobile Café.

Thank you for your generous giving!

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE (PASTOR OSCAR)

PO: The Lord is with you.

All: And also with you.

PO: Lift up your hearts!

All: We lift them to the Lord!

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

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The pastor tells the story of Jesus' last supper and invites the Spirit into the meal.

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

COMMUNION

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you
in his grace.
Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

We thank you, almighty and gracious God, that you have fed us with heavenly
food, the body and blood of your Son, uniting us through him in the
communion of the Holy Spirit. As you have again raised up among us a
faithful servant for the ministry of word and sacrament grant that we, with
Matthew, may joyfully serve you all our days and finally rejoice in your glory;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All: Amen.

+ SENDING +

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BENEDICTION

DISMISSAL

PM: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Today's offering will benefit The Mobile Café in Taylorsville.

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Ephesians 4

*¹¹ The gifts he gave were that some would
be apostles, some prophets,
some evangelists, some pastors and teachers,
¹² to equip the saints for the work of ministry,
for building up the body of Christ,
¹³ until all of us come to the unity of the faith
and of the knowledge of the Son of God,
to maturity, to the measure of
the full stature of Christ.*