

*Thanksgiving and Blessings Celebration Service
For the 50th Ordination Anniversary
of
Rev. Arden G. Dorn
June 25, 2017*

*Rev. James Proper, Officiating Minister
Pre-service music by Ramiro Moncado, Moses Morin, Amy Garcia,
Sean Chapman, Rita Jordan
Crucifer: Paul Pfeifer
Acolytes: Lindsay Jonas & Lillie Jonas
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Gathering

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

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. What a privilege and opportunity we have to "BE" the Body of Christ in the world.

DIALOG OF THANKSGIVING

The assembly stands.

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,
His mercy endures forever.

Open for us the gates of righteousness.
We will enter them and offer thanks to the Lord.

Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord.
Happy the people who are chosen as God's own.

I will set shepherds over them who will care for them, says the Lord.
And they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed.

I will feed them with good pasture.
I will feed them in justice, says the Lord.

Alleluia! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart.
In the assembly of the upright, in the congregation, I will give thanks. Alleluia!

ENTRANCE HYMN

(ELW p. 835)

All Creatures, Worship God Most High!

The Lord be with you!
And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Almighty God, through your Son Jesus Christ, you gave the holy apostles many gifts and commanded them to feed your flock. Inspire all pastors and laypersons to proclaim your Word diligently and make ready the hearts of all people to receive it willingly. Free us from prejudice and fear, that we may see your face in the faces of people around the world; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Lassen Sie uns beten. Allmächtiger Gott durch Ihren Son Jesus Christ Sie gaben den heiligen Aposteln viele Geschenke und befahlen ihnen, Ihre Herde zu füttern. Erwecken Sie alle Pfarrer und Laien, zu Ihr Wort eifrig zu erklären und dazu zu bringen, sich die Herzen aller Leute darauf vorzubereiten, es bereitwillig zu erhalten. Befreien Sie uns von Vorurteilen und Furcht, dass wir Ihr Gesicht in den Gesichtern von Menschen rund um die Welt sehen können; durch Jesus Christ, unser Heiland und Lord. **Amen.**

Word

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

The assembly is seated.

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Jeremiah 23:1-4

Read by: Dolores Charlesworth, Phoenix, AZ

1 "How terrible it will be for the shepherds who lead my people astray!" announces the Lord. "They are destroying and scattering the sheep that belong to my flock." **2** So the Lord, the God of Israel, speaks to the shepherds who take care of my people. He tells them, "You have scattered my sheep. You have driven them away. You have not taken good care of them. So I will punish you for the evil things you have done," announces the Lord. **3** "I myself will gather together those who are left alive in my flock. I will gather them out of all the countries where I have driven them. And I will bring them back to their own land. There my sheep will have many lambs. There will be many more of them. **4** I will place shepherds over them who will take good care of them. My sheep will not be afraid or terrified anymore. And none of them will be missing," announces the Lord.

Word of God, word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Romans 10:8-15

Read by: Gary Long, Laveen, AZ

But what does it say? "The message is near you. It's in your mouth and in your heart." This means the message about faith that we are preaching. **9** Say with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord." Believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead. Then you will be saved. **10** With your heart you believe and are made right with God. With your mouth you say what you believe. And so you are saved.

11 Scripture says, "The one who believes in him will never be put to shame." **12** There is no difference between those who are Jews and those who are not. The same Lord is Lord of all. He richly blesses everyone who calls on him. **13** Scripture says, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

14 How can they call on him unless they believe in him? How can they believe in him unless they hear about him? How can they hear about him unless someone preaches to them? **15** And how can anyone preach without being sent? It is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

Word of God, word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

The assembly stands.

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -

- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -

Hal - le - lu - jah.

lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO: John 21:15-17

Read by: The Reverend James L. Proper, Our Savior Lutheran Church, Long Beach, CA

Glory to you, O Lord.

15 When Jesus and the disciples had finished eating, Jesus spoke to Simon Peter. He asked, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these others do?"

"Yes, Lord," he answered. "You know that I love you."

Jesus said, "Feed my lambs."

16 Again Jesus asked, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?"

He answered, "Yes, Lord. You know that I love you."

Jesus said, "Take care of my sheep."

17 Jesus spoke to him a third time. He asked, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?"

Peter felt bad because Jesus asked him the third time, "Do you love me?" He answered, "Lord, you know all things. You know that I love you."

Jesus said, "Feed my sheep."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ!

The assembly is seated.

The assembly stands.

HYMN OF THE DAY

(ELW p. 798)

Will You Come and Follow Me

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**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and
the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord,
the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and
the Son, who with the Father and the Son is
worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through
the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic
church. We acknowledge one baptism for the
forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of
the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us pray in thanksgiving for the ministry of our co-worker in Christ, the Rev. Arden Dorn, and for the work of the Holy Spirit in the Church and in the whole world.

Almighty God, we give you thanks for pouring out your Spirit upon the Church and bringing forth abundant gifts for the ministry of the whole people of God. Fill the Church with truth and love that all its members may serve you with true devotion and inspired lives. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We thank you for raising up men and women of faith to preach your Word and administer your Sacraments, especially we pray for Pastor Dorn. As you have blessed him during his years of ministry, grant that he may continue to live in his ordination vows, fulfill his duties of ministry, serve your people, build up your Church, promote justice for all people and glorify your name. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Come, Holy Spirit, and fill Pastor Dorn with your love. Shepherd him who shepherds others. Guide him who guides others. Enlighten him who enlightens others. Give to him who gives to others. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We give thanks as well for Roxanne, his spouse, and for all of his family, who in their love and support of Pastor Dorn, have made a significant self-offering to the mission of your Holy Church. As they have shared their love, so shower them with your love and blessings. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bless all bishops and pastors and those who hold authority in the Church, especially Bishop Eaton our Presiding Bishop and Bishop Tiemann our Bishop, and the pastors and lay leaders of our sister congregations. Grant that by their faithful service, faith may abound and your kingdom increase. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heal the divisions, which separate us and bring peace to the Church that we may speak with the one voice of our God. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**

Walk with us in the path of righteousness until we join that cloud of witnesses who have gone before, that we may together live in the joy of your heavenly kingdom. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

BLESSING OF THE REVERAND ARDEN G. DORN

HYMN

(ELW 728)

Blest Are They

Blessing by the Bishop's representative:

Pastor Dorn, may the Lord God bless you and keep you always in his care. May the Lord equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in you that which is pleasing in his sight.

Amen.

Blessing by Rev. Tweedy Sombrero, an ordained colleague:

Pastor Dorn, may the Lord God always be with you, in your going out and your coming in. May the Lord fill your heart and your mind with his love in Jesus Christ. And may the Lord always inspire you to share that love with all those whose lives you touch.

Amen.

Blessing by Ronnie Retzloff, President of St. Paul's:

Pastor Dorn, may the Lord God always be on your lips, that you may speak God's saving grace and forgiveness to all people. May the Lord give you understanding of the Gospel, sincerity of purpose, diligence in ministry, and the beauty of life in Christ, that many people will be served and God be glorified.

Amen.

Blessing by Dena Witte, member of St. Paul's:

Pastor Dorn, may the Lord God bless you and reveal himself in you and through you. May the Lord bless those whom you bless, guide those whom you baptize, forgive those whom you forgive, strengthen those whom you feed with Christ's body and blood, and empower all to love God and their neighbors as themselves.

Amen.

Blessing by youth members of St. Paul's, visiting youth and grandchildren:

Pastor Dorn, may the Lord God be your rock and your refuge, that you may fear nothing, and that you may lay all your cares on him. May the Lord always hear your prayers, that you may be protected from faithless fears and worldly anxieties, and that you may always know and believe in God's love for you and others. May the Lord bless, guide, forgive, and strengthen you to do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with Him.

Amen.

Closing Prayer by friend, Petro Lemmon:

We give you thanks, almighty and gracious God, that you have blessed us with the ministry and friendship of Pastor Dorn, and we pray that he may continue to proclaim in word and deed the Gospel of your Son. Grant that we with him may joyfully serve you---- be the light of the world, the salt of the earth and the leaven of hope in society.

Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Pastor Dorn and family appreciate so much all the people who have shared life and ministry with them over this span of fifty years. They join together in expressing their gratitude in special music:

"I Thank My God In All My Remembrance Of You"

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Peace is shared among the assembly, and then the assembly is seated.

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.

A special offering is being received for the Nkoranga Lutheran Hospital of USA River, Tanzania, Africa for the building of their community service mortuary. Checks should be made out to St. Paul's Lutheran Church earmarked Nkoranga Mortuary.

Offertory Piano Solo: Sean Chapman, St. Paul's Music Academy

The assembly stands.

OFFERING PRAYER

Merciful God,
 you open wide your hand
 and satisfy the need of every living thing.
 You have set this feast before us.
 Open our hands to receive it.
 Open our hearts to embrace it.
 Open our lives to live it.
 We pray this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Dios misericordioso,
 abrir amplia su mano
 y satisfacer las necesidades de cada ser vivo.
 Se ha establecido esta fiesta antes que
 nosotros.
 Abrir nuestras manos para recibirlo.
 Abrir nuestros corazones para abrazarla.
 Abrir nuestras vidas para vivirla.
 Te pedimos esto por medio de Cristo nuestro
 Señor. **Amén.**

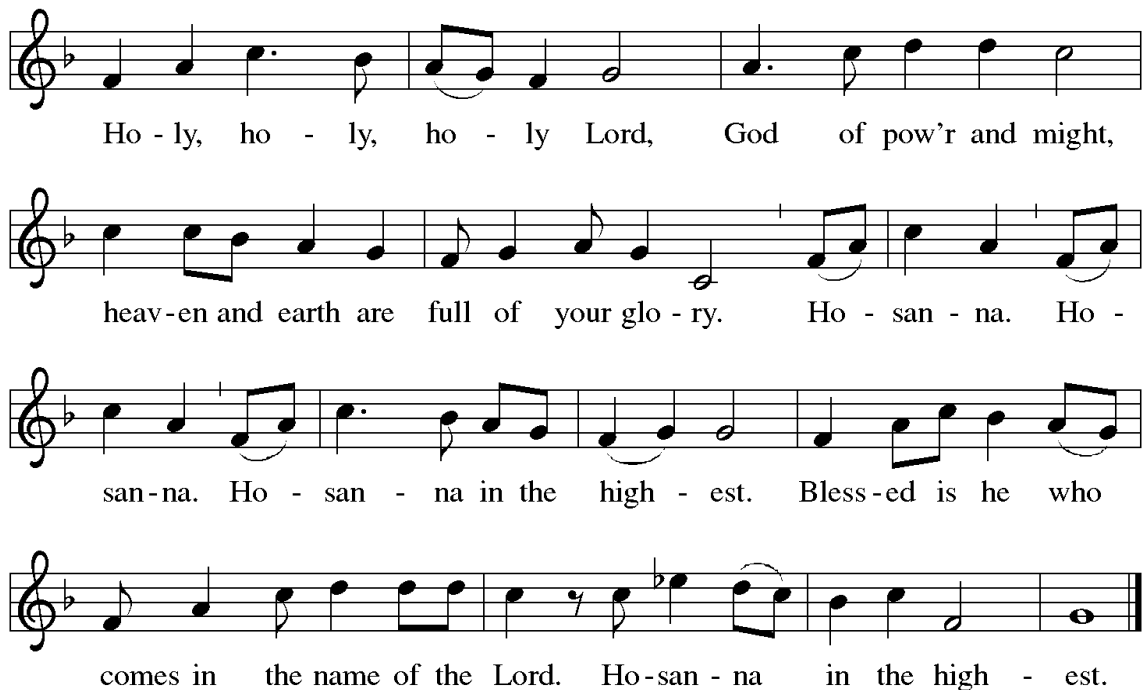
GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God. You reveal your glory as the glory of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: equal in majesty, undivided in splendor, one Lord, one God, ever to be adored in your eternal glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
 san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.
Your mercy is everlasting
and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.
Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.
Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.
Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness
to the land of milk and honey.
Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.
Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.
Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup
we remember our Lord's Passover from death to life
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.
Come, Holy Spirit.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.
Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.
Breathe new life into us.
Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.
Come, Holy Spirit.

With your holy ones of all times and places,
with the earth and all its creatures,
with sun and moon and stars,
we praise you, O God,
blessed and holy Trinity,
now and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

The assembly joins hands to pray:

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, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.
Our Lord's body let us take together.

The assembly is seated.

DISTRIBUTION – All are WELCOME at the table of the Lord.

No matter what you have done or your situation, Christ invites, to His table, all who love Him and earnestly repent of their sin and who seek to live in peace with one another. Children or anyone choosing not to commune, but wishing to be blessed, may indicate this by folding their arms across their chest. Anyone who is unable to come forward may indicate to an usher that you wish to receive communion where you are seated.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

Following Communion, the assembly stands.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Jesus Christ, host of this meal, you have given us not only this bread and cup, but your very self, that we may feast on your great love. Filled again by these signs of your grace, may we hunger for your reign of justice, may we thirst for your way of peace, for you are Lord forevermore. **Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sending

We Celebrate the Call to Ministry.

The assembly stands.

BLESSING

May God, whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine, grant you the gifts of faith and hope. Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN (ELW p. 817) *You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore*

DISMISSAL

Go in Peace! We are called to do Ministry!
Thanks be to God.

DOXOLOGY (ELW p. 884) *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

POSTLUDE: Toccata And Fugue, J. S. Bach

With great joy, Pastor and Mrs. Dorn extend their gratitude to all that participated in the planning, preparation, and participation in today's celebration!

Everyone is invited to share in a Texas Barbecue Luncheon hosted by St. Paul's congregation and a brief program celebrating the ministry of Pastor Dorn and the variety of communities and people who have partnered with him in ministry since 1967 and beyond.

For Prayerful consideration

Ill or Injured

Pauline Davidson, Shane Edens, Linda Franke, Norma Foreman, Ann Gary, Lorene Janek, Steve Kelly, Francis Kempe, Carol May Liberty, Ella Manka, Emil Manka, Charles Pierce, Eli Rios, Steve Scotten, Hope Segura, Tom Shockome, Bo Skloss, Lawrence Waltersdorf, Mary Ruth Witte, Kyle Worthy, Cody Zaiontz, Norma Zamzow.

For those in the military

Nick Adams, Allen Bowles, Justin Chandler, Justin Elkins, Rodney Foreman, Jamaica Goodhue, Taylor Griffin, Jacob Jones, Felipe Leal, Jr., Garrett Peterson, Michael Rosales, James Skinner, Kassie Thompson, John Vasquez, and Delmiro Villanueva.

Birthdays

Doug Franke (June 26), Betty June Polasek (June 28), Frances Kempe (July 2)

Welcome!

We have all come to St. Paul's by different paths, and from various walks of life. Through worship, study, prayer and fellowship we each seek to deepen our faith, comfort and encourage one another and dedicate our lives more fully to sharing Christ in our homes, our community and the world. All are welcome at St. Paul's. We are eager to know you, and we invite you to get to know us.

Communion and Visitor Registration Cards are located in the pew racks. We ask that each member and visitor complete a Communion Card when communing, and visitors complete a Visitor card. Completed cards may be placed in the offering plate as it is passed.

A Nursery is located at the rear of the sanctuary in the overflow area.

If you are unable to hear, require a bulletin, or need any other assistance, please signal an usher.

NEEDED: Stewardship Person - Scripture teaches us to live out a generous response to God's abundance in all that we have and with all that we are. Working with Pastor Dorn and the church Council, the Stewardship person will work with all members of the congregation to increase monetary giving as well as the sharing of time and talents.

Lay Readers for July

July 2 – Mary Maddox

July 16 – Rita Jordan

July 9 – Randy Witte

July 23 – Shelley Gibbens