Installation of Pastor John M. Stelter

Jesus Sends Out the Twelve

St. John’s Lutheran Church
Princeton, Wisconsin

January 29, 2017
ORDER OF WORSHIP

ProcesSional Hymn  Lord Jesus, You Have Come  CW 546

Please stand (as you are able).

Greeting

M: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.
C: Amen.

DIAloGue from the Scriptures

M: Praise the Lord, all you servants of the Lord who minister by night in the house of the Lord. Lift up your hands in the sanctuary and praise the Lord.
C: I will extol the Lord at all times; his praise will always be on my lips.

M: Remember the wonders he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he pronounced.
C: He has brought down rulers from their thrones but has lifted up the humble.

M: Everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.
C: Since my youth, O God, you have taught me, and to this day I declare your marvelous deeds.

M: Remember your leaders, who spoke the Word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith.
C: Even when I am old and gray, do not forsake me, O God, till I declare your power to the next generation, your might to all who are to come.
M: Be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And the things you heard in the presence of many witnesses, entrust to reliable men who will be qualified to teach others.

C: I will speak of your statutes before kings and will not be put to shame.

M: Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.

C: May the Lord our God be with us as he was with our fathers. May he never leave us nor forsake us.

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(CW 293)
God’s Word is our great heritage and shall be ours forever; To spread its light from age to age shall be our chief endeavor. Through life it guides our way; in death it is our stay. Lord, grant, while worlds endure, we keep its teachings pure Throughout all generations.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Almighty God, look with favor on those whom you have called to minister to your people. Fill them with faithfulness to your doctrine and clothe them with holiness of life that they may joyfully serve to the glory of your name and for the benefit of your Church; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

Be seated.
F**RST LESSON

Jeremiah 1:4-10

God gives Jeremiah a call, a specific mission, and a promise.

The word of the Lord came to me, saying,

5 "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
   before you were born I set you apart;
   I appointed you as a prophet to the nations."

6 "Ah, Sovereign Lord," I said, "I do not know how to speak; I am only a child."

7 But the Lord said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a child.' You must go to everyone I send you to and say whatever I command you. 8 Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue you," declares the Lord.

9 Then the Lord reached out his hand and touched my mouth and said to me, "Now, I have put my words in your mouth. 10 See, today I appoint you over nations and kingdoms to uproot and tear down, to destroy and overthrow, to build and to plant."

PSALM 118

The congregation sings each refrain. The Lector and Cantor will sing the psalm verses.

*Refrain*

This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad! This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad!
The LORD is my strength and my song,*
he has become my salvation.

The LORD’s right hand is lifted high,*
the LORD’s right hand has done mighty things!

I will not die but live,*
and will proclaim what the LORD has done.

Refrain
I will give you thanks, for you answered me;*
you have become my salvation.

The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone;*
the LORD has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day the LORD has made;*
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,*
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Refrain

SECOND LESSON

1 Peter 5:1-4
An encouragement and promise to Christ’s under-shepherds

To the elders among you, I appeal as a fellow elder, a witness of Christ’s sufferings and one who also will share in the glory to be revealed: 2 Be shepherds of God’s flock that is under your care, serving as overseers—not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not greedy for money, but eager to serve; 3 not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock. 4 And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away.
The First Song of Isaiah

Please stand.

Gospel Matthew 25:14-23

God commends faithfulness.

"Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his property to them. 15 To one he gave five talents of money, to another two talents, and to another one talent, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey. 16 The man who had received the five talents went at once and put his money to work and gained five more. 17 So also, the one with the two talents gained two more. 18 But the man who had received the one talent went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.

19 "After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. 20 The man who had received the five talents brought the other five. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with five talents. See, I have gained five more.'

21 "His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'

22 "The man with the two talents also came. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with two talents; see, I have gained two more.'

23 "His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'

Be seated.

Hymn The Church's One Foundation CW 538

Please stand for the final verse of the hymn.
Sermon

2 Corinthians 4:5-7

“Treasures in Jars of Clay”

5 For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus’ sake. 6 For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God’s glory displayed in the face of Christ.

7 But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us.

Choir

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

+The Rite of Installation+

Exhortation to the Pastor-Elect

Promises by the Pastor-Elect

Exhortation to the Congregation

Promises by the Congregation

Installation of Rev. John Stelter

Laying on of Hands

Prayer/The Lord’s Prayer
HYMN

We Bid You Welcome in the Name

Please stand.

PRAYER

M: Almighty God, you have committed to your Church the task of making disciples of all nations. Enlighten with your wisdom those who teach and those who learn, that, rejoicing in the knowledge of your truth, they may worship and serve you from generation to generation, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

THE BLESSING

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.
   The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
   The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

Be seated

HYMN

In Christ Alone

1 In Christ a - lone my hope is found.
2 In Christ a - lone— who took on flesh,
3 There in the ground his bod - y lay,
4 No guilt in life, no fear in death,

He is my light, my strength, my song;
Full - ness of God in help - less babe.
Light of the world by dark - ness slain;
This is the pow’r of Christ in me;
This cornerstone, this solid ground,
This gift of love and righteousness,
Then bursting forth in glorious day
From life's first cry to final breath,

Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
Scorned by the ones he came to save.
Up from the grave he rose again!
Jesus commands my destiny.

What heights of love, what depths of peace,
Till on that cross, as Jesus died,
And as he stands in victory,
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man

When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
The wrath of God was satisfied;
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me.
Can ever pluck me from his hand?

My Comforter, my all in all,
For every sin on him was laid.
For I am his and he is mine—
Till he returns or calls me home,

Here in the love of Christ I stand.
Here in the death of Christ I live.
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.
SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Presiding Minister
Pastor Emeritus John Dolan
St. John’s Vacancy Pastor

Lector
Vicar Kenneth Rodrigue
St. John’s

Cantor
Lucas Stelter
Pastor Stelter’s Cousin

Preaching Minister
Pastor Noah Headrick
Grace Lutheran Church, St. Joseph, MI
Pastor Stelter’s Friend and Classmate

Installing Minister
Pastor Paul Schupmann
St. John’s Lutheran Church, Juneau, WI
Pastor Stelter’s Brother-in-law

Organist
Dawn Panoch
St. John’s organist and choir director

Choir
St. John’s Choir

Floutist
Lara Roehl
Member of St. John’s
John M. Stelter

Pastor John Stelter is the oldest son of Don and Helen Stelter. He was raised with his brothers David and Tommy on the family farm. John was born July 14th, 1983 and baptized into Christ on August 21, 1983 at St. James Catholic Church in Neshkoro. After attending St. John’s Lutheran school in Montello, John was confirmed Lutheran on May 18th, 1997 by Pastor Paul Kolander and became a communing member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church (Big Mecan). John attended high school in Montello, graduating in 2001.

John attended Martin Luther College in New Ulm, MN where he graduated in May of 2005. He continued his education at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in Mequon, WI. His vicar year was spent at Christ our Savior Lutheran Church in Columbia, TN. During his senior year at Seminary he was blessed to marry Barbara Schupmann, whom he had known since college. John and Barb have been blessed with three girls: Isabella (6), Sara (4), and Charlotte (2).

After graduating from the seminary in spring of 2009, John was assigned to Our Savior Lutheran Church in Harrisonville, MO. He was ordained as a minister of the gospel in July of 2009. Pastor Stelter served Our Savior for seven and a half years. He also served the WELS Nebraska District in various roles: evangelism coordinator, chairman of the district mission board, and as a Greek instructor for pre-seminary Hmong students. He is looking forward to his new role as pastor of St. John’s Princeton and supervising pastor to Vicar Rodrigue and, God willing, more vicars to come!

When he has opportunity, Pastor enjoys traveling and learning new things. During his seminary days, Pastor took a Spanish immersion trip to Mexico (though his Spanish has grown very rusty since then). Also in seminary, he took an evangelism trip to Canada. As a pastor, he has taken study tours of Israel and France. Barb was able to accompany him to Strasbourg, France this past summer, taking a course on evangelism and apologetics (defending the faith).

The Stelters are looking forward to getting to know the members of St. John’s and the Princeton community. Pastor and Barb both enjoy the outdoors. The three girls seem endlessly interested in almost anything you give them to do, and so they will no doubt find much to enjoy about their new home and church family.

To God be the glory!
THANK YOU FOR JOINING US TODAY

St. John’s Evangelical Lutheran Church has served Princeton and the surrounding area for 150 years. Our congregation is comprised of members who enjoy the blessing of worshipping with different generations of their family and friends they have known their whole life. St. John’s also has many members who are new to this area who have found here a family of faith focused on the eternal truth of God’s grace given to us in Christ Jesus.

St. John’s Lutheran Church is a member of a group of more than twelve hundred churches called the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod or WELS. WELS heritage is the historic Christian faith and the Lutheran Reformation’s emphasis on God’s grace and Scripture’s truth.

We offer a variety of opportunities to gather around God’s word in worship, Bible study, and family/friendship activities.

If you are looking for a church home, accept our invitation to find out more about St. John’s Evangelical Lutheran Church.