**Installation Service for**

**the Rev. Nicole Fielder**

**February 3, 2024**

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**Welcome to worship! We’re glad you’re here!**

To assist in your worship:

**bold** print means we respond together

**\*** meansstand as you are able,

+ you may make the sign of the cross should you so desire.

**Our rECONCILING IN CHRIST WELCOME STATEMENT :**

**We are a friendly congregation who joyfully welcomes everyone who enters our doors. The decision to become a Reconciling in Christ congregation was made with much prayer and deep desire to affirm those who have felt cut-off from any faith community. To be a Reconciling in Christ congregation means that we openly welcome all people regardless of their sexual orientation or gender identity.**

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**PRELUDE**  Roger Halvorson

**SPECIAL MUSIC** *The Water is Wide* Claudia Fitzpatrick

Lonnie Timney

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GATHERING**

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

**\*THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

In the name of the Creator, and of the Redeemer, ☩ and the Sanctifier, whose voice reverberated in blazing bush, and whose image reflects our sacred belonging and purpose. **Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism; we are held so close by God‘s endless compassion and transformation, which flow like an unfailing stream. God’s generous gift of water is for all God’s beloveds. While remembering that water is restorative, that precious resource as it is, water is used for healing, washing, playing, nurturing, cleansing, and in many traditions and communities, water is used in spiritual practices.

Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give thanks for the breath that hovered over resounding waters and spoke life into being.

For the great flood that proclaimed God’s promise through rainbow-colored brilliance.

For the sea that split open our thirst for power, control, and dominance.

We give thanks for the One who transformed water into wine and then yearned to share it with those that society deemed disenfranchised.

We give thanks for the gift of baptism and this not-particularly-special water that proclaims that you, me, WE ALL are beloved children of God, and nothing can separate us from that love of God made known through Jesus.

Cleanse our fears. Drown our divisions. Let us die to a life that pulls us from your relentless love and let us rise to a life that says yes, and...

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ, our living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. And all God’s people say, **Amen!!**

**\*GATHERING SONG** *Wind of the Spirit*

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**\*GREETING**

The grace of the One who redeemed and redeems us, the love, mercy, and justice of the One who created all beyond our wildest dreams and called it all GOOD, and the wisdom of the One who challenges us to go and do likewise be with you all.

**And also with you.**

**\*pRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray, (brief silence) **Almighty God, through your Son Jesus Christ you gave the holy apostles many gifts and commanded them to feed your flock. Inspire all rostered leaders to proclaim your word diligently and your people to receive it willingly, that finally we may receive the crown of eternal glory; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**WORD**

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

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**FIRST READING** Isaiah 52:7-10  PewBible Old Testament Pg. 758

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM**  Psalm 95:1-7a Inclusive Bible Translation

1Come, let us sing joyfully to God! raise a shout to our rock, our deliverance!

**2Let us come into God’s presence with thanksgiving, and sing our praises with joy.**

3For [the Lord] is a great God, the great Ruler above all gods.

**4O God, in your hands are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks are yours.**

5Yours is the seas, for you made it, the dry land as well, for your hands formed it.

**6Come, let us bow down in worship; let us kneel before [the Lord], our Maker.**

7aFor you are our God, and we are the people you shepherd, the flock under your care.

**SECOND READING** Romans 12:4-8 Pew Bible New Testament Pg.169

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

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Description automatically generated\***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *Listen, God is Calling ELW #513*

**\*GOSPEL** John 21:1-17 Pew Bible New Testament Pg. 120

The Holy Gospel according to John the 21st chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The reading concludes: The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON** Pastor Jennie Chrien

**\*SERMON SONG** *Soli Deo Gloria ELW #878*



**\*APOSTLES’ CREED**

**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.**

**INSTALLATION**

**\*Presentation**

Bishop Bos: Having been authorized by the church to install the Reverend Nicole Fielder, our co-worker in the gospel, as Pastor of Christ Lutheran Church, I now ask for certification of this call.

*Representative:* After prayerful deliberation, we, of Christ Lutheran Church, have called Nicole Fielder as Pastor. I present her and this letter certifying the call.

*You may be seated.*

**Address and Questions**

*The presiding minister addresses the pastor being installed.*

B: A reading from John: Jesus said, “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)

A reading from Matthew: Jesus said, “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)

A reading from First Timothy: Set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Attend to the public reading of scripture, to exhorting, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you through prophecy with the laying on of hands by the council of elders. Put these things into practice, devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress. Pay close attention to yourself and to your teaching; continue in these things, for in doing this you will save both yourself and your hearers. (1 Timothy 4:12-16)

B: Nikki, in the presence of this assembly, will you commit yourself to this new trust and responsibility, in the confidence that it comes from God through the call of the church?

*N: I will, and I ask God to help me.*

B: Will you preach and teach in accordance with the holy scriptures and with the confessions of the Lutheran church? Will you carry out this ministry in harmony with the constitutions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America?

*N: I will, and I ask God to help me.*

B: Will you be diligent in your study of the holy scriptures and in your use of the means of grace? Will you love, serve, and 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?

*N: I will, and I ask God to help me.*

B: Will you give faithful witness in the world, that God’s love may be knownin all that you do?

*N: I will, and I ask God to help me.*

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

**All: Amen.**

**\*Address and Questions continued**

*Please rise in body or spirit.*

B: People of God, will you receive Nikki as a messenger of Jesus Christ sent to serve all people with the gospel of hope and salvation? Will you regard her as a servant of Christ and a steward of the mysteries of God?

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

B: Will you pray for her, help and honor her for her 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.**

B: Nikki, the office of pastor is now committed to you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen.**

**\*Blessing**

B: 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.

*At the place of baptism, representatives of the congregation say:*

You have been called to be among us to baptize, to teach, and to forgive sins.

*At the place of the word, representatives of the congregation say:*

You have been called to be among us to proclaim the good news.

*At the place of the meal, representatives of the congregation say:*

You have been called to be among us to preside at the Lord’s supper.

B: People of God, I present to you Nikki Fielder, your pastor. Let us welcome

her in the name of Christ.

Welcome

Pastor Nikki!

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray.

*A brief silence.*

God of mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

**\*SHARING OF PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**



**OFFERTORY** *Seasons of Love Claudia Fitzpatrick*

*Maggie Fitzpatrick*

**\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE** *What Have We to Offer*



**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Let us pray together:

For the gift of unconditional love, **we give thanks.**

For the way in which these offerings will become gifts of love embodied, **we give thanks.**

For the gift of this community bound and working together, **we give thanks.**

**Amen.**

**MEAL**

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

**\*THE 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…

And so we sing with all the company of heaven:

**\*SONG OF THANKSGIVING** *Holy, Holy, Holy*

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**\*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

...We proclaim this truth:

Death is part of life. **Christ has died.**

But death will not have the last word. **Christ has risen!**

And suffering will end. **Christ will come again…**

…where justice rolls down like an ever-flowing stream. **Amen.**

**\*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 forever.** **Amen.**

**DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

We believe that this is Jesus' table. All are welcome and invited to commune.  We serve communion by “intinction”; receive the bread and dip it in the chalice of red wine. Currently we are offering individual communion cups as an alternative to intinction if you so desire. Both wine and grape juice (white) are offered in the tray. Gluten free bread is available; let your server know. Should you choose not to commune, please come forward with your arms crossed to receive a blessing.

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

God knows what you need. Come and receive it; be inspired to offer it to the world! Everyone is welcome at  the table of God.

**Lamb of god**

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**CHOIR ANTHEM** *Jesus Messiah* Chancel Choir

**\*POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

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

**\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray: **God, we give thanks, for the opportunity to serve and be served by those you place in our paths. Take our thanks and make it action.  Take your rolling, love-soaked justice and drench us with the desire and capacity to bring it more fully into every single thing we do. Because you give us the courage,**

**you give us the freedom, you call us to walk in the ways of your Son, the Christ, the redeemer, in this world with your Spirit by our side. We honor this call and give thanks. Amen.**

**SENDING**

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.*

**\*BLESSING**

May the outrageous welcome of our Creator ☩ accept and love us for who we are;

may the incarnation of the Word touch and hold us close; may the dancing flicker of the rainbow Spirit help us risk ourselves for love; and the blessing of God now and forever.

**Amen.**



**\*SENDING** **SONG** *We Are All One in the Mission ELW #576*



***\**DISMISSAL**

Go now in wholeness to love and work for the justice of God. **Thanks be to God!**

**POSTLUDE** Roger Halvorson

The Congregation of Christ Lutheran would like to thank all in attendance this morning as we begin one more journey in the life of this church.

Special appreciation to the following individuals:

Presider: Rev. Brenda Bos, Bishop of the Southwest California Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Preacher: Pastor Jennie Chrien, Shepherd of the Valley, West Hills

Assisting Minister: Robin Black

Communion Servers: Pastor Scott Fielder and Pastor Amanda Berg

Lector: Greg Koch

Acolytes: Donald Nielsen

**Congregational Representatives**-

Call Committee Chair and Council President: Shannon Timney  
Baptism: The Croes family

Word: Stephanie Murray & Maggie Fitzpatrick

Meal: Ron & Angie Nelson

Special Music: Claudia Fitzpatrick, Maggie Fitzpatrick & Lonnie Timney; Chancel Choir & Kim Philips  
Accompanist: Roger Halvorson

Ushers: Matt Green, Renu Moon, Rob Randig, Andy Trost

**Planning:** Roger Halvorson, Kim Philips, Rebecca Green, Lisa Cottrell, Stephanie Murray, Doug Holdhusen, DJ Trujillo, Claudia Fitzpatrick, and Kim Croes

**Property Preparation:** Shannon and Matthew Timney, and Robin Black

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**It is our joy to worship with your whole family this morning!**

We encourage everyone of all ages and abilities to worship together. If you do need to take a "time out", please do so in the narthex (gathering space at the entry), and return to worship when you are ready. A changing table is located in the restroom off the narthex. Activity bags, filled with crayons, paper and storybooks, are available in the narthex. Please ask an usher if you need any assistance.

**Mission Statement**

Living by Christ’s example, we welcome, serve, and love all through God’s grace.

**Vision Statement**

Embracing the truth that God’s love and grace is for all, Christ Lutheran Church is a vibrant and active community spreading the good news through acceptance, action, and benevolence.

**Our Position**

Christ is ALIVE!

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