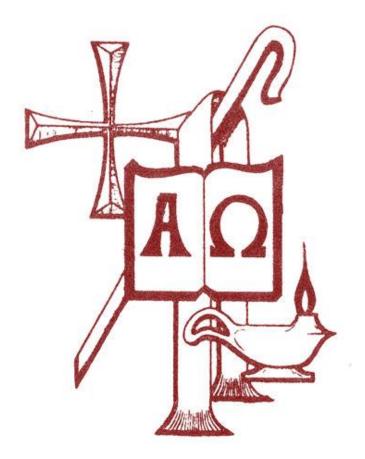
# Service of Installation and Ordination for

# **REV. JASON P. KOHM**



Holy Cross Lutheran Church O'Fallon, Missouri June 30, 2024 3 PM



## As We Gather

Lord Jesus, You are my great High Priest, who intercedes with the Father on my behalf. During Your earthly ministry You called men to be Your apostles, and still today You call men to be pastors in Your Church—to proclaim the Gospel of the forgiveness of sins, to baptize, to nourish Your people with Your holy Supper, and to minister in countless ways to Your flock.

Today, as Jason Kohm is ordained and installed as a pastor of Holy Cross, grant him fidelity to Your Word, wisdom by Your Spirit, and strength from above, that he may carry out his calling faithfully. Make him a fearless confessor of Your truth. Keep him from error in his teaching and from scandal in his life. Give him courage to admonish those who stray, compassion to bind up the brokenhearted, and discernment to apply Law and Gospel to all appropriately. May he protect Your flock from ravaging wolves and shepherd Your lambs into green pastures.

Move us to have proper respect for all Your pastors, to obey them, and to gladly accept the Word preached to us. Keep our pastors and our parishioners faithful until death, that together we may receive the crown of life; in Your name, O Jesus, the only Savior of the word. Amen.

— Pages 152-153: Lutheran Book of Prayer, CPH, 2005

#### About the Cover:

The **Alpha and Omega**, the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet, stand for Jesus Christ, the first and the last, the beginning and the end, (Revelation 22:13), the same yesterday and today and forever (Hebrews 13:8). The **open book** refers to the Word of God, open to everyone. The **staff** symbolizes the shepherd of a flock. The **stole** gives evidence of theological training and ordination and symbolizes obedience to the Master (Matthew 11:30). The **lamp** is a light for darkness (Psalm 119:105) and signifies wisdom and knowledge. The **cross** is for the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

## SERVICE OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

## for Rev. Jason P. Kohm June 30, 2024

Service based on Vespers, LSB 229

**PRELUDE** Improvisation on "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

Daniel Roth, transc. David Gilson

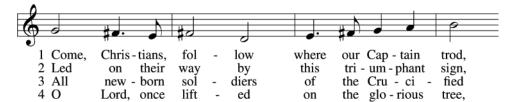
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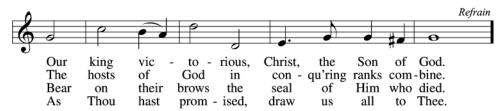
PROCESSIONAL HYMN "Lift High the Cross"

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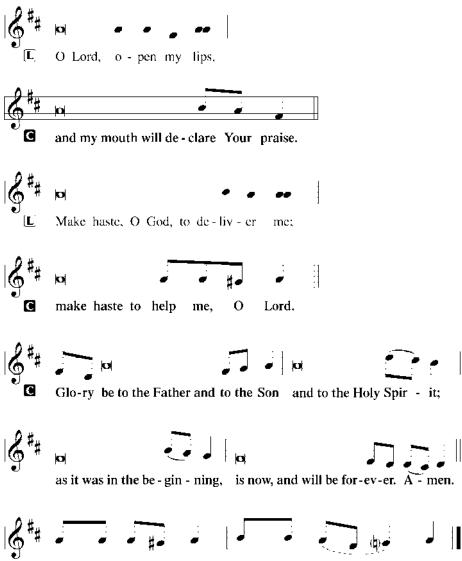






- 5 Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell
  Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell. Refrain
- 6 So shall our song of triumph ever be:
  Praise to the Crucified for victory! Refrain

VERSICLES LSB 229



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Common: Praise to You, O Christ.

## **READINGS**

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

ow 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."

8The 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;

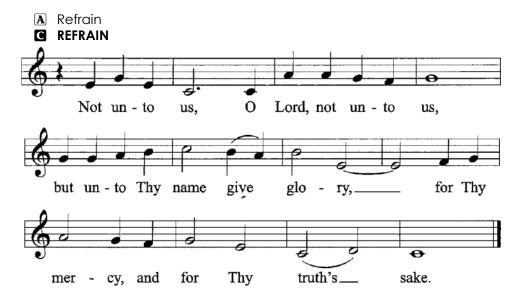
He has redeemed Jerusalem.

10The 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.
- Thanks be to God.

The choir sings the parts marked "A". The congregation sings the parts marked "C".



- O Israel, trust thou in the LORD: He is their help and their shield.
   O house of Aaron, trust in the LORD: He is their help and their shield.
   Ye that fear the LORD, trust in the LORD: He is their help and their shield.
- **C** REFRAIN
- The LORD shall increase you more and more, you and your children. Ye are blessed of the LORD which made heaven and earth. 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**

#### **EPISTLE:** 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup>For it is written,

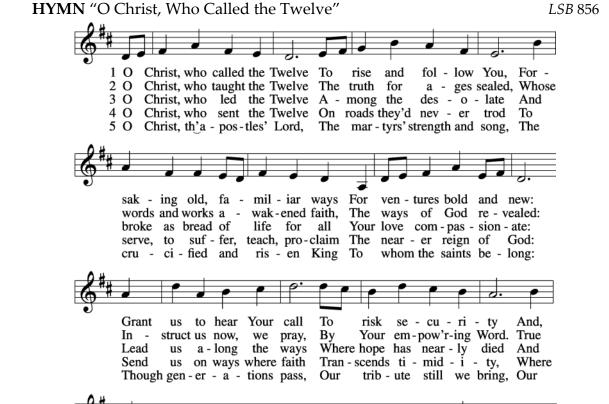
"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,

and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

<sup>20</sup>Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup>For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through

wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup>For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, <sup>23</sup>but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup>but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup>For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

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



bound in heart and teach - er, be for help us climb the lone - ly hills Where love is cru - ci - fied. hope sus-tains Both life and min-is - try. hymns a sac - ri - fice of praise, Our lives an of - fer - ing.

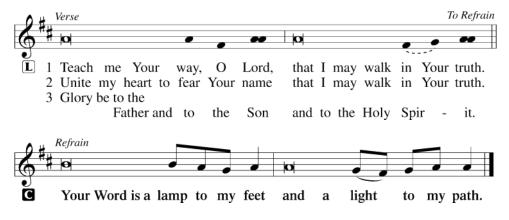
- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the fourth chapter.
- G Glory to You, O Lord.

And He said, "The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground. <sup>27</sup>He sleeps and rises night and day, and the seed sprouts and grows; he knows not how. <sup>28</sup>The earth produces by itself, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. <sup>29</sup>But when the grain is ripe, at once he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come."

<sup>30</sup>And He said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable shall we use for it? <sup>31</sup>It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when sown on the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth, <sup>32</sup>yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes larger than all the garden plants and puts out large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to You, O Christ.

## RESPONSORY LSB 230



Please Sit

#### **SERMON**

## Ordination and Installation of Jason Patrick Kohm

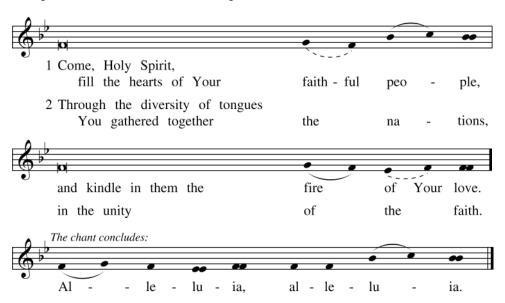
The candidate is presented before the altar.

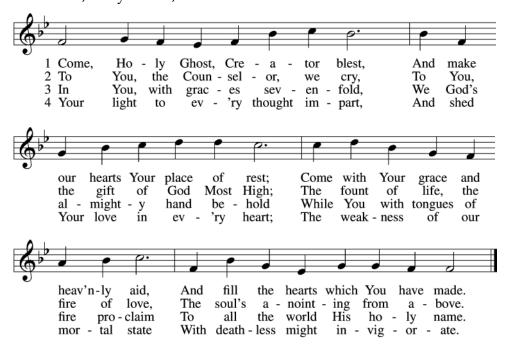
The presiding minister, standing before the altar, says:

- ightharpoons In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P Beloved in the Lord, Jason Kohm has been called by 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 be of Holy Cross Lutheran Church in O'Fallon, Missouri. According to apostolic practice, he is now presented to be ordained and consecrated to this office established by God.

#### Please Stand

The candidate kneels. The choir sings the following. After a brief interlude, the hymn "Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest" is sung.





- 5 Drive far away our wily foe,
  And Your abiding peace bestow;
  With You as our protecting guide,
  No evil can with us abide.
- 6 Teach us to know the Father, Son, And You, from both, as Three in One That we Your name may ever bless And in our lives the truth confess.
- △7 Praise we the Father and the Son And Holy Spirit, with them One, And may the Son on us bestow The gifts that from the Spirit flow!

- P The Lord be with you.
- And also with you.
- P Let us pray.

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.

Please Sit

## THE RITES OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

Please Stand

- P 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 Jason Kohm, whom You have given to be pastor of Holy Cross 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.
- C Amen.
- P Almighty and most merciful God and Father, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You have established Your Church to be a temple and dwelling place of the Holy Spirit. We give thanks that You continue to provide shepherds to feed and serve Your flock in which the Holy Spirit has made them overseers. We humbly implore You ever to strengthen the labors of Your ministers, that through their ministry of Word and Sacrament Your people may increase in Your knowledge and service and grow up into Him who is the head, even Jesus Christ, to whom, with You and the Holy Spirit, be all glory now and forever.
- C Amen.

#### **BLESSING**

Go, therefore, and be a shepherd of the Good Shepherd's flock. Preach the Word of God; administer the holy Sacraments; offer prayer for all the faithful; instruct, watch over, and guide the flock over which the Holy Spirit has placed you. Do it not for earthly gain but with great 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 + Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

C Amen.

#### Please be seated



## **PRAYER**

**KYRIE** LSB 233 Please Stand



☐ Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

#### LORD'S PRAYER

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 forever and ever. Amen.

## **COLLECTS**



C And with your spir - it.

## **COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**P** Let us pray.

Merciful God, we humbly implore You to cast the bright beams of Your light upon Your Church that we, being instructed by the doctrine of the blessed apostles, may walk in the light of Your truth and finally attain to the light of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

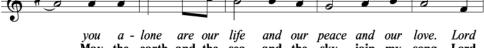
## **COLLECT FOR PEACE**

- P O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- Amen.

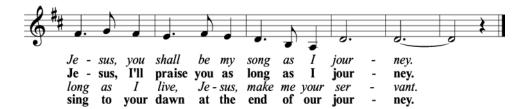
## HYMN: "Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song"

The choir sings stanzas 1 and 3. The congregation joins in singing stanzas 2 and 4.





May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song. Lord For you saved me by giv - ing your bod - y and blood. As And with all of the fam - 'ly you saved by your love, we'll



#### LUTHER'S EVENING PRAYER

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

BENEDICAMUS LSB 234

- Let us bless the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION LSB 234

P The grace of our Lord → Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C Amen.

HYMN: "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name" LSB 940

arr. David Gilson

All st. 1, Women st. 2, Men st. 3, Choir st. 4, All st. 5



**POSTLUDE** God of Grace

Paul Manz



## Rev. Jason P. Kohm

Jason Patrick Kohm accepted a call to Holy Cross as an associate pastor after he graduated from Concordia Seminary-St. Louis, on May 19, 2024, with a Master of Divinity. Jason, 25, is a member of Abiding Savior Lutheran Church in South St. Louis County. Raised in a Christian home, he attended Lutheran schools and began college as a chemistry major. Many people, however, encouraged him to pursue the pastoral ministry. Now, he cannot see himself doing anything else.

When he attended Concordia University-Chicago (CUC), earning a BA in English, he worked for three years as an intern for campus

pastor Rev. Dr. Leininger. His uncredited work on the footnotes of Dr. Leininger's book occupied his time among other duties.

While attending Concordia Seminary in Saint Louis, his vicarage internship took him to Zion Lutheran Church in Bismarck, North Dakota. Jason will visit Zion next month as a classmate is installed as associate pastor.

Jason will bring energy and creativity to the Holy Cross staff. As part of a team ministry, he will appreciate the support and joy that comes from working with others.

In Holy Cross, he has found a congregation with a family atmosphere and many different ministries, especially with youth and young adults. He has experience with mission trips, retreats, and Teens Encounter Christ. He enjoys being involved and active. He plays the guitar, has fine vocal skills, and chants. Jason's talents will be a great asset to the ministry at Holy Cross.

Whether Jason is preaching, teaching, or writing, he wants to answer two questions for his listeners – "So what?" and "Who cares?"

Of his many hobbies and interests, sailing is Jason's favorite.

## Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Leininger

Born and raised in St. Paul, Minnesota, Pastor Leininger attended Lutheran schools through university. He graduated magna cum laude from Concordia University, St. Paul (1990), majoring in Theatre while completing Pre-Seminary requirements. In addition to his studies, he was very involved in the arts and received the university's Pro Artibus award for excellence in music and drama. Upon graduating he spent a year and a half working in theatre, including The Refreshment Committee, a Christian theatre company based in St. Paul.

Pastor Leininger graduated from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, in 1995, and after a year interim, spent six years at the University



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of Cambridge where he received an MPhil and PhD in Ecclesiastical History. His thesis concerned the use of Protestant plays in the English Reformation. Academic journals have published a number of his articles on the topic. Other areas of academic interest include St. Augustine, the Crusades, Martin Luther, the English Reformers, Henry VIII and the English Reformation, the 19th Century Papacy, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, and Religious Drama throughout the ages. His recent book, Callings for Life: God's Plan, Your Purpose, applies Luther's theology of vocation to the every-day life of the Christian. He has presented across the country on this topic.

Pastor Leininger has served parishes in San Diego, Houston, Chicago, and Cambridge, England. He came to First St. Paul's Chicago after twenty-one years of campus ministry at Concordia University Chicago (River Forest, IL). At Concordia, he conducted daily worship, led all the Spiritual Life activities, directed the Pre-Seminary program, and supported the university's church relations and development offices. His greatest joy at Concordia was in serving young people, helping to shape them for ministry and service.

Pastor Leininger married the love of his life, Rachel (née Haber), a 1993 Lutheran Teacher Education graduate of Concordia Chicago. He and his wife have two children, Grace and Andrew.



## Rev. Dr. R. Lee Hagan

Rev. Dr. R. Lee Hagan, the president of the Missouri District-LCMS, is a 1992 graduate of Concordia College (now University), Seward, Nebraska. He graduated from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis with a Master of Divinity in 1996 and Doctor of Ministry in 2011.

Dr. Hagan served as associate pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Evansville, Indiana, from 1996-2002. In 2002, he was called to

serve as senior pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Concordia, Missouri, until he was elected district president.

Additionally, he served as the Interim Director of LCMS Rural and Small Town Mission from 2011-2012. He has previously served as Missouri District first vice-president from 2012-2015, fourth vice-president from 2011-2012, and chairman of the Board for Congregational Services from 2006-2011.

He has presented workshops and retreats on a host of ministry topics including elders, rural ministry, outreach and ministry to inactives.

He has written articles for Lutheran Witness, Concordia Historical Quarterly and Missio Apostolica.

He has led mission trips to Cambodia, China, Guatemala and the Bahamas.

Dr. Hagan is married to Jill (nee Johnson), who works as a speechlanguage pathologist. They have two children, Caroline and Jack. Certain passages of Scripture for various office and positions, admonishing them about their vocation and duties, drawn together by Dr. Martin Luther (from Luther's Small Catechism):

#### TO BISHOPS, PASTORS, AND PREACHERS

The overseer must be above reproach, the husband of but one wife, temperate, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, not given to drunkenness, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. He must manage his own family well and see that his children obey him with proper respect (1 Timothy 3:2-4). He must not be a recent convert, or he may become conceited and fall under the same judgment as the devil (1 Timothy 3:6). He must hold firmly to the trustworthy message as it has been taught, so that he can encourage others by sound doctrine and refute those who oppose it (Titus 1:9).

#### WHAT THE HEARERS OWE THEIR PASTORS

The Lord has commanded that those who preach the gospel should receive their living from the gospel (1 Corinthians 9:14). Anyone who receives instruction in the word must share all good things with his instructor. Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows (Galatians 6:6-7). The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching. For the Scripture says, "Do not muzzle the ox while it is treading out the grain," and "The worker deserves his wages" (1 Timothy 5:17-18).

We ask you, brothers, to respect those who work hard among you, who are over you in the Lord and who admonish you. Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work. Live in peace with each other (1 Thessalonians 5:12-13). 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 (Hebrews 13:17).

-Lutheran Book of Prayer, p. 158-159

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Organists		Jill Kirk, David Gilson
Choir		Holy Cross Adult Choir
Trumpet		Matt Claxton, Aaron Mahnken
Horn		Matt Alton, Rick Tritten
Tuba		Byron Alton
Violin		Maggie Tritten
Flute		Anna Gilson
Soloist		Daniel Thoelke

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