

# Holy Communion and Rite of Ordination

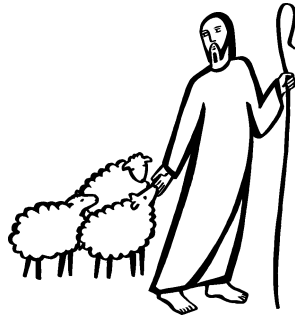
setting apart

Wolfgang William Laudert

for the  
Holy Ministry  
of  
Word and Sacrament

Sunday, August 28, 2011 + 3:00 p.m.  
Feast of St. Augustine

Central Lutheran Church  
Minneapolis, Minnesota



## HOLY COMMUNION

Ordination of a Pastor

*Feed my sheep*

August 28, 2011 + 3:00 p.m.

*Commemoration of Augustine, bishop of Hippo*

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*Central—in the heart of the city, welcomes all people to celebrate, discover and share the love of Christ*

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### ***Christ is the Good Shepherd who calls us to tend his sheep***

*Because all of its baptized members share in Christ's ministry of love and service, the church equips and supports them for their ministries in the world. Within this context of ministry, the church calls some of its baptized members for specific ministries. Within the people of God and for the sake of the gospel ministry entrusted to all believers, God has instituted the office of ministry of word and sacrament. In the service of ordination, the church entrusts this office to those who have accepted the church's call and sends them into this ministry.*

*The Holy Spirit gathers us in unity on the first day of the week, the day of Christ's resurrection*



## **gathering**

### **PRELUDE**

Variations on "Veni Creator Spiritus"

*Wilbur Held*

*At the sound of the carillon the assembly stands to face the worship leaders at the back entrance of the church.*

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

*The assembly responds to the invocation:*

**All Amen.**

**P** Let us confess our sin  
in the presence of God and of one another.

*silence for reflection*

**P** Most merciful God,  
**All we confess that we are captive to sin  
and cannot free ourselves.**

**We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done**

**and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us.**

**Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,  
so that we may delight in your will  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

*The assembly responds to the absolution:*

**All Amen.**

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

*(hymn) 858*

*"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"*

*stanzas 2 & 3 in harmony*

**GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P** 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.**

**P** Almighty and merciful God,  
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 Wolfgang, now to be ordained,  
may carry out this ministry faithfully in the power of your Spirit;  
through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**All Amen.**

**WELCOME**



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

*In grand, flowing, poetic lines, the  
prophet known as Second Isaiah  
announces that the exile of God's  
people in Babylon is over. The  
Lord will deliver Israel in an  
exodus more magnificent than the  
exodus from Egypt. This word can  
be trusted, because the only  
enduring reality in life is the word  
of the Lord.*

**word**

*Each reading will conclude: The word of the Lord.*

*The assembly responds: **Thanks be to God.***

**READING**

*The word of our God will stand forever*

Isaiah 40:1-11

A reading from Isaiah.

Comfort, O comfort my people,  
says your God.

<sup>2</sup>Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,  
and cry to her  
that she has served her term,  
that her penalty is paid,  
that she has received from the LORD's hand  
double for all her sins.

<sup>3</sup>A voice cries out:

"In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD,  
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

<sup>4</sup>Every valley shall be lifted up,  
and every mountain and hill be made low;  
the uneven ground shall become level,  
and the rough places a plain.

<sup>5</sup>Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,  
and all people shall see it together,  
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

<sup>6</sup>A voice says, "Cry out!"

And I said, "What shall I cry?"  
 All people are grass,  
 their constancy is like the flower of the field.  
<sup>7</sup>The grass withers, the flower fades,  
 when the breath of the LORD blows upon it;  
 surely the people are grass.  
<sup>8</sup>The grass withers, the flower fades;  
 but the word of our God will stand forever.  
<sup>9</sup>Get you up to a high mountain,  
 O Zion, herald of good tidings;  
 lift up your voice with strength,  
 O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings,  
 lift it up, do not fear;  
 say to the cities of Judah,  
 "Here is your God!"  
<sup>10</sup>See, the Lord GOD comes with might,  
 and his arm rules for him;  
 his reward is with him,  
 and his recompense before him.  
<sup>11</sup>He will feed his flock like a shepherd;  
 he will gather the lambs in his arms,  
 and carry them in his bosom,  
 and gently lead the mother sheep.

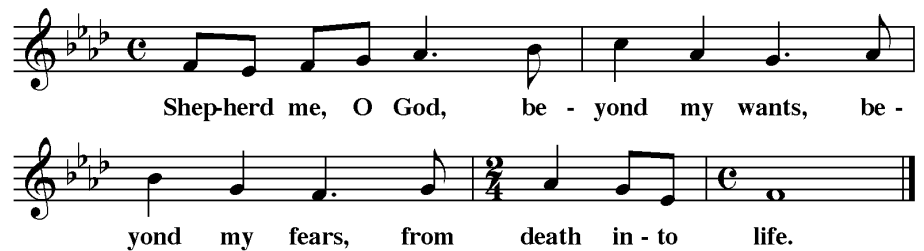


*These words preserve a personal message to a young leader in the early Christian church. In the face of hardship and persecution, Timothy is reminded that his faith is a gift of God and is encouraged to exercise that faith with the help of the Holy Spirit.*

### PSALM 23

"Shepherd Me, O God"

*The verses are sung as solos, please join on the refrain:*



### READING

*Paul's advice to Timothy*

from 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy

Readings from First and Second Timothy.

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

<sup>2</sup>To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

<sup>3</sup>I am grateful to God — whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did — when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. <sup>4</sup>Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. <sup>5</sup>I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. <sup>6</sup>For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; <sup>7</sup>for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

(2 Tim. 1:1-7)

Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. (1 Tim. 4:12)

“Feed My Sheep”



*Jesus invites Simon Peter to declare his love for him three times, in a manner reminiscent of the three times that Peter earlier denied Christ. Jesus commissions him to feed his sheep.*

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: <sup>2</sup>proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. <sup>3</sup>For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, <sup>4</sup>and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. <sup>5</sup>As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.  
(2 Tim. 4:1-5)

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

**GOSPEL**

*Feed my sheep*

John 21:15-17

The holy gospel according to John.

**AD** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my lambs.” <sup>16</sup>A second time he said to him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Tend my sheep.” <sup>17</sup>He said to him the third time, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” And he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep.

The gospel of the Lord.

**AD** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

*silence for reflection*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*(hymn) 395*

“Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord”

**APOSTLES’ CREED**

**A** We have been made God’s people through our Baptism in to Christ.  
Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**AD** **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.**



*We are baptized into the  
priesthood of Christ*

*Wolfgang is presented by  
Wayne Mortensen & Heidi Schmidt;  
Chair of the Call Committee  
& Congregation Council President*

*Wolfgang has been called to serve as  
pastor of West Union Lutheran Church  
in Carver, Minnesota.*

**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.**

#### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus,  
let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

*after each petition:*

God of mercy,

**AD** **hear our prayer.**

## **ordination**

#### **PRESENTATION**

*The candidate for ordination (ordinand) is presented to the presiding minister and to the assembly by representatives of West Union Lutheran Church, who have called Wolfgang to be their pastor.*

We present for ordination to the ministry of word and sacrament  
Wolfgang William Laudert,  
who has been prepared, examined, and approved for this ministry  
and who has been called by the church to this ministry  
through West Union Lutheran Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

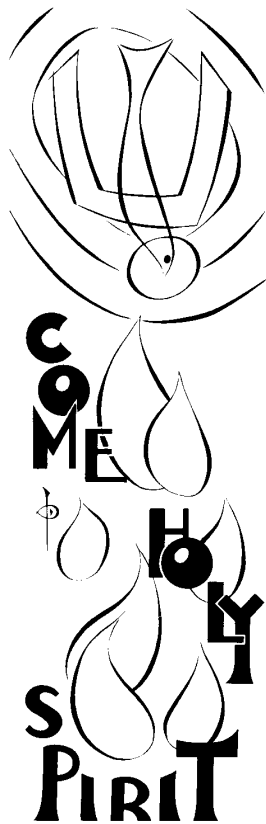
*The presenters return to their places as the assembly is seated.*

#### **ADDRESS AND QUESTIONS**

**B** 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.

*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 Corinthians:* I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of 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 the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. (*1 Corinthians 11:23-26*)

- B** 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?
- R** *I will, and I ask God to help me.*
- B** 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?
- R** *I will, and I ask God to help me.*
- B** 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?
- R** *I will, and I ask God to help me.*
- B** Will you give faithful witness in the world,  
that God's love may be known in all that you do?
- R** *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.
- AI** **Amen.**

*Pastors are invited forward to participate in the laying on of hands.  
The ordinand kneels.*

#### **THANKSGIVING**

- B** The Lord be with you.  
**AI** **And also with you.**

- B** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**All** **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**B** 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 into heaven,  
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 building up the body of Christ.

*The bishop lays both hands on the head of the ordinand. Other ordained pastors who are participating in the laying on of hands place one hand on the ordinand. All keep a time of silent prayer. Then the bishop prays:*

**B** Eternal God, through your Son, Jesus Christ,  
pour out your Holy Spirit upon Wolfgang  
and fill him with the gifts 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.**

#### **GIVING OF A STOLE**

*The ordinand remains kneeling. A stole is placed over his shoulders. Then the bishop says:*

**B** 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 that 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*)

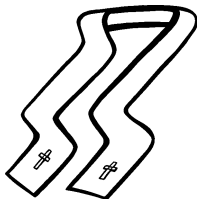
#### **CHARGE**

*The ordinand stands. Scripture passages are addressed to the ordinand.*

*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)*

*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 his own Son. (Acts 20:28)*

*Michelle Laudert & David Lund,  
Wolfgang's mother and  
godfather-uncle present the stole.  
The stole is from Pastor Bob Nervig.*



*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)

*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)

### **BLESSING**

- B** Wolfgang, 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.
- 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.
- All** Amen.

### **ACCLAMATION BY THE ASSEMBLY**

- B** Will you, assembled as the people of God  
and speaking for the whole church,  
receive Wolfgang 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 Christ?
- All** We will, and we ask God to help us.
- B** Will you pray for him  
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.
- B** Let it be acclaimed that Wolfgang Laudert 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.*



God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

solo text:  
O Lord, send to me thy Holy Spirit that he may touch my lips as I sing again to thee with a joyful heart.



# meal

## PEACE

**P** The peace of Christ be with you always.

**AI** And also with you.

*The assembly is invited to share God's peace with one another.*

## GATHERING OF GIFTS

*An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. Wolfgang has requested that the offering from his ordination be designated for seminarian scholarships at Central Lutheran Church. During this time, the table is set. After the offering is gathered, bread, wine, money, and other gifts are brought forward. The assembly stands as the procession reaches the chancel.*

### Music during the Collection

"I Will Sing of Thy Great Mercies"

Felix Mendelssohn

### Offertory Prayer

**A** Let us pray together.

**AI** God of all creation,  
the eyes of all wait upon you,  
and you open your hand in blessing.  
Fill us with good things at your table,  
that we may come to the help of all in need,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

**P** The Lord be with you.

**AI** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**AI** We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**AI** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

**P** ...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.

The presider continues with the Great Thanksgiving, concluding:

**Lord's Prayer (1789)**

**AU** 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.



**Breaking of the Bread and Invitation to the Table**

*All are invited to receive these gifts of God.  
Children are welcome to receive communion or a blessing.  
Communion at this service is served standing by individual chalices.  
Please follow the directions of the ushers to a communion station.  
Grape juice and gluten-free bread are available upon request.*

**Music during Communion**

"Lamb of God"

Musical notation for the hymn "Lamb of God". It consists of four staves of music in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "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 world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace." The word "grant" is underlined in the original image.

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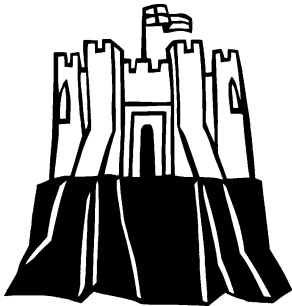
"Now We Join in Celebration"

(hymn) 462

"Eat this Bread"

(hymn) 472

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



### Prayer after Communion

**A** 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 Wolfgang,  
may joyfully serve you all our days  
and finally rejoice in your glory;  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**AD** Amen.

*silence for reflection*

## send<sup>ing</sup>

### BLESSING

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you,  
The Lord's face shine on you  
with grace and mercy,  
The Lord look upon you with favor  
and † give you peace.

### RECESSIONAL HYMN

"A Mighty Fortress"

*(hymn) 504*

*stanzas 2 & 3 in harmony*

### DISMISSAL

*Please face the processional cross for the dismissal.*

**A** Go in peace. Share the good news.  
**AD** Thanks be to God.

*The carillon sends the assembly into mission.*

### POSTLUDE

"A Mighty Fortress"

*arr. Vaclav Nelhybel*

*Brief sanctuary tours will be offered following the postlude. Gather at the pulpit.  
Please gather following worship for a reception to greet Wolfgang.*

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**Chancel flowers today** are given in memory of Wolfgang's grandparents,  
Carl & Lucy Lund, of Trinity Lutheran Church, Brooklyn, New York.  
To donate chancel flowers, contact Gloria Hahn at 952-545-6109.

## servicing today

The Reverend Glenn Nycklemoe *presiding*  
*Interim Bishop, Minneapolis Area Synod, ELCA*

The Reverend Dr. Dirk Lange *assisting minister*  
*Associate Professor of Worship, Luther Seminary*

The Reverend Dr. Walter Sundberg *preaching*  
*Professor of Church History, Luther Seminary*

The Reverend Dr. Karoline Lewis *reader*  
*Assistant Professor of Biblical Preaching*

Pastor Kristen Jacobson *intercessions & charges*  
*Central Lutheran Church*

Pastor D. Foy Christopherson *intercessions & charges,*  
*liturgy director*  
*Central Lutheran Church*

Pastor Lloyd Thorsen,  
The Reverend Dr. Mons Teig *communion ministers*

Cantor Mark Sedio, AiM *organist*

*Central Lutheran Church*  
Susan Troselius *soprano*  
*Central Lutheran Church*

Wayne Mortensen & Heidi Schmidt *presenters*  
*Chair of Call Committee & Church Council President*  
*West Union Lutheran Church*

Virginia Gray *crucifer*  
Jade Gray *book bearer*

Jane Lien *associate cantor*  
Richard Stegall, David West *sacristans*

Diane Olson, Jean Matheson,  
Jim Hart, Jim Sample, and members  
of the Seminary Relations Ministry Team *ushers, greeters and hosts*  
Karen Knox *docent*

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*On August 28 the church remembers  
Augustine, Bishop of Hippo,  
died 430*

*Augustine was one of the greatest  
theologians of the Western church.*

*A native of North Africa, he  
recovered from a debauched young  
adulthood through the influence of  
his mother, Monica, and Bishop*

*Ambrose of Milan. Besides  
writing influential theological  
books, he served as bishop of  
Hippo, in present-day Algeria.*



## what does this mean?

"To ordain does not mean to consecrate. Accordingly, if we know of a godly man, we choose him and, on the strength of the Word which is ours, we give him the authority to preach the word and administer the sacraments. This is what it means to ordain. The ministry is not to be unduly exalted above the other callings in life. All callings, which, in the order of creation, contribute to the community are equally holy. On the other hand, the ministry is not to be degraded and made common. The office of the word and sacrament not only lends dignity and authority, but makes exacting demands. It is not a man's gifts, his learnings, his efficiency, or the charm of his personality which makes a minister, but the Gospel which he is called upon and ordained to preach. He must therefore, stand before his people as one of them, a fellow-sinner, yet in full dignity and authority of his office, which he strives to adorn with a holy life and conduct."

~Martin Luther

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*"I thank my God each time I remember you, always in every prayer for you, making my prayer with joy." (Philippians 1:3-4)*

First, I would like to thank everybody for being here today, sharing this day with me as I get ordained into the ministry of Word and Sacrament. I thank each one of you, and I thank God for you!

Above all, I am thankful to God, and to Him be the glory!

I am also thankful for my family, especially my mom, my sisters, all my aunts and uncles, nieces and nephews, and my cousins who have always been there for me, supported me, and stuck by me no matter what!

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Thank you to the Minneapolis Area Synod of the ELCA, and my candidacy committee, for leading and guiding me in the discernment these years, for raising me up, and always meeting me with grace, love, and support!

I am also mindful today of all those who have gone on before us, who we don't see here today! I have a real sense of that great cloud of witnesses, those saints in the church triumphant that surround all of us with their presence today! I especially give thanks to God for my grandparents Carl & Lucy Lund, and my long time mentor and friend Pastor Bob Nervig, and others! I feel their presence, with the whole host of heaven, cheering me and all of us on!

Lastly, to the people of God at West Union Lutheran Church in Carver, Minnesota!! I especially thank God for you, and thank you for the honor and privilege to serve as your new pastor! The call is humbling, and I am so excited to get to work and begin ministry with and among you, living and laboring among you, together, all in the name of our dear Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

*Deo Gloria! Thanks be to God!*

~Wolfgang

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## welcome



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**Guests are welcome.** We are pleased you are worshiping with us today. We invite guests to complete the “Welcome to Central” card found in the pew racks and leave it with an usher or place it in the offering plate. If you would like more information about Central, please contact us at 612-870-4416, or email [info@centralmpls.org](mailto:info@centralmpls.org).

**Children are welcome** at all services. Worship bulletins for children and activity bags are available at Sanctuary entrances.

**Welcome to the Lord’s Table.** All are welcome at the Lord’s Table. Please follow the guidance of the ushers and instructions in the order of service. During communion, ministers will bring bread and wine to persons in designated access seating areas. If you are not in a designated access seating area and desire to commune where you are seated, please notify an usher who will direct communion ministers to come and serve you. Communion may be received in one kind (only bread or only wine) from any station if wheat bread or alcohol presents a health concern. Gluten-free breads and alcohol-free wine are available by request at most liturgies from most communion stations.

**We envision** becoming a thriving, vibrant model of urban Lutheran ministry for the 21st century. This lofty vision requires us to ask each day if our goals for worship, learning, and service are clearly reaching a diverse neighborhood and city in language and action that reflect the world as well as our heritage.

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