

The Service of Installation of  
**Reverend Richard E. Schneider**

May 3, 2026

4:00pm

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church  
West Allis, Wisconsin

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**Prelude to Worship** "What an Awesome God" Students

*(Please rise and face the Processional Cross  
at the entrance to the sanctuary)*

**Processional #594 "God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It"**

God's own child, I gladly say it: I am baptized into Christ!  
He, because I could not pay it,  
Gave my full redemption price.  
Do I need earth's treasures many?  
I have one worth more than any  
That brought me salvation free Lasting to eternity!

Sin, disturb my soul no longer: I am baptized into Christ!  
I have comfort even stronger: Jesus' cleansing sacrifice.  
Should a guilty conscience seize me  
Since my Baptism did release me  
In a dear forgiving flood, Sprinkling me with Jesus' blood?

Satan, hear this proclamation: I am baptized into Christ!  
Drop your ugly accusation, I am not so soon enticed.  
Now that to the font I've traveled, All your might has come  
unraveled, and, against your tyranny,  
God, my Lord, unites with me!

Death, you cannot end my gladness;  
I am baptized into Christ!  
When I die, I leave all sadness To inherit paradise!  
Though I lie in dust and ashes  
Faith's assurance brightly flashes:  
Baptism has the strength divine To make life immortal mine.

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There is nothing worth comparing  
To this lifelong comfort sure!  
Open eyed my grave is staring: Even there I'll sleep secure.  
Though my flesh awaits its raising,  
Still my soul continues praising:  
I am baptized into Christ; I'm a child of paradise!

**Opening Versicles**

Pastor: This is the day which the Lord has made;

**People: let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Pastor: From the rising of the sun to its setting,

**People: the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

Pastor: Better is one day in your courts than a thousand  
elsewhere;

**People: I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my  
God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.**

Pastor: Make me to know your ways, O Lord.

**People: Teach me your paths.**

Pastor: Sanctify us in your truth.

**People: Your Word is truth.**

Pastor: From the rising of the sun to its setting,

**People: the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

**All: 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.**

**Old Testament Canticale**

Pastor: The Lord God is my strength and my song, and He  
has become my salvation.

**People: With joy will you draw water from the wells of  
salvation. And you will say in that day:**

Pastor: "Give thanks to the Lord, call upon His name, make  
known His deeds among the peoples, proclaim  
that His name is exalted."

**People: The Lord God is my strength and my song, and He  
has become my salvation.**

Pastor: Sing praises to the Lord, for He has done gloriously;  
let this be made known in all the earth.

**People: Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitants of Zion, for  
great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.**

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Pastor: The Lord God is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation.

**All: Glory 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. The Lord God is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation.**

(Be seated)

### **Jeremiah 23:25-28a**

<sup>25</sup>I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, 'I have dreamed, I have dreamed!'

<sup>26</sup>How long shall there be lies in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart, <sup>27</sup>who think to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, even as their fathers forgot my name for Baal? <sup>28</sup>Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let him who has my word speak my word faithfully.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalms 119:105-112**

Pastor: Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

**People: I have sworn an oath and confirmed it, to keep your righteous rules.**

Pastor: I am severely afflicted; give me life, O LORD, according to your word!

**People: Accept my freewill offerings of praise, O LORD, and teach me your rules.**

Pastor: I hold my life in my hand continually, but I do not forget your law.

**People: The wicked have laid a snare for me, but I do not stray from your precepts.**

Pastor: Your testimonies are my heritage forever, for they are the joy of my heart.

**People: I incline my heart to perform your statutes forever, to the end.**

### **2 Timothy 4:1-5**

I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: <sup>2</sup>preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. <sup>3</sup>For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, <sup>4</sup>and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. <sup>5</sup>But as for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Adult Bells** "Praise to the Lord Almighty"

(Rise)

### **Mark 4:1-9**

Again he began to teach beside the sea. And a very large crowd gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat in it on the sea, and the whole crowd was beside the sea on the land. <sup>2</sup>And he was teaching them many things in parables, and in his teaching he said to them: <sup>3</sup>"Listen! Behold, a sower went out to sow. <sup>4</sup>And as he sowed, some seed fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured it. <sup>5</sup>Other seed fell on rocky ground, where it did not have much soil, and immediately it sprang up, since it had no depth of soil. <sup>6</sup>And when the sun rose, it was scorched, and since it had no root, it withered away. <sup>7</sup>Other seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it yielded no grain. <sup>8</sup>And other seeds fell into good soil and produced grain, growing up and increasing and yielding thirtyfold and sixtyfold and a hundredfold." <sup>9</sup>And he said, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Responsory

Pastor: Forever, O Lord, your Word is firmly set in the heavens.

**People: Lord, I love the habitation of your house and the place where your glory dwells.**

Pastor: Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.

**People: Lord, I love the habitation of your house and the place where your glory dwells.**

Pastor: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

**People: Lord, I love the habitation of your house and the place where your glory dwells.**

## Catechism – Spoken by All

### The Ten Commandments

You shall have no other gods.

You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

Honor your father and your mother.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

### The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life + everlasting. Amen.

## The 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 in to temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

(Be seated)

## Hymn #802 “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
Almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light,  
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;  
thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all life Thou givest to both great and small  
In all life Thou livest, the true Life of all;  
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree  
And wither and perish but naught changes Thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,  
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight  
All laud we would render; O help us to see  
'Tis only the splendor of light that hides Thee.

## Sermon

### Hymn #809 “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee.  
Thou changest not: Thy compassions, they fail not;  
As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.

**Refrain: Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. **Refrain**

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! **Refrain**

### Rite of Installation

#### Introductory Words and Prayer

#### Scripture Readings Regarding the Office of the Holy Ministry

#### Questions asked of the Pastor-elect

#### Question Asked of the Congregation (See below)

Pastor: You have heard the solemn promise of him called to be your pastor. Will you receive him and show him that love, honor, and obedience in the Lord that you owe to the shepherd and teacher placed over you by your Lord Jesus Christ, and will you support him by your gifts and pray for him always that in his labors he may retain a cheerful spirit and that his ministry among you may be abundantly blessed? If so, then answer: We will, with the help of God.

**People: We will, with the help of God.**

Pastor: Will you honor and uphold your pastor as he serves Christ in all his God-pleasing responsibilities? Will you aid him as he cares for his family? Will you be diligent to "put the best construction on everything," recognizing that "love covers a multitude of sins?" If so, then answer: We will, with the help of God.

**People: We will, with the help of God.**

#### Prayer of the Church

*After each petition:*

Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

*At the conclusion of the prayers:*

Pastor: Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

**People: Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

#### Prayer of the Day

**People: O almighty God, by your Son, our Savior, you have always given to your Church on earth faithful shepherds to guide and feed your flock. Therefore we pray, make all pastors diligent to preach your holy Word and to administer your means of grace, and grant your people wisdom to follow in the way that leads to life eternal; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.**

#### Afternoon Prayer

Pastor: Heavenly Father, in whom we live and move and have our being, we humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Word and Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you but remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

#### Adult Choir

"Prayer of St. Patrick"

(Rise)

#### Blessing

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Pastor: The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

**People: Amen.**

#### Recessional #578

"Thy Strong Word"

Thy strong word did cleave the darkness;

At Thy speaking it was done.

For created light we thank Thee,

While Thine ordered seasons run.

Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send!

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!

Lo, on those who dwelt in darkness,  
Dark as night and deep as death,  
Broke the light of Thy salvation,  
Breathed Thine own life breathing breath.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send!  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!

Thy strong Word bespeaks us righteous;  
Bright with Thine own holiness,  
Glorious now, we press toward glory,  
And our lives, our hopes confess.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send!  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!

From the cross Thy wisdom shining  
Breaketh forth in conqu'ring might;  
From the cross forever beameth  
All Thy bright redeeming light.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send!  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!

Give us lips to sing Thy glory,  
Tongues Thy mercy to proclaim,  
Throats that shout the hope that fills us,  
Mouths to speak Thy holy name.  
Alleluia, alleluia! May the light which Thou dost send  
Fill our songs with alleluias, Alleluias without end!

God the Father, light-creator,  
To Thee laud and honor be.  
To Thee, Light of Light begotten,  
Praise be sung eternally.  
Holy Spirit, light-revealer, Glory, glory be to Thee.  
Mortals, angels, now and ever Praise the holy Trinity!

Preacher	Rev. Phillip Hillenbrand
Officiant of Installation	Rev. Dr. Nathan Meador <i>President of the South Wisconsin District</i>
Liturgist	Rev. Harold Bender
Acolyte	William Baker
Director of Parish Music	Deaconess Carole King

*You are invited to join us downstairs in the Fellowship Hall  
after the service to welcome  
Pastor Schneider and his family!*