

St James Lutheran Church

1741 S State Street
Greenfield Indiana 46140

*The mission statement of our congregation is:
To bring people to Christ,
encouraging relationships with Him and others.*



Rev. Dr. Richard Blue
July 10, 2022
5 P.M.
Followed by Fellowship

*"Now faith is being sure of what we hope for
and certain of what we do not see." Hebrews 11:1*



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Installation Order of Service

P: Pastor C: Congregation A: Assisting Minister R: Reader (Indicates when to stand)*

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Invocation & Confession

P: We begin our service in the strong name of God the Father, of Jesus His Son, our Lord, and of the abiding presence of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Almighty God, by water and your Holy Spirit you baptized us to be your own and called the church into being. We confess that we hold back the love of your Spirit among us. We do not listen for your word of grace, speak the good news of your love, or live as a people made one in Christ.

(A time of personal reflection and confession)

C: Have mercy on us, O God. Transform our lives by the power of your Holy Spirit and make strong our common witness to the one Lord, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

P: God who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which God loved us, even when we were dead through our sin, made us alive together with Christ and raised us up with him. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God. Amen.

Opening Hymn “On Christ the Solid Rock I Stand”

Call to Worship

P: A Shout for joy to God, all the earth,

C: Sing the glory of His name; give to Him glorious praise!

P: Say to God, "How awesome are Your deeds! So great is Your power that Your enemies come cringing to You.

C: All the earth worships You and sings praises to You; they sing praises to Your name."

P: Come and see what God has done:

C: He is awesome in His deeds toward the children of man.

P: He turned the sea into dry land; they passed through the river on foot.

C: There did we rejoice in Him, who rules by His might forever, whose eyes keep watch on the nations—let not the rebellious exalt themselves.

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.

OPENING PRAYER

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray . . . Almighty and eternal God, by your grace you have called us in this time

and place to be your servant people as we follow our servant Lord. Make your

Holy Spirit move within and among us, that together we may live a new life in the

crucified and risen Christ. Bind us together in faith, so that as we receive all

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C: Amen

Music Ministry

Joe Faith

FIRST READING *Isaiah 6:6-8 (page 591 in pew bible) & Isaiah 42:5-9 (page 622 in pew bible)*

Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. 7 With it he touched my mouth and said, “See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for.” 8 Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I. Send me!” 5 This is what God the LORD says—the Creator of the heavens, who stretches them out, who spreads out the earth with all that springs from it, who gives breath to its people, and life to those who walk on it: “I, the LORD, have called you in righteousness; I will take hold of your hand. I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people and a light for the Gentiles, to open eyes that are blind, to free captives from prison and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness. 8 “I am the LORD; that is my name! I will not yield my glory to another or my praise to idols. See, the former things have taken place, and new things I declare; before they spring into being, I announce them to you.”

The Gospel Acclamation “Spirit of the Living God”

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Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

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Melt me. Mold me. Fill me. Use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

The Gospel

(page 922 in Pew Bible)

John 10:7-18

Therefore Jesus said again, “Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. 8 All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them. 9 I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. [a] They will come

in and go out, and find pasture. 10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

11 “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. 12 The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. 13 The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.

14 “I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me— 15 just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep. 16 I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd. 17 The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life—only to take it up again. 18 No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father.”

Message

Pastor Doug Gast

The Message Hymn

I Give Myself Away

Chorus

I give myself away
I give myself away
So You can use me
(REPEAT)

Verse 1

Here I am
Here I stand
Lord my life is in Your hands
Lord I'm longing to see
Your desires revealed in me

Verse 2

Take my heart
Take my life
As a living sacrifice
All my dreams
All my plans
Lord I place them in Your hands

Bridge

My life is not my own
To You I belong
I give myself
I give myself to You
(REPEAT)

The Affirmation of Faith The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Installation of Pastor Richard Blue to St. James Lutheran Church

Presentation

The pastor to be installed and a representative of the calling body come before the presiding minister and the assembly.

The presiding minister addresses the assembly.

Having been authorized by the church to install Richard Blue, our co-worker in the gospel, as the lead pastor, I now ask for certification of this call.

A representative of the calling body addresses the presiding minister.

After prayerful deliberation, we, of *St. James Lutheran Church*, have called *Rev. Dr. Richard Blue* as our *pastor*. I present *him* and this letter certifying the call.

The presenter gives the presiding minister the letter certifying that the call has been received and accepted. The presenter moves aside.

Address and Questions *The presiding minister addresses the pastor being installed.*

READERS:

Our Lord Jesus Christ says: "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)

And again:

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)

Hear the words addressed to 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 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)

Hear the Word of God about leaders building up disciples who imitate Christ and make disciples:

"The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ."
(Ephesians 4:11-13)

The presiding minister questions the pastor being installed.

Pastor Richard Blue, 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?

Response: I will, and I ask God to help me.

Will you preach and teach in accordance with the Holy Scriptures and the Confessions of the Lutheran Church?

Response: I will, and I ask God to help me.

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?

Response: I will, and I ask God to help me.

Will you give faithful witness in the world, that God's truth and love may be known in all that you do?

Response: I will, and I ask God to help me.

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

C: Amen.

The assembly stands.

The presiding minister addresses the assembly. (Stand)

People of God, will you receive Richard Blue 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 and a steward of the mysteries of God?

We will, and we ask God to help us.

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, humility and unity of Christ?

We will, and we ask God to help us.

Presiding Minister You ask much of your pastor, but he alone is not the ministry of this mission church. The duty of the pastor is to teach and preach the Word and to administer the sacraments in order that you may be built up for the work to which you have been called in your baptism. To that end, will you, as members of Christ's holy apostolic church, give this pastor your full support by:

- Offering and submitting yourself to be built up as witnesses to the unchurched;
- Offering your gifts and creative energies in worship and ministry;
- Offering yourselves through regular worship and ongoing discipling opportunities;
- Offering yourselves to care for the pastor's family, being attentive to their needs and continually praying for their well-being;
- Committing yourselves to furthering the ministry of Christ in his name, in this community, and in the world;
- Committing yourselves to carry out together your God given mission *to gather as His people, to grow as Christ's disciples, and go as his servants.*

Congregation **We will, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

The presiding minister addresses the pastor being installed.

Richard Blue, the office of *pastor* is now committed to you in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Blessing *The newly installed pastor kneels as the presiding minister proclaims God's blessing.*

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.

Amen.

The presiding minister escorts the pastor to the place of baptism. A representative of the congregation says:

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

They proceed to the place of the word. A representative of the congregation says:

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

They proceed to the place of the meal. A representative of the congregation says:

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

The presiding minister and a representative of the congregation welcome the pastor.

The assembly offers acclamation with applause.

PRAYERS of the People -

Prayers are included for the newly installed pastor, all ministries in the church, and all Christians in their vocations.

Sharing the peace

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

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

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ has asked us to remember Him every time we share in this meal offering. As we share in His broken body, may our spirits and bodies be strengthened and restored. As we share in His blood, may we be filled with new life, new significance, new joy, and new hope. Most importantly, may these gifts of grace – Christ's Body and Blood - assure you of what they truly extend through the Real Presence of Christ, the Lord--the forgiveness of all your sins through Jesus' blood and merit. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise you name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of power and might:

Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

P: We are blessed to have the invitation from Jesus Himself to join Him, as believers, in this Holy meal

THE WORDS OF JESUS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

C: 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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: In Christ's presence there is fullness of joy. Come to the banquet.

THE DISTRIBUTION

The Blessing

P: Now may the holy body of our Lord Jesus Christ, and His precious blood, bless you, strengthen you and fill your heart and mind now and always.

C: Amen.

The Benediction

P: All praise and honor and glory to our Lord Jesus Christ! He commissions us again this day to go out and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Amen.

C: Our "soul purpose" is to be witnesses of God's love and presence in the world God's mission field. Amen!

Lift High the Cross

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Refrain

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till

all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.

1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,
 2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied
 3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
 4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Refrain

our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
 bear on their brows the seal of him who died.
 as praise thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.
 praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

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