

**August 13, 2023; 9:00 am**  
14th Sunday of Ordinary Time  
Ordination/Installation of Officers

**We Gather Together**

**Prelude: "O Filii" variations** *arr. by Jeanne Demessieux*  
*Hymn: "O Sons and Daughters Let Us Sing" PH 116, 117*

**Welcome & Announcements** *Cheryl Clarenbach*

**Ringling of the Bell and entrance of the Light of Christ**

**\*Call to Worship** (Psalm 105: 1-6) *Cheryl Clarenbach*

O give thanks to the LORD, call on his name,  
make known his deeds among the peoples.

**Sing to him, sing praises to him;  
tell of all his wonderful works.**

Glory in his holy name;

let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

**Seek the LORD and his strength;  
seek his presence continually.**

Remember the wonderful works he has done,  
his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,

**O offspring of his servant Abraham,  
children of Jacob, his chosen ones.**

**\* Opening Prayer**

O God our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us  
to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and  
daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus  
Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

**\*Sung Response:** GTG 667 “When Morning Gilds the Skies”

**\*Call to Confession**

There is goodness within us that grows like fresh wheat.  
**There is also sin within us that chokes that wheat like weeds.**  
Let us bring all of who we are to God,  
**who can separate out what is good,  
so that we are not overcome with evil.**

**\*Prayer of Confession :**

Gracious God,  
**in our wanderings and selfish desires:  
we have forsaken fellowship with our families,  
our friends, and our neighbors;  
we have neglected our communion with you,  
choosing worldly pleasures and desires  
over truth, justice, and righteousness.  
In a world of plenty,  
we have hoarded our earthly blessings,  
rather than storing up our heavenly treasures.  
Free us from such bondage,  
that we may truly reveal  
the presence of Christ in our lives. Amen.**

*Silent Confession*

*(In the silence of our hearts we confess our sins to God.)*

**\*Assurance of Pardon**

Beloved, hear the good news:  
God knows us and forgives us  
and leads us in the way of everlasting life.  
**Thanks be to God!**

### **\*Sharing God's Peace**

The Peace of Christ be with you! **And also, with you!**

*(Please share the Peace of Christ with those around you using the ancient formula 'The Peace of Christ.' 'And also, with you.' Please be mindful of those who do not wish to shake hands or be too close. We encourage you to use this time to send a text or emoji to someone who cannot be here.)*

**\*Sung Response:** GTG 582 "Glory to God"

### **God's Word Is Proclaimed**

**Old Testament Lesson:** Genesis 37:1-28 (pew Bible p. 34)

**New Testament Lesson:** Romans 10:5-17 (pew Bible p. 160)

**Children's Time**

*Jennifer Zander*

**Sung response:** GTG 637 "O Sing to the Lord"

**Sermon:** "God, Sibling Aliens, and You"

*Rev. Rebecca Proefrock*

### **We Respond to God's Word**

**Ordination and Installation** (See Page 5)

**Offering:** "There was Jesus"

*Pedro Arellano, soloist  
Kristina Arellano, accompanist*

**\*Offertory** PH 592 "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

**\*Offertory Prayer**

**Blessed are you, God of all creation! Through your goodness, we have these gifts to share. Accept and use our offerings for your glory and for the service of your kingdom. Amen.**

**Prayers of the People**

**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.  
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who have sinned 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.  
Amen.**

**\* Sung response: GTG 733 “We All Are One in Mission”**

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**Postlude: “Laudes Domini”**

*arr. by John A. Behnke*

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Please take a moment to thank those who help make our service run smoothly. Because of them, we are able to worship God well.

## Ordination & Installation of Officers

### Sentences of Scripture

As many of you as were baptized in Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

**There is no longer Jew or Greek,  
There is no longer slave or free,  
There is no longer male and female;  
For all of you are one in Christ Jesus.**

Lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

**There is one body and one Spirit, just as we were called to the one hope of our calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.**

### Great Ends of the Church

We are called by God to be the church of Jesus Christ, a sign in the world today of what God intends for all humankind.

**The great ends of the church are:**

**The proclamation of the gospel for the salvation of humankind;**

**The shelter, nurture, and spiritual fellowship of the children of God;**

**The maintenance of divine worship;**

**The preservation of the truth;**

**The promotion of social righteousness;**

**And the exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven to the world.**

### Statement on Ordination

We are called into the church of Jesus Christ by baptism, and marked as Christ's own by the Holy Spirit.

This is our common calling to be disciples of Jesus Christ and servants of our servant Lord. Within the community of the church, some are called to particular service as deacons, as ruling elders, and as ministers of Word and Sacrament.

Ordination is Christ's gift to the church, assuring that his ministry continues among us. Through ordination, God provides for acts of care and compassion in the world, for the ordering and governance of the church, and for the preaching of the word and celebration of the sacraments.

The session also installs to active service those who have been previously ordained: deacons Judy Dassow (by absentia), Carol Smith, Lew Smith and ruling elders Mike Warntjes (by absentia), Mary Bacon, Joanne Marchionda (by absentia), and Cheryl Clarenbach.

### **Constitutional Questions**

Do you trust in Jesus Christ your Savior, acknowledge him Lord of all and Head of the Church, and through him believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?

**I do.**

Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the Church universal and God's Word to you?

**I do.**

Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God?

**I do, and I will.**

Will you fulfill your ministry in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our confessions?

**I will.**

Will you be governed by our church's polity, and will you abide by its discipline? Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them, subject to the ordering of God's Word and Spirit.

**I will.**

Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world?

**I will.**

Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church?

**I do.**

Will you pray for and seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love?

**I will.**

(For ruling elder) Will you be a faithful ruling elder, watching over the people, providing for their worship, nurture, and service? Will you share in government and discipline, serving in councils of the church, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

**I will, with God's help.**

(For congregation)

- a. Do we, the members of the church, accept these individuals as ruling elders or deacons, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

**We do.**

- b. Do we agree to pray for them, to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church?

**We do.**

**Laying on of Hands** (*Larry Johnson-being ordained as an Elder*)

The Lord be with you. **And also, with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Gracious and eternal God, with joy we give you thanks and praise. Throughout the ages and in every place, you have chosen servants from among your people to point the way to salvation by your grace.

**We are grateful for ancestors in the faith who followed without fear; placing their trust in you alone –**

**For judges and monarchs who ruled in righteousness and peace;**

**For prophets and apostles who spoke your bold words of mercy and truth;**

**For leaders and teachers in every age who have nurtured your people in faith and faithfulness.**

Above all, we praise you for Jesus Christ, who came not to be served, but to serve, and to give his life to set others free.

Anointed by your Holy Spirit, he proclaimed your reign on earth, revealing your saving love in all he said and did.

**Gracious God, pour out your Spirit upon these your servants whom you have called by baptism as your own. Grant them the same mind that was in Christ Jesus. Help them to rely on the gifts of your Spirit and to follow Christ faithfully in this calling. Give them a spirit of truthfulness that they may show the compassion of Christ in the actions of daily living and rightly govern your people.**

By the gifts of your Holy Spirit, empower them to build up the church, to strengthen the common life of your people, and to lead with compassion and vision.

**In the walk of faith and for the work of ministry, give to all your servants gladness and strength, discipline and hope, humility, humor, and courage, and an abiding sense of your presence.**

Gracious God, pour out your Spirit of power and truth upon the whole church, that we may be for you a holy people baptized to serve you in the world.

**Sustain your church in ministry. Ground us in the gospel, secure our hope in Christ, strengthen our service to the outcast, and increase our love for one another.**

Show us the transforming power of your grace in our life together, that we may be effective servants of the gospel, offering a compelling witness in the world to the good news of Christ Jesus our Lord.

**Alleluia, Amen!**

Beloved – you are deacons and ruling elders, ordained to ministries of service and governance in the church of Jesus Christ and for this congregation.

**Charge**

**Welcome**

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August Deacon of the Month  
Carol Smith

August Elder of the Month  
Laurie Christie

### **This Week at Church**

#### **Sunday 08.13**

9:00-10:00am Worship – Pastor Rebecca Proefrock  
**Ordination / Installation of Officers**  
10:15am Fellowship Time  
10:30 Adult Growing Connections – Jolene Schry  
Immunizations for Adults and Children  
6:00-7:30pm Boy Scout Meeting

#### **Monday 08.14**

10:00-11:00am Staff Meeting  
11:30-12:30pm Loving Team

#### **Wednesday 08.16**

8:00-9:00am Men's Breakfast

#### **Friday 08.18**

7:00-9:00pm Cribbage

#### **Saturday 08.19**

9:00-12:00pm Table Tennis

#### **Sunday 08.20**

9:00-10:00am Outdoor Worship – Pastor Dan Schultz  
Blessing the Backpacks, Students, School Staff  
10:15am Fellowship Time  
After Worship Back to School Splash – Intergenerational Activities  
11:15 Picnic Lunch – Served by the “Lunch Ladies”!  
1:00-3:00pm AA Planning Meeting  
6:00-7:30pm Boy Scout Meeting

### **Looking Ahead**

Worship	August 27 - Chaplain Darren Beachy
Worship	September 3 – Pastor Dan Schultz
Labor Day	September 4 – Church Office will be closed.
Worship	September 10 – Pastor Rebecca Proefrock
Outdoor Worship	September 17 – Chaplain Darren Beachy
Worship	September 24 - Chaplain Evan Stark

## Weekly Statistics

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE</u>	<u>WEEKLY INCOME</u>	<u>NOTES</u>
AUGUST 6TH, 2023	<b>91 IN THE SEATS</b>	\$13,009.00	OFFERINGS/TITHES
07/31--08/04/2023		\$3,121.00	VANCO-ONLINE OFFERINGS
		<b>\$16,130.00</b>	<b>TOTAL INCOME FOR THE WEEK</b>
8/6/2023	<b>2 Households</b>		2 HOUSEHOLDS VIEWED THE ZOOM SERVICE FOR 08/06/2023

### PRAYERS

Brian C.  
 Gary G.\*  
 Pat D.  
 Gib D.  
 Arnold L.  
 Jesse F.  
 Silas W.  
 Liam A.  
 Burt M.

Jerry and Mary H.  
 Chastity G. and Joan S.  
 Jolene S. – Sister and her husband  
 Lynn K.  
 Sheryl B.  
 Lynn M.  
 Jane D.  
 Ollive & Bob B.  
 Rehn Family  
 Ashley K. (Amber S.'s Sister)  
 The Family of Sheryl Brown – Her great-nephew passed away after an ATV accident.

\*Gary is receiving Hospice Care at home.

### Word of Thanks to those Retiring

We give thanks for your servant Jolene Schry who has faithfully served as Deacon for the last six years. She has been faithful in visitation, served as secretary of the Deacons and is known as someone who brings great cookies.

This day we also give thanks for your servant Jim Dassow who has faithfully served as Elder for the last three years. He has been a faithful member on Session and Liaison of Loving Team, Operations Team, and Endowment. His attention to detail has been valued in these areas.

Thank you both for your service to God's work and this congregation.

Thank you to everyone who supported the back-to-school mission. Thank you to the PYA for their help in taking inventory. We will have an inventory of all the supplies soon.

If you would still like to donate supplies, they can be dropped off at the Boys and Girls Club (YMCA) until August 13.