



Always keep watch over yourselves and over the whole flock in which the Holy Spirit has placed you as overseers, to shepherd the church of God, which he purchased with his own blood.
Acts 20:28

**St. Peter's Ev. Lutheran Congregation
Installation of Rev. Luke J. Boehringer**

June 27, 2021

**The Installation Service
of
Rev. Luke J. Boehringer**

**St. Peter's Ev. Lutheran Congregation
Fond du Lac, Wisconsin**

**June 27, 2021
Three O'Clock in the Afternoon**

BELLS

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*Send, O Lord, Your Holy Spirit | CW 545
Stand During the Last Stanza*

GREETING AND EXHORTATION

M: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Praise the LORD, all you servants of the LORD who minister by night in the house of the LORD.

C: Lift up your hands in the sanctuary and praise the LORD.

M: May the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth, bless you from Zion. Praise the LORD. Praise the name of the LORD;

C: Praise him, you servants of the LORD, you who minister in the house of the LORD, in the courts of the house of our God.

M: Praise the LORD, for the LORD is good;

C: Sing praise to his name, for that is pleasant.

M: For the LORD has chosen us to be his own, to be his treasured possession.

C: I know that the LORD is great, that our Lord is greater than all gods.

♪ **Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord! May all your graces be outpoured
On each believer's mind and heart; Your fervent love to them impart.
Lord, by the brightness of your light In holy faith your church unite
From ev'ry land and ev'ry tongue; This to your praise, O Lord our God,
be sung: Alleluia! Alleluia!**

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

From Luther's Small Catechism: The Use of the Keys and Confession

M: What is confession?

C: Confession has two parts. The one is that we confess our sins; the other, that we receive absolution or forgiveness from the pastor as from God himself, not doubting but firmly believing that our sins are thus forgiven before God in heaven.

M: What sins should we confess?

C: Before God we should plead guilty of all sins, even those we are not aware of, as we do in the Lord's Prayer. But before the pastor we should confess only those sins which we know and feel in our hearts.

M: How can we recognize these sins?

C: Consider your place in life according to the Ten Commandments. Are you a father, mother, son, daughter, employer, or employee? Have you been disobedient, unfaithful, or lazy? Have you hurt anyone by word or deed? Have you been dishonest, careless, wasteful, or done other wrong?

M: As contrite children of God let us confess our sins:

C:

♪ **With broken heart and contrite sigh,
A trembling sinner, Lord, I cry.
Your pard'ning grace is rich and free
O God, be merciful to me!**

**I smite upon my troubled breast,
With deep and conscious guilt oppressed,
Christ and his cross my only plea
O God, be merciful to me!**

M: By the authority of Christ, I forgive you your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**C: ♪ The words which absolution give
Are his who died that we might live;
The minister whom Christ has sent
Is but his humble instrument.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.

C: ♪ And also with you.

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God, look with favor on those whom you have called to minister to your people. Fill them with faithfulness to your doctrine and clothe them with holiness of life that they may joyfully serve to the glory of your name and for the benefit of your Church; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: ♪ Amen.

Be Seated

FIRST LESSON

2 Kings 2:1-15

The LORD insures that the Ministry of the Gospel continues uninterrupted.

When the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven in a whirlwind, Elijah was traveling with Elisha from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here, for the Lord has sent me to Bethel." But Elisha said, "As surely as the Lord lives and as your soul lives, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. The sons of the prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord is taking your master away from you?" Then he said, "Yes, I know. Be quiet." Then Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here because the Lord has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As surely as the Lord lives and as your soul lives, I will not leave you." So they went to Jericho. Then the sons of the prophets who were in Jericho approached Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord is taking your master away from you?" He said, "Yes, I know. Be quiet." Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here because the Lord has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As surely as the Lord lives and as your soul lives, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Then fifty men from the sons of the prophets came and stood and watched them from a distance, while the

two of them were standing at the Jordan. Elijah took his cloak, folded it together, and struck the water. The water divided to the right and to the left. Then the two of them crossed on dry land. When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Ask me for whatever I can do for you before I am taken from you.” Then Elisha said, “Let there be a double portion of your spirit on me.” He said, “You have asked for a difficult thing. If you see me being taken from you, it will surely be yours. But if not, then it will not.” While they were walking and talking, suddenly a chariot of fire and horses of fire came and separated them. So Elijah went up to heaven in a whirlwind. Elisha was watching and crying out, “My father! My father! Israel’s chariot and its charioteers!” Then he did not see him anymore. He grabbed his clothing, and he ripped it into two pieces. Then he picked up Elijah’s cloak, which had fallen from him. He returned and stood at the edge of the Jordan. He took Elijah’s cloak, which had fallen from him, and he struck the water and said, “Where now is the Lord, the God of Elijah? Yes, where is he?” As soon as he struck the water, it divided to the right and to the left so that Elisha could cross. When the sons of the prophets, who were watching him from Jericho, saw this, they said, “Elijah’s spirit is resting on Elisha.” They went to meet him and bowed down to the ground in front of him.

HYMN

Your Kingdom, O God | **CWS 755**

back of bulletin, the choir will sing stanza 1. Join for stanzas 2 & 3.

SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 3:1-17

Faithful shepherds all have the same goal—to build God’s Temple of the Church on the solid Foundation of Jesus and his Word.

Brothers, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but as people who are led by the flesh, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, because you were not yet ready. Why, even now you are still not ready, because you are still people who are following the flesh. Indeed, insofar as jealousy, strife, and factions have a place among you, are you not people who are following the flesh? Are you not behaving in a merely human way? When one says, “I belong to Paul,” and another, “I belong to Apollos,” are you not being merely human? What then is Apollos? And what is Paul? They are ministers through whom you believed, and each served as the Lord gave him his role. I planted, Apollos watered, but God was causing the growth. So then, neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but it is God who causes the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters are united, and each will receive his own reward according to his own labor. For God is the one whom we serve as coworkers, and you are God’s field, God’s building. In keeping with the grace of God given to

me, as a wise master builder, I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it. But let each person be careful how he builds on it. In fact, no one can lay any other foundation than the one that has been laid, which is Jesus Christ. But if anyone is building on the foundation with gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay, or straw, each person’s work will become evident. The Day will make it plain, because it is going to be revealed in fire, and the fire will test each person’s work to show what sort of work it is. If what someone has built remains, he will receive a reward. If someone’s work is burned up, he will suffer loss; he himself will be saved, but it will be like an escape through fire. Do you not know that you yourselves are God’s temple, and that God’s Spirit lives in you? If anyone destroys God’s temple, God will destroy him. For God’s temple is holy, and that is what you are.

VERSE OF THE DAY Alleluia! Alleluia! Let the one who has my word speak it faithfully. Alleluia!

C: ♪ **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Stand

M: The Gospel according to St. Matthew, chapters 9 & 10.

C: ♪ **Glory be to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL

Matthew 9:35-10:4

We praise the Lord of the Harvest for fulfilling our prayers for workers.

Jesus traveled through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he was moved with compassion for them, because they were troubled and downcast, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Therefore pray that the Lord of the harvest will send out workers into his harvest.” Jesus called his twelve disciples to himself and gave them authority to drive out unclean spirits and to heal every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon (who is called Peter) and his brother Andrew; James the son of Zebedee and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: ♪ **Praise be to you, O Christ!**

Be Seated

HYMN

God of the Prophets | CW 543

Stand for the Reading of the Text

SERMON

1 Peter 5:1-4

Therefore, as a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and as one who also shares in the glory that is about to be revealed, I appeal to the elders among you: Shepherd God's flock that is among you, serving as overseers, not grudgingly but willingly, as God desires, not because you are greedy for money but because you are eager to do it. Do not lord it over those entrusted to your care, but be examples for the flock. And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive an unfading crown of glory.

Understand What God is Giving You

1. Pastor Boehringer
2. Members of St. Peter's

Stand for Confession of Faith

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Augsburg Confession Article V: Concerning the Office of Preaching

C: To obtain such faith God instituted the office of preaching, giving the gospel and the sacraments. Through these, as through means, he gives the Holy Spirit who produces faith, where and when he wills, in those who hear the gospel. It teaches that we have a gracious God, not through our merit but through Christ's merit, when we so believe. Condemned are the Anabaptists and others who teach that we obtain the Holy Spirit without the external word of the gospel through our own preparation, thoughts, and works.

Be Seated

RITE OF INSTALLATION

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: 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 your servant whom you have given to be Associate Pastor of St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Congregation. 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.

LORD'S PRAYER

"Father in Heaven" by Clark/von Kampen

Soloist: Joy Schwark

Father in heaven, your name is holy. Send us your kingdom, Your will be done. You give our day's bread and our forgiveness as we forgive. Father in heaven, your name is holy. Send us your kingdom, Your will be done. Guard from temptation; rescue from evil. Yours is the kingdom; Yours is the power. Yours is the glory forever, Amen. Father in heaven, your name is holy.
Send us your kingdom, Your will be done.

M: Go, then, take up the work to which you have been called.

The Lord bless you and make you a blessing to many, that you may bear fruit and that your fruit may remain to eternal life.

ADULT CHOIR

"Hymn of the Shepherd"

Dear to the heart of the Shepherd, dear are the sheep of His fold;
dear is the love that He gave them, dearer than silver or gold.
Dear to the heart of the Shepherd, dear are His other lost sheep;
over the mountains He follows, over the waters so deep.
Out in the desert they wander, hungry and helpless and cold;
off to the rescue He hastens, bringing them back to the fold.

Dear to the heart of the Shepherd, dear are the lambs of His fold;
some from the pastures are straying, hungry and helpless and cold.
See, the Good Shepherd is seeking, seeking the lambs that are lost,
bringing them in with rejoicing, saved at such infinite cost.

Out in the desert they wander, hungry and helpless and cold;
Off to the rescue He hastens, bringing them back to the fold.

Dear to the heart of the Shepherd, dear are the sheep of His fold;
dear is the love that He gives them, dearer than silver or gold.
Make us Your true undershepherds; give us a love that is deep;
send us out into the desert, seeking Your wandering sheep.
Out in the desert they wander, hungry and helpless and cold;
off to the rescue He hastens, bringing them back to the fold.

Stand

CLOSING PRAYER

M: Almighty and most merciful God and Father, through your one and only 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 over which the Holy Spirit has made them overseers. We humbly implore you to strengthen your pastors at all times, that through their ministry of Word and Sacrament, your people may bear fruit in your knowledge and service and grow up into him who is the head, Jesus Christ, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be glory now and forever.

C: ♪ **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.

C: ♪ **Amen. Amen. Amen.**

Be Seated

CLOSING HYMN

Dear Lord, to Your True Servants Give | **CW 542**

ADDRESS BY MR. JIM PFLUM, CHAIRMAN OF ST. PETER'S

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY REV. LUKE J. BOEHRINGER

MEAL PRAYER

Feed Your Children, God Most Holy | **CW 616**



Organist
Adult Choir Director
Preacher
Presiding Minister

Mrs. Pamela Zuberbier
Mr. David Koepsell
Rev. John Boehringer
Rev. Michael J. Zuberbier

Meet the Boehringers

Luke John Boehringer was born and then baptized into Christ in the spring of 1978. His washing of rebirth took place at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church in Fresno, California. Along with his two younger brothers (Mark, Matthew) and younger sister (Beth), he attended the preaching of Christ in his childhood in Lutheran churches in Japan and then at Living Word Lutheran Church, Petaluma, California. In 1988 his family moved to the Midwest because his father had taken a call to teach at Luther High School in Onalaska, Wisconsin. He received Holy Communion for the first time in 1992 at Christ Lutheran Church, West Salem.

Pastor Boehringer attended three high schools. He attended Luther High School, but only for one day. His father had taken a call back into the parish to serve St. John's Lutheran Church in Watertown, Wisconsin. So Pastor Boehringer transferred to Northwestern Preparatory School for three years, but actually graduated from Luther Preparatory School in 1996, the first graduating class from the newly combined high school. He attended Martin Luther College, graduating in 2000, then Wisconsin

Lutheran Seminary, graduating in 2004. He served his vicar year in St. Charles County, Missouri, next to St. Louis.

He was placed into the pastoral office in 2004 and served as a dorm supervisor at Michigan Lutheran Seminary. Following his time in Saginaw, he was re-assigned in 2006 as the associate pastor of Salem Lutheran Church and School in Owosso, Michigan. In 2009 he accepted the divine call to serve as the pastor of Gethsemane Lutheran Church in Davenport, Iowa. He is thankful to have had the opportunity over the years to care for many precious souls and is glad to now be able to serve by God's grace as St. Peter's associate pastor.

The Lord has also given him the privilege of being a husband and father. He was joined in holy wedlock to his bride Sarah in 2008. They have been blessed with several children: Phoebe (11), Chloe (10), Mary (10), Boaz (7), Elizabeth "Betty" (5), Josiah (3), and Hannah (1). Zechariah, their eighth child, is already in God's hands. In March 2019 Mary was diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukemia. Her final treatment was this last Tuesday, praise be to our dear Lord Jesus Christ! She'll continue to receive ongoing care at Children's Hospital in Milwaukee.

Pastor's whole family is grateful to our dear friends in the Quad Cities for their prayers and support over the last two years. All the Boehrings are excited to be here in Fond du Lac and become a part of the St. Peter's family.

One last note: how to say Boehringer. No one knows for sure, but our usual advice is to say B-ORANGE-R, then say it again a bit faster, and you've got it close enough.

A favorite passage of Pastor Boehringer's are the wise words from John the Baptist for preachers and all of God's baptized children. From John 3:27-30: John answered, "A man cannot receive a single thing, unless it has been given to him from heaven. You yourselves are witnesses that I said, 'I am not the Christ, but I have been sent ahead of him.' The one who has the bride is the bridegroom. But the friend of the bridegroom, who stands and listens for him, is overjoyed when he hears the bridegroom's voice. So this joy of mine is now complete. He must increase, but I must decrease."

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Your Kingdom, O God



1 Your king-dom, O God, is my glo - ri - ous trea - sure, My
 2 Your king-dom, O God, is a - live with the pow - er Your
 3 Your king-dom, O God, is a field for the grow - ing Of



pearl of in - com - p'ra - ble worth. Its
 Word and your Spir - it be - stow. Like
 seeds that your mer - cy has sown, But



val - ue ex - ceeds ev - 'ry stand - ard of mea - sure, Sur -
 yeast, they af - fect the whole mea - sure of flour, En -
 still in our midst is the en - e - my sow - ing The



pass - ing the wealth of the earth. Lord,
 a - bling your king - dom to grow. Em -
 weeds that im - per - il your own. Sus -



give me your grace and the pow'r of the Spir - it To
 pow - er me, Lord, as I live your com - mis - sion, Though
 tain me, O Lord, till your day of re - turn - ing And



val - ue this trea - sure a - right That,
 hum - ble my ser - vice may be, And
 har - vest me home - ward at last, To



nev - er al - lured by the world, I in - her - it Your
 bring ev - 'ry plant - ing to per - fect fru - i - tion, A
 shine in the home - land that qui - ets all yearn - ing, Where



king - dom of glo - ry and light.
 mus - tard seed grown to a tree.
 sor - row and dan - ger are past.