

# Installation of Rev. Robbie Ketcham

Tree of Life Lutheran Church  
Saturday, May 13, 2023 ~ 3 p.m.

Leader in regular type; **congregation in bold type**

All hymns can be found in the red book

↑ Please stand as able

## Gathering

### PRELUDE

Duane Dillard

*You are invited to prepare yourself for worship.*

### ↑ CONFESSON AND FORGIVENESS

B: In the name of the Father, and the +Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

B: Trusting in the forgiveness won through Christ's death and resurrection, let us now confess our sins in the presence of God and one-another:

*Brief silence for self-reflection.*

B: Most merciful God:

**C: 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.**

B: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

B: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

### ↑ HYMN

**"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"**

**#807**

### ↑ GREETING

B: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

## ↑ GLORIA



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.  
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.  
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:  
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;  
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.  
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.  
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.  
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

## ↑ PRAYER OF THE DAY

B: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

B: Let us pray: Almighty God, through your Son Jesus Christ you gave the holy apostles many gifts and commanded them to feed your flock. Inspire all pastors to proclaim your word diligently and your people to receive it willingly, that finally we may receive the crown of eternal glory; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## Word

### **READING: Isaiah 40:3-11, 27-31**

L: A reading from the prophet Isaiah:

<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.

<sup>27</sup>Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God"? <sup>28</sup>Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. <sup>29</sup>He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. <sup>30</sup>Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; <sup>31</sup>but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### **PSALM 91:9-16**

<sup>9</sup>Because you have made the LORD your refuge, and the Most High your habitation, **<sup>10</sup>no evil will befall you, nor shall affliction come near your dwelling.**

<sup>11</sup>For God will give the angels charge over you, to guard you in all your ways.

**<sup>12</sup>Upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.**

<sup>13</sup>You will tread upon the lion cub and viper; you will trample down the lion and the serpent.

**<sup>14</sup>I will deliver those who cling to me; I will uphold them, because they know my name.**

<sup>15</sup>They will call me, and I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and honor them.

**<sup>16</sup>With long life will I satisfy them, and show them my salvation.**

#### **READING: Romans 10:12-17**

L: A reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans:

<sup>12</sup>For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. <sup>13</sup>For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved." <sup>14</sup>But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? <sup>15</sup>And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!" <sup>16</sup>But not all have obeyed the good news; for Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed our message?" <sup>17</sup>So faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes through the word of Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

↑ **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Composer: D. Dillard

Voice

Al-le - u - ia Al-le - u - ia Al-le - u - ia glo-ry to God! A - le- u - ia

5 u - ia Al-le - u - ia Al-le - u - ia Glo-ry to God A - le God! For the *rit.*

10 Lord Most High is *rit.* wor-thy of glo-ry and praise Al - le u - ia Al-le- *a tempo*

15 u - ia Al-le - u - ia glo ry to - God! A - le - u - ia Al-le - u - ia Al-le-

20 u - ia Glo - ry to God!

↑ **GOSPEL: Luke 10:1-11, 17-20**

B: The holy gospel according to Luke.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. <sup>2</sup>He said to them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. <sup>3</sup>Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. <sup>4</sup>Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. <sup>5</sup>Whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace to this house!’ <sup>6</sup>And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. <sup>7</sup>Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. <sup>8</sup>Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; <sup>9</sup>cure the sick who are there, and say to them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’ <sup>10</sup>But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, <sup>11</sup>‘Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.’

<sup>17</sup>The seventy returned with joy, saying, “Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!” <sup>18</sup>He said to them, “I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. <sup>19</sup>See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. <sup>20</sup>Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

B: The gospel of the Lord.

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

## Installation

### ↑ PRESENTATION

B: Having been authorized by the church to install Randolph Robert Ketcham, our co-worker in the gospel, as pastor, I now ask for certification of this call.

*President Nicky Zaiser:* After prayerful deliberation, we of Tree of Life Lutheran Church, have called Randolph Robert Ketcham as pastor.

### QUESTIONS TO PASTOR

B: 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 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 on 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*)

B: Robbie, 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?

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

B: Will you preach and teach in accordance with the holy scriptures and with the confessions of the Lutheran church? Will you carry out this ministry in harmony with the constitutions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America?

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

B: 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?

P: 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?

P: 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.

**C: Amen.**

### ↑ **QUESTIONS TO CONGREGATION**

B: People of God, will you receive Robbie as a messenger of Jesus Christ sent 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?

**C: 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?

**C: We will, and we ask God to help us.**

*The presiding minister addresses the pastor being installed.*

B: Robbie, the office of pastor is now committed to you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

### ↑ **BLESSING**

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.

**C: Amen.**

### ↑ **PRESENTATION OF SYMBOLS**

*At the baptismal font, parishioner Michelle Brill says: You have been called to be among us to baptize, to teach, and to forgive sins.*

*At the pulpit, parishioner Paul Schuler says: You have been called to be among us to proclaim the good news.*

*At the altar table, parishioner Sylvia Schill says: You have been called to be among us to preside at the Lord's supper.*

B: People of God, I present to you Robbie, your pastor. Let us welcome him in the name of Christ.

*The assembly may offer acclamation with applause.*

## ↑ PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

A: Eternal Father, you rule over all the heavens and earth, and you bring peace and salvation to all who call upon your name. Inspire and empower your one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church throughout the world to witness to your glory and love. Lord, in your mercy...

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: You provide blessing in abundance through the fruits of your creation. Grant life and growth to all that you have made. Lord, in your mercy...

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: You rule over the nations. Bless our president, Congress and courts; our state and local leaders; those who serve in our armed forces or as first responders; and all who serve our communities. Lord, in your mercy...

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: You are with all who are in trouble, and rescue all who are in need. Keep watch over all who work or watch or weep this day. Sustain the poor, and strengthen the weak. Comfort those who cry out to you with any needs of body, mind or spirit, including those we now name... (*Brief time for individual petitions.*) Lord, in your mercy...

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: You send us out to proclaim the Good News of salvation through your Son's death and resurrection. Give wisdom, courage and passion to all your people, including all ministers of the Gospel. Be with our Presiding Bishop Elizabeth, our Bishop William, our newly installed Pastor Robbie, and all the clergy visiting today. Be with the people of Tree of Life, and all neighboring congregations. Lord, in your mercy...

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: You give us a Word that will stand forever, and a life that will never die. Accept our thanksgiving for all the saints who now rest in your eternal presence, and sustain us in the hope of the resurrection. Lord, in your mercy...

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: Into your hands, almighty Father, we lift up all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## Meal

## ↑ PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

## OFFERING

### ↑ OFFERTORY

Time: "Old Hundredth"

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heav'nly hosts;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

### ↑ OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the universe. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in your Son, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

### ↑ GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 our thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through the great shepherd of your flock, our Savior Jesus Christ; who after his resurrection sent forth the apostles to preach the gospel and teach all nations, and promised to be with them, even to the end of the age. And so, with the glorious company of the apostles, with the choirs of angels and all the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.



## ↑ EUCHARISTIC PRAYER & WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes:

**C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P: Bless us, O Lord, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us 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: Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us!

**C: Therefore let us keep the feast! Alleluia!**

## COMMUNION

*All the baptized are welcome to commune. Wine and grape juice are in the individual cups. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. After receiving Communion, please wait for a blessing and then return to your seat.*

## COMMUNION SONGS

**“Let Us Break Bread Together”**

**#471**

**“Blest Be the Tie that Binds”**

**#656**

**“Blessed Assurance”**

**#638**

## ↑ POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

P: May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us pray: Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

C: Amen.

## Sending

### INTRODUCTION OF VISITING CLERGY & ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### ↑ BENEDICTION

B: 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.

C: Amen.

#### ↑ HYMN

"Come, We that Love the Lord"

#625

#### ↑ DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Share the good news.

C: Thanks be to God.

#### POSTLUDE

Duane Dillard

*You may listen to the music or depart to do God's work.*

***All are invited for light refreshments following the service.***

### LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

**Presiding Minister:** Rev. William Gohl, *Bishop of the Delaware-Maryland Synod, ELCA*

**Assisting Minister:** Rev. Paige Evers, *Dean of the Delmarva Conference of Clergy, ELCA*

**Pastor Loci:** Rev. Robbie Ketcham

**Music Minister:** Duane Dillard

**Lectors:** Kaitlyn Yetsko, Gene Zaiser

**Acolyte:** Anders Fratta

**HOLY COMMUNION:** As a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, all baptized people of God are welcome at God's table. If you need a gluten-free wafer, please let the presiding minister know at the time. If you would prefer a blessing rather than Communion, please cross your arms in front of you at the time.

**RESTROOMS** are located by the kitchen, in the nursery or at the end of the piano wing of the sanctuary.

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