

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

With the Rite of Ordination
to Word and Sacrament Ministry
and the Service of Installation
as Pastor for
Jennifer Lea Nagel

Saturday, January 19, 2008, 2:00 pm

Salem English Lutheran Church
810 West 31st Street, Minneapolis, MN 55408



Thank you for being part of this extraordinary day!

Nearly 18 years ago, on January 20, 1990, Ruth Frost, Phyllis Zillhart, and Jeff Johnson were ordained to serve St. Francis Lutheran and First United Lutheran churches in San Francisco. Some of you were present for that powerful moment of worship; I followed the events from a distance, a senior finishing high school in New Ulm, MN. At the time, the bold witness of those two Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) congregations inspired me. I also felt sadness and alarm in realizing that the church might refuse anyone's gift of faithful service because of who they are and who they love.

Now, 18 years, a strong affirmation of God's call, a couple degrees, a half dozen faith communities, and many bends in the road later, I experience awe in the witness of the Gospel alive in communities of faith, and frustration that extraordinary ordinations are even necessary. In the days before those 1990 ordinations, Krister Stendahl, Harvard Professor and Bishop Emeritus of the Diocese of Stockholm of the Church of Sweden, wrote to Jeff, Ruth, and Phyllis: "Since I cannot be with you at your ordination which—it seems—must take place *extra ordinem*, I want to send you a greeting affirming my conviction that the steps that your congregations and you are taking stand well before God."

Our tradition's long history of reformation guides us as we stand with our hopes and prayers before God this day to partake in this *extra ordinem*, extraordinary ordination. My heart is full of gratitude for your presence that mingles with the prayers of friends and colleagues far and wide. I give thanks for the people of Salem English Lutheran Church who so faithfully have listened for the Holy Spirit's calling to vibrant and authentic ministry; for the many congregations and communities that have nurtured, challenged, and empowered me; for my beloved Jane, my folks Jim and Marcia, Jane's folks Sue and David, and for our families, a number of whom are worshipping with us today. Praise God for these extraordinary winds of the Spirit!

- Jen

+ Today's Offering +

Salem Lutheran Church's Transformational Ministry

Salem Lutheran is in the midst of transformation, seeking to authentically be in ministry in this neighborhood, to reach out beyond our walls, to strengthen and deepen the bonds of the existing faith community, and to understand and live our identity as God's people empowered by the Holy Spirit. Salem is a Transformational Ministry site of the ELCA as well as Minneapolis Area Synod, receiving mission support and covenanting with the wider church to intentionally practice new and renewed ministry.



ELCA World Hunger

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's (ELCA) commitment to supporting people who live with chronic hunger and poverty around the corner and around the world is carried out by ELCA World Hunger through relief, development, education, and advocacy. www.elca.org

Extraordinary Lutheran Ministries

Extraordinary Lutheran Ministries (ELM) is an association of congregations, ministry organizations, and individuals covenanting with God and one another to gather, empower, and sustain faith communities committed to the gospel of Jesus Christ and the full participation of people of all sexual orientations and gender identities in the life and ministry of the Lutheran church. Extraordinary Lutheran Ministries provides candidacy, credentialing and rostering for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender pastors, works with congregations to call ELM roster members, and provides mission grants to ELM-led ministries. ELM is the merger of Lutheran Lesbian & Gay Ministries and the Extraordinary Candidacy Project. www.elm.org



Thanks to Thrivent Financial for Lutherans for generously matching a portion of today's offering.

+ Worship Announcements +

- There is **child care** available upstairs for our youngest.
- **Restrooms** are on each level, with handicap accessibility on the lower level. An usher can direct you.
- Following today's service, please join us for a **reception** in Iverson Hall (lower level) at Bethlehem Lutheran Church at 41st and Lyndale. Shuttles will be available from both the north and south doors of Salem Lyndale to Bethlehem Lutheran immediately following the service.
- **Tomorrow morning** you are invited to join us for worship. We have our Traditional Service at 8:30 am in the Sanctuary, and Jazz Worship at 10:30 am in the upstairs worship space. Rev. Erik Christensen, Co-Chair of Extraordinary Lutheran Ministries and Pastor at St. Luke's Lutheran Church of Logan Square in Chicago, will be our guest preacher. Lyndale UCC will worship at 10:30 am in the Sanctuary. You are most welcome.

LITURGY FOR HOLY COMMUNION

PRELUDE

+ GATHERING +

The people stand as able for the procession.

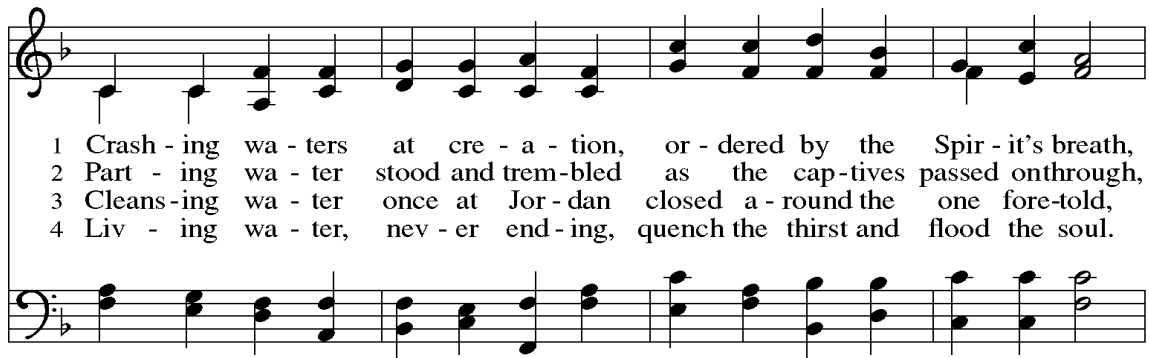
Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

Amen.

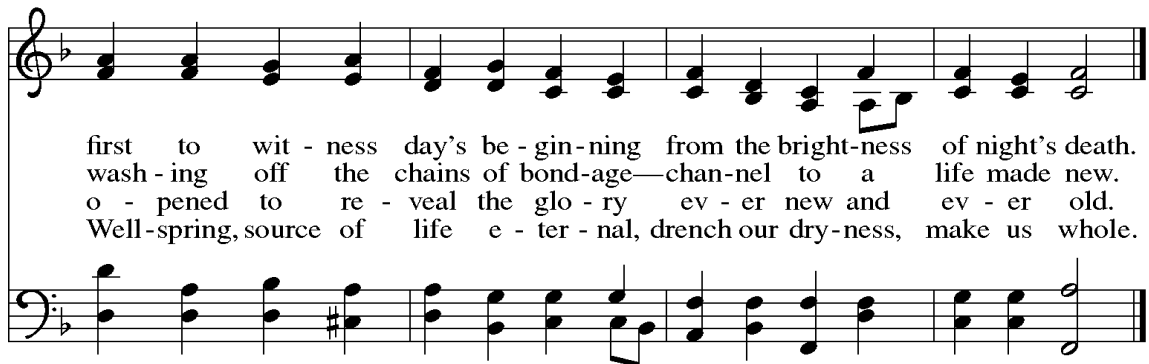
PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Crashing Waters at Creation

During the processional hymn the people are sprinkled with water, a reminder of God's Baptismal promise to all the people.



1 Crash - ing wa - ters at cre - a - tion, or - dered by the Spir - it's breath,
2 Part - ing wa - ter stood and trem-bled as the cap-tives passed onthrough,
3 Cleans-ing wa - ter once at Jor-dan closed a - round the one fore-told,
4 Liv - ing wa - ter, nev - er end - ing, quench the thirst and flood the soul.



first to wit - ness day's be - gin - ning from the bright-ness of night's death.
wash - ing off the chains of bond-age—chan-nel to a life made new.
o - pened to re - veal the glo - ry ev - er new and ev - er old.
Well-spring, source of life e - ter - nal, drench our dry-ness, make us whole.

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THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

[pouring water]

Blessed are you, holy God.
You are the creator of the waters of the earth.

You are the river of life.

[pouring water]

You led your people through the river Jordan
and called us to life in covenant.

[pouring water]

Your son was baptized in the river Jordan to begin his mission among us.

Through this water remind us of our baptism.

Create us all anew that we may serve the needy world; for we trust in the name of Jesus, your son, who lives with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

O God, Beyond All Praising; Vs 1 & 3



1 O God be-yond all prais-ing, we wor-ship you to-day
2 The flow'r of earth-ly splen-dor in time must sure-ly die,
3 Then hear, O gra-cious Sav-ior, ac-cept the love we bring,



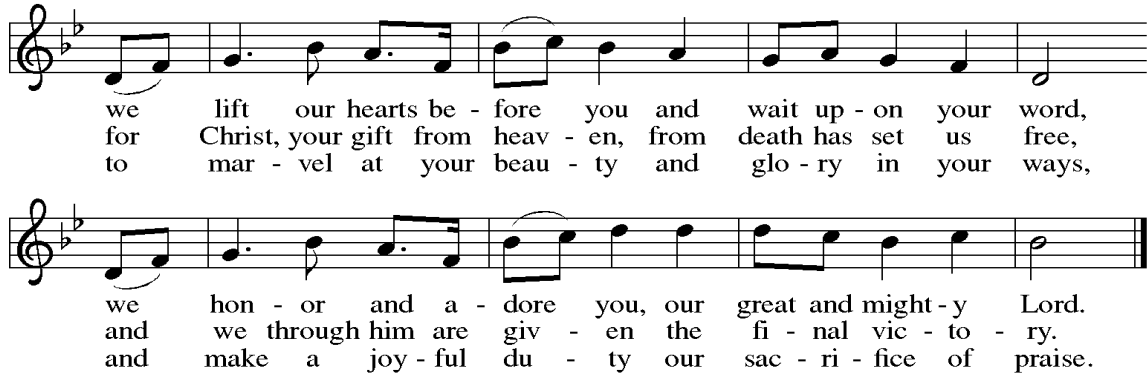
and sing the love a-maz-ing that songs can-not re-pay;
its frag-ile bloom sur-ren-der to you, the Lord most high;
that we who know your fa-vor may serve you as our King;



for we can on-ly won-der at ev-'ry gift you send,
but hid-den from all na-ture the e-ter-nal seed is sown-
and wheth-er our to-mor-rows be filled with good or ill,



at bless-ings with-out num-ber and mer-cies with-out end:
though small in mor-tal stat-ure, to heav-en's gar-den grown:
we'll tri-umph through our sor-rows and rise to bless you still:



we lift our hearts be - fore you and wait up - on your word,
for Christ, your gift from heav - en, from death has set us free,
to mar - vel at your beau - ty and glo - ry in your ways,

we hon - or and a - dore you, our great and might - y Lord.
and we through him are giv - en the fi - nal vic - to - ry.
and make a joy - ful du - ty our sac - ri - fice of praise.

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GREETING

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. Grace to you, and peace, from God who shines among us!

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. God of grace and mercy, through the transforming word of the prophets and the faithful leadership of the apostles, you create the church. You gift all your people for the work of ministry and call us to proclaim your Gospel of love and justice for the world. May the power of your Holy Spirit accompany Jennifer as she is ordained to the ministry of Word and Sacrament, and guide the people of Salem English Lutheran Church, as they affirm their call to be in ministry with Jen here in this place.

Amen.

The people are seated.

+ WORD +

FIRST READING

Isaiah 42:1-9

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the

prison those who sit in darkness. I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY

Psalm 104

All: Antiphon

Choir: Verses

All liv - ing things give voice to your glo - ry, Bless the
Lord,— O my soul. All liv - ing things give
voiceto your glo - ry, Praise the Lord,— O my heart.

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Verse 1: Bless God the Creator/ Encircled in mystery/ Revealing the majesty/
Heaven like a tent

Antiphon

Verse 2: Birthing creation/ With flame and compassion/ Tall trees and valleys/
Pools of clear water

Antiphon

Verse 3: Seasons and contrasts/ Light, heat, and darkness/ Variety endless and/
Works everlasting

Antiphon

Verse 4: Practicing justice/ And mercy forever/ Entrusting all things/
To uncertain stewards

Antiphon

SECOND READING

Acts of the Apostles 10:34-43

Then Peter began to speak to them: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with

power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

The people stand as able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -
 - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -
 Hal - le - lu - jah.
 lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

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GOSPEL

Matthew 3:13-17

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the third chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The people are seated.

SERMON

A Tale of Three Cities

HYMN OF THE DAY

All Are Welcome

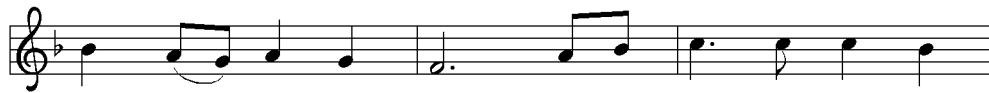
Refrain All, Vs 1 All, Vs 2 Higher Voices, Vs 3 All, Vs 4 Lower Voices, Vs 5 All



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly
2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and
3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and
4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and
5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how
true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to
wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where
stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and
heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of
 wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we
 Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in
 strang - er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an
 laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -



Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
 claim the faith of Je - sus:
 Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,
 end to fear and dan - ger:
 claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

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CREED

from United Church of Canada, 1980

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God:

who has created and is creating,

who has come in Jesus,

the Word made flesh,

to reconcile and make new,

who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God,

We are called to be the Church:

to celebrate God's presence,

to love and serve others,

to seek justice and resist evil,

to proclaim Jesus,

crucified and risen,

our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,

God is with us.

We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

The people are seated.

+ ORDINATION +

We present for ordination to the holy ministry of Word and Sacrament, Jennifer Lea Nagel, who has been prepared, examined, and certified for this ministry and who has been called by the Church to the office of pastor.

Thanks be to God.

According to apostolic usage you are now to be set apart to the office of Word and Sacrament in the one holy catholic Church by the laying on of hands and by prayer.

Our Lord Jesus Christ says: "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you. Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." (John 20:21-23)

And again: "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, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age." (Matthew 28:18-20)

St. Paul writes: I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way also the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. (1 Corinthians 11:23-26)

Before almighty God, to whom you must give account, and in the presence of this congregation, I ask: Will you assume this office, believing that the Church's call is God's call to the ministry of Word and Sacrament?

I will, and I ask God to help me.

The Church in which you are to be ordained confesses that the Holy Scriptures are the Word of God and are the norm of its faith and life. We accept, teach, and confess the Apostles', the Nicene, and the Athanasian Creeds. We also acknowledge the Lutheran Confessions as true witnesses and faithful expositions of the Holy Scriptures. Will you therefore preach and teach in accordance with the Holy Scriptures and these creeds and confessions?

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 pray for God's people, nourish them with the Word and Holy Sacraments, and lead them by your own example in faithful service and holy living?

I will, and I ask God to help me.

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

I will, and I ask God to help me.

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

The people stand as able.

PRAYERS

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

We pray for the whole Church and for those shepherds who guide us: for our bishops Mark and Craig, for pastors, rostered leaders and those elected to serve, that they may embody your way of love and justice.

By your grace may your people be found faithful.

We pray for Jennifer Nagel, chosen to be a pastor in the Church, that she may with joy and integrity fulfill the duties of this ministry.

Strengthen Jen to be a messenger of the Gospel.

We pray for our congregation and for all who are joining with us in this service of Ordination and Installation.

Bless us with your peace and great joy as we celebrate this day.

We pray for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Extraordinary Lutheran Ministries, and the whole Church as we discern how to live together faithfully.

Fill us with your Spirit of love and restoration.

We pray with thanksgiving for Dr. Martin Luther King, and for the witness of all your prophets who continue to call us to renewal and change.

May we grow in the practices of justice and reconciliation.

We pray for healing and new life for the poor, the persecuted, the sick, the lonely, the forgotten, and all who suffer.

We remember refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger.

We pray for the world, that a spirit of respect and understanding may grow among nations and people. We pray especially for sisters and brothers across the globe who live with violence, hunger, and injustice.

Help us to extend hands of peace.

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

ORDINATION

Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am

As we sing, we invite ALL to come forward for the laying on of hands, placing a hand on the ordinand or on the shoulder of the person in front of you.

Take, oh, take me as I am; sum-mon out what I shall be;
set your seal up - on my heart and live in me.

The image shows two systems of musical notation. Each system consists of a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment line in the bass clef. The key signature has three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the vocal line.

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The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Creator, we bless you for the infinite love in Christ our Lord, in whom we have redemption and forgiveness of sins according to the riches of his grace. We thank you that by his death your Son has overcome death and, having been raised by your mighty power, has ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things. We praise you that Christ has poured out his gifts abundantly on the Church, making some apostles, some prophets, some pastors and teachers, to equip your people for their work of ministry for building up the body of Christ.

The Congregation sings again "Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am"

Eternal God, through your Son, Jesus Christ, pour out your Holy Spirit upon Jennifer and fill her with the gifts of grace for the ministry of Word and Sacrament.

Bless her proclamation of your Word and administration of your Sacraments, O Lord, so that your Church may be gathered for praise and strengthened for service. Make her a faithful pastor, patient teacher, wise counselor. Inspire her witness and work, that they

may strengthen ties of understanding between all our communities of faith, building bridges for the work of healing and renewal in the world. Grant that in all things she may serve without reproach, that your people may be renewed and your name be glorified in and beyond the Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever.

Amen.

The congregation sings again "Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am" as they return to their seats.

The people are seated. The newly ordained may remain kneeling. A stole is placed over her shoulders.

Receive this stole as a sign of your work, and walk in obedience to the Lord Jesus, serving his people and remembering his promise: "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." (Matthew 11:28-30)

The newly ordained stands and is addressed by co-workers in the gospel.

"Strive for righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, and gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith." (1 Timothy 6:11-12)

"Take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you guardians, to feed the Church of the Lord which he obtained with his own blood." (Acts 20:28)

"Tend the flock of God that is your charge, not by constraint but willingly, not for shameful gain but eagerly, not as domineering over those in your charge but being examples to the flock. And when the chief shepherd is manifested you will obtain the unfading crown of glory." (1 Peter 5:2-4)

"This is how one should regard us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover it is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy." (1 Corinthians 4:1-2)

Care for God's people, bear their burdens and do not betray their confidence. So discipline yourself in life and teaching that you preserve the truth, giving no occasion for false security or illusory hope. Witness faithfully in word and deed to all people. Give and receive comfort as you serve within the Church. And be of good courage, for God has called you, and your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

Let us pray: 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, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in you that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory forever and ever.

Amen.

The people stand as able.

ACCLAMATION OF ORDINATION

Will you, assembled as the people of God and speaking for the whole Church, receive Jennifer as a messenger of Jesus Christ sent to serve God's people with the Gospel of hope and salvation? Will you regard her as a servant of Christ?

We will.

Will you pray for her, help and honor her for her work's sake, and in all things strive to live together in the peace and unity of Christ?

We will.

Let it be acclaimed that Jennifer Lea Nagel is ordained a minister in the Church of Christ. She has Christ's authority to preach the Word and administer the Sacraments, serving God's people.

Amen. Thanks be to God.

The congregation may offer acclamation with applause.

HYMN

We Are Called



1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the
2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your . . mer - cy to all those in
3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be



Lord! We are called to be light for the king - dom, to
fear! We are called to be hope for the hope - less so
one! God will reign, and we'll walk with each oth - er as



live in the free - dom of the cit - y of God.
ha - tred and blind - ness . . . will be . . . no more.
sis - ters and broth - ers . . . u - nit - ed in love.

Refrain

We are called to act with jus-tice, we are called to
love ten-der-ly; we are called to serve one an-
oth-er, to walk hum-bly with God.

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The people are seated.

INSTALLATION

Having been authorized by God's people, the Church, to install Jennifer Lea Nagel, our co-worker in the Gospel, as pastor, I now ask for certification of this call.

We, of Salem English Lutheran Church, after prayerful deliberation, have elected Jen to be pastor. We present her and this letter certifying the call.

Hear the words addressed to Timothy: Set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Till I come, attend to the public reading of Scripture, to preaching, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophetic utterance when the council of elders laid their hands upon you. Practice these duties, devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress. Take heed to yourself and to your teaching; hold to that, for by so doing you will save both yourself and your hearers. (1 Tim. 4:12-16)

Pastor Nagel, in the presence of this congregation do you commit yourself to this new trust and responsibility?

I do, and I ask God to help me.

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.

The people of Salem will please stand.

Baptized into the priesthood of Christ, we are all called by the Holy Spirit to ministries of love, justice and service. People of Salem, do you commit yourselves anew to be partners with Pastor Nagel in proclaiming and living the Gospel?

We do and we ask God to help us.

Receive now these reminders of your common calling to serve the Lord Jesus and his people in the ministry of Word and Sacrament.

A Baptismal shell, proclaiming your identity as God's beloved children.

A Bible, symbolizing the Word of God, speaking to you and acting through you.

Bread and wine, revealing the presence of Christ who gathers and feeds and sends you.

Neighborhood maps, representing God's transforming love made flesh in this particular time and place.

Your church banner, a sign of your commitment to reach out to all people.

Let us pray. Gracious God, you have blessed each of us with unique gifts, and called us into specific occupations, relationships, and ministries. Empower the people of Salem, together with their pastor, and this whole priesthood of believers, to be ministers of your reconciliation, love, hope and justice, through Jesus Christ who walks beside us.

Amen.

+ MEAL +

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

The people sit after greeting one another in peace.

OFFERING

Today's offering will support Salem Lutheran Church's Transformational Ministry, ELCA World Hunger, and Extraordinary Lutheran Ministries. A portion of the offering is being generously matched by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. Please see page 2 of the bulletin for more information about each of these ministries.

Anthem

*What Does the Lord Require of You? (Micah 6:8)
Jim Strathdee, arr. Wilgocki*

Offertory

Take My Life; Vs 1 only

The people stand as able as the gifts are brought forward.

1 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;
4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with - hold;

take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.
take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sag - es from thee.
take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

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Offertory Prayer

Let us pray. Merciful God,

We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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, Holy One of blessing, who claims us in the waters of Baptism and calls us beloved. And so with earth and sea and sky, with angels and stars, with prophets, apostles, and ordinary folk we join our voices in the unending song of joy:

Holy, Holy, Holy

You Are Holy

Du är he - lig, du är hel. Du är all - tid myck-et mer
You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more

än vi nån - sin kan för - stå, du är nä - ra än - då.
than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.

Väl - sig - nad va - re du som kom - mer hit just nu,
Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here

väl - sig - na - de vår jord, blir till bröd på vår jord.
to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.

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Du är he - lig, du är hel - het,
You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,

du är när - het he - la kos - mos lo - var dig!
you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!

Ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na,
Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!

ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na vår Gud.
Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

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Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are whole. The universe declares your praise:
beyond the stars; beneath the sea; within each cell; with every breath.

We praise you, O God.

Generations bless your faithfulness: through the water; by night and day; across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future.

We bless you, O God.

We give you thanks for your dear Son: at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer; beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now.

We thank you, O God.

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.

We pray for the gift of your Spirit: in our gathering; within this meal; among your people; throughout the world.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Please pray using whatever words are most familiar to you.

HOLY COMMUNION

The ushers will direct you. We receive communion by intinction—after receiving the bread, dip it in either the chalice of red wine or the chalice of white grape juice. There is a wheat-free option. All who hunger for the presence of Christ in their life are welcome at this table.

MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION

Be Thou My Vision

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
Thou my best thought both by day and by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.
Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tow'r,
raise thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise,
thou mine inheritance, now and always:
Thou and thou only, the first in my heart,
great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

Light of my soul, after victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Text: Irish, 8th cent.; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, alt.; tr. Mary E. Byrne. Music: Irish traditional.

Wade in the Water

Refrain
All

Wade in the wa - ter, wade in the wa - ter, chil - dren,
wade in the wa - ter, God's a - goin' - a trou - ble the wa - ter.

Leader All

1 See that host all dressed in white,
2 See that band all dressed in red, God's a - goin' - a trou - ble the
3 Look o - ver yon - der, what do I see?
4 If you don't be - lieve I've been re - deemed,

Leader

wa - ter. the lead - er looks like the Is - rael - ite.
looks like the band that . . . Mo - ses led.
the Ho - ly Ghost a - com - ing on me.
just fol - low me down to . . . Jor - dan's stream.

All *Refrain*

God's a - goin' - a trou - ble the wa - ter.

Text and Music: African American spiritual.

Take My Life

Refrain/Estrillo

To - ma, oh Dios, mi vo - lun - tad, y haz - la tu - ya, na - da más;
Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;

to - ma, sí, mi co - ra - zón y tu tro - no, en él ten - drás.
take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.



1 *Que mi vi - da en - te - ra es - té* con - sa - gra -
 1 Take my hands and let them move at the im -
 2 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite
 3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on -
 4 Take my will and make it thine; it shall be



da a ti, Se - ñor; que a mis ma - nos pue -
 pulse of thy love; take my feet and let
 would I with - hold; take my in - tel - lect
 ly for my King; take my lips and let
 no lon - ger mine; take my heart, it is



da guiar el im - pul - so de tu a - mor.
 them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
 and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.
 them be filled with mes - sag - es from thee.
 thine own; it shall be thy roy - al throne.

2 *Que mis pies tan sólo en pos de lo santo puedan ir, y que a ti, Señor, mi voz, se complazca en bendecir.* Estribillo
 3 *Que mis labios al hablar hablen sólo de tu amor; que mis bienes dedicar yo los quiera a ti, Señor.* Estribillo

4 *Que mi tiempo todo esté consagrado a tu loor; que mi mente y su poder sean usados en tu honor.* Estribillo

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The people stand as able.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

Amen

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

O God, you are Bread. **May we live by this food.**

You are Breath. **May your Spirit enliven our bones.**

You are Fire: **May your church illumine the world.**

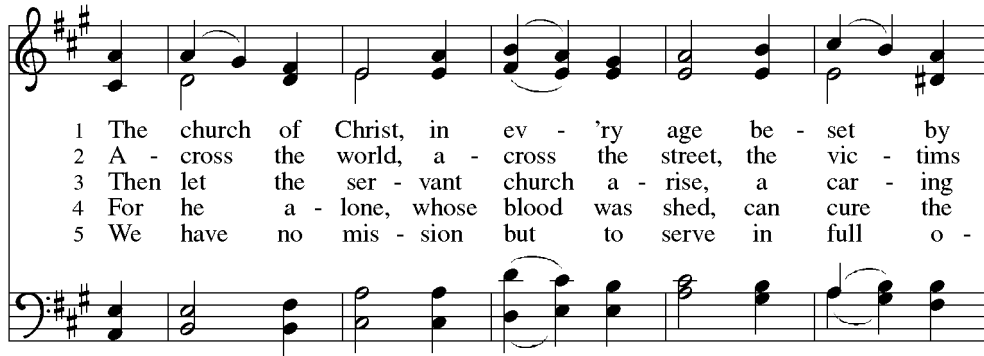
O God, we give you thanks that you have nourished us with this feast of life. By your Spirit, strengthen us in faith, love, and service.

Amen.

+ SENDING FORTH +

SENDING HYMN

The Church of Christ, in Every Age



1 The church of Christ, in ev - 'ry age be - set by
2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims
3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing
4 For he a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the
5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -



change, but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its
of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for
church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's
fe - ver in our blood, and teach us how to
be - dience to our Lord; to care for all, with -



her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.
bread to eat, and nev - er live be - fore they die.
sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.
share our bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.
out re - serve, and spread his lib - er - at - ing word.

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BLESSING

May God bless you and keep you.

May God's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

May God look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live the Good News.

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

+ PARTICIPANTS +

Presiding Minister

Rev. Hans Lee, Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

Preaching Minister

Rev. Angela Denise Davis, Atlanta, GA

Assisting Ministers

Claire Kirchhoff and Sarah Kunze, Salem

Readers

Linda Hanson, Luna Gebriel, and Rev. Roger Livdahl, Salem

Ordination

Ordaining Ministers

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Rev. David Brown; Rev. Lowell Erdahl, Bishop Emeritus, St. Paul Area Synod

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Jan Olson, Mary Patterson, and Paul Wharton

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Bob Shorten, Negsti Zere, and Myra Urness, Salem

Rev. Don Portwood, Lyndale UCC

Rev. Donna Simon, Extraordinary Lutheran Ministries colleague

Rev. Peter Raquet, former colleague at Salem

Rev. Beth Bachman Caulfield, friend from college and seminary

Presentation of Stole

Rev. Jane McBride, Jen's spouse & Jim and Marcia Nagel, parents

Installation

Installing Minister

Rev. Mary Halvorson, Grace University Lutheran Church

Presenters

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Rev. David Wangaard

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Jen and Donalee Varns, Congregational President, receives symbols

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Rev. Brad Froslee, colleague; Rev. Robyn Hartwig, ELM colleague; Paul Livdahl, Salem; Rev. Jane McBride, Jen's Spouse; Jen Nagel; Mary Patterson, Salem; Elaine Reed, Salem; Rev. LaTeasha Richardson, Lyndale and Salem Youth Minister; Michael Vanderford, Lyndale UCC; Rebecca Willis, friend from Divinity School

Procession

Verger, Rev. Jay Wiesner, Bethany Lutheran Church

Crucifer, Quinn Livdahl, Salem

Book Bearer, Aleksander Gebriel, Salem

Streamers, Kelsey Dunham and Luna Gebriel, Salem

Candlelighter, Charlie Pieper, Salem

Small Streamers, Sunday School Children from Salem and Lyndale UCC, Sandy Block and Kathy Sievwright

Musicians

Tom Pieper (bass), Musician, Salem

Salem Discover Service Musicians: Paul Harper (flute and sax), Scott Gerry (guitar), James Anderson (drums), and Geoff Jones (voice)

Karen Pieper (piano), All Saints, Cottage Grove, and Salem

Mark Sedio (organ & piano), Central Lutheran Church (and, once upon a time, Salem musician)

David Lohman (piano), National Gay & Lesbian Task Force's Institute of Welcoming Resources

Kelly Waterman (violin), Lyndale UCC

Choir

Director, Victoria Wilgocki, Lyndale UCC and Salem

Singers gathered from local Reconciling in Christ Congregations, Lyndale UCC, Falcon Heights UCC, Salem, and others

Ushers and Greeters

Members and friends of Salem Lutheran and Lyndale UCC

Communion Bread

Linda Thorson, friend

Ron Parker, Salem

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Mary Johnson, Salem

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Communion Ware

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+ Today's Stole +

The red stole used in today's service was presented to Pastor Anita Hill by Pastor Lynne Lorenzen at Anita's ordination on April 28, 2001. Lynne, a dedicated ally, had received it from Pastor Rebecca Hostetler, a member of St. Paul-Reformation Lutheran Church and a lesbian woman who left the ELCA roster at her bishop's request when he learned she was in a committed relationship. Lynne passed the stole to Anita with the request that she pass it to the next ordained from the Extraordinary Candidacy Project (now, Extraordinary Lutheran Ministries) roster. Anita passed the stole to Pastor Sharon Stalkfleet when Sharon was ordained a month later. Sharon held onto the stole, presenting it in 2004 to Pastor Jay Wiesner. Jay presented it to Pastor Erik Christensen in 2006. Later in 2006, it was passed to Megan Rohrer, then in 2007 to Pastor Dawn Roginski, and just two months ago, in November 2007, to Pastor Jen Rude ordained at Resurrection Lutheran Church in Chicago. The Spirit is moving and Jen Nagel will not have the stole for long. Thanks be to God!

+ The Reverend Jennifer Lea Nagel +

Over the last 4 1/2 years, Jen has served as Pastoral Minister at Salem English Lutheran Church during a time of intentional interim and transformation. Prior to serving at Salem, Jen served Central Lutheran Church in Minneapolis as Minister for Community Resources in ministry with people experiencing homelessness, and at Hennepin County Medical Center as a Chaplaincy Resident and then Intermittent Chaplain.

Jen was baptized on May 7, 1972 at Memorial Lutheran Church (LCMS) in Ames, Iowa, and grew up at Our Savior's Lutheran Church (ALC, ELCA) in New Ulm, Minnesota, affirming her baptism on October 30, 1988. Jen is a graduate of Concordia College in Moorhead, Minnesota, studied at University of St. Andrews in St. Andrews, Scotland, holds a certificate from Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago (1999), and a Masters of Divinity (M.Div.) from University of Chicago Divinity School (1998) where she received the Elsa Marty Entering Fellowship and the Rhind Ministry Award. She completed her ELCA internship at Lord of Light Lutheran Church/Lutheran Campus Ministry at University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, field work at Ebenezer Lutheran Church in Chicago, and her first unit of Clinical Pastoral Education at Children's Hospital of Wisconsin in Milwaukee. Since 2000, Jen's candidacy in the ELCA has been postponed pending a change in church policy. Shortly after that, in 2000, she was approved and joined the roster of the Extraordinary Candidacy Project, now Extraordinary Lutheran Ministries.

Jen's passions and callings include urban ministry, the transforming edge in the church, and partnerships of all kinds. Jen's care for ecumenism began when she was in Scotland, was nurtured when she served as a steward to the 8th Assembly of the World Council of Churches in Harare, Zimbabwe, and continued through many years on the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches, and engagement with the US Board of the WCC. Through ELCA Global Missions, Jen served as a global volunteer, working for the Youth Department of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Zimbabwe, and also the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Zambia. She is a trained Intentional Interim Pastor, has guided wilderness trips at Wilderness Canoe Base and Amnicon Outdoor Ministries, and currently serves on the Synod Council and Executive Committee of the Minneapolis Area Synod, as Co-Chair of the synod's Partnership Table, as Chaplain for the Board of Lutherans Concerned/North America, and Collegium Chair for Extraordinary Lutheran Ministries.

Jen and her spouse, Rev. Jane McBride, live in north Minneapolis. They love camping, canoeing, traveling, and long walks, and enjoy cooking and eating with good friends and family. Jane is Associate Pastor at Falcon Heights United Church of Christ in Falcon Heights, and grew up a UCC "pastor's kid." They met at University of Chicago Divinity School and fell in love in the north woods. Together they await growing their family through a domestic adoption.

+ Salem English Lutheran Church +

"Salem is a welcoming church committed to Christ, our community, and the diversity of our neighborhood." This statement describes not only Salem's present mission, but the spirit of its 118 year history. The congregation's full name, Salem English Lutheran Church, reflects the decision, at the church's founding, that the people would worship in English, the language of the new neighborhood, rather than German or Swedish or Norwegian. Still today, Salem seeks to practice a ministry that is contextual, that speaks the Gospel language in ways that its diverse, urban neighborhood can hear and understand.

The ELCA identifies Salem as a Transformational Ministry site. The most visible aspect of the congregation's transformation relates to its building and land. Because Salem is now a small community, its members have found themselves unable to sustain the large, costly, and inefficient structure that has been home for generations. Choosing a transformed life over the certain death of resisting change, the people of Salem have closed their building at 28th and Lyndale and are in the midst of making plans for mixed-use development on their land. The project they and Brighton Development envision will include retail, housing, parking, and a ministry center, with an emphasis on "green" building and sustainability. In explaining their choice to others, the people of Salem say, "We closed a building, but the church is the people of God, and the people go on!"

As this physical transformation comes to life, an exciting ecumenical partnership has grown between Salem and Lyndale United Church of Christ. These two congregations are now sharing Lyndale UCC's site, just four blocks from the Salem site. The churches also share a Sunday School program, youth ministry, some social action activities, some staff, fellowship and occasional worship services. As the development on the Salem site happens in the next few years, Salem and Lyndale UCC plan to move together into the Ministry Center back at 28th and Lyndale. The two churches intentionally use the language of *partnership*, not *merger* to describe their relationship. Even while living out the vital witness of Christians working together, they continue to call their own pastors, to celebrate each congregation's rich history and to claim their distinct denominational identities.

Salem's transformation is rooted deeply in the congregation's identity. In worship, the congregation speaks a lively diversity of "languages", with both a traditional service and a jazz service. In 2004, Salem became a Reconciling in Christ congregation, fully welcoming people of all sexual orientations and gender identities. This welcome has become a stepping-stone toward a wider welcome that tries to cross lines of race, mental health, and social economic status. More and more people from the neighborhood are finding a place at Salem. Salem's ministry both seeks to nurture the community now and plan for the congregation of the future.

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+ Today's Extraordinary Ordination and Extraordinary Lutheran Ministries +

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By whose authority do we call and ordain? By Christ's authority, for the purpose of joy and healing within the whole body of Christ, given for us and for all people. Extraordinary Lutheran Ministries (ELM) takes refuge in the same emergency measures invoked by the 16th century reformers:

As a result, when the regular bishops become enemies of the gospel or are unwilling to ordain, the churches retain their right to do so. For wherever the church exists, there also is the right to administer the gospel. Therefore, it is necessary for the church to retain the right to call, choose, and ordain ministers. (Martin Luther, Treatise on the Power and Primacy of the Pope)

ELM, like the reformers of old, has no desire to create a new church or to sever the ties of faith and communion that bind us to the assemblies that are our families in the faith. With love for the traditions and saints that formed us and embolden us to act with confidence, we seek to provide community for those denied the opportunity to fulfill their vocations because of the policies and practices of Lutherans the world over who have been imprisoned by discrimination and oppression.

Rooted in the extraordinary ordinations that were performed by Martin Luther and the reformers as recorded in the Lutheran Confessions, and in accordance with our vision, policies and bylaws, ELM will authorize ordination of extraordinary candidates for ministry. An extraordinary ordination may occur when: an individual has received a call from God; God's call is discerned and accepted by the ordinand; the call is recognized and endorsed by the governing board of ELM; and the call is ratified by the Church through the issuance of a letter of call to the ordinand from one or more congregations, assemblies, parishes or communities of believers.

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+ Our Preacher +

Reverend Angela Denise Davis is a theological educator interested in religious issues located at the intersection of class, race, gender and sexual orientation. Angela's ministerial focus arose from her own social location as a blind, black, lesbian clergyperson. Her ministry is to facilitate conversation and theological reflection at the fence line of various differences.

Angela was a regular visitor and occasional guest preacher at Salem in 2007. She was born and raised in Wichita, Kansas; but has lived in various parts of the country, including Nashville, Tennessee where she received her Master of Divinity Degree from Vanderbilt University Divinity School. After graduation, she directed continuing education programming at American Baptist College and admissions at Vanderbilt University Divinity School. She currently lives in Atlanta, Georgia, and is ordained in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

+ The stoles at the front of our worship space +

These stoles are just a few from the Shower of Stoles Project, a program of the National Gay & Lesbian Task Force's Institute of Welcoming Resources. The Shower of Stoles is a collection of over a thousand liturgical stoles and other sacred items representing the lives of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender religious leaders who have served in thirty-one denominations and faith traditions, in six countries, and on three continents. The stoles of the Shower of Stoles Project are shared around the country, making a visual witness at conferences, in congregations, and beyond. When not on the road, the stoles and the Institute of Welcoming Resources call the Lyndale Salem building home. The balcony typically is laden with these stoles and other sacred items—a powerful witness of the saints who join us in worship. www.welcomingresources.org/sosp