

Ordination of Sara Renee Galyon



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Service of Ordination
Saturday, September 25, 2021
11:00 AM

ORDINATION of SARA RENEE GALYON

Because all of its baptized members share in Christ's ministry of love and service, the church equips and supports them for their ministries in the world. Within this context of ministry, the church calls some of its baptized members for specific ministries.

Those called to the ministry of word and service speak God's word to God's world, and in turn they speak also for the needs of God's world to the church; they give leadership in the church's mission to witness to God's love through both words and actions. In the service of Ordination to the Ministry of Word and Service, the church entrusts this ministry to those who have accepted the church's call and sends them into this ministry.

THE PRELUDE: "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"

WELCOME
Pastor Scott

GATHERING

***GATHERING SONG:** "Gather Us In"
(* The assembly stands)

ELW #532

Gather Us In

532



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness
2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who
3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the
4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,
bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh - ters,
light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.
called to be light to the whole hu - man race.
call us a - new to be salt for the earth.
now is the king - dom, and now is the day.

Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak - en, gath-er us in, the
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty, gath-er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas - sion, give us to eat the
 Gath-er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath-er us in and

blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion
 make us your own; gath - er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,

we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.
 lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
 fire . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

***CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS**

Bishop Strickland

In the name of the Father, and of the †Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Most merciful God,

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.

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.

Amen

***THE GREETING**

Bishop Strickland

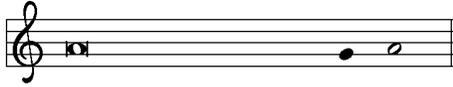
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

***THE KYRIE**

Bishop Strickland

Kyrie



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



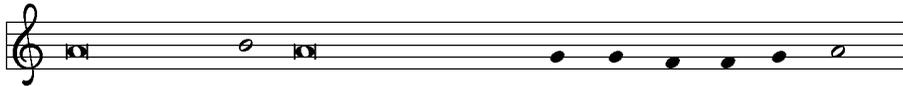
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

***THE HYMN OF PRAISE**

This Is the Feast

Refrain
Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

***THE PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Bishop Strickland

The assembly is seated.

WORD

FIRST READING

Micah 6:6-8

Merritt Zesinger

A reading from Micah.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The assembly stands for the Gospel.

Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

*THE GOSPEL

Deacon Mary Houck

Matthew 5:1-12

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

following the reading:

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

THE SERMON

Deacon Mary Houck

*HYMN OF THE DAY: "Open Your Ears, O Faithful People"

ELW #519

Open Your Ears, O Faithful People

519



1 O - pen your ears, O faith-ful peo - ple, o - pen your ears and hear God's word.
2 They who have ears to hear the mes - sage, they who have ears, now let them hear;



O - pen your hearts, O roy - al priest-hood, God has come to you.
they who would learn the way of wis - dom, let them hear God's word.

Refrain

To - rah o - ra, To - rah o - ra, hal - le - lu - jah!
 God has spo - ken to the peo - ple, hal - le - lu - jah!

To - rah o - ra, To - rah o - ra, hal - le - lu - jah!
 God has spo - ken words of wis - dom, hal - le - lu - jah!

To - rah o - ra, To - rah o - ra, hal - le - lu - jah!
 God has spo - ken to the peo - ple, hal - le - lu - jah!

To - rah o - ra, To - rah o - ra, hal - le - lu - jah!
 God has spo - ken words of wis - dom, hal - le - lu - jah!

***THE APOSTLES' CREED**

Bishop Strickland

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
 who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,
 born of the virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died, and was buried;
 he descended to the dead.
 On the third day he rose again;
 he ascended into heaven,
 he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
 and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy catholic Church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting. Amen.**

RITE OF ORDINATION

***PRESENTATION**

Sister Noreen Stevens

I present for ordination to the ministry of Word and Service Sara Renee Galyon, who has been prepared, examined, and approved for this ministry and who has been called by Inspiritus to this ministry through the Southeastern Synod.

Thanks be to God.

ADDRESS AND QUESTIONS

Bishop Strickland

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

Amen.

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Sister Noreen Stevens

The assembly stands for the prayers of intercession and responds to each petition with these words:
Hear our prayer.

The prayers are concluded with these or similar words.

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

Amen.

HYMN OF INVOCATION: "Spirit of Gentleness" vs 1,4

ELW #396

Spirit of Gentleness

396

Refrain



Spir - it, Spir - it of gen-tle-ness, blow through the wil-der-ness
call-ing and free; Spir - it, Spir - it of rest-less-ness,
stir me from plac-id-ness, wind, wind on the sea.



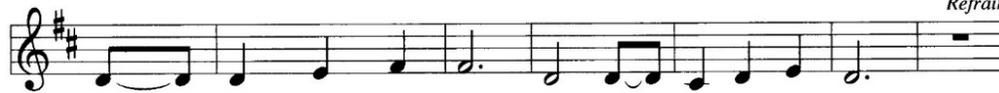
1 You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the deep,
2 You swept through the des - ert, you stung with the sand,
3 You sang in a sta - ble, you cried from a hill,
4 You call from to - mor - row, you break an - cient schemes.



then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the val - leys of sleep;
and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a law and a land;
then you whis - pered in si - lence when the whole world was still;
From the bond - age of sor - row all the cap - tives dream dreams;



and o - ver the e - ons you called to each thing:
and when they were blind - ed with i - dols and lies,
and down in the cit - y you called once a - gain,
our wom - en see vi - sions, our men clear their eyes.



“A - wake from your slum - bers and rise on your wings.”
then you spoke through your proph - ets to o - pen their eyes.
when you blew through your peo - ple on the rush of the wind.
With . . . bold new de - ci - sions your peo - ple a - rise.

THANKSGIVING

Bishop Strickland

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

GIVING OF A STOLE

Bishop Strickland

GIVING OF BASIN AND TOWEL

Sister Noreen

CHARGE

Pastor Justin, Bishop Strickland

BLESSING

Bishop Strickland

***ACCLAMATION BY THE ASSEMBLY**

Will you, assembled as the people of God and speaking for the whole church,
receive Sara as a minister of word and service,
sent by God to serve all people in Christ's name?

Will you regard her as a servant of Christ?

We will, and we ask God to help us.

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, and we ask God to help us.

Let it be acclaimed that Sara Renee Galyon
is a called and ordained minister of word and service in the church of Christ.
Sara has Christ's authority to witness to the gospel and to serve with boldness
as together we bear God's creative and redeeming love to all the world.
Amen. Thanks be to God.

INSTALLATION

Pastor Jill Henning, Alix Janke

***PEACE**

Bishop Strickland

The peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace and may say Peace be with you or similar words. Then the assembly is seated.

THE OFFERING: "Spirit of the Living God"

Offerings for today will go to Inspiritus for the resettlement of refugees from Afghanistan.

***THE OFFERTORY: "Let the Vineyards be Fruitful, Lord"**

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that

we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and
 dreams of all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble
 with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

MEAL

We believe the body and blood of Christ is truly present in the Lord's Supper. All baptized Christians are welcomed and encouraged to receive this precious gift.

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Bishop Strickland

The Lord be with you. And al-so 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.

The thanksgiving continues with the preface for the day or season; the assembly responds:

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r 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.

The presiding minister continues, using an appropriate form.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.
Amen.

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

AGNUS DEI: "Lamb of God"

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION

Please come forward at the direction of the ushers and kneel or stand at the railing.

COMMUNION HYMN: "Let Us Break Bread Together"

ELW #471

Let Us Break Bread Together

471

1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;
2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;
3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;

let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees.
let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.
let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees.

Refrain

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing

sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me.

We Come to the Hungry Feast

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1 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a word of peace.
 2 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a world re - leased
 3 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry that the hun - ger cease,



To hun - gry hearts un - sat - is - fied the love of God is
 from hun - gry folk of ev - 'ry kind, the poor in bod - y,
 and know - ing, though we eat our fill, the hun - ger will stay



not de - nied. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
 poor in mind. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
 with us; still we come, we come to the hun - gry feast.

***POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

Bishop Strickland

SENDING

***THE BLESSING**

Bishop Strickland

***SENDING SONG: "Let Streams of Living Justice"**

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Let Streams of Living Justice



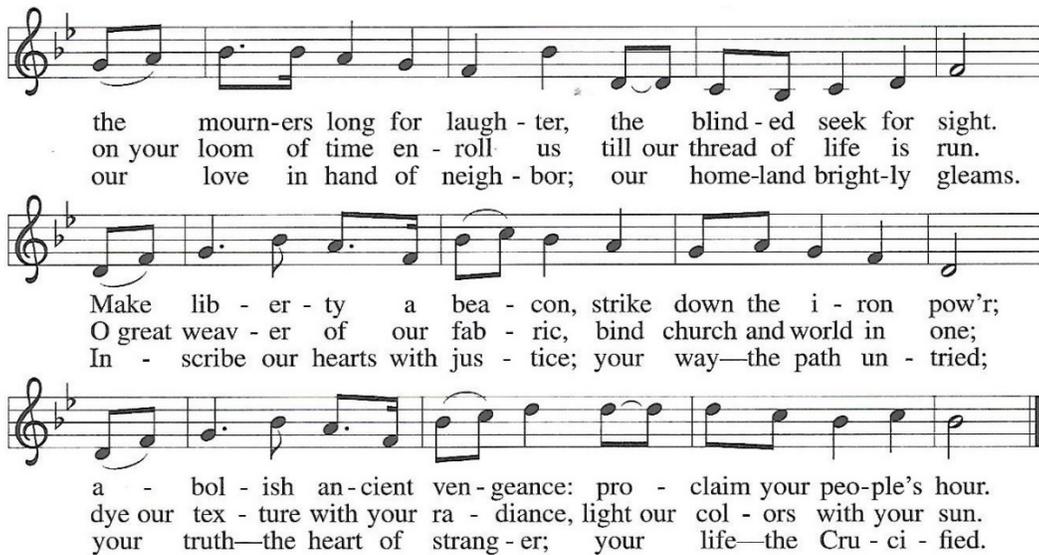
1 Let streams of liv - ing jus - tice flow down up - on the earth;
 2 For heal - ing of the na - tions, for peace that will not end,
 3 Your ci - ty's built to mu - sic; we are the stones you seek;



give free - dom's light to cap - tives, let all the poor have worth.
 love that makes us lov - ers, God grant us grace to mend.
 your har - mo - ny is lan - guage; we are the words you speak.



The hun - gry's hands are plead - ing, the work - ers claim their rights,
 Weave our var - ied gifts to - geth - er; knit our lives as they are spun;
 Our faith we find in ser - vice, our hope in oth - ers' dreams,



the mourn-ers long for laugh - ter, the blind - ed seek for sight.
on your loom of time en - roll us till our thread of life is run.
our love in hand of neigh - bor; our home-land bright-ly gleams.

Make lib - er - ty a bea - con, strike down the i - ron pow'r;
O great weav - er of our fab - ric, bind church and world in one;
In - scribe our hearts with jus - tice; your way—the path un - tried;

a - bol - ish an - cient ven - geance: pro - claim your peo - ple's hour.
dye our tex - ture with your ra - diance, light our col - ors with your sun.
your truth—the heart of strang - er; your life—the Cru - ci - fied.

***THE DISMISSAL**

Bishop Strickland

Response:

Thanks be to God.

THE POSTLUDE: "Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

***You are invited to a reception at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church
786 Hughes Road, Madison 35758***

Worship Leaders

Presiding Minister: Bishop Kevin Strickland, Southeastern Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Preacher: Deacon Mary Houck, Redeemer Lutheran Church, Atlanta

Other Clergy: Sister Noreen Stevens, Pastor Justin Eller, Pastor Scott Peterson, Pastor Jill Henning, Sister Rachel Bailey

Representative from In Spiritus: Alix Janke

Lector: Merritt Zesinger

Acolyte: Hannah Seitz

Crucifer: James Zesinger

Bible Bearer: Ryan Fedrick

Musicians: Taylor Burton, guitar; Lois Graff, piano, organ, harpsichord

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