



Messiah Lutheran
CHURCH
Madison, Alabama



Installation
of
Pastor Kristine Schroeder

SUNDAY, APRIL 30, 2023
2:00 PM

*Please stand as you are able where indicated or instructed.

PRELUDE "Trumpet Tune"

Carter

Amanda Weiland, organist

*THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
by whose hand we are given new birth,
by whose speaking we are given new life.

Amen.

Joined to Christ ...
...of the new creation.

Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you.

Empower our witness to your resurrection.

Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.

Satisfy the world's need through this living water.
Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment.
Where despair prevails, grant hope.
Where chaos reigns, bring peace.
We ask this through Christ,
who with you and the Spirit reigns forever.

Amen.

*THE SALUTATION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

God of all power, you called from death our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep. Send us as shepherds to rescue the lost, to heal the injured, and to feed one another with knowledge and understanding; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

*OPENING HYMN "Gather Us In"

ELW #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.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: GATHER US IN, Marty Haugen

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THE LESSON

Romans 5:1-5

¹Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*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 according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

*GOSPEL

John 10:2-4

²The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

The Rev. Bill Schroeder



1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
 2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
 3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.



I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
 I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
 Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?"
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"

Refrain

Chords: D G Gsus4 G C G

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you

Chords: Am7 G C D G Gsus4 G

call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you

Chords: C G Am7 D G Gsus4 G

lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

With the whole church, we confess our faith.

*THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen

INSTALLATION OF A PASTOR
Presentation

The Rev. Justin Eller

ADDRESS AND QUESTIONS

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)

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

Amen.

*CONGREGATION RESPONSE

People of God,
will you receive Kris Schroeder as a messenger of Jesus Christ sent to serve all people with the gospel of hope and salvation?
Will you regard her as a servant of Christ and a steward of the mysteries of God?

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.

*BAPTISM

Rocket/Neely/Root family

You have been called to be among us to baptize, to teach, and to forgive sins.

*SUPPER

Doubleday/Pitchko family

You have been called to be among us to preside at the Lord's supper.

*WORD

Roenfeldt/Peterson family

You have been called to be among us to proclaim the good news.

*COMMISSION

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.

Amen.

People of God, I present to you Kris Schroeder, your Pastor. Let us welcome her in the name of Christ.

ANTHEM

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

Notabella

*THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

... Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

***THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

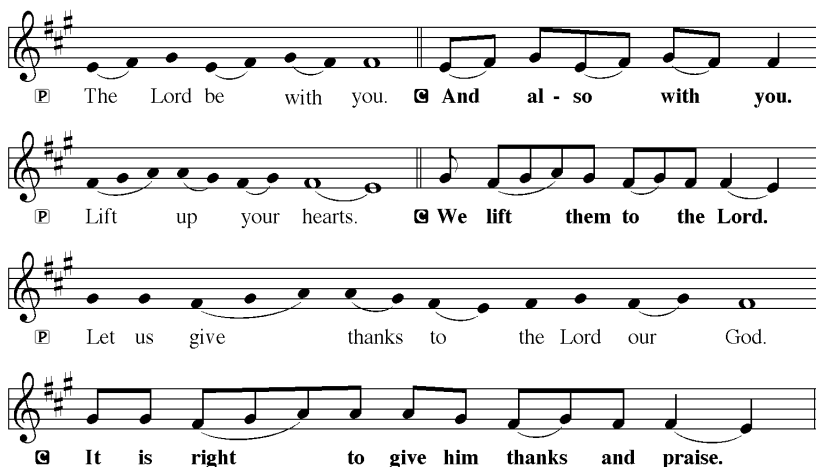
And also with you.

OFFERING

Supporting *Kids To Love's "Camp Hope Family Day"*
"Praise We Sing to Thee" Haydn. Arr. Luvas

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

***GREAT THANKSGIVING**



☩ 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 him thanks and praise.

***PREFACE**

***SANCTUS**



☩ 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.

*EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

*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

*INVITATION TO COMMUNION

THE AGNUS DEI: "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.

THE DISTRIBUTION

Refrain



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were



gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from



all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.



1 As this cup of bless - ing is shared with - in our midst,



2 Let this be a fore - taste of all that is to come when

Refrain



may we share the pres - ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

Text: Didache, 2nd cent.; Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: AS THE GRAINS, Marty Haugen

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HYMN "I Am the Bread of Life"

ELW #485

Leader or All

1 "I am the Bread of life. You who
 2 "The bread that . . . I will give is my
 3 "Un - less . . . you . . . eat of the
 4 "I am the res - ur - rec - tion, . . .
 5 Yes, Lord, . . . I be - lieve that . . .

come to me shall not hun - ger, and who be -
 flesh for the life of the world, . . . and if you
 flesh of the Son of Man . . . and . . .
 I . . . am the life. . . If you be -
 you . . . are the Christ, . . . the . . .

lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to
 eat . . . of this bread, and you shall live for -
 drink . . . of his blood, and drink . . . of his
 lieve . . . in . . . me, e - ven . . . though you
 Son . . . of . . . God, who . . . have . . .

me un - less the Fa - ther beck - ons."
 ev - er, . . . you shall live for - ev - er."
 blood, you shall not have life with - in you."
 die, . . . you shall live for - ev - er."
 come in - to . . . the . . . world. . .

Refrain

All

"And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,

and I will raise you up on the last day."

Text: Suzanne Toolan, RSM, b. 1927, based on John 6
 Music: I AM THE BREAD, Suzanne Toolan, RSM
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*POST COMMUNION PRAYER
 *THE BENEDICTION

*SENDING HYMN "Sent Forth By God's Blessing"

ELW #547



1 Sent forth by God's bless - ing, our true faith con - fess - ing,
2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er - liv - ing,



the peo - ple of God from this dwell - ing take leave.
the tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face—



The sup - per is end - ed. Oh, now be ex - tend - ed
our faith ev - er shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing,



the fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve.
em - brac - ing God's chil - dren, the whole hu - man race.



The seed of Christ's teach - ing, re - cep - tive souls
With your feast you feed us, with your light now



reach - ing, shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.
lead us; u - nite us as one in this life that we share.



Your grace shall in - cite us, your love shall u - nite us
Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks - giv - ing



to work for your king - dom and an - swer your call.
give hon - or to Christ and his name that we bear.

Text: Omer Westendorf, 1916–1997, alt.
Music: THE ASH GROVE, Welsh folk tune
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*THE DISMISSAL

*THE POSTLUDE "Postludium III"

Boud

All are invited to a reception in MLC's Parish Hall following the service.

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Assisting in Today's Installation & Reception

Acolyte	Hanna Seitz
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Reception Planning	Debi Peterson

History of Messiah Lutheran Church

In the mid-1980s, the Division for Outreach of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) recognized Madison, Alabama as an excellent mission field for planting a new church. In the fall of 1988, Pastor Scott Peterson accepted the call to develop the new congregation and moved from Minnesota with his young family. After almost six months of meeting people, knocking on doors, interest meetings, and invitations to the unchurched, MLC's first service was on April 23, 1989, with 115 people in attendance, meeting in a Rubber Worker's Union Hall off Hwy 20.

On May 20, 1990, Messiah Lutheran formally organized and was welcomed into the ELCA with 159 charter members with the mission statement, "God's People, Reaching Out" The young congregation continued to grow in size and programming. On February 14, 1993, Messiah Lutheran broke ground on its current church building. Through the labors of members, and mission builders, the new church building was dedicated on March 13, 1994.

MLC's ministries and programs continued to grow and push the seams of its worship and education spaces for the next decade. 2005 through 2012 were years of church expansion. A new education wing was built in 2005, a new Parish Hall was dedicated in 2006, and the original 1994 sanctuary space was nearly doubled in size and was dedicated early in 2012. Programs like its annual Music Camp were established during this time.

Following the 2012 sanctuary expansion, Worship & Music Ministries continued to expand under the guidance of Music Director, Lois Graff. Through designated offerings, the *Music at Messiah Classical Concert Series* was established October of 2013, a pipe organ was dedicated in October of 2014, and a gently used Steinway Concert Grand D piano in 2016 was purchased.

On March 15, 2020, in-person services of worship at Messiah Lutheran Church were suspended because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Services of worship and ministries continued uninterrupted yet in new formats through online and in-person outdoor services, and many Zoom gatherings and meetings. MLC continues to livestream its 11:00 a.m. service of worship every Sunday.

Pastor Scott Peterson ended his 33-year call at MLC on January 9, 2022. Interim Pastor Diana Bottin arrived on February 1, 2022, and immediately set to work - helping the congregation "recover and reset" after Pastor Peterson's long tenure, and focus its energy and sights on the future of MLC and the ELCA Call Process required to find its next called pastor.

On January 29, 2023, the Congregation called Pastor Kristine Schroeder to be MLC's next pastor. Through the Call process and subsequent interviews, it was evident to the Call Committee and Council members that Pastor Kris' intellect, personality, and gifts for ministry closely aligned with the stated goals and desires of the Congregation. After starting on April 1, Pastor Kris was installed on April 30, 2023, by Pastor Justin Eller, Assistant to the Bishop of the Southeastern Synod.



OFFERINGS

Offerings collected at today's installation will support "Kids to Love" and their support of foster and adoptive families at Camp Hope Family Day in Wetumpka, AL. Families get to experience fun, relaxation and outdoor adventures, while camp counselors entertain the children. This is a traditional YMCA camp with boating, arts & crafts, games, climbing, music, and adventure. This event is free to all families and includes lunch, t-shirts, backpacks, and supplies. One of the important things to note about this day is many times, foster children are reunited with siblings for this day. Your offerings help make lasting memories for these families!

WORDS OF APPRECIATION AND THANKS

This day would not be possible without the generous gifts of time and talent that God has blessed Messiah Lutheran Church with through the interim period and the following individuals:

Interim Pastor: Pastor Diana Bottin

Transition Team: Rebecca Mast (Chair) John Shriver (Secretary)

Dan Byers, Kari Pitchko, Mark Thompson, Janell Zesinger, Alternates: Dana Burton, Mary Ann Stasiak

Call Committee: Peter Woods (Chair) Reburta Spina (Secretary)

Dana Burton, Kari Pitchko, Justin Walker, Joanne Weber

Congregation Council: Gregory Kilby- Vice-President, Stephanie Kokan -Secretary, Mary Ann Stasiak – Treasurer, Laura Peterson – Worship & Music, Andrew King – Outreach, Bonnie Flowers – Education & Youth, Aaron Woods - Youth Representative, Tim Pitchko - Stewardship, Debi Peterson – Fellowship, Lisa Evers – Property, Lee Smith – Finance

MLC Staff and Ministry Volunteers

SE Synod Staff: Pastor Jonathan Hemphill, and Pastor Justin Eller

Thank you to the many hands and hearts who have brought us to this day. I am certain the above list is not all-inclusive. I am overwhelmed by the outstretched arms and open hearts that have welcomed us to this community of faith. Thank you to my husband and colleague in ministry, Bill, for joining me in accepting this opportunity to be in ministry in this place.

In Gratitude,

Pastor Kris

