

**Delaware – Maryland Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**

**Service of Ordination
Sunday, September 27, 2020**



**Nymeo Field at Harry Grove Stadium
Frederick, Maryland
Service of Ordination and Installation**

Sunday, September 27, 2020
3:00 pm

PRELUDE

The Call to Service – Todd Kendall

WELCOME

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Lord, You Give the Great Commission

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

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.

Water is poured into the font as the presiding minister and the assembly gives thanks.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.

Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.

At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O God, through the ages you have called women and men to follow in the footsteps of your first disciples and apostles. You have instituted the office of ministry of word and sacrament and the office of ministry of word and service so that all of your people might be called and trained to provide a lively witness to you in the world. Grant that Phil and Ron, now to be ordained, may carry out this ministry faithfully in the power of your Spirit; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS

FIRST READING

Isaiah 42:5-9

⁵ 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:
⁶ 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]
a light to the nations,
⁷ to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.
⁸ I am the LORD, that is my name;
my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to idols.
⁹ See, the former things have come to pass,
and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth,
I tell you of them.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN

Be Thou My Vision

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 5:11-21

¹¹ Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. ¹² We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. ¹³ For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. ¹⁴ For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. ¹⁵ And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. ¹⁶ From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view;^[a] even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view,^[b] we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷ So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! ¹⁸ All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹ that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself,^[c] not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. ²⁰ So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal

through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, Alleluia**

GOSPEL Mark 1:14-20

The Holy Gospel according to Mark. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God,¹⁵ and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.” ¹⁶As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. ¹⁷And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” ¹⁸And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *Will You Come and Follow Me*

Ordination of Philip John Beck and Ronald Wesley Brown

Presentation

I present for ordination to the ministry of word and sacrament Philip John Beck who has been prepared, examined, and approved for this ministry and who has been called by the church to this ministry through St. Paul’s Lutheran Church in Walkersville, MD.

Thanks be to God.

I present for ordination to the ministry of word and sacrament Ronald Wesley Brown who has been prepared, examined, and approved for this ministry and who has been called by the church to this ministry through Grace Rocky Hill Lutheran Church in Woodsboro, MD and Chapel Lutheran Church in Frederick MD.

Thanks be to God.

The presenters move aside and the assembly is seated.

Address and Questions

The presiding minister addresses the ordinands.

All baptized Christians are called to share in Christ's ministry of love and service in the world, to the glory of God and for the sake of the human family and the whole creation. According to apostolic usage you are now to be entrusted with the office of word and sacrament in the one holy catholic church by the laying on of hands and by prayer.

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 Corinthians: I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way he took the cup also, 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 assembly, 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 faithful in your use of the means of grace? Will you 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?

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 give you the strength and compassion to perform them. **Amen.**

The assembly stands.

Prayers of Intercession

The assembly stands for the prayers of intercession.

An assisting minister invites the assembly into prayer with these or similar words.

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

For the holy catholic church that, filled with your love it may hunger for truth and thirst after righteousness: God of mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For all members of the church that they may serve you in true and godly lives: God of mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For Phil and Ron, called to the ministry of word and sacrament in the church, that, sustained by your Holy Spirit, they may carry out this ministry with joy and a spirit of bold trust, serve your people, build up your church, and glorify your name:

God of mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For all ministers of word and sacrament; for all ministers of word and service; for Elizabeth and William, our bishops that, together with all those responsible for the care and nurture of your people, they may support one another in serving Christ:

God of mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For the peace of the church, that our divisions may be overcome, so that, united in Christ, we may serve the world and bear witness to the good news: God of mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For the mission of the church, that in faithful witness it may proclaim the gospel and in humble love serve all in need: God of mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For the nations of the world and their leaders that they may work for justice and promote the dignity and freedom of every person: God of mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For the whole creation, that everything you have made may fulfill your purpose and that we may exercise care for your diverse gifts: God of mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, the lonely, the forgotten, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected: God of mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For the glorious company of all the saints, those who have died in faith and those who live in certain hope, we praise you. That their witness may give us courage until the day of Jesus Christ: God of mercy,

Hear our prayer.

The presiding minister concludes the prayers 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

Creator Spirit, Heavenly Dove

Creator Spirit, heav'nly dove,
descend upon us from above;
with graces manifold restore
your creatures as they were before.

Teach us to know the Father, Son,
and you, of both, to be but one;
that through the ages all along
your praise may be our endless song.

Thanksgiving

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.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, we bless you for your 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 overcame death, and that, raised by your mighty power, he gives us new life. We praise you that, having ascended into heaven, Christ pours 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 presiding minister lays both hands on the head of the ordinand.

Following a time of silent prayer, the presiding minister continues, praying for the ordinand. Eternal God, through your Son, Jesus Christ, pour out your Holy Spirit upon Phil and Ron, fill them with the gifts of grace for the ministry of word and sacrament. Bless our servant's proclamation of your word and administration of your sacraments, so that your church may be gathered for praise and strengthened for service. Make Phil and Ron faithful pastors, patient teachers, and wise counselors. Grant that in all things Phil and Ron may serve without reproach, that your people may be renewed, and your name be glorified in the church; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

Giving of a Stole

The ordinand may remain kneeling.

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

Charge

The ordinand stands. The following scripture passages are addressed to the ordinand.

Hear the words of the apostles: Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called. (*1 Timothy 6:11-12*)

And again: Take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you guardians, to feed the church of God that he obtained with the blood of his own Son. (*Acts 20:28*)

And again: Tend the flock of God that is in your charge, not under compulsion but willingly, not for sordid gain but eagerly. Do not lord it over those in your charge but be examples to the flock. And when the chief shepherd appears, you will win the crown of glory that never fades away. (*1 Peter 5:2-4*)

And again: Think of us in this way, as servants of Christ and stewards of God's mysteries. Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy. (*1 Corinthians 4:1-2*)

The presiding minister continues.

Phil and Ron, 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.

Blessing

The presiding minister continues.

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.**

The assembly stands.

Acclamation by the Assembly

The ministers and the candidate face the assembly. The presiding minister addresses the assembly.

Will you, assembled as the people of God and speaking for the whole church, receive Phil and Ron as a messenger of Jesus Christ, sent by God to serve all people with the gospel of hope and salvation? Will you regard him as a servant of Christ?

We will, and we ask God to help us.

Will you pray for them, help and honor them for their 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.

The presiding minister presents the newly ordained to the assembly.

Let it be acclaimed that Philip John Beck and Ronald Wesley Brown are called and ordained ministers in the church of Christ. They have Christ's authority to preach the word of God and administer the sacraments, serving God's people as together we bear God's creative and redeeming love to all the world.

Amen. Thanks be to God.

After the newly ordained has been presented, the assembly may offer acclamation with applause.

Installation of Philip John Beck

Having been authorized by the church to install Philip John Beck, our co-worker in the gospel, as pastor, I now ask for certification of this call.

After prayerful deliberation, we, of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, have called Philip John Beck as pastor. I present him and this letter certifying the call.

Phil, in the presence of this assembly will you commit yourself in this new trust and responsibility?

I will, and I ask God to help and guide me.

Will you carry out your duties in harmony with the constitutions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America?

I will, and I ask God to help and guide me.

Phil, 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 presiding minister escorts the pastor to the place of baptism. A representative of the congregation says:

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

They proceed to the place of the word. A representative of the congregation says:

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

They proceed to the place of the meal. A representative of the congregation says:

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

Installation of Ronald Wesley Brown

Having been authorized by the church to install Ronald Wesley Brown, our co-worker in the gospel, as pastor, I now ask for certification of this call.

After prayerful deliberation, we, of Grace and Chapel Lutheran Churches, have called Ronald Wesley Brown as pastor. We present him and this letter certifying the call.

Ron, in the presence of this assembly will you commit yourself in this new trust and responsibility?

I will, and I ask God to help and guide me.

Will you carry out your duties in harmony with the constitutions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America?

I will, and I ask God to help and guide me.

Ron, 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 presiding minister escorts the pastor to the place of baptism. A representative of the congregation says:

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

They proceed to the place of the word. A representative of the congregation says:

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

They proceed to the place of the meal. A representative of the congregation says:

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

PEACE

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERING

The offering will be given to the furtherance of the Ministries of Mar-Lu Ridge.

Please place your gifts in the plate as you depart.

OFFERING HYMN

Canticle of the Turning

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE

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.

PREFACE

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, for the glorious resurrection of 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 Phil and the glorious company of the apostles, with the choirs of angels and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father:

Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign. You have filled all creation with light and life; heaven and earth are full of your glory. We praise you for the grace shown to your people in every age: the promise to Israel, the rescue from Egypt, the gift of the promised land, the words of the prophets; and, at this end of all the ages, the gift of your Son, who proclaimed the good news in word and deed and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.

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.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup we remember the life our Lord offered for us. And, believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, that we who share in Christ's body and blood may live to the praise of your glory and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all. Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

**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

These are the gifts of God, given for the People of God.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMNS

In Christ Called to Baptize

Here I Am, Lord

Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his Grace.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray. We thank you, almighty and gracious God, that you have fed us with heavenly food, the body and blood of your Son, uniting us through him in the communion of the Holy Spirit. As you have again raised up among us faithful servants for the ministry of word and sacrament, grant that we, with Phil and Ron, may joyfully serve you all our days and finally rejoice in your glory; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG

We All Are One in Mission

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Joyful – Ruth Elaine Schram

Tunes: "HYMN TO JOY" and "ST. ANNE"

WORSHIP LEADERS

Presiding Minister	The Rev. William Gohl Bishop of the Delaware-Maryland Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Ordinands	Philip John Beck Called to serve as Pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church Ronald Wesley Brown Called to serve as Pastor of Grace Rocky Hill and Chapel Lutheran Churches
Presenters	The Rev. Arthur L. Hahn The Rev. Gordon Narvesen
Presiding at Holy Communion	The Rev. William Gohl Bishop of the Delaware-Maryland Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Preacher	The Rev. Martha Clementson Co-Senior Pastor, Grace Lutheran Church, Westminster, Maryland
Assisting Minister	The Rev. Kevin Clementson Co-Senior Pastor, Grace Lutheran Church, Westminster, Maryland
Organist	Mr. Jeff Gentry
Cantors	Mrs. Trisha Valcarcel and Mr. Steve King
Crucifer	Daniel Mildenstein
Bible-bearer	Sophie Myer
Torchbearers	Noah Fisher & Austin Estep
Ushers	Members of Grace Rocky Hill, Chapel, St. Paul's, and Grace Westminster Lutheran Churches

Ordination



Ordination is the term used for a candidate's entrance into the ministry of Word and Sacrament. After obtaining a four-year Master of Divinity degree or participating in TEEM Ministry (Theological Education for Emerging Ministries), receiving approval from a synod candidacy committee, and accepting a call from a specific ministry setting, the ordained person becomes a pastor charged with giving leadership and vision to Christian communities of faith by preaching, offering the sacraments, teaching and witnessing to the Scriptures. In addition to church congregations, pastors also extend the ministry of Word and Sacrament into specialized settings such as health care chaplaincy, colleges and seminaries, camps and missionary fields.

Symbols of the Office

As part of the Ordination Service, Phil and Ron will each receive a red stole. Phil's stole was a gift to him at the conclusion of his internship at Grace Westminster. Ron's stole was a gift to him from Grace Rocky Hill and Chapel Lutheran Churches.

Thank You and Please Join Us!

Phil, Ron, and their families extend their deepest thanks to you for participating in today's worship service. You are invited to stay after the service to enjoy food and fellowship with one another. For your enjoyment, light refreshments are available behind the stands. Thank you for the food as well as those who made financial contributions toward the reception.

*The Peace lilies and ferns have been graciously provided by
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