

**The Ordination and Installation
Of Pastor Caleb Rothfuss**

**St. Paul Lutheran Church
Clintonville, Wisconsin**

**Sunday, July 18, 2021
3:00 pM**

Order of Service

Opening Hymn: **Creator Spirit, By Whose Aid**
Christian Worship #188, st. 1-3

**Creator Spirit, by whose aid The world's foundations first were laid,
Come, visit ev'ry humble mind; Come, pour your joys on humankind.
From sin and sorrow set us free; May we your living temples be.**

**O Source of light, our Counselor, The Father's help to us assure.
Come down, as promised, with your fire, And hearts with heav'nly love inspire.
Your sacred, healing message bring To sanctify us when we sing.**

**Giver of grace, descend from high In answer to our earnest cry.
Help us eternal truths receive And practice all that we believe.
Give us your wisdom that we see The glory of the Trinity.**

Stand

Invocation

M: In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C: **Amen**

Dialog of Praise

M: I rejoiced with those who said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord." *Psalm 122:1*

C: **One thing I ask of the Lord, this is what I seek:**
 that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,
 to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord
 and to seek him in his temple. *Psalm 27:4*

M: Who may ascend the hill of the Lord? Who may stand in his holy place?
C: **He who has clean hands and a pure heart,**
 who does not lift up his soul to an idol or swear by what is false. *Psalm 24:3-4*

M: The Lord looks down from heaven on the sons of men to see
 if there are any who understand, any who seek God.
 All have turned aside, they have together become corrupt;
 there is no one who does good, not even one. *Psalm 14:2-3*

C: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love;
according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions.
Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.
For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.

Psalm 51:1-3

M: Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.
Blessed is the man whose sin the Lord does not count against him.

Psalm 32:1

C: I will exalt you, O Lord, for you lifted me out of the depths;
O Lord my God, I called to you for help and you healed me.

Psalm 30:1,2

M: Sing to the Lord, you saints of his; praise his holy name.
For his anger lasts only a moment, but his favor lasts a lifetime.

Psalm 30:4-5

C: **Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.**
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

All Sing:

**Immortal honor, endless fame, Attend th' almighty Father's name;
The Savior-Son be glorified, Who for all humankind has died;
And equal adoration rise To you, O Spirit, in the skies.**

Prayer of the Day

M: Let us pray.
Almighty God, look with favor on those whom you have called to minister to your people. Fill them with faithfulness to your doctrine and clothe them with holiness of life that they may joyfully serve to the glory of your name and for the benefit of your Church; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Be Seated

First Lesson

Joshua 14:6-13

Joshua blesses Caleb after a long life of faithfulness and service

6 Now the people of Judah approached Joshua at Gilgal, and Caleb son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite said to him, “You know what the Lord said to Moses the man of God at Kadesh Barnea about you and me. **7** I was forty years old when Moses the servant of the Lord sent me from Kadesh Barnea to explore the land. And I brought him back a report according to my convictions, **8** but my fellow Israelites who went up with me made the hearts of the people melt in fear. I, however, followed the Lord my God wholeheartedly. **9** So on that day Moses swore to me, “The land on which your feet have walked will be your inheritance and that of your children forever, because you have followed the Lord my God wholeheartedly.’

10 “Now then, just as the Lord promised, he has kept me alive for forty-five years since the time he said this to Moses, while Israel moved about in the wilderness. So here I am today, eighty-five years old! **11** I am still as strong today as the day Moses sent me out; I’m just as vigorous to go out to battle now as I was then. **12** Now give me this hill country that the Lord promised me that day. You yourself heard then that the Anakites were there and their cities were large and fortified, but, the Lord helping me, I will drive them out just as he said.”

13 Then Joshua blessed Caleb son of Jephunneh and gave him Hebron as his inheritance.

Psalm

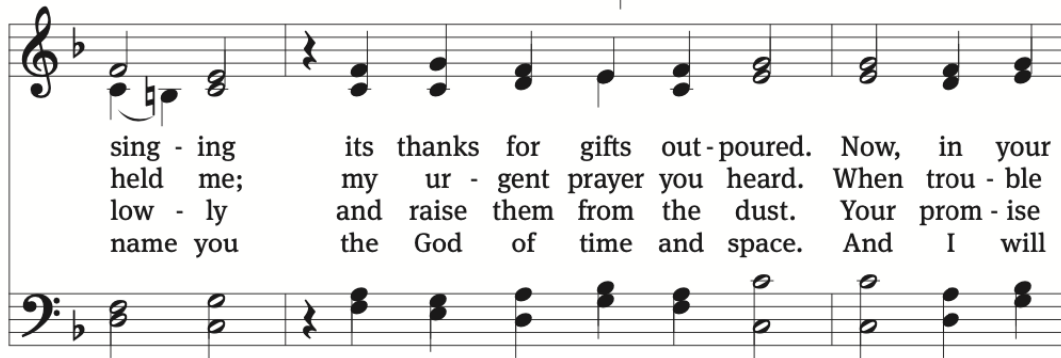
Psalm 138: Your Praises, God, I'm Bringing

Tune: Now Rest Beneath Night's Shadow

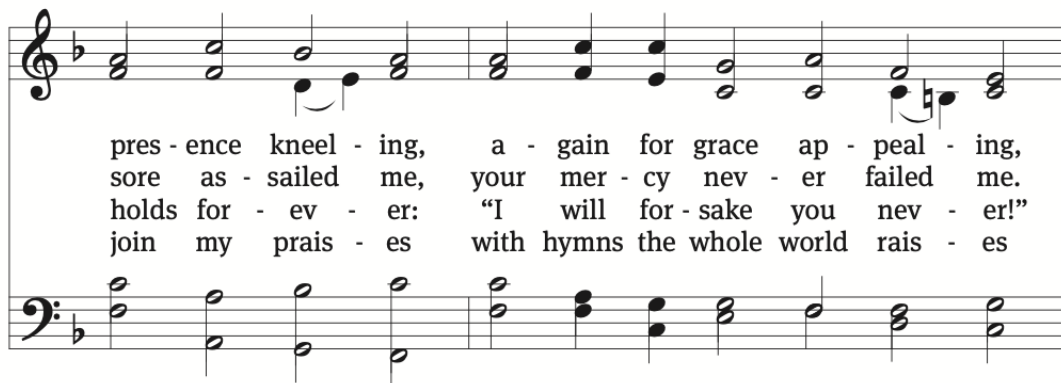
This modern translation of the text, set to a well-known hymn tune, is included in the upcoming release of the new hymnal: Christian Worship 2021



1 Your prais - es, God, I'm bring - ing; my heart with joy is
2 When deep - est need had felled me, your stead - fast love up -
3 Though you, O God, are ho - ly, yet you re - gard the
4 All peo - ples shall ac - claim you, and wor - ship - ing shall



sing - ing its thanks for gifts out - poured. Now, in your
held me; my ur - gent prayer you heard. When trou - ble
low - ly and raise them from the dust. Your prom - ise
name you the God of time and space. And I will



pres - ence kneel - ing, a - gain for grace ap - peal - ing,
sore as - sailed me, your mer - cy nev - er failed me.
holds for - ev - er: "I will for - sake you nev - er!"
join my prais - es with hymns the whole world rais - es



in qui - et - ness I wait your word.
You strength - ened me and I en - dured.
My God, my rock, in you I trust.
to you, the God of bound - less grace!

Second Lesson

2 Timothy 4:1-5

Paul charges Timothy to carry out all the duties of the ministry

4:1 In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge: **2** Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction. **3** For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. **4** They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. **5** But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry.

Stand

Gospel

John 1:19-34

John the Baptist reminds us that true shepherds point people to Christ

19 Now this was John's testimony when the Jewish leaders in Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to ask him who he was. **20** He did not fail to confess, but confessed freely, "I am not the Messiah."

21 They asked him, "Then who are you? Are you Elijah?"

He said, "I am not."

"Are you the Prophet?"

He answered, "No."

22 Finally they said, "Who are you? Give us an answer to take back to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?"

23 John replied in the words of Isaiah the prophet, "I am the voice of one calling in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way for the Lord.'"

24 Now the Pharisees who had been sent **25** questioned him, "Why then do you baptize if you are not the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?"

26 "I baptize with water," John replied, "but among you stands one you do not know. **27** He is the one who comes after me, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie."

28 This all happened at Bethany on the other side of the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

29 The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! **30** This is the one I meant when I said, 'A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.' **31** I myself did not know him, but the reason I came baptizing with water was that he might be revealed to Israel."

32 Then John gave this testimony: "I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him. **33** And I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.' **34** I have seen and I testify that this is God's Chosen One."

After the gospel is read:

M: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be Seated

Hymn of the Day

Facing a Task Unfinished

Tune: The Church's One Foundation

The text of this hymn, highlighting the mission and ministry of the church, has recently been revived by Kieth and Krystyn Getty. Today, we'll sing the new text with its familiar tune.

**Facing a task unfinished That drives us to our knees
A need that, undiminished Rebukes our slothful ease
We, who rejoice to know Thee Renew before Thy throne
The solemn pledge we owe Thee To go and make Thee known**

**Where other lords beside Thee Hold their unhindered sway
Where forces that defied Thee Defy Thee still today
With none to heed their crying For life, and love, and light
Unnumbered souls are dying And pass into the night**

**We bear the torch that flaming Fell from the hands of those
Who gave their lives proclaiming That Jesus died and rose
Ours is the same commission The same glad message ours
Fired by the same ambition To Thee we yield our powers**

**O Father who sustained them O Spirit who inspired
Saviour, whose love constrained them To toil with zeal untired
From cowardice defend us From lethargy awake!
Forth on Thine errands send us To labour for Thy sake**

Sermon

Proverbs 30:1-5

30:1 The sayings of Agur son of Jakeh—an inspired utterance.

This man's utterance to Ithiel:

"I am weary, God, but I can prevail.

2 Surely I am only a brute, not a man;

I do not have human understanding.

3 I have not learned wisdom,

nor have I attained to the knowledge of the Holy One.

4 Who has gone up to heaven and come down?

Whose hands have gathered up the wind?

Who has wrapped up the waters in a cloak?

Who has established all the ends of the earth?

What is his name, and what is the name of his son?

Surely you know!

5 "Every word of God is flawless;

he is a shield to those who take refuge in him.

Stand

Apostle's Creed

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

Be Seated

The pastor elect approaches the altar

Rite of Ordination and Installation

Assisting pastors may lay their right hands on the head of the pastor and speak a bible passage and blessing.

Prayer

- M:** Lord God, gracious Father, you send pastors to serve your people in the ministry of the gospel. Fill your servant with your Holy Spirit that he may carry out this ministry despite his weaknesses and faults. Lead and guide him with your power and love, encourage him as he proclaims the Word and administers the sacraments, and make him a blessing to all those he serves, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C:** **Amen.**

Choir Anthem

God's Word is our great heritage
And shall be ours forever;
To spread its light from age to age
Shall be our chief endeavor.
Through life it guides our way;
In death it is our stay.
Lord, grant, while worlds endure,
We keep its teachings pure
Throughout all generations.

Come Holy Spirit, Great I Am
Empower this our brother
Support him, grant him words to say
Bless him and his dear family,
Through all his life let be,
Your Word his victory
We thank you for this one
Who in Your Name has come
we praise you for our pastor

Stand.

Prayer

- P:** Almighty God, grant to your Church the Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes from above. Let nothing hinder your Word from being freely proclaimed to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, so that we may serve you in steadfast faith and confess your name as long as we live, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C:** **Amen.**

Blessing

- P:** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.
- C:** **Amen.**

Be Seated

Closing Hymn

Dear Lord, to Your True Servants Give

Christian Worship #542

**1 Dear Lord, to your true servants give
The grace to you alone to live.
Set free from sin to serve you, Lord,
They go to share your living Word,
The gospel message to proclaim
That all may know your saving name.**

**2 They gladly go at your command
To spread your Word o'er sea and land.
Be with them, Lord, and make them strong
To heal sin's ills, to right the wrong.
Your rule is over wind and wave,
And mighty is your arm to save.**

**3 When all their labor seems in vain,
Revive their sinking hopes again;
And when success crowns what they do,
Oh, keep them humble, Lord, and true
Until before your judgment seat
They lay their trophies at your feet.**

Serving at Worship

Presiding Minister	Pastor Paul Fritz <i>Wolf River Circuit Pastor</i>
Preacher	Pastor Wayne Shevey <i>Wisconsin Lutheran College</i>
Accompanist	Ann Barclay

Caleb Rothfuss

Caleb Matthew Rothfuss, the son of Rusty and Cathy Rothfuss, was born on August 23, 1993 in Bay City, Michigan. He became a child of God through Holy Baptism at St. John's Lutheran Church in Bay City, MI. He attended St. John's Grade School and graduated from Michigan Lutheran Seminary in Saginaw, MI in 2011. He gained the Bachelor of Arts degree from Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minnesota in 2017, and completed his studies for the pastoral ministry at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in Mequon, earning the Master of Divinity degree in 2021. He served as a vicar under Pastor Ken Brokmeier at Our Savior in Brookings, South Dakota and as ministry assistant at Wisconsin Lutheran College in Wauwatosa, WI.

On June 25, 2021 Pastor Rothfuss was married to Amanda Van Swol at St. John's Lutheran Church.