

# Installation of Pastor Neil Vanderbush

## Messiah Lutheran Church, Boerne, Texas

June 9, 2024

HYMN “O Holy Spirit, Enter In”

{LSB 913}



1 O Ho - ly Spir - it, en - ter in, And in our hearts  
2 Give to Your Word im - pres - sive pow'r, That in our hearts  
3 O might - y Rock, O Source of life, Let Your dear Word,



Your work be - gin, Your dwell - ing place now make us.  
from this good hour As fire it may be glow - ing,  
in doubt and strife, In us be strong - ly burn - ing



Sun of the soul, O Light di - vine, A - round and in  
That in true Chris - tian u - ni - ty We faith - ful wit -  
That we be faith - ful un - to death And live in love



us bright - ly shine, To joy and glad - ness wake us  
ness - es may be, Your glo - ry ev - er show - ing.  
and ho - ly faith, From You true wis - dom learn - ing.



That we may be Tru - ly liv - ing, To You giv - ing  
Hear us, cheer us By Your teach - ing; Let our preach - ing  
Your grace and peace On us show - er; By Your pow - er



Prayer un - ceas - ing And in love be still in - creas - ing.  
And our la - bor Praise You, Lord, and serve our neigh - bor.  
Christ con - fess - ing, Let us see our Sav - ior's bless - ing.

Text: Michael Schirmer, 1606–73, adapt.; (sgs. 1, 3); tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.; (sgs. 2); tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941. alt. Tune: Philipp Nicolai, 1556–1608: Text and tune: Public domain

## VERSICLES

Pastor: O Lord, open my lips,

**People: and my mouth will declare Your praise.**

Pastor: Make haste, O God, to deliver me;

**People: make haste to help me, O Lord.**

**All: 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. Praise to You, O Christ. Alleluia.**

## PSALMODY IN “GLORIA PATRI” – Psalm 96

Pastor: O sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth!

**People: Sing to the LORD, bless His name; tell of His salvation from day to day.**

Pastor: Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous works among all the peoples!

**People: For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; He is to be feared above all gods.**

Pastor: For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols, but the LORD made the heavens.

**People: Splendor and majesty are before Him; strength and beauty are in His sanctuary.**

Pastor: Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength!

**People: Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name; bring an offering, and come into His courts!**

Pastor: Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness; tremble before Him, all the earth!

**People:** Say among the nations, “The LORD reigns! Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved; He will judge the peoples with equity.”

**Pastor:** Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar, and all that fills it; let the field exult, and everything in it!

**People:** Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy <sup>13</sup>before the LORD, for he comes, for He comes to judge the earth.

**Pastor:** He will judge the world in righteousness, and the peoples in His faithfulness.

**All:** 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.

**HYMN** “Forth In Thy Name, O Lord, I Go” {LSB 854 - Sung to Duke Street}



1 Forth in Thy name, O Lord, I go, My dai - ly  
2 The task Thy wis - dom has as - signed, O let me  
3 Thee may I set at my right hand, Whose eyes my  
4 Give me to bear Thine e - asy yoke, And ex' - ry  
5 For Thee de - light - ful - ly em - ploy What - e'er Thy



Lab or to pur - sue, Thee, on - ly Thee, re -  
cheer - ful - ly ful - fill; In all my works Thy  
in - most sub - stance see, And la - bor on at  
mo - ment watch and pray, And still to things e -  
boun - teous grace has giv'n, And run my course with



solved to know In all I think or speak or do.  
pre - sence find, And prove Thy good and per - fect will.  
Thy com - mand, And of - fer all my works to Thee.  
ter - nal look, And has - ten to Thy glor - ious day.  
ev - en joy, And close - ly walk with Thee to heav'n.

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## READINGS OF HOLY SCRIPTURE

### OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 6:1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!" And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. And I said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!" Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. And he touched my mouth and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for." And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here am I! Send me."

Pastor: O Lord, have mercy on us.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

### EPISTLE READING

Romans 10:14-21

But how are they to call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!" 16But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?" So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ. But I ask, have they not heard? Indeed they have, for "Their voice has gone out to all the earth, and their words to the ends of the world." But I ask, did Israel not understand? First Moses says, "I will make you jealous of those who are not a nation; with a foolish nation I will make you angry." Then Isaiah is so bold as to say, "I have been found by those who did not seek me; I have shown myself to

those who did not ask for me.” But of Israel he says, “All day long I have held out my hands to a disobedient and contrary people.”

Pastor: O Lord, have mercy on us.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*(please stand)*

## HOLY GOSPEL

**Matthew 17:1-8**

And after six days Jesus took with Him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And He was transfigured before them, and His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became white as light. And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with Him. And Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good that we are here. If You wish, I will make three tents here, one for You and one for Moses and one for Elijah.” He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a Voice from the cloud said, “This is My beloved Son, with Whom I am well pleased; listen to Him.” When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Rise, and have no fear.” And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.

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People: **Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORY

*{LSB 230}*



- L** 1 Teach me Your way, O Lord, that I may walk in Your truth.  
2 Unite my heart to fear Your name that I may walk in Your truth.  
3 Glory be to the  
Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it.



**C** Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

**SERMON: “Whose Voice Will and Must You Listen To?”**

**The Reverend Mark Barz**

*“This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to Him.” – Matthew 17:5b*

*“My sheep listen to My voice; I know them, and they follow Me.” – John 10:27*

*“Whoever listens to you listens to Me...” – Luke 10:16a*

*“See, this [coal] has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away  
and your sin atoned for.” – Isaiah 6:7*

*“How beautiful are the feet of those who bring the good news.” – Romans 10:15b*

*(please stand)*

**CANTICLE**

**Pastor:** Let my prayer rise before You as incense,

**People:** and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

**HYMN: “We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God”**

*{LSB 941}*



1 We praise You and ac-knowl-edge You, O God, to be the Lord,  
2 The band of the a - pos - tles in glo - ry sing Your praise;  
3 You, Christ, are King of glo - ry, the ev - er - last - ing Son,  
4 You sit in splen - did glo - ry, en - throned at God's right hand,



The Fa - ther ev - er - last - ing, by all the earth a - dored.  
The fel - low - ship of proph - ets their death-less voic - es raise.  
Yet You, with bound-less love, sought to res - cue ev - 'ry - one:  
Up - hold - ing earth and heav - en by forc - es You com - mand.



To You all an - gel pow - ers cry a - loud, the heav - ens sing,  
The mar - tyrs of Your king - dom, a great and no - ble throng,  
You laid a - side Your glo - ry, were born of vir - gin's womb,  
We know that You will come as our Judge that fi - nal day,



The cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim their prais - es to You bring:  
Sing with the ho - ly Church through-out all the world this song:  
Were cru - ci - fied for us and were placed in - to a tomb;  
So help Your ser - vants You have re - deemed by blood, we pray;



“O ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;  
“O all - ma - jes - tic Fa - ther, Your true and on - ly Son,  
Then by Your res - ur - rec - tion You won for us re - prieve—  
May we with saints be num - bered where prais - es nev - er end,



Your maj - es - ty and glo - ry fill the heav - ens and the earth!”  
And Ho - ly Spir - it, Com - fort - er— for - ev - er Three in One!”  
You o - pened heav - en’s king - dom to all who would be - lieve.  
In glo - ry ev - er - last - ing. A - men, O Lord, a - men!

## The Rite of Installation

The Invocation

The Announcement

The Salutation and Collect

The Scriptures

Institution of the Office of the Holy Ministry

Responsibilities of the Office of the Holy Ministry

Strength & Promises for Those in the Office of the Holy Ministry

The Questions & Affirmations

The Presentation of the Signs of the Office

The Question to the Congregation

The Installation

The Blessing and Collects

The Blessings & Scriptures by the Assisting Ministers

The Sending & Benediction

## The Doxology: "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

{LSB - 805}

△ Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all  
crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly  
host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

### PRAYER

#### KYRIE

{LSB - 233}

□ Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

#### 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.

#### SALUTATION AND COLLECTS

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.



## COLLECT OF THE DAY

**Pastor:** Almighty God, grant to Your Church Your Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes down from above, that Your Word may not be bound but have free course and be preached to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, so that in steadfast faith we may serve You and, in the confession of Your name, abide unto the end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People:** Amen.

## COLLECT FOR PEACE

**Pastor:** O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People:** Amen.

## BENEDICAMUS



**L** Let us bless the Lord.



**G** Thanks be to God.

## BENEDICTION

**P** The grace of our Lord † Je - sus Christ and the love of God  
and the communion of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.

**C** A - men.

## RECESSIONAL: “Lord of the Living Harvest”

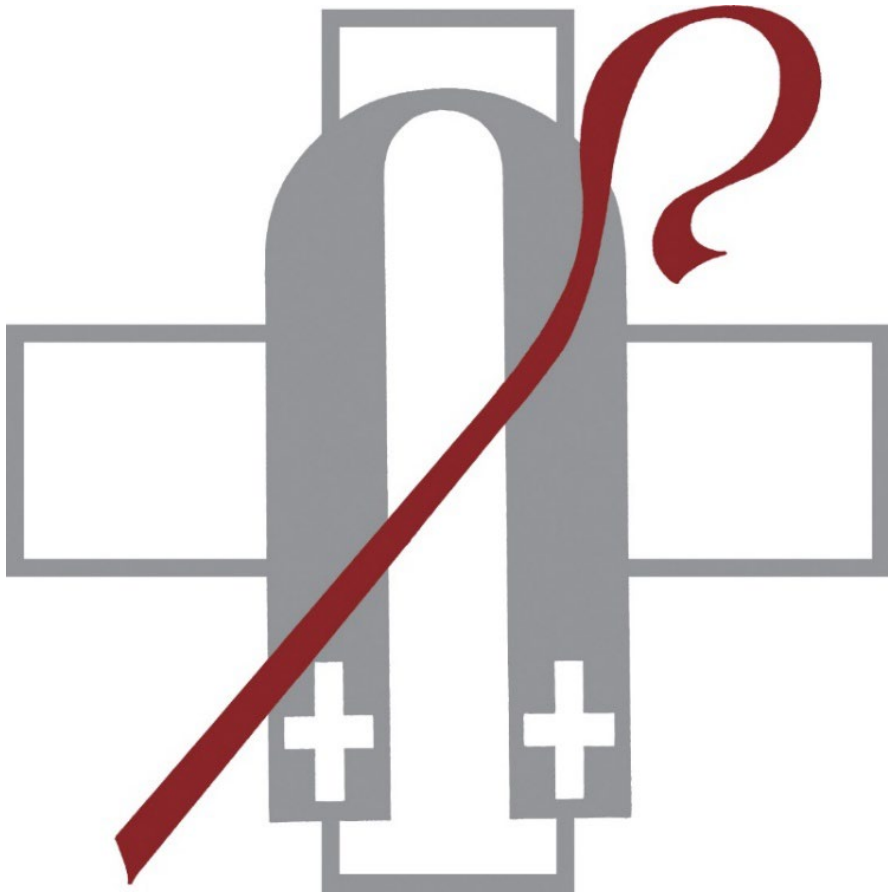
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Lord of the living harvest That whitens o'er the plain,  
Where angels soon shall gather Their sheaves of golden grain,  
Accept these hands to labor, These hearts to trust and love,  
And deign with them to hasten Thy kingdom from above.

As lab'ers in Thy vineyard, Lord, send them out to be  
Content to bear the burden Of weary days for Thee,  
To ask no other wages When Thou shalt call them home  
Than to have shared the travail Which makes Thy kingdom come.

Be with them, God the Father; Be with them, God the Son;  
And God the Holy Spirit, Most Blesséd Three in One.  
Make them Thy faithful servants Thee rightly to adore  
And fill them with Thy fulness Both now and evermore. Amen.

# INSTALLATION OF NEIL VANDERBUSH



Messiah Lutheran Church – Boerne, Texas





Pastor Neil Vanderbush was born and raised around Amarillo, Texas, in a Christian household. As an infant, he was dedicated to Christ by his parents, Greg and Mitzi Vanderbush, at First Christian Church in Amarillo. At the age of six he attended vacation bible school at River Road Baptist, and after hearing the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the scriptures about God's gift in baptism, he requested to be baptized. Though reluctant due to him being so young, Pastor Neal finally gave in and administered God's gift. It was received with great joy.

Pastor Vanderbush was nominally churched until he started attending Trinity Lutheran Church in Amarillo because of his new girlfriend, Holly - a lifelong and generational LCMS Lutheran. He fell in love with the church, the old page 5 & 15, and occasionally Matins services, but mostly the amount of scripture and the centrality of Christ is every little detail.

After joining the USMC and shipping off for a time, came home and married Holly at Trinity. Though it took them far away from Amarillo, the couple continued seeking out faithful, LCMS congregations to be fed by Word and Sacrament ministry.

The Lord blessed the Vanderbush family with three children, Dean, Abigail and Aden, all being baptized back at their original home congregation of Trinity, Amarillo.

Pastor Vanderbush attended Concordia University at Austin, and then Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. He was ordained at Trinity, Amarillo, and his first Call was as Associate Pastor for Mission at Faith Lutheran Church, Bentonville, Arkansas. While in Northwest Arkansas he was the founding pastor of Messiah Lutheran Church, Pea Ridge, assisted with the start of other congregations and was engaged with campus ministry and the University of Arkansas. He has also served congregations in Maumelle, Arkansas, Jacksonville, North Carolina, Lubbock, Texas and Memphis, Tennessee, and various vacancies. He has also served as Chaplain to the US Army.

Pastor Vanderbush has most recently accepted the Call to serve Messiah Lutheran Church, Boerne, Texas, and is very excited about what the Lord has in store for Word and Sacrament ministry. He and Holly enjoy spending time with their children and their spouses and their grandchildren, all of which find the highpoint of their week in receiving God's gifts in the Divine Service through Word and Sacrament.

Soli Deo Gloria (To God Alone be the Glory)

Preacher & Officiant: Rev. Mark Barz  
Lector: Rev. Richard Lofgren  
Assistant Ministers: Pastors of the San Antonio Area  
Circuit Visitor: Rev. Rick Pfaff  
Pianist: Connie Barz