

Service of Ordination

for Ann Auten



November 24th, 2024 | 2:00 p.m.
First St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Hastings, NE

Presiding Pastors

*Pastor Joel Remmers, First St. Paul's Lutheran Church Pastor David Kramer, St. John Lutheran Church, Athol, KS
Pastor Chad Power, First St. Paul's Lutheran Church Pastor Leah Krotz, Trinity Lutheran Church, Bruning
Becky Mohling, PMA First St. Paul's Lutheran Church Pastor Jan Gluth King, Bethel Lutheran Church, Holdrege
Pastor Joseph Love, Peace Lutheran Church, Deshler*

Prelude: "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee" - Three for Thee

Invocation: Pastor Joel Remmers

L: We begin in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Processional: "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" ELW #504

Confession: Pastor Chad Power

L: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires are known and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name. C: Amen.

L: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sin, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

silence for reflection

L: Most merciful God,

C: 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.

L: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Greeting: Pastor Joel Remmers

Kyrie and Song of Praise: Pastor Joel Remmers

L: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: 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.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

L: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

C: Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Prayer of the Day: Becky Mohling

L: Almighty God, you built your Church on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, and you instituted the office of the holy ministry so that the apostolic and prophetic Word might be heard throughout the ages. Grant that Ann Marie Auten, now to be ordained, may exercise her ministry faithfully in the power of your Spirit, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

First Lesson: Jeremiah 29:11-13 - Becky Mohling

Responsive Reading: 1 Chronicles 16:23-34 - Micki Buscher

L: Sing to the Lord, all the earth;

L: Declare his glory among the nations,

L: For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise;

L: For all the gods of the nations are idols,

L: Splendor and majesty are before him;

L: Ascribe to the Lord, all you families of nations;

L: Ascribe to the Lord the glory due His name:

C: proclaim his salvation day after day.

C: His marvelous deeds among all peoples.

C: He is to be feared above all gods.

C: but the Lord made the heavens.

C: Strength and joy are in his dwelling place.

C: Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

C: bring an offering and come before Him.

L: Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness.

L: The world is firmly established;

L: Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad;

L: Let the sea resound, and all that is in it;

L: Let the trees of the forest sing,

L: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

C: Tremble before Him, all the earth!

C: it cannot be moved.

C: let them say among the nations, “The Lord reigns!”

C: let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them.

C: let them sing for joy before the Lord, for he comes to judge the earth.

C: for his love endures forever.

Second Lesson: Romans 10:8b-15 - Lynn Hohlen

Gospel Lesson: John 15:5 (Seminary Graduation Verse)

Message: Pastor Joel Remmers

Apostles’ Creed: Pastor Chad Power

L: Let us stand and proclaim our faith in the words of the Apostles’ Creed:

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. 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.

Worship Song: Build My Life (words on screen)

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Congregational Response: Pastor David Kramer

L: Will you, assembled as the people of God and speaking for the whole church, receive Ann Marie Auten as a messenger of Jesus Christ, sent by God to serve all people with the gospel of hope and salvation? Will you regard her as a servant of Christ?

C: We will, and we ask God to help us.

L: Will you pray for her, help and honor him for his work’s sake, and in all things strive to live together in the peace and unity of Christ?

C: We will, and we ask God to help us.

L: Let it be acclaimed that Ann Marie Auten is a called and ordained minister of word and sacrament in the church of Christ. She has 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.

C: Amen. Thanks be to God.

Announcements: Pastor Joel Remmers

Offering | Offertory: Three for Thee - “It is Well With My Soul”

Prayers of the Day: Pastor Leah Krotz & Pastor Jan Gluth King

The Great Thanksgiving: Pastor Ann Auten

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

L: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy that we should at all times and in all places...

L: We praise your name and join their unending hymn:

C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Words of Institution: Pastor Ann Auten

Lord’s Prayer

L: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

C: 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.

Distribution | Distribution Hymns

Gather Us In ELW #532 Here I Am, Lord ELW #574

Prayer After Communion: Pastor Ann Auten

L: We thank you, almighty and gracious God, that you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son, uniting us through him in the fellowship of the Spirit. As you have again raised up among us a faithful servant for the ministry of Word and Sacrament, grant that we may joyfully serve you all our days and finally rejoice in your glory, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Benediction: Pastor Ann Auten

*L: The LORD bless you and keep you; may the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; may the LORD look upon you with his favor and give you his peace. **Amen.***

Sending Hymn: *Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty* ELW #413 (Recessional)

Postlude



*We know that all things work together for good
for those who love God, who are called according
to his purpose. Romans 8:28*

Offerings received today will be given to Tartu Academy and Home of Hope in Estonia. Tartu Academy has currently 130 students majoring in pastoral ministry, and has graduated 41 pastors in the last three years. Home of Hope is not just a study facility but a place to gather for Christians to share the message of Jesus Christ. Pastor Ann assisted with an Adult Bible Camp at Home of Hope last summer. Working with this mission to support the education of future pastors has become a passion for Ann. Estonia, one of the least religious countries in the world after Stalin's infiltration, continues to need our support to spread the word of Jesus Christ to the people of Estonia.

Thank you to the following people who participated in the Ordination service, along with the clergy listed in the bulletin.

Acolytes - Claire and Owen Janda

Greeters: Steve and Susan Turner,

Organist - Helen Karloff

Andrea Engel

Vocalists - Jen Bronsen, Angie Gill

Ushers: Dean Papenhagen, John Boltz

Mentors - Micki Buscher, Becky Mohling, Lynn Hohlen

John Hohlen, Josh Nienhueser

A special thank you to my family who has supported me throughout my faith journey, to the members of First St. Paul's Lutheran Church who supported me both financially and spiritually, especially during my years in seminary, and to the members of St. John Lutheran Church who have called me to serve at St. John with their support. May the Lord richly bless you all as I thank Him for all He has done for me. Go in peace and serve the Lord!