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In the Lower Susquehanna Synod of the ELCA we feed the hungry as we have been fed by Christ. We welcome with full participation and inclusion all who are seeking God’s love and grace. We welcome all because God welcomes all, regardless of race or culture, sexual orientation, gender identity, or relationship status. We welcome all without regard to addictions, physical or mental health, imprisonment, socio-economic circumstances or anything that too often divides us. Our unity is in Jesus Christ.

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HOLY EUCHARIST
with
Necrology, Affirmation of Vocation for All the Baptized, and the Rites of Consecration and Ordination

Parmer Hall
Calvin and Janet High Center for Worship and Performing Arts
Messiah College, Grantham, PA
Friday, June 2, 2017, 7:00 p.m.
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GATHERING

PRELUDE

Prelude in G Major, BWV 541     J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

The assembly stands as the bishop approaches the baptismal font.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM WITH NECROLOGY
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.

Ever-living God, author of creation, we give you thanks for your gift of water that brings life and refreshes the earth. We bless and praise you, for by water and the Word we are cleansed from sin and receive everlasting life.

Especially this day we give thanks for the lives and witness of your faithful servants who have entered the Church Triumphant in the past year.

The Rev. Richard E. Spratlin
The Rev. Richard M. Olson
The Rev. Maynard S. Barnhart, Jr.
The Rev. Sharon F. Hoover
The Rev. Earl W. Zellers
The Rev. Walter L. Hafer, Jr.
The Rev. Robert H. Sernat
The Rev. Edwin C. Wentz
The Rev. Dwight A. Huseman
The Rev. Peter H. Kuebler

We praise you for all the saints who have gone before us, and for the gift of water that sustains life.

Join us again this day to the saving death of Christ; renew in us the living fountain of your grace; and raise us with Christ Jesus to live in newness of life.
Almighty God, who gives us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit and forgives us all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG
The choir sings the leader parts.

Wade in the Water

Refrain

Wade in the water, wade in the water, children,

Wade in the water, God's a-goin' a trouble the water.

Leader

1. See that host all dressed in white,
2. See that band all dressed in red,
3. Look o-ver yo-n der, what do I see?
4. If you don't believe I've been re-deemed,

Tune:


O Day Full of Grace

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We Come to the Hungry Feast

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Spirit of Gentleness

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Eat This Bread


Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises

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A Mighty Fortress Is Our God


Open Your Ears, O Faithful People

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Christ, You formed the Church


O Living Breath of God

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Psalm Refrain


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The use of liturgical language in this service is shaped by the principles in the ELCA document, "What is the proper use of language in worship?", www.ELCA.org/GrowinginFaith/Worship/LearningCenter/FrequentlyAskedQuestions/WhatsTheProperUseOfLanguageInWorship.
COMMENTARY ON HYMNS

Wade in the Water: Like all African American spirituals, this one has many layers. At its heart, though, this is a song about baptism. Martin Luther advocated that all Christians return daily to their baptism. Though we are baptized once, again and again God "troubles the water." With its call-and-response structure, this song is eminently singable by the entire assembly.

We Come to the Hungry Feast: Martin Luther wrote voluminously in his lifetime. And the last words he wrote, a mere two sentences scribbled on some paper, could be said to sum up his theological insights: "We are beggars. This is true." This short hymn by Ray Makeever takes us in the same direction. We come to the communion feast hungry, begging for the love of God that will not be denied.

Open Your Ears, O Faithful People: Martin Luther had his flaws, as he would be the first to acknowledge. Some that he didn't acknowledge were deeply hurtful to people even centuries later - witness the Nazis who used his diatribes against Jewish people as partial justification for the Holocaust. In view of this, it is fitting and poignant that Lutherans sing this beautiful hymn derived from Jewish sources as a call to listen to God's word of teaching, judgment, and life.

Source: Reformation 500 Sourcebook
PRAYER OF THE DAY
The bishop leads the prayer of the day.
Let us pray.
O God, through the ages you have called women and men to particular ministries in the church. Let your blessing rest now on April, to be consecrated, and Matthew, Kelsey, Linda, and Amy, to be ordained, and all who answer the call to ministry. Grant them understanding of the gospel, sincerity of purpose, diligence in ministry, and the beauty of life in Christ, that many people will be served and your name be glorified; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.
The assembly sits.

WORD

FIRST LESSON
A reading from Exodus.
Exodus 19:1-9a

On the third new moon after the Israelites had gone out of the land of Egypt, on that very day, they came into the wilderness of Sinai. Then they journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain. Then Moses went up to God; the LORD called to him from the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the Israelites: You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. Now therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites."

So Moses came, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him. The people all answered as one: "Everything that the LORD has spoken we will do." Moses reported the words of the people to the LORD. Then the LORD said to Moses, "I am going to come to you in a dense cloud, in order that the people may hear when I speak with you and so trust you ever after."

The reading concludes:
Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

NECROLOGY

The Rev. Richard E. Spratlin
June 27, 1936 – June 5, 2016

The Rev. Richard M. Olson
November 22, 1937 – August 14, 2016

The Rev. Maynard S. Barnhart, Jr.
May 21, 1923 – October 19, 2016

The Rev. Sharon F. Hoover
January 8, 1947 – October 22, 2016

The Rev. Earl W. Zellers
January 19, 1930 – November 13, 2016

The Rev. Walter L. Hafer, Jr.
February 28, 1929 – December 7, 2016

The Rev. Robert H. Sternat
May 6, 1927 – January 15, 2017

The Rev. Edwin C. Wentz
August 31, 1924 – February 17, 2017

The Rev. Dwight A. Huseman
January 17, 1936 – February 22, 2017

The Rev. Peter H. Kuebler
August 30, 1941 – April 17, 2017
Meet our new Pastors . . .

Amy Michelle Wagner has been called to Zion Lutheran Church, Newville, PA. She received a Bachelor of Science degree in Recreation and Leisure Administration Education from York College of PA, York, PA, and a Master of Divinity degree from the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg. Amy is a member of The Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, Bel Air, MD. She served her internship at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Wytheville, VA. She is married to Andy Wagner. Amy’s ordination sponsor is the Reverend Dr. Donald Keyser. Participating in the laying on of hands are the Reverend Lisa Hair, the Reverend Kathryn Schroeder, the Reverend Daniel Yeiser, and Deacon Jan Davis.

Linda Pearl Shank has been called to Christ Lutheran Church, New Bloomfield, PA. She received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology from Dickinson College, a Master of Arts degree in Community Counseling from Shippensburg State University, a Master of Business Administration degree from York College of PA, a Doctor of Business Administration degree from Nova Southeastern University, and a Master of Divinity degree from the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg. Linda is a member of Big Spring United Lutheran Church, Newville, PA. She served her internship at Rural Retreat, VA. She is married to William Shank. They have two children, Kirk and Sara. Linda’s ordination sponsor is the Reverend Jean Kuebler.

SECOND LESSON

A reading from Romans.

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea; though its waters rage and foam, and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken; God shall help it at the break of day.

The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake; God speaks, and the earth melts away.

The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Come now, regard the works of the LORD, what desolations God has brought up on the earth; behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world; who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire. Be still, then, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.”

The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

A reading from Romans.

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our
spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ — if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

The reading concludes:
Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

Meet our new Deacon . . .

April Ellen Trout will begin her ministry as a deacon at the Global Mission Unit of the ELCA and the St. Paul Area Synod as Program Coordinator of the Bega Kwa Bega companion synod program. She received a Bachelor of Arts degree in English from Thiel College, a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing from York College of PA, a Master of Science degree in Nursing from San Diego State University, and a Master of Arts degree in Ministerial Studies from the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg. She is a member of St. Mark’s Lutheran Church, Harrisburg. April has one son, Taylor. Her sponsor is Sister Marianne Brock. Participating in the laying on of hands are the Reverend Gwenn Trout, the Reverend James E. Person, the Reverend Dr. Brenda J. Kiser, and the Reverend Cynthia A. Chambers.

Meet our new Pastors . . .

Matthew Bernard Best has been called as pastor of St. Stephen Lutheran Church, New Kingstown, PA. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from Grove City College, and a Master of Divinity degree from the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg. Matthew is a member of Zion Lutheran Church, Etters, PA. He served his internship at Duncansville Lutheran Church, Duncansville, PA. He is married to Abigail Best. They are parents of four children, Emma, Mollie, Grant, and Andrew. Matthew’s ordination sponsor is the Reverend Jaime Olson. Participating in the laying on of hands are the Reverend Robin Fero, the Reverend David Schreffler, the Reverend Abigail Leese, and the Reverend Jean Kuebler.

Kelsey Lee Fitting-Snyder has been called as pastor of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Davenport, IA. She received a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology and Religion from Susquehanna University and a Master of Divinity degree from the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg. Kelsey is a member of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Lebanon, PA. She served her internship at First Lutheran Church, Lincoln, NE. She is married to Jon Snyder. Kelsey’s ordination sponsor is the Reverend Dan Warnes, Harrisburg, PA. Participating in the laying on of hands are the Reverend Joel Folkemer, the Reverend Gretchen Ierien, and the Reverend Beth Martini.
PARTICIPATING IN THE SERVICE

Preacher & Presiding Minister  The Reverend James S. Dunlop
Bishop, Lower Susquehanna Synod, ELCA

Presenter for Candidates  The Reverend Thomas E. McKee
Secretary, Lower Susquehanna Synod, ELCA

Chaplain to the Bishop  Deacon Marsha L. Roscoe

Assisting Minister  Lucinda L. Bringman
Vice President, Lower Susquehanna Synod, ELCA

Lectors  Andy Wagner
Margaret Folkemer
The Reverend Anne-Rose Reeves

Organist/Pianist  The Reverend Marilyn Witte

Choir Director  Adam Lefever Hughes, DMA

Gift Presenters  Taylor Trout
Abigail Best

Ushers & Greeters  Synod Assembly Pages
Members of the Synodical Worship Committee
Members of Synod Council

GOSPEL  John 7:37-39

The gospel is announced.
The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, 'Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water.' Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive; for as yet there was no Spirit, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

The gospel concludes:
The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly sits.

THE SERMON

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

At the direction of the bishop, the assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.
HYMN OF THE DAY

The choir sings stanza 3.

O Day Full of Grace

1 O day full of grace that now we see appearing on earth's horizon, bring light from our God that we may be abundant in joy this season, God, shine for us now in this dark place; your name on our hearts embazon.

2 O day full of grace, O blessed time, our Lord on the cross was hanging; and then he arose and moved the glow, all joy of the heavens sharing, and there we will mix.

3 For Christ bore our sins, and not his own, when he on the life revealing, that we might no more in death be lost, its power over us dispelling. This flame will the mark of sin face and bring to us all true healing. Join God's endless praise, with angels and saints adoring.

4 God came to us then at the cost, the Spirit new for sworn to work us woe, with guile and dreadful might is armed to wage the fight: on earth there is no equal. No other God we claim! None else can win the battle. God's judgment must prevail! One little word shall triumph. They yet have nothing won. The kingdom's our forever!

5 When we on that final journey go that Christ is for us pre-par-ing, we'll gather in song, our hearts a-throbbing, great joy for us all retrieving; for Jesus all stone, we, unto him be longing, might join with anymore and give us evermore dispensing. This flame will the mark of sin face and bring to us all true healing. Join God's endless praise, with angels and saints adoring.

The choir sings stanza 3.

O Day Full of Grace

I. O day full of grace that now we see appearing on earth's horizon, bring light from our God that we may be abundant in joy this season, God, shine for us now in this dark place; your name on our hearts embazon.

II. O day full of grace, O blessed time, our Lord on the cross was hanging; and then he arose and moved the glow, all joy of the heavens sharing, and there we will mix.

III. For Christ bore our sins, and not his own, when he on the life revealing, that we might no more in death be lost, its power over us dispelling. This flame will the mark of sin face and bring to us all true healing. Join God's endless praise, with angels and saints adoring.

IV. God came to us then at the cost, the Spirit new for sworn to work us woe, with guile and dreadful might is armed to wage the fight: on earth there is no equal. No other God we claim! None else can win the battle. God's judgment must prevail! One little word shall triumph. They yet have nothing won. The kingdom's our forever!
**SENDING**

**BENEDICTION**

*The bishop proclaims God's blessing.*

May God, whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine, grant you the gifts of faith and hope. Almighty God, Father, + Son and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

**SENDING HYMN**

*A Mighty Fortress is Our God*  

The choir sings stanza 3

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**AFFIRMATION OF VOCATION FOR ALL THE BAPTIZED**

*The presiding minister addresses the assembly.*

Dear Christian friends: baptized into the priesthood of Christ, we all are called by the Holy Spirit to offer ourselves to the God of all creation in thanksgiving for what God has done and continues to do for us. In this 500th anniversary year of the Reformation, we pause together to affirm our vocation as Christians in the world.

The following persons have successfully completed the requirements of the *diakonia*™ program of theological education and spiritual formation:

Mari E. Boyer, Michelle L. Knight, Georgeanna D. Knisely, Barry O. Smith, Allen P. Stump, and RoseMary D. Tonkin.

*The presiding minister addresses the graduates of the *diakonia*™ program.*

Having determined to live out your baptismal covenant as graduates of *diakonia*™ will you endeavor to pattern your life and service after our Lord Jesus?

R: I will, and I ask God to help me.

*The presiding minister addresses the assembly.*

And you, people of God, will you endeavor to pattern your life on the Lord Jesus Christ, in gratitude to God and in service to others, at morning and evening, at work and at play, all the days of your life?

R: I will, and I ask God to help me.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, by the power of the Spirit you have knit these your servants into the one body of your Son, Jesus Christ, and blessed each of them with unique gifts, calling them into specific occupations, relationships, and activities using those gifts. Look with favor upon them in their commitment to serve in Christ’s name, empowering them to be ministers of your reconciliation, love, hope and justice. Give them courage, patience, and vision; and strengthen us all in our Christian vocation of witness to the world and of service to others; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.
THE RITES OF CONSECRATION and ORDINATION

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES
Candidates for consecration and ordination gather with presenters and participating ministers before the assembly.

The candidate for consecration is presented to the bishop and to the assembly by the secretary of the synod.
I present for consecration to the ministry of word and service April Ellen Trout, who has been prepared, examined, and approved for this ministry and who has been called by the church to this ministry through ELCA Global Mission.

Each ordinand is presented to the bishop and to the assembly by the secretary of the synod.
I present for ordination to the ministry of word and sacrament Matthew Bernard Best, Kelsey Lee Fitting-Snyder, Linda Pearl Shank, and Amy Michelle Wagner, who have been prepared, examined, and approved for this ministry and who have been called by the church to the office of pastor.

Thanks be to God.

The assembly sits.

ADDRESS AND QUESTIONS TO CANDIDATE FOR CONSECRATION
The bishop addresses the candidate for consecration.
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. You have been called as a minister of word and service to give leadership in the church’s mission to proclaim the gospel through word and deed. You are now to be entrusted with this ministry by the laying on of hands and by prayer.

A reading from Luke: Jesus said, “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.” (Luke 4:18-19)

After all have communed, the assembly stands at the direction of the assisting minister.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION
The assisting minister leads the assembly in 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 ministry, grant that we, with April, Matthew, Kelsey, Linda, and Amy, may joyfully serve you all our days and finally rejoice in your glory; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.
A reading from First Corinthians: There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. (1 Corinthians 12:4-7)

A reading from Second Corinthians: The love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. 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. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! (2 Corinthians 5:14-17)

The bishop questions the candidate.

Before almighty God, to whom you must give account, and in the presence of this assembly, I ask: will you accept this ministry, believing that you are called by God to serve faithfully as a minister of word and service?

The candidate responds:
I will, and I ask God to help me.

The church in which you are to be consecrated 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 serve in accordance with the holy scriptures and these creeds and confessions?

The candidate responds:
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?

The candidate responds:
I will, and I ask God to help me.

Will you witness to Jesus Christ in word and deed, pray for God’s people, and by your own example encourage them in faithful service and holy living?

The candidate responds:
I will, and I ask God to help me.
ADDRESS AND QUESTIONS TO THE ORDINANDS

The bishop addresses the candidates for ordination. 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)

The bishop questions the ordinands. 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?

Each ordinand responds: 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?

Each ordinand responds: I will, and I ask God to help me.

HYMN

Spirit of Gentleness

Refrain

Spir-it, Spir-it of gen-tle-ness, blow through the wil-der-ness

calling and free; Spir-it, Spir-it of rest-less-ness,

stir me from plac-id-ness, wind, wind on the sea.

1 You moved on the wa-ters, you called to the deep,
2 You swept through the des-ert, you stung with the sand,
3 You sang in a sta-ble, you cried from a hill,
4 You call from to-mor-row, you break an-cient schemes.

then you coaxed up the moun-tains from the val-leys of sleep;
and you gaoled your peo-ple with a law and a land;
then you whis-pered in si-lence when the whole world was still;
From the bond-age of sor-row all the cap-tives dream dreams;

and o-ver the e-ons you called to each thing;
and when they were blind-ed with dol-ders and lies,
our wom-en see vi-sions, our men clear their eyes.

“A-wake from your slum-bers and rise on your wings.”
then you spoke through your proph-ets to o-pen their eyes.
With . . . bold new de-ci-sions your peo-ple a-rise.
HYMN

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

1 Come, thou Fount of ev’ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
2 Here I raise my Eb-en-e-zer: “Hith-er by thy help I’ve come”;
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt—oh, daily I’m con-strained to be;
   streams of mercy, nev-er ceas-ing, call for songs of loud-est praise.
   let that hope, by thy good plea-sure, safe-ly to ar-rive at home.
   grace now like a fet-ter bind my wan-d’ring heart to thee.
   While the hope of end-less glo-ry fills my heart with joy and love,
   Prove to wan-der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.
   teach me ev-er to a-dore thee; may I still thy good-ness prove.

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?
Each ordinand responds:
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?
Each ordinand responds:
I will, and I ask God to help me.

The bishop addresses all candidates.
Almighty God, who has given you the will to do these things, graciously give you the strength and compassion to perform them.
The assembly responds:
Amen.

The assembly stands.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The assisting minister leads the assembly in prayer.

Trusting the Spirit’s power, we pray for the church, the world, and all of God’s creation.
A brief silence.

Each petition ends:
God of mercy,
hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:
Receive these prayers, gracious God, and those prayers known only to you. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.
HYMN OF INVOCATION  

Christ, You Formed the Church, Your Body

The assembly sits.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America practices Eucharistic hospitality. All baptized persons are invited to the Lord's table. As a sign of the unity the sacrament gives us, we all share the same elements.

Proceed to a communion station at the direction of an usher. Communion will be by intinction. Gluten-free bread, grape juice and wine are being served at all stations.

If you would rather receive a blessing, place your arms across your chest as you approach the communion station.

HYMN

O Living Breath of God

1. O living Breath of God, wind at the beginning upon the waters;  
2. O living Breath of God, by whose pow'r the Son came to birth among us;  
3. O living Breath of God, bearing us to life through baptismal waters;  

O living Breath of God, bearing the creation to won-derous birth;  
O living Breath of God, who to the creation gives life anew;  
O living Breath of God, sighing with creation for free-dom's birth;

Refrain

Come now, and fill our spir - its; pour out your gifts a - bun - dant.

O living Breath of God, Ho-ly Spir - it, breathe in us as we pray.
THE LORD’S PRAYER
As children of God, we are bold to pray:
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.

BREAKING THE BREAD
We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.
We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

LAMB OF GOD

THANKSGIVING FOR THE CANDIDATE FOR CONSECRATION

The bishop leads the assembly in giving thanks.
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 thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, your Word made flesh, who proclaimed your kingdom in words and in deeds of service to the poor and the suffering; who humbled himself, taking on the form of a servant; and who showed us that the one wishing to be great must be servant of all.
We praise you for the many ministries in your church, and especially this day for calling women and men to the ministry of word and service, to equip your people for their work of ministry and to serve a world in need.

The candidate kneels. The bishop lays both hands on the head of the candidate for consecration. Other rostered ministers who are participating in the laying on of hands place one hand on the person being consecrated.

Following a time of silent prayer, the bishop continues, praying for the candidate.
Eternal God, through your Son, Jesus Christ, pour out your Holy Spirit upon April. Consecrate her to the ministry of word and service in your church. Empower and bless her in her serving, that she may faithfully carry out the ministry entrusted to her. Let her life and teaching so reflect your grace that many may come to know you and love you through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

GIVING OF A SYMBOL OF MINISTRY TO THE CANDIDATE FOR CONSECRATION

The candidate stands. An appropriate symbol of ministry may be given to the candidate.

CHARGE TO THE CANDIDATE FOR CONSECRATION

The bishop addresses the candidate.
April, serve the needy, care for the sick, comfort the distressed, and, through words and actions, witness faithfully to God’s love for all people. Cross every barrier that stands between the church and its ministry in the world. Seek out those places where the gospel of Jesus Christ meets the world’s need. Empower, equip, and support all the baptized in the ministry of Jesus Christ. Lead us all in proclaiming the gospel in word and song, in witness and service. And be of good courage, for God has called you, and your labor in the Lord is not in vain.
THANKSGIVING FOR THE ORDINANDS
The bishop leads the assembly in giving thanks.
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 candidates kneel. The bishop lays both hands on the head of each ordinand. Other ordained pastors who are participating in the laying on of hands place one hand on the ordinand.

Following a time of silent prayer, the bishop continues, praying for each ordinand in turn.
Eternal God, through your Son, Jesus Christ, pour out your Holy Spirit upon name and fill her/him with the gifts of grace for the ministry of word and sacrament. Bless her/his proclamation of your word and administration of your sacraments, so that your church may be gathered for praise and strengthened for service. Make her/him a faithful pastor, patient teacher, and wise counselor. Grant that in all things she/he 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.

GIVING OF A STOLE TO THE ORDINANDS
The ordinands may remain kneeling. A stole is placed over each ordinand’s shoulders as the bishop says:
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)

The bishop continues.
Holy God, in every time and place you have been our refuge.
In the beginning, your Spirit hovered over the deep on mighty wings, stirring the waters, churning up light, and land, and life.
Throughout the ages, you carried your people to yourself, freeing us from slavery, calling us precious, treasured, holy.
But time and again, we turned from you, refusing to be gathered under your motherly wings. And so in the proper time, you sent your own Son, Jesus Christ.
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.
Remembering our Savior’s commandment, and that his life, death, and resurrection came to pass to bring us and all creation to new birth, we trust in the hope we cannot see as we proclaim the mystery of faith: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.
Pour out your Spirit upon us, O God, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Longing for your presence, we ask: Come, Holy Spirit.
Hover over your Church again, and shape us anew in your image. Yearning to be re-formed, we shout: Come, Holy Spirit!”
Set your Spirit within us like an ever-flowing stream for the sake of a thirsting world. Knowing she intercedes for us, we sigh: Come, Holy Spirit.
All praise and glory are yours Mighty Father, Incarnate Son, Living Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.
GREAT THANKSGIVING
The bishop greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks.
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.

The bishop continues:
It is indeed right that we should everywhere and always give you thanks and praise, O God, through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ; who invites all who are thirsty to come and drink, and calls all who are hungry to come and be fed, and sets within all who believe his own Spirit, flowing through our hearts with abundant life and grace. And so, through the power of that living Spirit, and in the company of angels and apostles, with every creature and all creation, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

CHARGE TO THE ORDINANDS
The ordinands stand. The following scripture passages are addressed to the ordinands.

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 bishop continues:
Matthew, Kelsey, Linda, Amy, care for God’s people, bear their burdens, and do not betray their confidence. So discipline yourselves 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 bishop addresses all candidates.
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 candidates face the assembly. The bishop addresses the assembly.
Will you, assembled as the people of God, receive April as a consecrated minister of word and service, sent by God to serve all people in Christ’s name?
We will, and we ask God to help us.

And will you receive Matthew, Kelsey, Linda, and Amy as messengers of Jesus Christ, sent by God to serve all people with the gospel of hope and salvation? Will you regard them as servants 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 bishop presents the newly consecrated to the assembly.
Let it be acclaimed that April Ellen Trout is a consecrated minister of word and service, called to serve among God’s people as together we bear God’s creative and redeeming love to all the world.

And let it be acclaimed that Matthew Bernard Best, Kelsey Lee Fitting-Snyder, Linda Pearl Shank, and Amy Michelle Wagner, 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 all the newly consecrated and ordained have been presented, the assembly may offer acclamation with applause.

SHARING OF PEACE
The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

The people greet one another with a sign of Christ’s peace and then sit.

OFFERING
This evening’s offering is designated for the Bishop’s Congregational Mission Fund, a part of the synod’s Always Being Made New Campaign. Make checks payable to the Lower Susquehanna Synod.

MUSIC DURING THE OFFERING Soul Adorn Yourself With Gladness

The assembly stands as the gifts are brought forward.

OFFERTORY HYMN We Come to the Hungry Feast

OFFERTORY PRAYER
Merciful God, everything in heaven and earth belongs to you. We joyfully release what you have entrusted to us. May these gifts be signs of our whole lives returned to you, dedicated to the healing and unity of all creation, through Jesus Christ.
Amen.