



the burden of the people with you, so that you may not bear it yourself alone. So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord. And he gathered seventy men of the elders of the people and placed them around the tent. Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the Spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders.

**THE SECOND READING** – Romans 10:14-15

How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they going to believe in him of whom they have not 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!”

**THE GOSPEL READING** – John 20:19-23

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.” And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.”

**THE CONFESSION OF FAITH**                      The Apostle’s Creed

**OFFERING OF OUR TITHES & GIFTS**

**HYMN/SONG**                                      *“This is Amazing Grace”*                                      Praise Team

**THE MESSAGE**                                      No Fear Here!  
Rev. James Rockey, President of the FL-GA District LCMS

**THE RITE OF INSTALLATION** (*President Rockey Officiating*)

O: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

O: Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, The Reverend Dr. Paul Burtzlaff has been called by the Lord and is present before you to be installed as Pastor of Amazing Grace Lutheran Church.

Our Lord Jesus Christ said in Matthew 28: “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go 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 I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age” (v. 18-20)

And again in John chapter 20, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.” And with that He breathed on His disciples and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven” (v. 21-23).

Hear the words of Paul addressed to Timothy: The Lord's servant must not quarrel; instead he must be kind to everyone, able to teach, not resentful. Those who oppose him he must gently instruct, in the hope that God will grant them repentance leading them to a knowledge of the truth" (v. 24-26).

And again in 2 Timothy chapter 4: "Set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity...Devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to proclaiming and teaching...Watch your life and doctrine closely. Persevere in them, because if you do, you will save both yourself and your hearers" (v. 14-16).

Paul, my brother in Christ:

It is by and around His holy Word that God gathers His Church and grants her growth and increase. That this may be done, God has established the Office of the Holy Ministry into which you have been ordained.

I now ask you:

Do you, this day, in the presence of God and of this congregation, affirm the vow made at your ordination into the Office of the Holy Ministry – pledging your belief that the canonical books of the Old and New Testaments are the inspired Word of God and the only infallible rule of faith and practice?

**Pastor Burtzloff:** I do.

Do you, this day, affirm that which you confessed at your ordination into the Office of the Holy Ministry, namely your acceptance of the three Ecumenical Creeds – the Apostles', the Nicene, and the Athanasian Creeds, as faithful testimonies to the truth of Holy Scriptures, rejecting all the errors which they condemn; and do you affirm your acceptance of the Unaltered Augsburg Confession as a true exposition of the Word of God and a correct exhibition of the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church; and that the other confessions contained in the Book of Concord of 1580 are also in agreement with this one Scriptural faith?

**Pastor Burtzloff:** Yes, I make these Confessions my own because they are in agreement with the Word of God.

Will you preach, teach, and minister in accordance with the Holy Scriptures and the Confessions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church?

**Pastor Burtzloff:** I will, and I ask God to help me.

Will you forgive the sins of those who repent, and will you promise never to divulge the sins confessed to you? Will you minister faithfully to the sick and dying, and will you demonstrate to the Church a constant and ready ministry centered in the Gospel? Will you equip the Lord's people to undertake their roles in the Lord's mission to seek and save the lost? Will you admonish and encourage the people to a lively confidence in Christ and in holy living? Will you love, serve, and pray for God's people? Will you nourish them with the Word and Holy Sacraments, leading them by your own example in the use of the means of grace, and in faithful service and holy living?

**Pastor Burtzlaff:** I will, and I ask God to help me.

Finally, will you give faithful witness in the world that the love of God may be known in all that you do?

**Pastor Burtzlaff:** I will, and I ask God to help me.

*The congregation now stands. The Officiant addresses the congregation:*

Brothers and sisters, members of Amazing Grace Lutheran Church: You have heard the promises of him whom you have called to be your Pastor. Will you receive him as a messenger of Jesus Christ, sent by God to serve the people of God with the Gospel of hope and salvation? Will you regard him as a servant of Christ and a steward of the mysteries of God? Will you join with him in the mission God has given His people to bring His saving work to all people, beginning here at home and reaching out to the whole world? And will you support him with your talents and gifts and pray for him always that in his labors he may be filled with joy and that his ministry among you may be abundantly blessed?

**C: We will, with the help of God.**

Will you pray for him, 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, with the help of God.**

Paul, my brother in Christ:

Are you willing and ready to assume the trust and responsibility of Pastor in this congregation?

**Pastor Burtzlaff:** I am.

Paul, I install you as Pastor of Amazing Grace Lutheran Church, in the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

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, equip you with everything good, that you may do His will, working in you that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.

**C: Amen.**

### **Prayer of Blessing & Thanksgiving for the Pastor's Spouse & Helpmate**

*Then the Officiant concludes the Installation with these words to Pastor Burtzlaff*

Paul, we welcome you as a brother in our midst, a co-worker with us in the Kingdom of God. May God give His abundant blessings to your ministry in this place, and may His abundant blessings rest upon this congregation. Let us now be filled with joy and peace.

**PRAYERS**      *(led by Pastor Burtzlaff)*

P: Almighty God, in the waters of Baptism, you named us Your own sons and daughters and made us members of Your Church, the Body of Christ. And now You have set us together in the family of Amazing Grace Lutheran Church. We pray You, pour down Your Holy Spirit upon this congregation. Grant each member of this congregation faithfulness to Your Word and Sacraments, consecration to Your service, and zeal to witness to Your love and forgiveness in Jesus, Your Son. Bless not only our worship and meeting together, but also our daily work in which we have a privileged partnership in Your continuing creative work in this world. Through our worship and labor, our words and our actions, may this world be blessed as we live and work here in this community where You have placed us. We pray as always in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior.

**C: Amen.**

P: Almighty God, the giver of all good gifts, hear our prayer for Your servants called to be pastors in Your Church. Strengthen them, O Lord, by your Holy Spirit; replenish them with the truth of Your doctrine; endue them with holiness of life, and with love for Your people; that as faithful pastors and servants of Your Son, they may faithfully preach Your Word, celebrate and administer Your Sacraments, and shepherd Your flock for the good of Your holy Church and to the glory of Your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

P: O Lord God, You have called Your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage; not knowing where we go, but only that Your hand is leading us, and Your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

P: 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.**

**HYMN**

*“Christ the Eternal Lord”*  
(to the tune of “Crown Him with Many Crowns”)

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**THE LORD’S SUPPER** *(Pastor Rockey and Pastor Burtzlaff serving)*

WORDS OF CHRIST

DISTRIBUTION      Reflective Instrumental Music

*“Come to the Altar”*

Ruth Bremer

Praise Team

DISMISSAL

**BENEDICTION**

**CLOSING SONG**

*“How Great is Our God/How Great Thou Art”*

Praise Team

***(Blessing before Meal - Pastor Burtzlaff)***