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**The Installation of the Reverend Luke Bernthal
into the Pastoral Office of the Holy Ministry for
St. Stephen Lutheran Church of the East and West Bay
January 29, 2017**

Pastor: Luke Bernthal

Organist: Sue Slattengren

For I am determined not to know anything among you, save Christ Jesus, and Him crucified. (1 Corinthians 2:2)

Preservice meditation: Psalm 96 (in the Lutheran Service Book or your pew Bible)

HYMN 578 “Thy Strong Word” (stanza 1 all; 2 men; 3 pulpit side; 4 women; 5 lectern side; 6 all and stand for last stanza)

Divine Service, Setting Four, page 203 (Lutheran Service Book)

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, Who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

Introit: I will speak of Your Statutes before kings, O LORD: and will not be put to shame. I will sing of the love of the LORD forever: with my mouth I will make Your faithfulness known through all generations. The heavens praise Your wonders, O LORD: Your faithfulness too, in the assembly of the holy ones.

Kyrie and Gloria In Excelsis, page 204

Salutation (page 205)

Collect of the Day: Almighty and gracious God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who has commanded us to pray that You would send forth laborers into Your harvest, of Your infinite mercy give us true teachers and ministers of Your Word, and put Your saving Gospel into their hearts and on their lips that they may truly fulfill Your command and preach nothing contrary to Your holy Word, that we, being warned, instructed, nurtured, comforted, and strengthened by Your heavenly Word, may do those things which are well-pleasing and profitable; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, ever the One true God, world without end.

C: Amen.

Old Testament: Isaiah 42:1-9

Behold My Servant, Whom I uphold, My Chosen, in Whom My soul delights; I have put My Spirit upon Him; He will bring forth justice to the nations. 2 He will not cry aloud or lift up His voice, or make it heard in the street; 3 a bruised reed He will not break, and a faintly burning wick He will

not quench; He will faithfully bring forth justice. 4 He will not grow faint or be discouraged till He has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for His Law. 5 Thus says God, the LORD, Who created the heavens and stretched them out, Who spread out the earth and what comes from it, Who gives breath to the people on it and spirit to those who walk in it: 6 “I am the LORD; I have called You in righteousness; I will take You by the hand and keep you; I will give You as a covenant for the people, A light for the nations, 7 to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. 8 I am the LORD; that is My name; My glory I give to no other, nor My praise to carved idols. 9 Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth I tell you of them.”

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 4:1-12

Therefore, since we have this ministry, as we received mercy, we do not lose heart, 2 but we have renounced the things hidden because of shame, not walking in craftiness or adulterating the word of God, but by the manifestation of truth commending ourselves to every man’s conscience in the sight of God. 3 And even if our Gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, 4 in whose case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving so that they might not see the light of the Gospel of the glory of Christ, Who is the image of God. 5 For we do not preach ourselves but Christ Jesus as Lord, and ourselves as your bond-servants for Jesus’ sake. 6 For God, Who said, “Light shall shine out of darkness,” is the One Who has shone in our hearts to give the Light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ. 7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, so that the surpassing greatness of the power will be of God and not from ourselves; 8 we are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not despairing; 9 persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; 10 always carrying about in the body the dying of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body. 11 For we who live are constantly being

delivered over to death for Jesus’ sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. 12 So death works in us, but life in you.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gradual:

P: Righteous are You, O LORD,

C: And upright in Your Judgments.

P: Deal with Your servant according to Your steadfast love,

C: And teach me Your Statutes.

P: How blessed are those whose way is blameless,

C: Who walk in the Word of the LORD.

P: How blessed are those who observe His Testimonies.

C: Who seek Him with all their heart.

P: I shall give thanks to You with uprightness of heart,

C: When I learn Your righteous Judgments.

P: With all my heart I have sought You;

C: Do not let me wander from Your Commandments.

P: With my lips I have told

C: Of the Ordinances of Your mouth.

P: I have rejoiced in the way of Your Testimonies,

C: As much as in all riches.

P: I will meditate on Your Precepts,

C: And regard Your Ways.

P: Hallelujah! Oh praise the LORD, all you nations, and laud Him all you people.

C: For His merciful kindness is great toward us, and the truth of the LORD endures forever.

Sing: Alleluia! (Page 205)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 10th chapter:

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came up to Him [that is, Jesus] and said to Him, “Teacher, we want You to do for us whatever we ask of You.” 36 And He said to them, “What do you want Me to do for you?” 37 And they said to Him, “Grant us to sit, one at Your right hand and one at Your left, in Your glory.” 38 Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the Baptism with which I am baptized?” 39 And they said to Him, “We are able.” And Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the Baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized, 40 but to sit at My right hand or at My left is not Mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.” 41 And when the Ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John. 42 And Jesus called them to Him and said to them, “You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. 43 But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, 44 and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. 45 For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many.” [Scripture passages are from the New American Standard Bible, © The Lockman Foundation, used by permission]

P. This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

The Apostles Creed, page 207

HYMN 681 “Send, O Lord, Your Holy Spirit”

Sermon Text: 2 Corinthians 4:1-12

Sermon Theme: Jesus Christ Is Lord

Offertory, page 956

The Offering

HYMN 780 (Worship Supplement) “Dear Lord, to Your True Servants Give”

Rite Of Installation

Prayer Of The Church

Collect for the Word: Blessed Lord, Who has caused all Holy Scripture to be written for our learning, grant that we may in a respectful manner hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace, and ever hold fast, the blessed hope of everlasting life, which You have given us in our Savior, Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, ever the One true God, world without end.

C: Amen.

Benedicamus and Benediction (page 212)

Sing Triple “Amen”

HYMN (Insert) “We Bid Thee Welcome In The Name”

WELCOME, VISITORS! You are always welcome. Please leave a record of your visit in our guest book in the narthex.

AFTER CHURCH: Fellowship meal and welcome for Pastor Luke, in the Fellowship Hall.

FOR JANUARY: ELDER: Wayne Bliss USHER: Dan Gullerud

“We Bid Thee Welcome in the Name”

by James Montgomery, 1771-1854

- 1. We bid thee welcome in the name
Of Jesus, our exalted Head.
Come as a servant,— so He came,—
And we receive thee in His stead.**

- 2. Come as a shepherd; guard and keep
This fold from hell and world and sin;
Nourish the lambs and feed the sheep;
The wounded heal, the lost bring in.**

- 3. Come as a teacher sent from God,
Charged His whole counsel to declare.
Lift o'er our ranks the prophet's rod
While we uphold thy hands with prayer.**

- 4. Come as a messenger of peace,
Filled with the Spirit, fired with love.
Live to behold our large increase
And die to meet us all above.**

Short Bio for Pastor Luke

Hello Members and Friends of St. Stephen West and East! Let me begin by letting you know how excited I am to be here serving your congregations and St. Stephen Lutheran School. I have been so blessed by your generosity, helpfulness, friendliness, prayers, and enthusiasm already that it makes me very eager to begin the eternally important work of serving you and serving with you with the Word of God.

A little about me: I am currently 38 years old (which is no where near 40!) and have been serving in the pastoral ministry for 13+ years. My previous calls were Houston (Spring), TX, and Valentine, NE. The aspects of the ministry I enjoy most are teaching, conducting worship services, meeting & visiting with people and serving them with the Word on an individual level, and working with children of all ages. I have been involved with the Youth Conference that's put on every 2 years and had served as the co-director of the “Arise and Shine” 20's-30's retreat for the past 6 years. In my spare time I really enjoy doing outdoor activities of many kinds (esp. hiking, biking, camping, the beach...coincidentally, I've heard you have all these things here!). I also enjoy watching and playing many different kinds of sports. (BTW – I'm already a huge fan of the Golden State Warriors, so that's a good start, right?) In my personal life I am dating a lovely and talented young woman from Lake Geneva, WI, Julia (“Jewels”) Anderson. Julia is a professional photographer and owner of White Sand Images, LLC. She has also been a great blessing to me ever since we met almost a year ago, and has been an invaluable help and support during my move here to California. Lastly, I was also accompanied to California by my cat, Rogers (who is a female...yeah, I named her before I knew that!), and seems to be adjusting well to her new home in the parsonage. That is more than enough about me for now! I look forward to us getting to know each other better soon!