

Celebration of Installation



Bishop Brenda Bos





“A wandering Aramean was my father...” (Deuteronomy 26:5) This simple verse can be seen as a distillation of the entire Israelite identity, that God called Abraham out of his homeland and into the Promised Land, but first there

was slavery, disease, war, and deliverance. The same is true for each of us; very few are natives of North America. Most of our foremothers and forefathers left their native land for the United States of America. My father is an immigrant, my mother’s family is only two or three generations in this country.

As we gather today, I honor our shared experiences. We are all children of God, most of us identify as Lutheran Christians, many of us are shaped by our immigrant story. We are bonded by these truths. I also acknowledge some of our ancestors were brought to this continent against their will, in slave ships or under oppression. These stories shape all of us and must be heard.

Jaffa Casteñeda Carrera, Pastor Joseph Toni Casteñeda Carrera, Pastor Jennifer Chrien, Mark Coates, and Pastor Drew Stever thoughtfully assembled the words and those who worship with us today. The writing of the confession and forgiveness was assisted by Jessica Davis and Pastor Elizabeth Rawlings. The worship planning team has invited a unique mix of our people, speaking many languages, telling many stories. The stories are sacred truths, mingled with our scripture readings. I expect to be transformed by their stories of wandering and finding home.

I asked New City Parish choir, SIGNlent Prophets and Music Mayhem to provide music

for us today because they each brought me incredible hope during the pandemic. Each of these groups participated in synod worship videos. I came to long for Mark’s brave call and response (often off camera) as he led Ascension’s 75th anniversary video, Black History month celebrations and other events. SIGNlent Prophets made my heart soar during the year and most recently in the Synod Assembly Worship. Music Mayhem offered mini concerts on Saturdays as well as Sunday worship and brought joy to my injured soul.

Sam LaDue, a seminarian at PLTS and a member at Mt. Olive, Santa Monica, has created the worship space, including the massive runner which leads us into the sanctuary. The runner is a collage of mediums and artworks submitted by many of our Synod’s artists, bordered by fabric portraying water. It celebrates creation and our ancestors. Whether it’s the work of the bees (often unseen, but so important) or the many works of individuals and the ripple effects of that work, the aisle runner asks us to see and physically stand among our interdependent stories. You might notice that the runner starts outside of the building, and leads all the way to the altar—the implied lines here go beyond the bounds of this physical church. We stand with and in history, our present and God’s future simultaneously. Time and space are an everywhen as much as everywhere.

My vestments are hand-painted by Pastor Joseph Toni Casteñeda Carrera. They feature California botanicals, the fruits of our synod, woven together with a trinitarian chain. The pink background certainly celebrates my femininity, but also suggests the blood of Christ, which unites us all. The crozier is hand carved cherry, created by Pastor Glenn Anderson. The words “Do you love me? Feed my sheep” appear on the shaft. The bishop’s cope and crozier symbolize the bishop as traveler, moving around the territory offering hope, help and God’s word. The rainbow stole was created by Constance Berg, a member of

Our Savior's, Long Beach. I am humbled by the generosity of SoCalLutherans, St. Paul Lutheran Santa Monica, Deanna Bos and Bishop Guy Erwin for these gifts.

A great cloud of witnesses created this event. Pastor Cesar Gogorza, Ligia Alchar and the amazing disciples at Angelica Lutheran Church are wonderful hosts. Pastor Drew Stever (Chair), Pastor Larry Becker (Audio/Visual), Deacon Tempie Beaman (Accessibility), Pastor James Bessey (Dignitaries), Pastor James Boline (Logistics), Ismael Calderón (Accessibility), Jaffa Casteñeda Carrera (Satellites), Pastor Joseph Toni Casteñeda Carrera (Accessibility), Pastor Jennifer Chrien (Worship), Mark Coates (Worship), Taylor Dariarow (Logistics), Tyra Dennis (Worship), Samantha Henderson (Communications), Pastor Cyndi Jones (Accessibility), Seminarian Sam LaDue (Art & Environment), Pastor Mark Marius (Logistics), Pastor John Miller (Dignitaries), Pastor Samuel Nieva (Photography), Jaivan Ortiz (Hospitality/Accessibility), Pastor Maria Paiva (Hospitality), Sarah Stegemoeller (Logistics) and Cassidy Williams (Satellites) are remarkable people. My wife Janis Reid is also remarkable, believing in me before I believed in myself, and my family, my ancestors, who walked this path long before I did. I love you.

Hearing a variety of languages in worship brings many feelings. I can be deeply moved by the sound of another language praising God. I can also feel confused and alienated because I do not understand what is going on. I realize that describes the immigrant experience very well, although my white advantage rarely makes me feel physically unsafe in these multi-cultural spaces. I pray we all live into the discomfort and wonder of hearing different languages today. Today we will confess our differences and seek unity in Christ. May God bless our work here in this space together.

*Looking for the kingdom of heaven here on earth,
- Bishop Brenda Bos*



*Did
you know... In
the Lutheran tradition, when
possible, the laying on of hands is
done by the presiding bishop, a local
Episcopal bishop and the historic
bishops of the synod.*



Who Are Today's Ministers?

in order of apperance

New City Parish Gospel Ensemble: Mattie Akens (Community Lutheran Church) Ancestors from Democratic Republic of Congo and Ghana • **Thomasenia Ford** (Holy Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church) • **Willa Glover** (Chapel of Peace Lutheran Church) Ancestors from Cameroon, Africa • **Leland Jacobs** (Chapel of Peace Lutheran Church) Ancestors from Africa & France • **Joyce Jennings** (Holy Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church) • **Mayomey Lawson** (Chapel of Peace Lutheran Church) Ancestors from Cameroon, Africa • **Gabrielle Little** (Holy Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church) Ancestors are Cherokee, African and Great Britain • **Vanessa Osborne** (Ascension Lutheran Church) • **Kimberly Pierce** (Holy Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church) • **Altha Stephens** (Park Windsor Baptist Church) • **Erica Washington** (Ascension Lutheran Church) • **Kevin Hardiman** (Ascension Lutheran Church) • **Jordan Makkar** (Holy Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church) Ancestors from Egypt • **Mark Coates**, Director (Ascension Lutheran Church) • **Crucifer: The Rev. Cyndi Jones** • Clairemont Lutheran Church, San Diego, CA • Maternal Grandfather from Germany; Great Grandmother from Ireland; Paternal family from Wales. • **Welcome: Deacon Anna Maj Lis Aasa** • Church of Sweden • By my mother I am a Northern Sami, from Vittangi forest Sami Village; By my mother and father I am native of the Valley of Tornea • **Land Acknowledgement: Sarah Mueller Stegemoeller** • St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Santa Monica; VP of SWCA Synod • Great-great-grandparents migrated from Germany to St. Louis in the 1830's and 40's • **Thanksgiving for Baptism: The Rev. Thomas Voelp** • Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Santa Barbara • Maternal grandmother's family migrated from County Leix, Ireland in 1675. Maternal grandmother's family migrated from County Leix, Ireland in 1675. • **Thanksgiving for Baptism: The Rev. Caleb Crainer** • St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, Los Angeles • Maternal family migrated from Sweden in 1914. • **Presider: The Rev. Elizabeth Eaton** • Presiding Bishop of the ELCA • Paternal family came from County Roscommon, Ireland in 1863. Maternal family came from Siebuerger, Transylvania at the beginning of the 20th century. • **Storyteller: Rosa Maria Najera** • **Soloist, Art + Environment, Doer and Co-creator: Sam La Due** • Ancestral identity: Acadian • Maternal migration from France approx. 1638. Paternal migration unknown. Much this family's story has been obliterated by a combination of colonization and white supremacy • **Reader: Ligia Achar** • Angelica Lutheran Church, Los Angeles • Honduras • **Storyteller: Leila Mahmoudi Mader** • New Hope Lutheran Church, Agoura Hills • Iran, emigrated in 2014 • **Storyteller: Marina Tidwell** • **Vocalist/Liturgical Dance: Evangeline Dai** • First Lutheran Church and School, Torrance (Vicar) • Country of Origin: Taiwan, Ancestral Identity: Chinese • **Vitamin B3: The Rev. Brenda Bos**: Bishop of SWCA Synod • Both sides of the family migrated from the Netherlands. Father migrated in 1947. • **Storyteller: Denise Jackson Serrette** • St. Mark's Lutheran Church, LA • Parents migrated to California from Louisiana in mid 1940s; Unknown origin/migration stories of Ancestors prior to 1810 • **SIGNlent Prophets: Khalea DeMesma** (Holy Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church) • **Lanija Garris** (Ascension Lutheran Church) • **Khamil Riley** (Ascension Lutheran Church) Paternal family is from Jamaica • **Darvis Quinn, Director** (Ascension Lutheran Church) • **Rev. John H. Taylor**, Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles • **Rev Dean Nelson**, Third Bishop of the Southwest California Synod • **Presentation of Bishop Brenda Bos: Rev. Keith Banwart** • Secretary of SWCA Synod • Paternal side migrated from Wynigen, Switzerland on September 4, 1852; Maternal side from Elm, Switzerland c. 1865 • **Assisting Minister: Dr. Cecelia Travick Jackson** • Mount Cross Lutheran Church, Camarillo • My paternal ancestors settled in Michigan in the late 1700s. My great, great great grandfather was one of the founders of a town in Michigan. My paternal ancestors were part of the Underground Railroad, hiding, sheltering and providing safe passage to runaway slaves seeking freedom from oppression; My maternal ancestors migrated to the Chicagoland area during the early 1900s. • **Prayer: Marsha "Vae" Goeken** • St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, North Hollywood • **Prayer: Monica Holman** • Mount Carmel Lutheran Church, San Luis Obispo • Mother migrated from Germany in 1963. Paternal ancestors migrated from Mexico (c. 1900), Germany (late 1800s) and Ireland (mid-1800s) • **Prayer: Connie Magdaleno** • Fe Y Esperanza • **Prayer: Nuria Gordon** • Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, Simi Valley • Mother immigrated from Germany in 2000. Paternal family migrated from Scotland, Ireland, and Sweden in the 18th and 19th centuries. • **Prayer: Bee Rami** • ADORE LA • Parents are Salvadorian • **Prayer: Lucía Salazar-Davidson** • Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Thousand Oaks • Born in the United States to a family of Costa Rican Descent • **Presentation of cross: The Rev. Dr. Guy Erwin** • President, United Lutheran Seminary • More Natives than Pilgrims, but some of both. • **Presentation of crozier: The Rev. Murray Finck** • Both my maternal and paternal forebears came in the 1840s during Germany's huge migration to America, eventually settling in Missouri • **Assisting minister (Confession & Forgiveness) & Cover Phoenix Art: The Rev. Hazel Salazar Davidson** • Assistant to the Bishop, Sierra Pacific Synod • Migrated from Costa Rica 1979 • **Musician: Kent Eggert** • First Lutheran Church, Torrance • German and Swedish descent • **Benediction: The Rev. Dr. César Gogorza** • Angelica Lutheran Church, Los Angeles • Migrated from Argentina; Maternal grandmother and grandfather migrated from Italy and France Paternal grandparents migrated from Navarra, Spain • **Music Mayhem: Tyra Dennis, Paul Plata, Estelita Jernigan, Aisha Gaillard, Antoine Cummins, Darrion Woodard** • We are children of the cultures who make up this country. Our ancestors danced on the lands of Barbados, The Philippines, Haiti, Mexico and the deep deep southern borders of the confederate United States of America. Together, we are the children of the risen...the risen in song. • **Sacristans: Nolan Green**, Synod Sacristan • Ligia Achar • Kathleen Elliot Chillison • Robin Lujan • Karen Moyer • Penny Moyer • **Ushers: Rev. Hans Hernberg** • Robin Lujan • Jaivan Ortiz • **Communion Helpers: Jaz Waring** • Regina Banks • Rev. Reg Schultz-Akerson • **Accessibility: Tempie Beaman, Cyndi Jones, Jaivan Ortiz, Ismael Calderón**

GATHERING RITE

WELCOME

Joshua said, "I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go into the house of the Lord."

Welcome to this joyful eucharist in celebration of the Installation of the fifth bishop of the Southwest California Synod, the Reverend Brenda Bos. And welcome to Angelica Lutheran Church, which was built in 1925 by faithful Swedish immigrants. Let us join together in praising God for God's good graces.

*Anna Maj Lis Aasa
Deacon, Church of Sweden*

PROCESSION

Join us with your hands, your body, your smiling eyes. We welcome joyful, socially distanced movement.

Hallelujah (John McNeal)

*New City Parish Choir:
Mattie Akens , Thomasenia Ford , Willa Glover , Leland Jacobs, Joyce Jennings, Mayomey Lawson, Gabrielle Little, Vanessa Osborne, Kimberly Pierce, Altha Stephens, Erica Washington, Kevin Hardiman, Jordan Makkar
Mark Coates, Director*

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Good afternoon. I am honored to offer a land acknowledgment for today's blessed event.

This historic space, and the voices we will hear throughout the worship service, invite us to reflect on the stories of how we got here: stories of immigration, pursuing opportunity or fleeing violence; stories of forced migration, of colonizers stealing and enslaving people for economic advantage; stories of genocide and ethnic cleansing.

Even as we name these migrant stories of hope and tragedy, we recognize that some people have lived on this land for thousands of years. We understand the role Christian churches and institutions have played in ignoring, condoning, and doing harm upon indigenous people, so we acknowledge that we gather on indigenous land to offer respect and refuse to let these stories of harm go unaddressed.

The Greater Los Angeles Area is the second-largest urban region in the United States, and today I acknowledge that we are on Chumash, Kizh, and Tongva land.

There are fourteen federally recognized Native American Indian tribes within the Greater Los Angeles Area, but no federally recognized Native American Indian tribes in Los Angeles. However, "Los Angeles County is home to three Native American Indian tribes that predate the establishment of California Missions: the Ventureño, Gabrieleño, and Fernandeño.

While these tribes are not currently recognized by the federal government, they are recognized by the State of California, and have maintained their tribal sovereignty, protected their cultural resources, and continue to resist assimilation."

We are blessed by the indigenous peoples whose stories have begun on this land, continue



to prosper on this land, and will continue into the future.

*Sarah Stegemoeller
Vice President Southwest California Synod*

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THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM IN A LAND OF DROUGHT

“A river flows out of Eden to water the garden.”
(Genesis 2:10)

When God created this lush garden with every kind of tree, God provided for every need for the first humans who were called to tend the garden.

When God led Israel through the wilderness, the people doubted, fearing there was not enough water, not enough food. And God brought water from a rock and sent manna from heaven.

When God came to earth in the body of Jesus, the waters of the earth were sanctified through Jesus’ baptism. The heavens were opened as He came up from the river. The earth’s waters participated in the cleansing and blessing of the ministry of our Savior.

When native people settled in Baja California, they chose their homes based on abundant water supplies. Their crops flourished, their families thrived.

When white immigrants came to California, they built their cities near waterways and reservoirs.

When the rains do not come, the people doubt and despair. We blame each other, we squander our precious water. We lay claim to water, a resource which can only come from God.

The same is true of our hope and salvation. It is a gift which can only come from God.

We give thanks for the gift of baptism

Our Creator promises, “To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.” (Revelation 21:6)

We give you thanks, Maker of rivers and oceans; we give you thanks, Quencher of Thirst and Cleanser of Souls, for the gift of baptism, the water of life.

We give you thanks for the gift of baptism, your holy sacrament, which unites all people of every nation and tongue.

We give you thanks for the Lifespring we find in you. We trust and hope that we will eternally praise you on the banks of the river of the water of life, with all the saints of every time and place.

Amen

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GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all
and also with you

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray: Almighty God, through your Son Jesus Christ you gave the holy apostles many gifts and commanded them to feed your flock. Inspire all pastors to proclaim your word diligently and your people to receive it willingly, that finally we may receive the crown of eternal glory; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen

Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton

Liturgy of the Word

MIGRANT STORY

Just as scripture tells the story of our experiences, these migrant stories will be told by immigrants, some in their native language, about their experience leaving home and coming to the United States.

Story: Rosa Maria Najera

Country of origin: El Salvador | Language: Spanish
Translation to English: Ligia Achar

Artistic Response: Growing in Community

*Musician: Sam R. LaDue
Music and Lyrics: Rev. Jeremy McLeod
for the installation of Brenda Bos as bishop*

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READING: THE CALL OF ABRAM

Genesis 12:1-7

1 Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. 2 I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. 3 I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

4 So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. 5 Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother's son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan.

When they had come to the land of Canaan, 6 Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land.

7 Then the Lord appeared to Abram, and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him.

Ligia Achar

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MIGRANT STORY

Story: Leila Mahmoudi Mader

Country of origin: Iran | Language: English

Story: Marina Tidwell

Country of origin: United States | Language: English

Artistic Response: Oh, Living Breath of God

*Musician and Dance: Yu-Jen (Evangeline) Dai
Country of origin: Taiwan
Language: Chinese, Spanish, English*

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

What is a Bishop?

Bishop Brenda Bos

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Ere Zij Got, F.A. Schultz circ. 1731

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to the earth and its people

GOSPEL

Luke 9:57-10:9

As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." 58 And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head."

59 To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." 60 But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." 61 Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." 62 Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

10:1 After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go.

2 He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. 3 Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. 4 Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. 5 Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' 6 And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you.

7 Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. 8 Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; 9 cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' "

SERMON

Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton

MIGRANT STORY

Story: Denise Jackson-Serrette

Country of origin: United States | Language: English

Artistic Response

*Musicians: SIGNlent Prophets:
Khalea DeMesma, Lanija Garris, Khamil Riley,
Darvis Quinn, Director*

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CREED

Let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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

*Dr. Cecelia Travick Jackson
Diaconal Candidate*

RITE OF INSTALLATION

Please adopt a posture of respect for the presentation of our Bishop

PRESENTATION

I present The Reverend Brenda Kay Bos, who has been elected and called by the church, for installation into the office of bishop of the Southwest California Synod of the Evangelical Church in America.

*Pastor G. Keith Banwart
Secretary, Southwest California Synod*

Please be seated

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ADDRESS & QUESTIONS

Directed to Bishop Bos

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 the Acts of the Apostles: "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).

A reading from Second Timothy: "Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth" (2 Timothy 2:15).

And again: "Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us." (2 Timothy 1:13-14).

*Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton questions
Bishop Bos:*

To you is being given the care of the pastors, deacons and congregations of this synod. I ask you in the presence of God and of this assembly: will you assume the office of bishop of the Southwest California Synod?

Bishop Bos: I will, and I ask God to help me

Will you be faithful in your office?
Will you commit yourself to this new trust and responsibility, in the confidence that it comes from God through the call of the church?

Bishop Bos: I will, and I ask God to help me

Will you carry out this ministry in accordance with the Holy Scriptures and the Confessions of the Lutheran Church, and in harmony with the constitutions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America?

Bishop Bos: I will, and I ask God to help me

Will you be diligent in your study of the Holy Scriptures and in your use of the means of grace?
Will you love, serve, and 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?

Bishop Bos: 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?

Bishop Bos: I will, and I ask God to help me

Will you guide, encourage, and support the ministers and the congregations of this synod in their ministries? Will you be an advocate for the ministries of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, and will you support this church's work with global and ecumenical partners?

Bishop Bos: I will, and I ask God to help me

Almighty God, who has given you the will to do these things, graciously give you the strength and compassion to perform them.

Amen

Please adopt a posture of respect for our Bishops. Presiding Bishop Eaton, addressing the assembly:

People of God, representatives of this synod will you receive Brenda Bos as a servant of God and a shepherd in the church of Jesus Christ?

We will, and we ask God to help us

Will you pray for her, help and honor her for her 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

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THANKSGIVING

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

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we give you thanks that by your Holy Spirit you sustain the church. By the power of the Holy Spirit you call, gather, enlighten, and sanctify the whole church.

Presiding Bishop Eaton, along with other bishops and the local Episcopal bishop lay both hands on Bishop Bos' head, a time of silent prayer follows

Pour out your Spirit upon Brenda to empower and enlighten her ministry as a bishop in your church. Sustain her as a shepherd who tends the flock of Christ with love and gentleness, and oversees the ministries of the church with vision and wisdom.

Uphold her as a faithful steward of your holy word and life-giving sacraments and a strong sign of reconciliation among all people.

Give courage and fortitude to sustain her in this ministry.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior and Lord, through whom all glory and power and honor are yours in your holy church, both now and forever.

Amen

The office of bishop is now committed to you in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

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BLESSING

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

Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Rooted in Christ and sustained by the Spirit, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation. Each petition will end with, "We pray to you, O God," and the response is, "Your mercy is great."

God of community, you abide with us in the midst of our pain and life's constant interruptions. When we convince ourselves that we can make our way without you, direct us to our home in you. We pray to you, O God.

Your mercy is great

Divine Creator, we confess our mistreatment of your wonderful creation. We lament the ways we have neglected your good works. We lament our complacency and our failure to tend to your garden. Stir up in us the action needed to give your creation the care that it deserves. We pray to you, O God.

Your mercy is great

Mothering Comforter, your children cry out to you. We are afraid, confused, unsure of who to follow. But we remember we are satisfied in you. We are full of your love. Protect those who experience harm. Shelter those who experience isolation. Inspire generosity in those who have more than enough. We pray to you, O God.

Your mercy is great

God of many journeys, like the paths of immigrants and refugees, we have found many ways to you. It was not always easy, smooth,

or fun. We realize that even still, it remains a challenge to continue to dwell in you. Many powers tempt us. Remind us of your constant, comforting presence as we make the daily, sometimes hourly decision to abide in your love. We pray to you, O God

Your mercy is great

Breaker of Chains, your truth became known to tax collectors and emperors, wise men and judges. You free the most powerful and the most lowly from all that separates us from you - capitalism, greed, white supremacy, homophobia and transphobia, ableism, our hatred and our fear. Make us beacons of your liberating gospel so that all people and lands may know your love. We pray to you, O God.

Your mercy is great

Eternal Giver of Life, we grieve our loved ones who have died, especially in these pandemics. The world neglects the grieving and pressures us to jump back into action, as if loss has not marked our hearts. We pray for all who have died, whether it was naturally, at the hands of violence or despair, or in tragic accidents. Until we are raised with them to eternal life, we joyfully recognize them at your table. We pray to you, O God.

Your mercy is great

Word of Truth, you have planted the seed of your love in us. Many have been blessed with the gift of teaching, preaching, prophesy, and care for your creation. Guide those who lead. Be with seminarians, pastors, deacons and lay leaders. Be with Bishops as they lead this church. Be with Bishop Brenda Bos, installed today in your name, as she enters a new chapter of history.

May she remember your never ending love for her as your child, and may she never forget your call to love and honor those whom others have forgotten or cast aside.

We pray to you, O God.

Your mercy is great

We pray all these prayers that we have spoken and the prayers we share in our hearts to you, O God, in the name of your only Son Jesus Christ. Amen.

Bishop Bos kneels as Presiding Bishop Eaton continues

Remember to rekindle the gift of God that is within you. For God did not give us a spirit of timidity but a spirit of power and love and self-control.

Amen

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PECTORAL CROSS

The pectoral cross has been worn by each of the previous four bishops of the Southwest California Synod and is transferred today from Rev. Dr. R. Guy Erwin, the synod's fourth bishop, to Bishop Bos.

Receive this cross and wear it as a sign of your calling to serve Christ and his people, and as an emblem of the office to which you have been elected.

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CROZIER

Interim Bishop Murray D. Finck presents the crozier.

Receive this staff as a sign of your pastoral office: keep watch over the whole flock which the Holy Spirit has appointed you to shepherd.

Bishop Bos stands and Presiding Bishop Eaton presents her to the gathered assembly. You are invited to offer acclamation with applause.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

SIGN OF PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you

Christ taught us, "When you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift." (Matthew 5:23-24)

Before we offer our gifts and come to God's table, we first reconcile with one another by sharing a sign of peace.

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OFFERING

Today's offering is for Lutheran Immigrant and Refugee Services and AMMPARO. Offering plates are provided in the rear of the sanctuary.

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, creator of the stars of night, companion at the evening table, breath over the deep waters.

Amen

Knit together by water and God's Word, reconciled to one another in Christ's peace, we confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God, **We confess we are captive to sin and can only be saved through grace, the saving water of life that is Jesus Christ.**

We know that this nation was established on land that had been tended by indigenous people

for millennia, land that was taken by force through genocide and systematic displacement of indigenous communities.

We know that this nation and its wealth were built on the backs of enslaved Africans, children of God who were stolen from their homes, separated from their families, imprisoned and forced to work in the fields and homes that are the bedrock of our wealth.

We know that political, economic, legal, and educational systems are built in ways that continue the oppressive legacy of slavery.

We know that marginalized communities of all kinds have been oppressed and taken advantage of. Immigrants have been treated as nothing more than cheap labor. People considered “foreign” have been ostracized, attacked, and placed in internment camps.

We know that this nation continues to prioritize the lives, the bodies, the careers, the feelings and the cultures of people of European descent over those of Black people, Indigenous people, and other people of color.

We know that this church—the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, and the Southwest California Synod—is in bondage to the sin of white supremacy. We acknowledge our allegiance to the ways of this world; to systems that draw us away from God and God’s beloved community. We confess our pursuit of power at the expense of other children of God. We confess our ignorance and fear, so easily twisted into hatred of each other.

There are those of us here who represent the legacy of violence done to Black and Brown bodies. We ask for these hearts to be oriented toward repair and justice.

There are those of us here who represent the legacy of perseverance and struggle against

violence. We ask for these hearts to be emboldened to demand just treatment.

There are those of us here who occupy both of these spaces in our bodies and in our lives. We ask for these hearts to be strengthened to navigate this complex space.

We confess that we are not who God has called us to be, as individuals and as the church. We humbly repent. We ask for your forgiveness, merciful God. Send your relentless Spirit to refine us, to work within us that we might have the courage, strength and grace to change.

People of God, we trust in the words of the first letter of John: “If we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” (1 John 1:9)

We come before God in confession and repentance, confident in God’s forgiveness and mercy.

People of God, we proclaim with the apostle Paul that in Christ “there is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.” (Galatians 3:28)

Children of God, you are one in Christ Jesus in all of your beautiful differences. You are cherished and loved by God our parent, who created you and called you by name.

People of God, we are reminded by Martin Luther of the benefit of the Sacrament of the Altar: “Forgiveness of sin, life, and salvation are given to us in the sacrament.” (Luther’s Small Catechism) We are invited to eat and drink at God’s table, and through this meal, we receive the forgiveness of God. **Amen**

COMMUNION RITE

With hearts full of memories and hopes,
we break this bread and share this cup,
remembering the death and resurrection of
Christ, and his promise to be with us always
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

O Divine Lover, you are the breath within us.
You are our heart's desire.
You are our priceless treasure.
You are the garden of paradise.

Come down, O Love divine.
Come among us, O passionate Fire.
Come within us, O Spirit of unity.
Come, Holy Spirit.
Come, Holy Spirit.

Bless us, O Lord, and these your gifts,
which we are about to receive from your bounty.
Bless our table and the feast we share.
Bless us with gladness of heart.
Come, Holy Spirit.
Come, Holy Spirit.

At this table make us your body.
Form us to be people of justice and peace.
Fill us with gratitude and generosity
that we may bear the fruit of love
in word and deed.
Come, Holy Spirit.
Come, Holy Spirit.

Praise to you, Author of creation.
Praise to you, O Beloved One.
Praise to you, O Giver of all good things.
Praise to you, blessed and holy Trinity,
one God, now and forever.
Amen

We pray as our Lord taught us, in the languages
of our hearts

**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.**

Taste and see that the Lord is good

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Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

*Eucharistic Acclamations: All Creation Sings setting 12
Pianist: Kent Eggert*

Music Offering: Resucito

*Music Mayhem:
Tyra Dennis, Paul Plata, Estelita Jernigan, Aisha
Gaillard, Antoine Cummins, Darrion Woodard*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Diaconal Candidate*

BENEDICTION

The LORD bless you and keep you;
The LORD make His face shine upon you,
and be gracious to you; The LORD lift up His
countenance upon you, and give you peace.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of
the Holy Spirit.

Amen

Rev. César Gogorza, Angelica Lutheran

Recession: Grano De Mostaza

Music Mayhem:

*Tyra Dennis, Paul Plata, Estelita Jernigan, Aisha
Gaillard, Antoine Cummins, Darrion Woodard*

*If you have the faith of a tiny mustard seed, you
can say to this mountain, "Move" and it will
move.*

How Great is our God/How Great Thou Art

Music Mayhem:

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About Today's Offering

LIRS

Informed by our Lutheran faith and decades of experience with migrants and refugees, Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service (LIRS) is the largest faith-based nonprofit dedicated to serving vulnerable immigrants, asylum seekers and refugees in the U.S, resettling refugees, reuniting children and parents, and rekindling the American Dream. Their legacy of compassionate service has made a difference in the lives of more than 500,000 people who have sought safety and hope in America's communities.

AMMPARO

In Spanish, "amparo" in Spanish means the protection of a living creature from suffering or damage. Accompanying Migrant Minors with Protection, Advocacy, Representation and Opportunities (AMMPARO) was envisioned after witnessing the plight of children who are forced to flee their communities because of complex and interrelated reasons, including chronic violence, poverty, environmental displacement and lack of opportunities in El Salvador, Honduras and Guatemala. The ELCA seeks to pray for, advocate for, and accompany vulnerable children through a connection to companion churches in the region - including companion synod relationships - and existing ministries in the U.S.

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San - to, san - to, san - to, es el Se - ñor,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God,

Dios del u - ni - ver - so; san - to, es el Se - ñor.
God of might and pow - er; ho - ly is the Lord.

San - to, san - to, san - to, san - to, es el Se - ñor,
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Celebration of Installation



Bishop Brenda Bos

