





St. Mark's Lutheran Church

142 Market Street, Williamsport PA

The Installation of Pastor James E. West

Saturday, March 11, 2017
3:00 p.m.

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS - p. 56

ENTRANCE HYMN - *Lift High the Cross* - LBW 377

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.**

KYRIE - p. 57-58

PRAYER OF THE DAY - p. 62

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 40: 1-11, 21-31

PSALM 121 - p. 279

SECOND LESSON: Romans 10: 13-17

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

May I never boast of anything

*Except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. (Galatians 6: 14)**

GOSPEL: Mark 1:29-39

The Holy Gospel According to Saint Mark, the First chapter.

☩ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The Gospel of the Lord.

☩ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON - The Rev. Barbara J. Collins, Bishop of Upper
Susquehanna Synod - ELCA**

HYMN OF THE DAY - *God, Whose Almighty Word* - LBW 400

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Installation of an Intentional Interim Pastor

**The Reverend Doctor Kerry Auker, Dean of the West
Branch Conference of the Upper Susquehanna Synod of
the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America:**

Having been authorized by the church to install James Erwin West, our co-worker in the gospel, as intentional interim pastor, I now ask for certification of this call.

Mr. Ray Huff, Congregational Council President:

Pastor James Erwin West has been nominated by Bishop Barbara Collins, of the Upper Susquehanna Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, to serve as our Intentional Interim Pastor. On December 19, 2016, the Congregation Council of Saint Mark's Lutheran Church approved Pastor West to serve as our Intentional Interim Pastor. I present him for reception into this ministry among us. We celebrate this time of new beginnings for our church family, and we look to the time ahead that we will share with Pastor West as our Intentional Interim Pastor. We anticipate that what we build together with one another will be good and pleasing to God.

Congregation:

**We trust God to lead us toward greater goodness,
faithfulness, hope and joy.**

The representative moves aside, and the assembly is seated.

Dean:

The transition time between pastors is an exciting and meaningful time in the life of a congregation. This is not a time for just maintaining the status quo, but it is a time for preparation, a time when you can come to understand more clearly who you are, who you want to become and what God intends your ministry and life together to be.

Congregation:

In this time of transition, we pledge that what is past is past, to cherish what has been good, and to let go of what we no longer need. We pledge to reach for the future that is coming, for we believe that God is leading us toward it.

Dean:

This is a time for discovering the qualities, gifts, and abilities, which you will want and need in your next installed pastor. For this in-between time, God has sent Pastor West to be your intentional interim pastor, to aid in continuing your work and witness in this community and in the Upper Susquehanna Synod of the ELCA, and to help you see the possibilities for a new vision.

The Reverend James West, Prospective Intentional Interim Pastor:

As we begin this interim time together, we begin new relationships. With God's help, I promise to be a partner in ministry as God's servant among you. I promise to participate in the life of this congregation assisting you in this time of transition. I pledge to be a pastor for you, standing with you in times of joy or trouble. I promise to serve and lead you with faithfulness and integrity during my time here. I will pray for you, listen to you, assist you in the tasks of this transition period, encouraging and challenging you as we move through this time together. I will give you the best of my gifts, my talents, my time and my energy.

Congregation:

With God's help, we promise to accept and support you as our interim pastor. We will encourage you and pray for you, as well as share together during this transition period the life and service of our congregation.

All:

As we seek to respond to God's leading, we promise to deal with one another in love, respect, honesty, humor, and creativity.

Dean:

Let us pray.

Eternal God, we thank you for your faithful leading of St. Mark's Lutheran Church throughout the years. We thank you for the ways in which you continue to bless us, challenge us, forgive us, and continue to invite us into being your faithful people. We offer our gratitude for having Pastor West partner with the members of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in ministry during this in-between time. We thank you for his gifts, faith, and vision, and for all the ways you have made him ready for this task. Bless him and this church family as they seek to live out the promises they have made this day. Empower them by your Holy Spirit and lead them in the steps of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Dean addresses the pastor being installed.

A reading from John: (John 20:21-23)

A reading from Matthew: (Matthew 28:18-20)

A reading from First Timothy: (1 Timothy 4:12-16)

The presiding minister addresses the pastor being installed.

James, the office of intentional interim pastor is now committed to you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The newly installed pastor may kneel as the presiding minister proclaims God's 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.

The pastor stands. The dean escorts the pastor to the place of baptism. A representative of the congregation says:

You have been called to be among us to baptize, to teach, and to forgive sins.

They proceed to the place of the word. A representative of the congregation says:

You have been called to be among us to proclaim the good news.

They proceed to the place of the meal. A representative of the congregation says:

You have been called to be among us to preside at the Lord's supper.

The presiding minister may address the assembly with these or similar words.

People of God, I present to you James, your intentional interim pastor.

Let us welcome him in the name of Christ.

The assembly may offer acclamation with applause.

The service continues with the prayers of intercession offered by the Dean.

THE PRAYERS

PEACE

OFFERING – *What Shall I Render To the Lord* - p. 67

OFFERTORY PRAYER Let us pray. Blessed are you,

☑ **O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness, you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

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COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN - *Lamb of God* - p. 72

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

☑ **Amen**

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Lord, now you let your servant go in peace

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER - p. 74

ENDING SONG - *On Our Way Rejoicing* - LBW 260

BLESSING

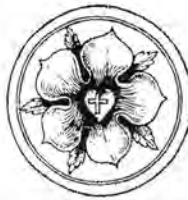
DISMISSAL

Go in peace. The Lord is with you.

☑ **Thanks be to God.**

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