

THE
ORDINATION
AND INSTALLATION
OF
CANDIDATE FOR THE HOLY MINISTRY
DANIEL GENSMER

—
CALLED TO SERVE.
EMPOWERED BY GRACE.
SENT IN CHRIST.



Welcome!

We are honored that you are with us today. May the Word of God that you hear strengthen your faith and increase your desire to serve the Lord! If you are a guest today, we are thankful you have joined us. We hope that you will join us again soon.

For your convenience

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Daniel R. Gensmer

Ordination and Installation – July 19, 2026

Welcome! We have gathered in God's house today for two important reasons. First, we praise the Lord that he has answered his people's prayers by providing workers for his Church. As Candidate Daniel Gensmer is ordained into the Holy Ministry and installed as pastor of Emmanuel today, we remember that it is Christ who gives "some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ" (Ephesians 4:11-13).

Second, we celebrate and ask for God's blessing on the ministry that he has commended to Daniel Gensmer by extending him this call to serve as pastor at Emmanuel. Our congregation has many opportunities to serve our own members with the gospel and to reach out into the community where souls need Jesus. We ask that the Lord would fill Pastor Gensmer's heart with joy, as he serves in Jesus' name.

Thank you for being with us for this special occasion!

Service of Ordination and Installation

Pre-Service Music

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

John Leavitt

The Lord's My Shepherd

Dale Wood

Te Deum

Jeffrey Blersch and Kevin Sadowski

Celebration Fanfare

Charles Callahan

Opening Hymn

897 Lord Jesus, You Have Come

Please stand.

Invocation

The grace of our Lord + Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

And also with you.

Dialogue of Praise

Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth.

Sing to the LORD, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day.

Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples.

For great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; he is to be feared above all gods.

For all the gods of the nations are idols, but the LORD made the heavens.

Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and glory are in his sanctuary.

Say among the nations, "The LORD reigns." He will judge the peoples with equity.

Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad;

let the sea resound, and all that is in it;

let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them.

Then all the trees of the forest will sing for joy; they will sing before the LORD, for he comes to judge the earth.

He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples in his truth.

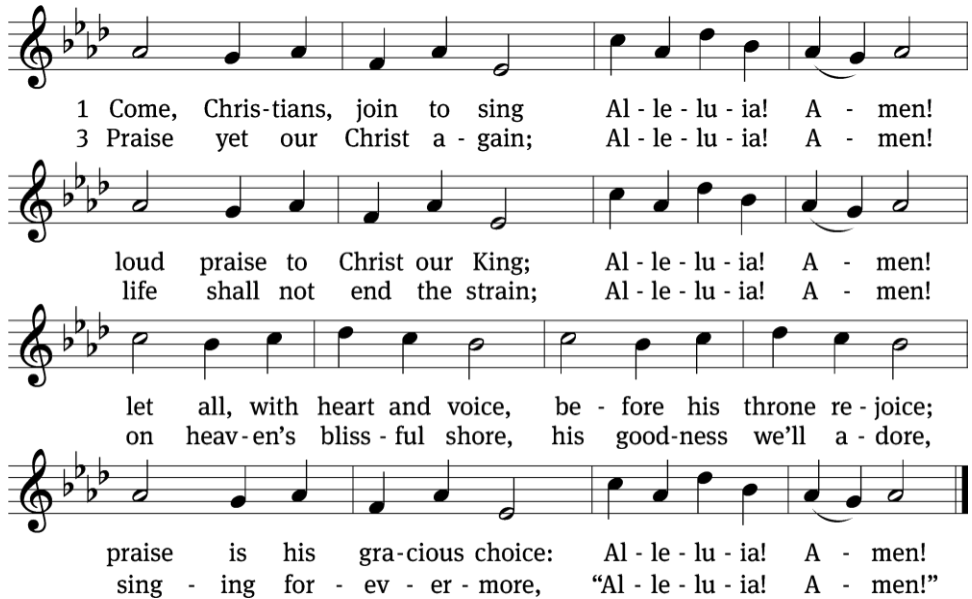
*The congregation speaks the responses in **bold**.*

We join our voices to sing praises to the God of our salvation, who blesses us with forgiveness and eternal life in his Son, Jesus Christ.

The Dialog of Praise is selected verses from Psalm 96.

Song of Praise

599 Come, Christians Join to Sing



1 Come, Chris-tians, join to sing Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!
3 Praise yet our Christ a-gain; Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!
loud praise to Christ our King; Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!
life shall not end the strain; Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!
let all, with heart and voice, be-fore his throne re-joice;
on heav-en's bliss-ful shore, his good-ness we'll a-dore,
praise is his gra-cious choice: Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!
sing-ing for-ev-er-more, "Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!"

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty God, look with favor on those whom you have called to minister to your people. Fill them with faithfulness to your doctrine and clothe them with holiness of life that they may joyfully serve to the glory of your name and for the benefit of your Church; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Be seated.

The Word

First Lesson

Isaiah 6:1-8

Isaiah heard the Lord's call to preach. In response he said, "Here am I! Send me!"

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and exalted, and the train of his robe filled the temple. ² Above him stood the seraphim. Each one had six wings. With two they covered their faces. With two they covered their feet. With two they flew. ³ One called to another and said,

Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of Armies!

The whole earth is full of his glory!

⁴ The foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of the one who called, and the temple was filled with smoke.

⁵ Then I said, “I am doomed! I am ruined, because I am a man with unclean lips, and I dwell among a people with unclean lips, and because my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of Armies!”

⁶ Then one of the seraphim flew to me, carrying a glowing coal in his hand, which he had taken from the altar with tongs. ⁷ He touched my mouth with the coal and said, “Look, this has touched your lips, so your guilt is taken away, and your sin is forgiven.”

⁸ Then I heard the Lord’s voice, saying, “Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?”

Then I said, “Here I am. Send me!”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Second Lesson

Ephesians 4:10-16

¹⁰ He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things. ¹¹ He himself gave the apostles, as well as the prophets, as well as the evangelists, as well as the pastors and teachers, ¹² for the purpose of training the saints for the work of serving, in order to build up the body of Christ. ¹³ This is to continue until we all reach unity in the faith and knowledge of the Son of God, resulting in a mature man with a stature reaching to the measure of the fullness of Christ. ¹⁴ The goal is that we would no longer be little children, tossed by the waves and blown around by every wind of teaching, when people use tricks and invent clever ways to lead us astray. ¹⁵ Instead, speaking the truth in love, we would in all things grow up into Christ, who is the head. ¹⁶ From him the whole body, being joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows in accordance with Christ’s activity when he measured out each individual part. He causes the growth of the body so that it builds itself up in love.

Jesus himself gives ministers to his Church to serve in his name.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Please stand.

*In response to our
prayers, the Lord still
sends out workers
into his harvest field.*

Gospel

Matthew 9:35-38

³⁵ Jesus traveled through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every sickness.

³⁶ When he saw the crowds, he was moved with compassion for them, because they were troubled and downcast, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. ³⁸ Therefore pray that the Lord of the harvest will send out workers into his harvest."

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Be seated.

Hymn of the day

611 Joyously I'll Praise My Savior

Sermon

Philippians 1:3-8

It's a JOY, not a job!

³ I thank my God every time I remember you. ⁴ Every time I pray for all of you, I always pray with joy, ⁵ because of your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶ I am convinced of this very thing: that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. ⁷ I am equally convinced that it is right for me to think this way about all of you, because I have you in my heart, for both in my chains and in my defense and confirmation of the gospel, you all share in this grace with me. ⁸ Yes, God is my witness of how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus.

After the sermon, please remain seated and sing:

Hymn response

898 Send, O Lord, Your Holy Spirit

Rite of Ordination and Installation

The candidate for ministry presents himself before the altar.

Preface to the congregation

Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ said to his Church: “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.”

Holy Scripture assures us that our risen and ascended Lord will always provide the Church with the gifts necessary to carry out this Great Commission. The apostle Paul wrote to the Ephesians: “[Christ] ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe. It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God’s people for works of service, so that the body of Christ might be built up.”

Exhortation to the called pastor

Dear brother in Christ, this congregation has called you to serve in the office of the holy ministry. It is good that you should hear again what God in his holy Word impresses upon his pastors concerning this sacred office.

St. Paul states that a pastor “must be above reproach, the husband of but one wife, temperate, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, not given to drunkenness, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. He must manage his own family well and see that his children obey him with proper respect. He must also have a good reputation with outsiders, so that he will not fall into disgrace and into the devil’s trap.”

He urged Timothy to “set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity.” He further advised him; “Devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to preaching and to teaching. Watch your life and your doctrine closely. Persevere in them, because if you do, you will save both yourself and your hearers.”

In the final chapter of his second letter to Timothy, the apostle gives additional words of encouragement: “Preach the Word. Correct, rebuke and encourage — with great patience and careful instruction. Keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist.”

As a minister of the gospel you are Christ's ambassador, commissioned by him to preach the Word and administer the sacraments. Our ascended Lord has given you as a gift to his body, the Church, and he has appointed you to love and serve it. You are called to offer prayers and intercessions for his people, to feed, to instruct, to watch over, and to guide the sheep and the lambs of God's flock, remembering that Christ has bought each of them with his own blood. You are also called to protect the flock from savage wolves who, as the Scriptures say, will try to scatter it.

For such a ministry you will gladly seek the strength which Christ alone can provide by devoting yourself to meditation and study of the Scriptures. Only by being nourished in the truths of the faith will you be able to carry out the duties of this office and to set an example in godliness and Christian living.

The ability to carry out this calling is not in us but comes alone from God, as St. Paul reminded the Corinthian Christians: "Not that we are competent in ourselves to claim anything for ourselves, but our competence comes from God."

Promises by the called pastor

In keeping with the Word and will of the Lord, you are about to be ordained into the holy ministry and installed as pastor of Emmanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church. I ask you in the presence of God and this congregation:

Are you fully determined to carry out this work according to the grace which God will give?

I am.

Do you believe 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?

I do.

Do you accept the three Ecumenical Creeds – the Apostles', the Nicene, and the Athanasian – as faithful testimonies to the truth of the Holy Scriptures, and do you reject all the errors which they condemn?

I do.

Do you believe that the Unaltered Augsburg Confession is a true exposition of the Word of God and a correct presentation of the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church and that the other confessions in the Book of Concord are also in agreement with this one scriptural faith: the Apology of the Augsburg Confession, the Small and Large Catechisms of Martin Luther, the Smalcald Articles, and the Formula of Concord?

I do.

Do you solemnly promise that all your teaching and your administration of the sacraments will conform to the Holy Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions?
I do.

Will you give faithful witness to Christ in the world, that God's love may be known in all that you do and say?
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.

Exhortation to the congregation

Brothers and sisters in Christ, you have heard the solemn promise given by the one you have called to be your pastor. I urge you, therefore, to receive him as your pastor and to keep in mind always what the Word of God expects of you as members of his flock:

Listen eagerly to the preaching of the Word, receiving it not as the word of men, but as it actually is, the Word of God.

Take to heart his scriptural words of warning and encouragement, humbly accepting the Word planted in you.

Work together with him for our Lord's kingdom so that by your works of service the body of Christ might be built up.

Help him by your word and example in teaching the young, remembering how the Scriptures urge you to bring up your children in the training and instruction of the Lord.

Honor and love him, as the apostle Paul says: "Respect those who work hard among you, who are over you in the Lord and who admonish you. Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work."

Pray for him continually, that his ministry among you may be greatly blessed, and that with all his responsibilities he may continue to have a cheerful spirit.

Provide also for his physical needs, for the Lord says, "The worker deserves his wages," and the apostle Paul says, "Anyone who receives instruction in the Word must share all good things with his instructor."

Finally, remember what the Scriptures say: "Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no advantage to you."

Promises by the congregation

I now ask you in the presence of God:

Are you willing to receive your pastor as a minister of God? Will you show him the love, honor, and obedience in the Lord, which you owe to a shepherd and overseer placed over you by the Lord Jesus Christ, the chief Shepherd and overseer of souls? If so, answer: We will, and we ask God to help us.

We will, and we ask God to help us.

The almighty and merciful God strengthen and assist you always.

The candidate for ministry kneels.

Ordination and Installation

Daniel Gensmer, I ordain you as a minister of the Church and install you as pastor at Emmanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church in the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

May the Lord pour out on you his Holy Spirit for the work committed to you, that you may faithfully proclaim the gospel in Word and sacraments.

Those assisting will, in turn, lay their right hands on the head of the newly-installed pastor and speak an appropriate Bible passage.

Vesting

The pastor is vested with a stole, a symbol of the pastor's ministerial office.

*The stole represents
the mantle of
responsibility laid
upon the pastor to
care for the sheep of
Jesus' flock.*

Receive this stole as a sign of your work, and walk in obedience to the Lord Jesus, serving his people and remembering his promise: "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, 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."

The congregation and the newly ordained pastor stand.

Prayer

Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, you are the chief Shepherd and the only head of the Church. We pray that you will keep this your servant, Pastor Daniel Gensmer, faithful in his study of your Holy Word and faithful in his proclamation of its saving truth. Give him the strength to carry out the duties of his ministry, and bless his labors in your service, that your holy name may be glorified and that your kingdom may increase, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Go, then, take up the work to which you have been called.

May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Be seated.

Hymn

896 Dear Lord, to Your True Servants Give

Please stand.

The Blessing

The newly installed pastor speaks the words of the benediction.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

Amen.

Be seated.

Blessing

The choir will sing a blessing to the newly installed pastor.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you and give you peace.

Amen.

Closing hymn

925 On What Has Now Been Sown

Post-Service Music

Now Thank We All Our God

J.S. Bach

Following the service we will have a welcome reception for Pastor Gensmer, his wife, Rachel, and their daughter Lillian. All of our worshipers are invited to join us after the service for a light meal and to greet our new pastor and his family.

Serving at Worship

Preaching Minister

Pastor Nathan Strutz
Tree of Life Lutheran Church, Cary, North Carolina

Presiding Minister

Pastor Gary A. Pufahl
Emmanuel Lutheran Church

Laying on of hands

Pastors from area WELS congregations

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Kevin Bode

Vocal ensemble

Members of Emmanuel

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Kali Gonzalez, Lucas Hahnke,

Tim Moke, Charlie Myers

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Video captions

Chris Wempner

Sound

Jacob Pufahl

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Ushers

4:00 p.m.

Glenn Derge, Will Meihak, Eric Sallquist

Welcome meal for Gensmer family today

We thank and praise God for granting Emmanuel a new pastor today. We welcome you all to continue to celebrate with us and welcome the Gensmer family.

We are hosting a Southwest fiesta and serving Mexican food in the Ministry and Education Center following the service. Daniel and his wife, Rachel, recently welcomed their first child last month and are settling into their home here in Arizona. Please continue to keep them in your prayers during this new and exciting transition to Arizona.

Meal Train for the Gensmer family

Let's help welcome the Gensmer family as they settle into Arizona and life with a newborn. Any help with home-cooked meals or take out/delivery would be greatly appreciated. You can sign up to provide a meal using the QR code or this link: <https://mealtrain.com/8lqo28>; available dates and meal details can also be found on this link.



*Gensmer
Meal Train*



CRM Daniel Gensmer biography

Daniel Gensmer was born on September 18, 1997, in Bremerton, Washington, to John and Amy Gensmer. He was baptized on September 28, 1997, at Christ the King Lutheran Church in Bremerton. Although Daniel was born in Washington, he claims the state of Florida as his childhood home, after growing up in Tallahassee and Cape Coral. He also resided in Columbia, Tennessee, for a time. Daniel grew up as the oldest son of four, with two brothers and a sister.

Daniel was homeschooled through the 8th grade. In 2016, he graduated from Michigan Lutheran Seminary (MLS) in Saginaw, Michigan, and went on to attend Martin Luther College (MLC), graduating in 2020. Throughout his time at MLS and MLC, he was heavily involved in sports, of which football was his favorite. He played on the defensive line. After graduating from college, Daniel intended to take some time off to work on his Spanish in Peru. Because of the pandemic, travel plans were complicated, and after some time, he ended up working with Academia Cristo in Quito, Ecuador. In 2022 Daniel enrolled at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary. In his first year at the



Seminary, he met his future wife, Rachel, and the two of them were married on December 30, 2023. The following summer, they moved to Cary, North Carolina, for Daniel's vicar year. Shortly after returning to Seminary to complete his Senior year, Rachel and Daniel discovered that they were expecting their first child. Their daughter, Lillian Ruth Gensmer, was born on June 18, 2026, shortly before they came to Emmanuel.

Daniel loves staying active and rarely turns down opportunities to try out new experiences. In his free time, Daniel loves to listen to podcasts, try new recipes, watch football, or play card games. He claims no mastery, but he enjoys playing tennis and basketball, and playing some guitar. As he settles into the area, Daniel is excited to get to know his new church family here at Emmanuel, as we work together to share our Savior with the community around us.



About Us

Emmanuel Lutheran Church shares the love of Jesus and the truth of his saving Word with the people in our church, our community and the world.

The objectives of our mission are:

- To **preach**, by proclaiming the Word of God, as we worship and praise God in a loving Christian atmosphere;
- To **teach**, by fostering an ongoing increase in knowledge and maturity in God's Word;
- To **reach**, by sharing the Gospel of God's Word with all people, and to do so;
- By **each** member actively participating in our ministry.

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