

Pastor James Bender joins the Faith Lutheran Church family today as Senior Pastor.

James Bender was born in Cleveland, Ohio, on November 3, 1964, and baptized at St. Marks Lutheran Church. His family moved to White Bear Lake, Minn., in 1968. He was educated at King of Kings Lutheran School and confirmed at South Shore Trinity Lutheran Church, White Bear Lake. He graduated from White Bear Senior High (1983), Concordia University-St. Paul (1987, B.A. History), and Concordia Seminary in St. Louis (1991, M. Div).

Pastor Jim met Sally at Camp Luther in Three Lakes, Wis., in 1988. They were married in 1990 at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, Minn., where Sally had served as music and family director. Natalie was born on November 28, 1993, Lydia on July 2, 1995, and Meredith on November 23, 1996. Sally graduated from Concordia University, St. Paul, as a Director of Parish Music. Her hobbies include music, scrapbooking and quilting. She is currently serving as the school secretary at Central Lutheran School in St. Paul, Minn., where all three girls have been educated. The Bender girls love vocal music and enjoy playing soccer, volleyball and basketball.

In 1991, Pastor Bender was ordained and installed at St. Stephanus Lutheran Church in St. Paul, Minn., where he served for more than 17 years. In addition to serving as pastor, he has coached soccer, taught at Concordia University, guided wilderness canoe trips, and chaired a domestic abuse ministry. His hobbies have or continue to include taxidermy, fishing, Tae Kwan Do and history. The Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness of northern Minnesota is a holy place in his life.

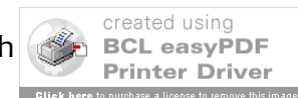
He tends his flock like a shepherd: He Gathers
the lambs in his arms
and carries them close to his heart. .Isaiah 40:11.



Installation of The Reverend James Bender

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Installation of Pastor James W. Bender

Sunday, January 25, 2009



PRELUDE:

Cello Solo: *If With All Your Hearts* from “*Elijah*” by Mendelssohn
Suzanne Burris, cello

Brass Quartet: *When Morning Gilds the Skies* by Joseph Barnby
arr. Lloyd Larson

(Please stand)

PROCESSIONAL HYMN *The Church’s One Foundation*

(All)

1. The Church’s one foundation, is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is his new creation by water and the Word.
From heav’n he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

(Women)

2. Elect from ev’ry nation, yet one o’er all the earth;
Her charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses with ev’ry grace endued.

(All)

3. Though with a scornful wonder this world sees her oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,
Yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up; “How long?”
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

Participants

Installation Minister

Keith Kohlmeier, President Kansas District LCMS

Preacher

Rich Carter, Professor of Religion, Concordia University, St. Paul, MN

Presiding Minister

Peter Tremain, Retired Senior Pastor

Reader

Marilyn Shults, Director of Children’s Ministry

Reader

Audrey Duensing-Werner, Director of Christian Education

Organist and Choir Director

Young Hee Chung, Director of Worship Ministry

Accompanist

Betty Ramsey

Crucifer

James Adams

Banner Bearer

Michael Taisipic

Acolytes

Ryan Jones, Megan Lehman

Musicians

Festival Choir, Bell Choir, Praise Team, Men’s Ensemble

Brass

Alex Hoover, Roger Offermann, Tim Owen, Chris Meyer

Strings

Suzanne Burris, cello; *Jacki Theis*, viola

Woodwinds

Jan Zillinger, flute *Sydni Meehan*, clarinet

(Men)

4. From the cross thy wisdom shining breaketh forth in conquering
might;
From the cross forever beameth all thy bright redeeming light

(All)

Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise to thee who light does send!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia without end!

(Choir)

5. Give us lips to sing thy glory, tongues thy mercy to proclaim,
Throats that shout the hope that fills us, mouths to speak thy holy
name.
Alleluia! Alleluia! May the light which thou dost send
Fill our songs with alleluias, Alleluias without end!

Interlude

(All)

6. God the Father, light-creator, to thee laud and honor be.
To thee, Light of Light begotten, praise be sung eternally.
Holy Spirit, light-revealer, Glory, glory be to thee.
Mortals, angels, now and ever Praise the holy Trinity!

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Grow in faith. Share Christ's love.
People: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE—BELL CHOIR & BRASS QUARTET:

Guide Us, O God of Grace by Michael R. Keller



You are invited to join us for a reception in the Fellowship Hall.

(Men)

4. Through toil and tribulation and tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation of peace forevermore;
Till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious shall be the Church at rest.

(All)

5. Yet she on earth has union with God, the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.
O blessed heav'nly chorus! Lord, save us by your grace,
That we, like saints before us, may see you face to face.

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and the Holy Spirit.
People: **Amen.**
Pastor: You raise up those whose courage falters.
People: **We bless you and praise your name forever.**
Pastor: You provide for our every need.
People: **Accept our grateful praises.**
Pastor: You have called us from all peoples.
People: **We rejoice and bless your name forever.**
Pastor: You bless your people with peace.
People: **We bless you and praise your loving grace.**
Pastor: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, king of the universe.
People: **For in your wisdom you have formed us.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: 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
Lord.

People: **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 52:7–10 (NRSV)

Reader: The First Lesson is from the fifty-second chapter of Isaiah.
⁷How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." ⁸Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the LORD to Zion. ⁹Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the LORD has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. ¹⁰The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PRAISE TEAM: *How Beautiful*

by Twila Paris

SECOND LESSON: Acts 17:26–28; Galatians 5: 1; 2 Timothy 1:7 (NRSV)

Reader: The Second Lesson is selected verses from Acts, Galatians and 2 Timothy.

Acts 17 ²⁶From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him — though indeed he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we too are his offspring.'

Galatians 5 ¹For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

2 Timothy 1 ⁷for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

BLESSING

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

People: **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN *Thy Strong Word* setting Donald Busarow

(All)

1. Thy strong word did cleave the darkness; at thy speaking it was done.
For created light we thank thee, while thine ordered seasons run.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise to thee who light doest send!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia without end!

(Women)

2. Lo, on those who dwelt in darkness, dark as night and deep as death,
Broke the light of thy salvation, breathed thine own life giving breath.

(All)

Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise to thee who light doest send!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia without end!

Interlude

(All)

3. Thy strong Word bespeaks us righteous; bright with thine own holiness,
Glorious now, we press toward glory, and our lives our hopes confess.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise to thee who light doest send!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia without end!

Pastor: You call us, Lord God, to work for peace and hope in our troubled world. Help us to hear the needs of all who suffer throughout the world, that we might respond in compassionate actions. God of mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: **(Here other intercessions may be offered.)** God of mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER **spoken together**

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.

SONG OF PRAISE—FESTIVAL CHOIR: *Laudate Dominum* from *Vesperae solennes de confessore, K339* by W.A. Mozart

Translation: Praise the Lord, all you nations;
praise him, all you peoples.
For his loving kindness has been bestowed on us,
and the truth of the Lord endure for eternity.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be always,
and for generations of generations. Amen.

FESTIVAL CHOIR: *Alleluia*

by Ralph Manuel

(Please stand)

GOSPEL: John 10:7–18 (NRSV)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter.

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

⁷So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly. ¹¹I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away — and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

SERMON

(Please stand)

HYMN OF THE DAY *Take My Life, that I May Be*

(All)

1. Take my life, that I may be consecrated, Lord, to thee;
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless
praise.

(All)

2. Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love;
Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.

(Solo: Audrey Duensing-Werner)

3. Take my voice and let me sing; always, only, for my King;
Take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee.

(All)

4. Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold;
Take my intellect, and use ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

(All)

5. Take my life; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

THE APOSTLES' CREED *spoken together*

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived
by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered
under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended
into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is
seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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

(Please be seated)

OFFERING—MEN'S ENSEMBLE: *This Little Light of Mine* by John Leavitt

Solos: Dave Schwartz & Matt Frank

OFFERTORY HYMN *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

Praise God, from whom all blessing flow; Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

INSTALLATION OF *Pastor James W. Bender*

SOLO: *Make My Life a Prayer to You*

by Melody Green

Sally Bender, soloist

(Please stand)

PRAYERS

Pastor: Gracious Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church. Fill it with all
truth and peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error,
direct it; where in anything it is amiss, reform it; where it is right,
strengthen it; where it is in need, provide for it; where it is divided,
reunite it: for the sake of for the sake of Jesus Christ, your Son our
Savior. (A brief silence) Unite your church throughout the world, that
we might bear witness to the power of your redeeming word. God of
mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: You call us, Lord God, to grow in faith and share your love. Fill us
with the Holy Spirit that we may bear the fruit of Spirit. Teach us
how to show your love as we reach out to community. God of mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: You call us, Lord God, to be faithful servants of the church. Keep us
faithful as we serve you in various ministries, that our hearts may be
centered on you. God of mercy,

People: hear our prayer.