HOLY COMMUNION

WITH

THE RITE OF ORDINATION EXTRAORDINEM

OF

JENNETTE LYNN RUDE

TO THE

MINISTRY OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2007 2:00 PM

RESURRECTION LUTHERAN CHURCH Evangelical Lutheran Church in America 3309 N Seminary Ave † Chicago † IL † 60657-2220

JENNETTE LYNN RUDE



Jennette Lynn Rude was born in Isle, Minnesota and lived in Buffalo, Denver, Sioux Falls and Berkeley, California before moving to Chicago after graduating from Pacific School of Religion with a Master of Divinity in 2005. A lifelong Lutheran and pastor's kid (and grandkid), Jen began to feel called to ministry while attending Augustana College in Sioux Falls. After coming out as a lesbian, Jen wondered whether or not this call would ever come to fruition. Deciding to go to seminary anyway, Jen was nurtured and encouraged by mentors (including Pastor Jeff Johnson, her ordination preacher), University Lutheran Chapel (where she served as a Field Education student), and the community at Pacific School of Religion, to follow her call, even if it meant confronting church policies of discrimination. Jen began the candidacy process for ordained ministry both within the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) and with what is now Extraordinary Lutheran Ministries (ELM) while in seminary, and was approved for ordination by ELM in November 2006. Since 2005, in addition to serving at Resurrection as intern and then Community Minister, Jen has also served as Youth Outreach Minister at The Night Ministry, working with young people who are experiencing homelessness and lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender youth. She is grateful to be able to continue to share time both at Resurrection and The Night Ministry and considers this shared ministry a perfect fit. Jen is delighted to have been called by Resurrection Lutheran Church to serve as Associate Pastor.

TODAY'S OFFERING

The Metropolitan Chicago Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), a Reconciling in Christ synod, is a communion of 208 congregations and other specialized ministry settings in and around Chicago united and sent in Christ's name (to) proclaim the gospel, make disciples and do justice. The synod coordinates ministries of and for its congregations and other ministry settings and serves as a link to the wider Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. The Metropolitan Chicago Synod is companion synod of the Central Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of South Africa and an active partner in its ambitious AIDS ministry. (Please see Bishop Miller's letter, page 26.)



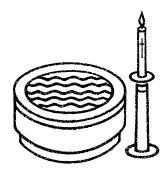
Extraordinary Lutheran Ministries (ELM) is an association of congregations, ministry organizations, and individuals covenanting with God and one another to gather, empower, and sustain faith communities committed to the gospel of Jesus Christ and the full participation of people of all sexual orientations and gender identities in the life and ministry of the Lutheran church. Extraordinary Lutheran Ministries provides candidacy, credentialing and rostering for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender pastors, works with congregations to call ELM roster members and provides mission grants to ELM-led ministries. ELM is the new

merger of Lutheran Lesbian & Gay Ministries and the Extraordinary Candidacy Project.

The Night Ministry was created out of diverse religious traditions to build relationships with vulnerable youth and adults on the nighttime streets. Today, it builds relationships in a variety of settings. Through these relationships and the provision of housing, health, outreach, spiritual, and social services, The Night Ministry seeks to empower people of all ages to meet their own needs. Recognizing the uniqueness, dignity, and value of each person, The Night Ministry accepts individuals as they are, in an affirming and compassionate manner. It calls the larger community to the same mission.

Welcome to Resurrection Lutheran Church! We thank you for your presence in worship with us on this holy, happy day as we give thanks to God for Jennette Rude, for her ministry among us, and for the privilege of hosting her ordination.

A staffed nursery is available downstairs. Rest rooms are located downstairs from the narthex (entryway) and through the double doors adjacent to the pulpit area. Please ask an usher for directions and any assistance you need.



PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

Sonata in D Major for Trumpet and Organ

Henry Purcell (1659-1695)

GATHERING

The people stand as able and face the baptismal font.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C It is right to give our thanks and praise.
- P We thank you, God of every blessing, for the gift of creation called forth by your saving Word. Before the world had shape and form, your Spirit moved over the waters. Out of the waters of the deep, you formed the firmament and brought forth the earth to sustain all life.

In the time of Noah, you washed the earth with the waters of the flood, and your ark of salvation bore a new beginning.

In the time of Miriam and Moses, your people Israel passed through the Red Sea waters from slavery to freedom and crossed the flowing Jordan to enter the promised land.

In the fullness of time, you sent Jesus Christ, who was nurtured in Mary's womb. Jesus was baptized by John in the water of the Jordan, became living water to a woman at the Samaritan well, washed the feet of the disciples, and sent them forth to baptize all nations by water and the Holy Spirit.

The presiding minister blesses the water.

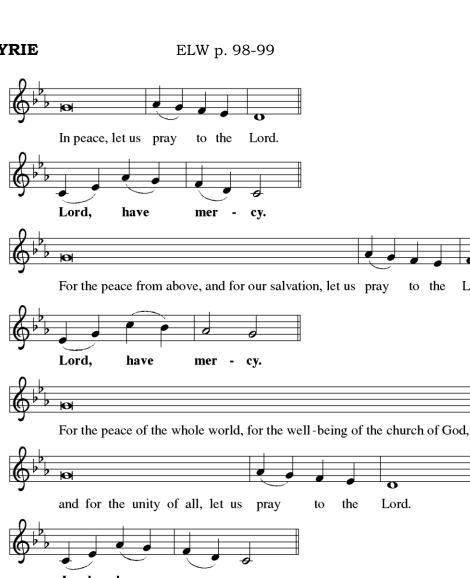
Bless by your Holy Spirit, gracious God, this water. By your Holy Spirit, create new life in those who affirm their baptism this day that they may rise in Christ. Glory to you, eternal God, the One who was, and is, and shall always be, world without end.

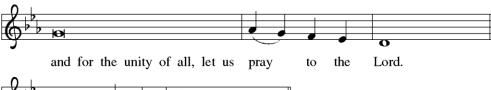
C Amen

ENTRANCE HYMN ELW #575 In Christ Called to Baptize During the entrance hymn, the people are sprinkled with water in thankful remembrance of God's gift of holy baptism

GREETING

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





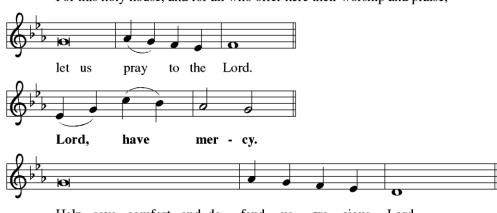
Lord.

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For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord.





PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Let us pray: Almighty and merciful God, you built your Church on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, and you instituted the office of the holy ministry so that the apostolic and prophetic Word might be heard throughout the ages. Grant that Jennette, now to be ordained, may exercise her ministry faithfully in the power of your Spirit; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C Amen

The people sit.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Micah 6:1-8

A reading from Micah:

Hear what the LORD says: "Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the LORD has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel.

"O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the LORD."

"With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" He has told you, O mortal, what is good: and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Holy wisdom, holy word.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 139:1-18

O LORD, you have known me.

¹ LORD, you have searched me out;

² You know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.

³ You trace my journeys and my resting-places and are acquainted with all my ways.

⁴ Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, but you, O LORD, know it altogether.

- ⁵ You encompass me, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.
- ⁶ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain to it. **Refrain**
- ⁷ Where can I go then from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?
- 8 If I climb up to heaven, you are there;

if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.

⁹ If I take the wings of the morning

and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

¹⁰ even there your hand will lead me and your right hand hold me fast.

- ¹¹ If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, and the light around me turn to night,"
- ¹² darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day; darkness and light to you are both alike. **Refrain**
- ¹³ For you yourself created my inmost parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.
- ¹⁴ I will thank you because I am marvelously made; your works are wonderful, and I know it well.
- ¹⁵ My body was not hidden from you, while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth.
- ¹⁶ Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb; all of them were written in your book; my days were fashioned before they came to be.
- ¹⁷ How deep I find your thoughts, O God! How great is the sum of them!
- ¹⁸ If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand:

to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours. **Refrain**

SECOND LESSON

Romans 8:31-39

A reading from Romans:

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Holy wisdom, holy word.

C Thanks be to God.

The people stand as able.

GOSPEL

Luke 10:1-12

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, the tenth chapter.
- C Glory to you, O Lord.

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. 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. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. 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. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, 'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.' I tell you, on that day it will be more tolerable for Sodom than for that town."

The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

The people are seated.

SERMON

Following the sermon, the people stand as able at the conclusion of the hymn introduction.

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW #720 We Are Called

THE RITE OF ORDINATION

The ordinand is presented for ordination to the congregation by the sponsors:

S We present for ordination to the holy ministry of Word and Sacrament Jennette Lynn Rude, a baptized child of God reared by and among us, who having made her own affirmation of faith we now commend to the Church to serve in the office of pastor.

C Thanks be to God.

According to apostolic usage you are now to be set apart to the office of Word and Sacrament in the one holy catholic Church by the laying on of hands and by prayer.

Our Lord Jesus Christ says: "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you. Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." (John 20:21-23)

And again: "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, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age." (Matthew 28:18-20)

St. Paul writes: I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way also the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. (1 Corinthians 11:23-26)

P Before almighty God, to whom you must give account, and in the presence of this congregation, I ask: Will you assume this office, believing that the Church's call is God's call to the ministry of Word and Sacrament?

R I will, and I ask God to help me.

P The Church in which you are to be ordained confesses that the Holy Scriptures are the Word of God and are the norm of its faith and life. We accept, teach, and confess the Apostles', the Nicene, and the Athanasian Creeds. We also acknowledge the Lutheran Confessions as true witnesses and faithful expositions of the Holy Scriptures. Will you therefore preach and teach in accordance with the Holy Scriptures and these creeds and confessions?

R I will, and I ask God to help me.

P Will you be diligent in your study of the Holy Scriptures and in your use of the means of grace? Will you pray for God's people, nourish them with the Word and Holy Sacraments, and lead them by your own example in faithful service and holy living?

R I will, and I ask God to help me.

P Will you give faithful witness in the world, that God's love may be known in all that you do?

R I will, and I ask God to help me.

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

C Amen

PRAYERS

- A Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.
- A For the holy catholic Church, that it may filled with truth and love and by your grace be found without fault at the last day: Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A For all members of the Church, that they may serve you in true and godly lives: Lord in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A For Mark and Wayne, our bishops, for Extraordinary Lutheran Ministries and The Night Ministry, and for all those responsible for the care and nurture of your people: Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A For Jennette, chosen to be a pastor in the Church, that she may faithfully fulfill the duties of this ministry, serve your people, build up your Church, and glorify your name: Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A For the peace of the Church, that our divisions may be overcome and that we may serve the world as one people in one Lord Jesus Christ: Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, the lonely, the forgotten, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, soldiers, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected: Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A For what else shall we pray?

Other intercessions may be offered. Petitions end with "Lord, in your mercy," and the congregation responds, "hear our prayer."

A For the glorious company of all the saints, those who have died in faith and those who live in certain hope, we praise you. That their witness may give us courage until the day of Jesus Christ: Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

ORDINATION

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C It is right to give God thanks and praise.
- P Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Creator, we bless you for the infinite love in Christ our Lord, in whom we have redemption and forgiveness of sins according to the riches of his grace. We thank you that by his death your Son has overcome death and, having been raised by your mighty power, has ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things. We praise you that Christ has poured out his gifts abundantly on the Church, making some apostles, some prophets, some pastors and teachers, to equip your people for their work of ministry for building up the body of Christ.

The presiding minister lays both hands on the head of the ordinand. Other clergy and rostered individuals come forward and impose their right hands in representation of God's whole Church. During the laying on of hands, the congregation is invited to join the choir in bidding the Holy Spirit's presence by softly singing ELW 406# Veni Sancte Spiritus:

Eternal God, through your Son, Jesus Christ, pour out your Holy Spirit upon Jennette and fill her with the gifts of grace for the ministry of Word and Sacrament.

Bless her proclamation of your Word and administration of your Sacraments, O Lord, so that your Church may be gathered for praise and strengthened for service. Make her a faithful pastor, patient teacher, wise counselor. Bless Jennette's witness and work among us that it may further understanding and reconciliation where there is fear and estrangement. Inspire her witness and work, that they may strengthen ties between all our communities of faith, building bridges for the work of healing and renewal in the world.

Grant that in all things she may serve without reproach, that your people may be renewed and your name be glorified in and beyond the Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever.

C Amen

The newly ordained may remain kneeling. A stole is placed over her shoulders.

P 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 who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." (Matthew 11:28-30)

The newly ordained stands and is addressed by co-workers in the gospel.

"Strive for righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, and gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith." (1 Timothy 6:11-12)

"Take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you guardians, to feed the Church of the Lord which he obtained with his own blood." (Acts 20:28)

"Tend the flock of God that is your charge, not by constraint but willingly, not for shameful gain but eagerly, not as domineering over those in your charge but being examples to the flock. And when the chief shepherd is manifested you will obtain the unfading crown of glory." (1 Peter 5:2-4)

"This is how one should regard us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover it is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy." (1 Corinthians 4:1-2)

P "Care for God's people, bear their burdens and do not betray their confidence. So discipline yourself in life and teaching that you preserve the truth, giving no occasion for false security

or illusory hope. Witness faithfully in word and deed to all people. Give and receive comfort as you serve within the Church. And be of good courage, for God has called you, and your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

P 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, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in you that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory forever and ever.

C Amen

The newly ordained walks into the midst of the assembly. The congregation turns, gathers around her, and lays hands on the ordinand and on each other.

P Baptized into the priesthood of Christ, we are all called by the Holy Spirit to offer ourselves to God in thanksgiving for what God has done and continues to do for us. May our commitment be renewed today to proclaim the praise of God and bear God's creative and redeeming Word to all the world.

Gracious God, you have blessed each of us with unique gifts, and you have called us into specific occupations, relationships, and activities using those gifts. Enable us to use our talents to witness to our faith in you and to communicate your love to the people we meet each day. Empower this priesthood of all believers to be ministers of your reconciliation, love, hope and justice. Keep us steadfast in our commitment to serve all creation in your name, through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.

C Amen

P Will you, assembled as the people of God and speaking for the whole Church, receive Jennette as a messenger of Jesus Christ sent to serve God's people with the Gospel of hope and salvation? Will you regard her as a servant of Christ?

C We will.

P 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?

C We will.

P Let it be acclaimed that Jennette Lynn Rude is ordained a minister in the Church of Christ. Jennette has Christ's authority to preach the Word and administer the Sacraments, serving God's people.

C Amen. Thanks be to God.

The congregation may offer acclamation with applause.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST_

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

- P The peace of Christ be with you always.
- C And also with you.

The people sit after greeting one another in peace.

OFFERING

Today's offering will be equally shared between the Metropolitan Chicago Synod of the ELCA, Extraordinary Lutheran Ministries and The Night Ministry. (Please see notes on page 2.)

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

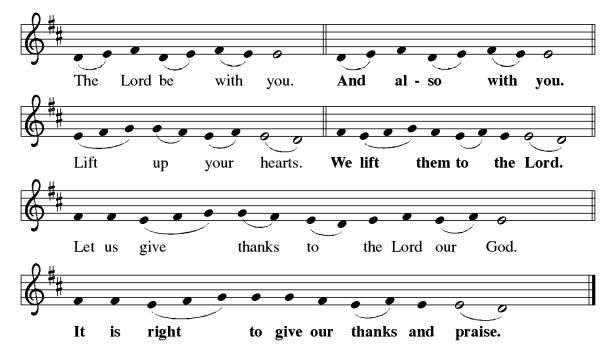
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OFFERTORY

The people stand as the gifts are brought forward.

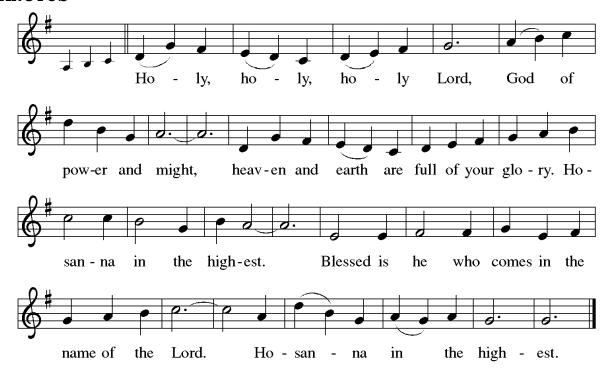
- A Let us pray: Blessed are you, O God,
- C maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

GREAT THANKSGIVING





SANCTUS



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God. The universe declares your praise: beyond the stars; beneath the sea; within each cell; with every breath.

C We praise you, O God.

P Generations bless your faithfulness; through the water; by night and day; across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future.

C We bless you, O God.

P We give you thanks for your dear Son: at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer; beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now.

C We thank you, O God.

P In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of our faith.

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

P We pray for the gift of your Spirit: in our gathering; within this meal; among your people; throughout the world.

- C Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your Church, without end. Amen
- A Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

THE LORD'S PRAYER



The presiding minister breaks the bread.

- P The kingdom of God has come near to you.
- C Thanks be to God!

HOLY COMMUNION

All baptized Christians are welcome to commune. Proceed to one of the Communion stations following the ushers' direction. Wine is offered in the first chalice, grape juice in the second. Communicants may drink from the chalice or intinct (dip) the bread into the chalice; those who wish to do neither are assured that Christ is fully present in the bread alone. Those allergic to gluten are invited to receive rice cakes from the newly ordained; please notify an usher. Children and others not yet communing are invited forward for a blessing.

MUSIC during the distribution FRACTION ANTHEM

ELW p. 112-113 Lamb of God



HYMN

ELW #798 Will You Come and Follow Me The Summons **HYMN**

HYMN

ELW #535 Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises Haleluya! Pelo tsa rona

The	рео	ple	stand.

- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.
- C Amen

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

- A Let us pray: Almighty and gracious God,
- c we thank you that you have fed us with heavenly food, the body and blood of your Son, uniting us through him in the fellowship of your Spirit. As you have again raised up among us a faithful servant for the ministry of Word and Sacrament, grant that we, with Jennette, may joyfully serve you all our days and finally rejoice in your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

BLESSING

- P God give you grace to follow the saints in faith and truth and gentleness, and the blessing of God Almighty, Creator, + Redeemer, and Sustainer, be among you, and remain with you always.
- C Amen

DISMISSAL

- A Go in peace. Share the good news.
- C Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Overture from Suite in D Major for Trumpet G.F. Handel



You are invited....

to a reception in the parish hall and sanctuary immediately following worship.

MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

Presiding Minister The Rev. Erik Christensen

Pastor, St. Luke's Logan Square and Co-Chair,

Extraordinary Lutheran Ministries

Preaching Minister The Rev. Jeff Johnson

University Lutheran Chapel, Berkeley, CA

Ordinand Jennette Rude

Organ, Piano & Choir Gary Jensen

Music Director, Resurrection Lutheran Church

Trumpet Mark DeGoti

Instructor of Trumpet, Eastern Illinois University

Assisting Ministers Frank Patrick

Sara Spoonheim

Lectors Tasha Viets-VanLear

Betsy Nore

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Grandparents of the Ordinand

Presentation of Stole The Rev. Ron and Nancy Rude and Angela Camara

Parents and Sister of the Ordinand

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The Rev. Joseph Blotz

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The Rev. Brian Hiortdahl

Pastor, Resurrection Lutheran Church

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Communion Bread Opal Katsma

Ushers Jim King

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Marshals The Rev. John Roberts

Meghan Smith

Flowers Barbara Keller

BISHOP MILLER'S LETTER HERE

ORDINATION EXTRAORDINEM

The Rite of Extraordinary Ordination



By whose authority do we call and ordain? By Christ's authority, for the purpose of joy and healing within the whole body of Christ, given for us and for all people. ELM takes refuge in the same emergency measures invoked by the 16th century reformers:

As a result, when the regular bishops become enemies of the gospel or are unwilling to ordain, the churches retain their right to do so. For wherever the church exists, there also is the right to administer the gospel. Therefore, it is necessary for the church to retain the right to call, choose, and ordain ministers. This right is a gift bestowed exclusively on the church, and no human authority can take it away from the church, as Paul testifies to the Ephesians when he says: "When he ascended on high...he gave gifts to his people." (Martin Luther, Treatise on the Power and Primacy of the Pope)

ELM, like the reformers of old, has no desire to create a new church or to sever the ties of faith and communion that bind us to the assemblies that are our families in the faith. With love for the traditions and saints that formed us and embolden us to act with confidence, we seek to provide community for those denied the opportunity to fulfill their vocations because of the policies and practices of Lutherans the world over who have been imprisoned by discrimination and oppression.

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Rooted in the extraordinary ordinations that were performed by Martin Luther and the reformers as recorded in the Lutheran Confessions, and in accordance with our vision, policies and bylaws, ELM will authorize ordination of extraordinary candidates for ministry. An extraordinary ordination may occur when: an individual has received a call from God; God's call is discerned and accepted by the ordinand; the call is recognized and endorsed by the governing board of ELM; and the call is ratified by the Church through the issuance of a letter of call to the ordinand from one or more congregations, assemblies, parishes or communities of believers.

The call from God is to be a minister of Word and Sacrament in and to the one, holy, catholic, and Apostolic Church. All power in the rite of ordination belongs to God. However, so that the catholicity of the church may be expressed, bishops, pastors, and representatives of other congregations and faith communities will be invited to participate in the laying on of hands. The assembled clergy affirm the ordinand's call and the prayer of the Church by joining in the laying on of hands, and also thereby affirm and welcome the ordinand into the college of ministers of Word and Sacrament. The laity participate in this gracious act of God; by presenting the ordinand and thus naming the ordinand worthy to be set apart and; by speaking their "Amen" to the prayer invoking the pastoral gifts of the Holy Spirit upon the ordinand.

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- Jennette Rude



^{*} A note about the stole: The stole used in today's service was presented to Pastor Anita Hill by Pastor Lynne Lorenzen, at her ordination on April 28, 2001. Lynne, a dedicated ally, had received it from Pastor Rebecca Hostetler, a member of St Paul-Reformation and a lesbian woman who left the ELCA roster at her bishop's request when he learned she was in a committed relationship. Lynne passed along the stole to Anita with the request that she pass it along to the next ordained from the ECP (now, ELM) roster. Anita then passed the red stole along to Pastor Sharon Stalkfleet who was also ordained about a month later. Sharon held the stole until it was presented to Pastor Jay Wiesner in 2004, who then presented it to Pastor Erik Christensen in 2006. Next, it was presented to Pastor Megan Rohrer, also in 2006, who passed it along to Pastor Dawn Roginski just this year. The Spirit is moving and Jen will not have the stole for long. Thanks be to God!