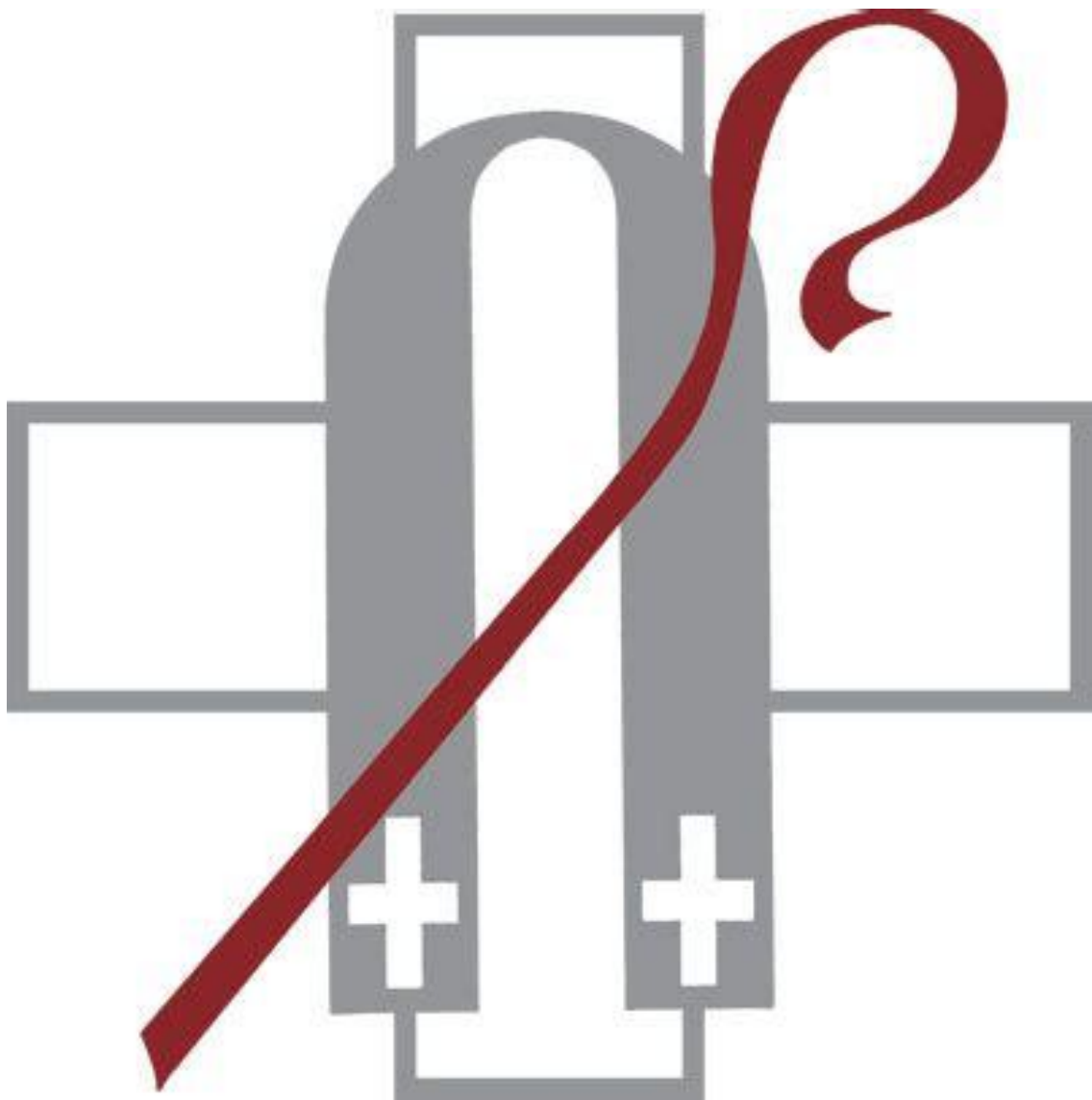


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The Call of St. Bartholomew **Ordination and Installation of Vincent Mroz** August 24, 2025

PRELUDE

Fantasie Prelude on “Veni Creator”

Dennis Eliot

RINGING OF THE BELLS

PROCESSIONAL HYMN (*please rise and sing*)

Dear Lord, to Thy True Servants Give

**Dear Lord, to Thy true servants give
The Grace to Thee alone to live.
Once bound by sin, but saved by Thee,
They go to set the pris'ners free,
The Gospel message to proclaim
That men may call upon Thy name.**

**They gladly go at Thy command
To spread Thy Word o'er sea and land.
Be Thou with them and make them strong
To heal sin's ills, to right the wrong.
Thou rulest over wind and wave,
And mighty is Thine arm to save.**

**When all their labor seems in vain,
Revive their sinking hopes again;
And when success crowns what they do,
Oh, keep them humble, Lord, and true
Until before Thy judgment seat
They lay their trophies at Thy feet. Amen.**

INVOCATION

The sign of the cross (†) may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism

P: In the name of the Father and of the (†) Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C: **Amen.**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Romans 10:15b, 18b; Isaiah 52:7b, alt.

A: How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news,
who publish peace and bring good news of salvation.
C: **Their voice has gone out to all the earth,
and their words to the ends of the world.**

COLLECT

A: The Lord be with you.
C: **And also with you.**
A: Let us pray.

Almighty God, Your Son, Jesus Christ, chose Bartholomew to be an apostle to preach the blessed Gospel. Grant that Your Church may love what he believed and preach what he taught; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Proverbs 3:1-8

L: The first reading for the Call of St Bartholomew is from chapter three of Proverbs.

Trust in the Lord with All Your Heart.

3 My son, do not forget my teaching,
but let your heart keep my commandments,
2 for length of days and years of life
and peace they will add to you.

3 Let not steadfast love and faithfulness forsake you;
bind them around your neck;
write them on the tablet of your heart.

4 So you will find favor and good success
in the sight of God and man.

5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart,
and do not lean on your own understanding.

6 In all your ways acknowledge him,
and he will make straight your paths.

7 Be not wise in your own eyes;
fear the Lord, and turn away from evil.

8 It will be healing to your flesh
and refreshment to your bones.

Following the reading...

L: This is the Word of our Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALMODY

Psalm 121

L: The Lord will keep you from all harm—
he will watch over your life.

C: **The Lord will keep you from all harm—
he will watch over your life.**

L: I lift up my eyes to the mountains—
where does my help come from?
My help comes from the Lord,
the Maker of heaven and earth.

**C: The Lord will keep you from all harm —
he will watch over your life.**

L: He will not let your foot slip —
he who watches over you will not slumber;
indeed, he who watches over Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.

**C: The Lord will keep you from all harm —
he will watch over your life.**

L: The Lord watches over you —
the Lord is your shade at your right hand;
the sun will not harm you by day,
nor the moon by night.

**C: The Lord will keep you from all harm —
he will watch over your life.**

L: The Lord will keep you from all harm —
he will watch over your life;
the Lord will watch over your coming and going
both now and forevermore.

**C: The Lord will keep you from all harm —
he will watch over your life.**

**A: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it
was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 4:7-10

L: The second reading is from chapter four of 2 Corinthians.

God's ministers are under the cross of Jesus.

⁷But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us. ⁸We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; ⁹persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; ¹⁰always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our bodies.

Following the reading...

L: This is the Word of our Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Please rise.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 1:45-51

L: The Holy Gospel is according to St. John chapter one.

C: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Nathanael meets Jesus the Christ.

⁴⁵ Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." ⁴⁶ Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." ⁴⁷ Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!" ⁴⁸ Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." ⁴⁹ Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" ⁵⁰ Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree,' do you believe? You will see greater things than these." ⁵¹ And he said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

Following the reading...

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

THE APOSTLES' CREED²

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and Earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into Heaven

and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

HYMN

Send, O Lord, Thy Holy Spirit

Send, O Lord, Thy Holy Spirit

On Thy servant now, we pray;

Let him prove a faithful shepherd

To Thy little lambs alway.

Thy pure teaching to proclaim,

To extol Thy holy name,

And to feed Thy lambs, dear Savior,

Make his aim and sole endeavor.

Thou, O Lord, Thyself hast called him

For Thy precious lambs to care;

But to prosper in his calling,

He the Spirit's gifts must share.

Grant him wisdom from above,

Fill his heart with holy love;

In all weakness be Thou near him,

In his prayers, Good Shepherd, hear him.

Help, Lord Jesus, help him nourish

Our dear children with Thy Word

That in constant love they serve Thee

Till in heav'n their song is heard.

Boundless blessings, Lord, bestow

On his faithful toil below

Till by grace to him is given

His reward, the crown of heaven.

SERMON³

RITE OF ORDINATION

The candidate is presented before the altar. The presiding minister, standing before the altar, says:

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: Beloved in the Lord, Vincent Andrew Mroz has been called by the Lord of the Church into the Office of the Holy Ministry of the Word and Sacraments. He has been prepared for this ministry by careful study and prayer. He has been examined and declared ready and prepared to undertake this sacred responsibility, and, by the guidance of God the Holy Spirit, he has in the Church's usual order been called to be Regional Missionary to the Deaf of the LCMS Eastern District. According to apostolic practice, he is now presented to be ordained and consecrated to this office established by God.

Please stand.

Vincent Mroz kneels. The presiding minister speaks the following:

P: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Your faithful people,
and kindle in them the fire of Your love;
through the diversity of tongues You gathered together the nations,
in the unity of the faith. Alleluia, alleluia.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

O Lord God, heavenly Father, by the blessed light of Your holy Word You have led us to the knowledge of Your Son. We humbly implore You to replenish us with the grace of Your Holy Spirit that we may ever walk in the light of Your truth and, rejoicing with sure confidence in Christ, our Savior, be brought to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ,

Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

You may sit.

The candidate stands and remains at the altar with the presiding minister. The assisting ministers may join them at the altar.

The presiding minister turns to the candidate and says:

P: Hear what Holy Scripture says concerning the institution of the Office of the Holy Ministry.

Assisting ministers read one or more selections of Holy Scripture from each of the following sections.

THE INSTITUTION OF THE OFFICE OF THE HOLY MINISTRY

A: ¹⁸Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

Matthew 28:18–20 NKJV

A: ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you." ²²And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

John 20:21–23 NKJV

THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE OFFICE OF THE HOLY MINISTRY

P: Hear what Holy Scripture says concerning the responsibilities of the Office of the Holy Ministry.

A: ¹⁵When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes,

Lord; you know that I love you.” He said to him, “Feed my lambs.” ¹⁶He said to him a second time, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” He said to him, “Tend my sheep.” ¹⁷He said to him the third time, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” and he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep.

John 21: 15-17 ESV

A: ⁴⁶[Jesus] said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be preached in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.”

Luke 24:46-47 ESV

A: ²³For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, ²⁴and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, “This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” ²⁵In the same way also he took 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.”

1 Corinthians 11:23-26 ESV

A: ¹⁴Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophecy when the council of elders laid their hands on you. ¹⁵Practice these things, immerse yourself to them, so that all may see your progress. ¹⁶Keep a close watch on yourself and on the teaching. Persist in this, for by so doing you will save both yourself and your hearers.

1 Timothy 4:14-16 ESV

A: ¹This is how one should regard us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. ²Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found faithful.

1 Corinthians 4:1-2 ESV

A: ⁴Such is the confidence that we have through Christ toward God. ⁵Not that we are sufficient in ourselves to claim anything as coming from us, but our sufficiency is from God.

2 Corinthians 3:4-5 ESV

A: ¹⁷Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. ¹⁸All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of

reconciliation; ¹⁹that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

2 Corinthians 5:17-21 ESV

A: ¹I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: ²preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. ³For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, ⁴and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. ⁵As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

2 Timothy 4:1-5 ESV

A: ¹The saying is trustworthy: If anyone aspires to the office of overseer, he desires a noble task. ²Therefore an overseer must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, sober-minded, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, ³not a drunkard, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. ⁴He must manage his own household well, with all dignity keeping his children submissive, ⁵for if someone does not know how to manage his own household, how will he care for God's church? ⁶He must not be a recent convert, or he may become puffed up with conceit and fall into the condemnation of the devil. ⁷Moreover, he must be well thought of by outsiders, so that he may not fall into disgrace, into a snare of the devil.

1 Timothy 3:1-7 ESV

A: ¹¹[Our Lord] gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, ¹²for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ. Ephesians 4:11-12 NKJV

A: ²⁸Take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.

Acts 20:28 BLB

A: ²Shepherd the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight, not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you; not for shameful gain, but eagerly; ³not domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock. ⁴And when the chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory.

1 Peter 5:2-4 ESV

THE STRENGTH AND PROMISE IN THE OFFICE OF THE HOLY MINISTRY

P: Hear what Holy Scripture says concerning the strength and promise God gives to those in the Office of the Holy Ministry.

A: ¹³“You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people’s feet. ¹⁴“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

Matthew 5:13-16 ESV

A: ¹⁷“Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.” ¹⁸For it is not the one who commends himself who is approved, but the one whom the Lord commends.

2 Corinthians 10:17-18 ESV

A: ¹⁴Continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them, ¹⁵and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, ¹⁷that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 3:14-17 NKJV

The presiding minister addresses the candidate:

P: Dear brother in Christ, the Lord grant that you receive and keep these words in your heart so that you may be strengthened and encouraged

in your labors. God gathers His Church by and around His Holy Gospel and thereby also grants it growth and increase according to His good pleasure. That this may be done, He has established the Office of the Holy Ministry into which you have been called by the Church and are now to be ordained and consecrated by prayer and the laying on of hands.

In the presence of this congregation and before our Lord God to whom you must give an account now and at the Last Day, I now ask you: Do you acknowledge that the Lord has called you through His Church into the ministry of Word and Sacrament?

R: *I do.*

P: Do you believe and confess the canonical books of the Old and New Testaments to be the inspired Word of God and the only infallible rule of faith and practice?

R: *Yes, I believe and confess the canonical Scriptures to be the inspired Word of God and the only infallible rule of faith and practice.*

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

R: *Yes, I believe and confess the three Ecumenical Creeds because they are in accord with the Word of God. I also reject all the errors they condemn.*

P: Do you confess the Unaltered Augsburg Confession to be a true exposition of Holy Scripture and a correct exhibition of the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church? And do you confess that the Apology of the Augsburg Confession, the Small and Large Catechisms of Martin Luther, the Smalcald Articles, the Treatise on the Power and Primacy of the Pope, and the Formula of Concord—as these are contained in the Book of Concord—are also in agreement with this one scriptural faith?

R: *Yes, I make these Confessions my own because they are in accord with the Word of God.*

P: Do you promise that you will perform the duties of your office in

accordance with these Confessions, and that all your preaching and teaching and your administration of the Sacraments will be in conformity with Holy Scripture and with these Confessions?

R: *Yes, I promise, with the help of God.*

P: Will you faithfully instruct both young and old in the chief articles of Christian doctrine, will you forgive the sins of those who repent, and will you promise never to divulge the sins confessed to you? Will you minister faithfully to the sick and dying, and will you demonstrate to the Church a constant and ready ministry centered in the Gospel? Will you admonish and encourage the people to a lively confidence in Christ and in holy living?

R: *Yes, I will, with the help of God.*

P: Finally, will you honor and adorn the Office of the Holy Ministry with a holy life? Will you be diligent in the study of Holy Scripture and the Confessions? And will you be constant in prayer for those under your pastoral care?

R: *I will, the Lord helping me through the power and grace of His Holy Spirit.*

The candidate kneels. The presiding minister lays both his hands directly on the head of the candidate.

P: [Jesus said:] “Peace be to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you.” And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, “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 NKJV

P: Vincent Andrew Mroz, I ordain and consecrate you to the Office of the Holy Ministry of the Word and Sacraments in the one, holy, Christian, and apostolic Church, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: The Lord Jesus pour out on you His Holy Spirit for this office and work that you may faithfully preach the Gospel and administer the Sacraments. Amen.

The assisting pastors each in turn lay both their hands directly on the newly ordained, adding an appropriate blessing or passage from the Word of God.

The assisting pastors, together with the presiding minister, may jointly lay hands on the newly ordained while the congregation prays the Lord's Prayer.

LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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.

The newly ordained stands and is vested with a stole.

The presiding minister and the newly ordained turn to face the congregation. The presiding minister says:

P: Beloved in the Lord, Holy Scripture says, "Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no advantage to you."

Will you, the faithful, according to the Church's public confession, and speaking for the whole Church, receive Vincent Andrew Mroz as a servant of Christ and minister of Word and Sacrament? If so, then answer: We will.

C: We will.

Please stand.

The presiding minister prays:

P: Let us pray.

O eternal, merciful God, You have spoken through Your own dear Son, saying that the harvest is plentiful but the laborers few and that we should ask You, the Lord of the harvest, to send laborers into Your harvest. Hear now our prayer on behalf of Vincent, who this day is ordained and consecrated to be Your minister in the Church. Strengthen him mightily to take up the Word of truth and faithfully to administer Your holy Sacraments.

O Lord Jesus Christ, our great High Priest, You gave Your own life to be a holy and perfect sacrifice for us and for our salvation. Grant Vincent a heart zealous for Your people and boldness to guide, comfort, admonish, and serve Your congregation with gentleness and wisdom. Fill him, Your undershepherd, with Your love that in Your name he will seek the straying and bear up the weak. Give him the heart never to grow weary in the service of Your flock.

O Holy Spirit, strengthen and keep Vincent in the Word of truth and life, and support him in every time of trouble and distress. Make his labors fruitful and, when the day of labor is ended, grant him to come with rejoicing before Your presence to receive with all the saints his portion in eternal salvation.

To You, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all glory and honor, both now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

INSTALLATION OF A MISSIONARY AT ORDINATION

You may sit.

The presiding minister addresses the congregation:

P: Beloved in the Lord, Vincent Andrew Mroz has been called by the Eastern District of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod to serve as a Regional Missionary to the Deaf.

I ask you now, in the presence of God: Will you support him by your gifts and fervent prayer? If so, then answer: We will, with the help of God.

C: We will, with the help of God.

P: The almighty and most merciful God strengthen and assist you always.

The presiding minister asks the missionary being installed:

P: Are you ready and willing to assume this public trust and responsibility?

R: *I am.*

P: Vincent Andrew Mroz, I install you as Regional Missionary to the Deaf, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Now may 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.

Please stand.

P: Let us pray.

Almighty and merciful God, our heavenly Father, guide and bless Your servant Vincent, sent forth to be a witness to the Deaf Community. Graciously look with favor upon him for the sake of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Grant him confidence and great boldness, uphold and sustain him in hardship, and grant him faithfulness in all his labors, so that through the speaking of Your Word the nations may come to worship before Your throne in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

P: Go, therefore, and be a shepherd of the Good Shepherd's flock. Preach the Word of God; administer the holy Sacraments; offer prayer for all the faithful; instruct, watch over, and guide the flock over which the Holy Spirit has placed you. Do it not for earthly gain but with great joy, for you have been called not to lordship but to serve His flock. And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away.

The almighty and most merciful God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

C: Amen.

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PRAYER

P: Merciful God, we humbly implore You to cast the bright beams of Your light upon the missional work in which You have called me to serve that through the spreading of Your Gospel to those who do not know You may hear it and accept it, creating life saving faith through Your Word and they may walk in the light of Your truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God whose power has no limit we ask You this day, grant to all people Your Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes only through You, that Your Word may not be bound but have free course and be preached and taught to all nations. Through the spreading of Your Holy Word the one true faith may be established with us bringing us into Your eternal kingdom which has no end. Amen.

Through faith which saves us we are bold to pray:

Our Father who art in heaven hallowed be Your name Your kingdom come Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven give us today our daily bread forgive us our trespasses same as we forgive those who trespass against us lead us not into temptation deliver us from evil for Thine is the kingdom the power and the glory forever.

C: Amen.

BENEDICTION

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look upon you with His favor and (†) give you His peace.

C: Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Spread, Oh, Spread, Thou Mighty Word

**Spread, oh, spread, thou mighty Word, Spread the kingdom of the Lord,
Wheresoe'er His breath has giv'n Life to beings meant for heav'n.**

**Tell them how the Father's will Made the world and keeps it still,
How His only Son He gave Man from sin and death to save.**

**Tell of our Redeemer's love, Who forever doth remove
By His holy sacrifice All the guilt that on us lies.**

**Tell them of the Spirit giv'n Now to guide us up to heav'n,
Strong and holy, just and true, Working both to will and do.**

**Up! The ripening fields ye see. Mighty shall the harvest be;
But the reapers still are few, Great the work they have to do.**

**Lord of Harvest, let there be Joy and strength to work for Thee
Till the nations far and near See Thy light and learn Thy fear.**

POSTLUDE

Send, O Lord, Your Servant Listens

Robert Lind

Participants:

District President

Preacher

Liturgists

Organist

Worship Assistant

Acolyte

Rev. John Pingel

Rev. Ronald Bright

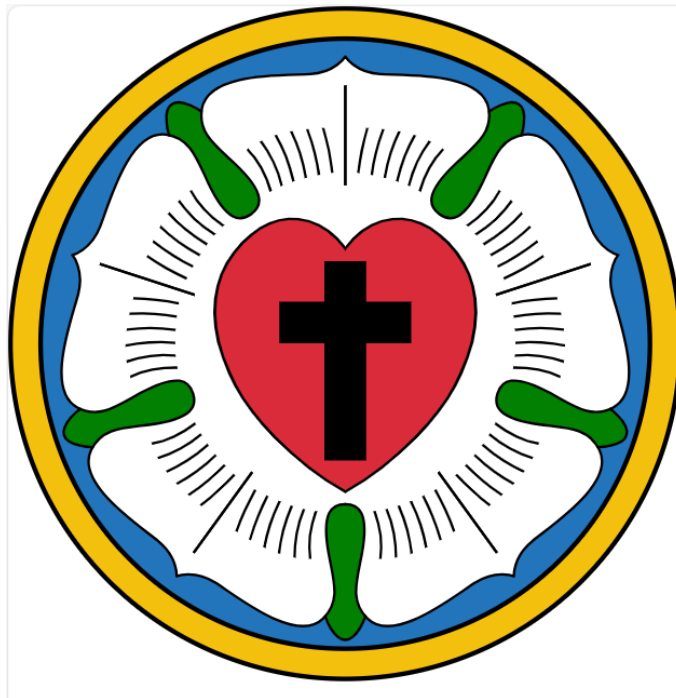
Rev. Edwin Bergstresser

Rev. Dr. John Reinke

Doug Skalka

John Crawford

Conner Schriver



About Vincent Mroz

For Vincent Mroz, becoming a pastor was not a plan. It was truly a calling. During high school, he wanted to join the U.S. Marines but shortly after he graduated, he got very sick, lost his hearing and started to have trouble with his vision. Initially, he was angry, not understanding why something like that happened to him. He recalls that at that time, he looked to Heavens and asked: Why, God, why? Later, Pastor Bright came to visit him and suggested Vincent become a pastor. Vincent's health started to improve and with that came the doubts if becoming a pastor was a right choice. Once Vincent started thinking about other careers, his health worsened again. Vincent saw that as a sign and decided to pursue the ministry.

Later he and Pastor Bright called Concordia Seminary St.Louis and learned about the E.I.I.T program for Deaf Ministry which seems to be where the Lord wants him to be. And now Vincent is truly excited and passionate to become the Regional Missionary to the Deaf in the Eastern District/Pittsburgh Region.

His plan is not to recreate the wheel but rather go back to the original design, go out through the region where the deaf are and create small groups to teach God's Word. The sad reality is that only 2 percent of deaf know who the Lord is. Vincent's hope is that through his service, the Lord uses him to grow the number of faithful deaf.

