

The Ordination of Lori Ann Fuller



Ruth Joy D.

"Spirit"

Sunday, February 27, 2022 ▪ 2:00pm

Christ The King Deaf Church

730 South New Street
West Chester, PA 19382



Welcome from Lori Fuller

What a joy to see you here in person and online as we come together as a community. On this special day, we come together to celebrate in all the ways that God calls each of us to live the love of Christ in the world. Thank you for accepting God's call. Without you accepting God's call, I would not be here. So come and see what God is up to next through all of us and the Holy Spirit.



The parts indicated with "L" are for the leader to read.



The parts indicated with "C" are for the congregation to read.

*For more information on the worship leaders,
please refer to the end of this bulletin.*



"I Love You God"

Gathering

"This is the Day"

Signed by members from
Christ the King Deaf Church
and **Word of Life Deaf Lutheran Church**

Words of Welcome

Pastor Beth Lockard, Coordinator of ELCA Deaf Ministries

Remembrance Of Baptism

Pastor Gisele Berninghaus



Blessed be the Holy Trinity + One God, the Fountain of Living Water, the Rock who gave us birth, our Light and our Salvation.



Amen.



Joined to Christ in the waters of Baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.



Let us give thanks for the gift of Baptism.



We give thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by Your Word, You created the world.



Calling forth life in which You took delight.



Through the waters of the flood, You delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea, You led Your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river, Your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and Your Word, You claim us as a child of God,



Making us heirs of Your promise and servants of all.



We praise You for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all,



We praise You for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.



Shower us with Your Spirit,



Renew our lives with Your forgiveness, grace, and love.



To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.



Amen

Prayer of the Day

Deacon Dorothy Sparks



Almighty and merciful God, You built Your church on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, and You instituted the office of the ministry of Word and Sacrament so that the apostolic and prophetic work might continue throughout the ages. Grant that Lori, now to be ordained, may carry out this ministry faithfully in the power of Your Spirit; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior, and Lord.



Amen.

The Word

First Reading

Pastor Michelle Lewis

Isaiah 42:5-9 (The Inclusive Bible)

Thus says YHWH, Who created the heavens and spread them out, who gave shape to the earth and what it produces, who gave life to its people and spirit to its inhabitants:

I, YHWH, have called you to serve the cause of right; I have taken you by the hand, and I watch over you. I have appointed you to be a covenant people, a light to the nations: to open the eyes of the blind, to free captives from prison, and those who sit in darkness from the dungeon. I am YHWH! This is my Name! I will not yield My glory to another god or My praise to idols! See how former predictions have come true. And now I declare new things! Before they spring forth, I tell them to you.



Word of God, Word of Life.



Thanks be to God!

Second Reading

Bob Tortora

Ephesians 4:4-16 (The Inclusive Bible)

There is one body and one Spirit - just as you were called into one hope when you were called. There is one Savior, one faith, one baptism, one God and one Creator of all, who is over all, who works through all and is within all. Each of us received God's grace in the measure in which Christ has bestowed it. Thus you find scriptures saying, "You ascended on high, leading captives in Your train, and giving gifts to people." "You ascended"—What does this mean but that Christ first descended into the lower regions of the earth? The one who descended is the very One who ascended high above the heavens in order to fill the whole universe. And to some, the gift they were given is that they should be apostles; to some, prophets; to some, evangelists; to some, pastors and teachers. These gifts were given to equip fully the holy ones for the work of service, and to build up the body of Christ-until we all attain unity in our faith and in our knowledge of the Only Begotten of God, until we become mature, attain in the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. Let us then be children no longer, tossed here and there, carried about by every wind of doctrine, or by the human trickery or crafty, deceitful schemes. Rather, let us speak the truth in love, and grow, to the full maturity of Christ, the head. Through Christ, the whole body grows. With the proper functioning of each member, firmly joined together by each supporting ligament, the body builds itself up in love.



Word of God, Word of Life.



Thanks be to God!

Gospel

Pastor Beth Lockard



The Holy Gospel according to John, the 20th chapter.



Glory to you, O Lord.

John 20:19-23 (The Inclusive Bible)

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were locked in the room where the disciples were, for the fear of the Temple authorities. Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Having said this, the Savior showed them the marks of crucifixion. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw Jesus who said to them again, "Peace be with you. As Abba God sent Me, so I'm sending you." After saying this, Jesus breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, they are forgiven. If you retain anyone's sins, they are retained.



The Gospel of the Lord.



Praise to you, O Christ.

The Message

Pastor Beth Lockard

Hymn

"God's Table"

Song signed by
Deacon Dorothy Sparks.



"Jesus"

Ordination to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament

Presentation

Bishop Pedro Suarez

Because all of its baptized members share in Christ's ministry of love and service, the Church equips and supports them for their ministries in the world. Within this context of ministry, the Church calls some of its baptized members for specific ministries.



Within the people of God and for the sake of the gospel ministry entrusted to all believers, God has instituted the office of the ministry of Word and Sacrament. In the service of Ordination to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament, the Church entrusts this office to those who have accepted the church's call and sends them into this ministry.

Pastor Beth Lockard



I present for ordination to the ministry of Word and Sacrament Lori Fuller, who has been prepared, examined, and approved for this ministry by the Florida-Bahamas Synod to serve Palms Deaf Church.

Address and Questions

Bishop Pedro Suarez



All baptized Christians are called to share in Christ's ministry of love and service in the world, to the glory of God and for the sake of the human family and the whole creation. According to apostolic usage, you are now to be entrusted with the office of Word and Sacrament in the one holy catholic church by the laying on of hands and by prayer.

Pastor Gisele Berninghaus



A reading from John: Jesus said, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent Me, 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)

Pastor Michelle Lewis



A reading from Matthew: Jesus said, "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, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Matthew 28:18-20)

Pastor Beth Lockard

A reading from First Corinthians: I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when He was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "This is My body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of Me." In the same way, He took the cup also, 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)



Bishop Pedro Suarez

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



Lori Fuller: I will, and I ask God to help me.

Bishop Pedro Suarez

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?



Lori Fuller: I will, and I ask God to help me.

Bishop Pedro Suarez



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

Lori Fuller: I will, and I ask God to help me.

Bishop Pedro Suarez



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

Lori Fuller: I will, and I ask God to help me.

Bishop Pedro Suarez



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



Amen.



Prayers of God's People

Pastor Beth Lockard



With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the Church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

Suzanne Dunleavy



For the holy catholic church, that, filled with your love, it may hunger for truth and thirst after righteousness: God of mercy,



See our prayer.

Robert Dunleavy



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



See our prayer.

Deacon Dorothy Sparks



For Lori Ann Fuller, called to the ministry of Word and Sacrament in the Church, that, sustained by Your Holy Spirit, she may carry out this ministry with joy and a spirit of bold trust, serve Your people, build up Your Church, and glorify Your name: God of mercy,



See our prayer.

Mary Edwards



For all ministers of Word and Sacrament;
for all ministers of word and service; for Presiding
Bishop Eaton and Florida-Bahamas Bishop Suarez, and
all of our bishops; that together with all those
responsible for the care and nurture of Your people,
they may support one another in serving Christ:
God of mercy,



See our prayer.

Jeannie Fischer



For the peace of the Church, that our divisions may be
overcome, so that, united in Christ, we may serve the
world and bear witness to the good news:
God of mercy,



See our prayer.

Barbara Simpson



For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it
may proclaim the gospel and in humble love serve all
in need: God of mercy,



See our prayer.

Bob Tortora



For the nations of the world and their leaders,
that they may work for justice
and promote the dignity and freedom of every person:
God of mercy,



See our prayer.

Gordon Bartens



For the whole creation, that everything You have made
may fulfill Your purpose and that we may exercise care
for Your diverse gifts: God of mercy,



See our prayer.

Luanne Bartens



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



See our prayer.

Pauline Johnston



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: God of mercy,



See our prayer.



Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.



Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Deacon Dorothy Sparks

We encourage you to copy the ASL version of the prayer led by Deacon Dorothy Sparks.

OUR FATHER
in heaven
HALLOWED BE YOUR NAME
YOUR Kingdom COME
Your will be done
ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN
· GIVE US THIS DAY ·
our daily bread
AND FORGIVE US OUR DEBTS
as we forgive our debtors
AND DO NOT LEAD US INTO TEMPTATION
but deliver us from the evil one
FOR YOURS IS
THE Kingdom AND
THE Power AND
THE Glory FOREVER
AMEN

Laying on of Hands

Invitation

The presiding minister lays both hands on Lori. Other ministers may be invited by the presiding minister to participate.

Bishop Pedro Suarez

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

Bless Your servant's proclamation of Your word and administration of Your sacraments, so that Your Church may be gathered for praise and strengthened for service.



Make Lori a faithful pastor, patient teacher, and wise counselor. Grant that in all things Lori may serve without reproach, that Your people may be renewed and Your name be glorified in the Church; through Jesus Christ, our Savior, and Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Amen.



Giving of a Stole

The candidate may remain kneeling. A stole is placed over the candidate's shoulders as the presiding minister says:

Bishop Pedro Suarez



Receive this stole as a sign of your work, and live in obedience to the Lord Jesus, serving His people and remembering His promise: "Come to Me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, 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." (Matthew 11:28-30)

Charge

Lori stands. The following scripture passages are addressed to Lori.

Pastor Beth Lockard



Hear the words of the apostles: Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called. (1 Timothy 6:11-12)

Deacon Dorothy Sparks



And again: Take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you guardians, to feed the Church of God, obtained with the blood of God's own Son. (Acts 20:28)

Gloria Weiler



And again: Tend the flock of God that is in your charge, not under compulsion but willingly, not for sordid gain but eagerly. Do not lord it over those in your charge, but be examples to the flock. And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will win the crown of glory that never fades away. (1 Peter 5:2-4)

Connie Wallace



And again: Think of us in this way, as servants of Christ and stewards of God's mysteries. Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy. (1 Corinthians 4:1-2)

Bishop Pedro Suarez



Lori, 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.

Blessing

Bishop Pedro Suarez



The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, The Great Shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make you complete in everything good so that you may do God's will, working in you that which is pleasing in God's sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever.



Amen.

The assembly stands.

Acclamation by the Assembly

The ministers and the candidate face the assembly. The presiding minister addresses the assembly.

Bishop Pedro Suarez



Will you, assembled as the people of God and speaking for the whole church, Receive Lori Fuller as messenger of Jesus Christ, sent by God to serve all people with the gospel of hope and salvation? Will you regard her as a servant of Christ?



We will, and we ask God to help us.

Bishop Pedro Suarez



Will you pray for her, help and honor them for her work's sake, and in all things strive to live together in the peace and unity of Christ?



We will, and we ask God to help us.

The presiding minister presents the newly ordained to the assembly.

Bishop Pedro Suarez



Let it be acclaimed that Lori Fuller is a called and ordained minister of Word and Sacrament in the Church of Christ. Lori Fuller has Christ's authority to preach the word of God and administer the sacraments, serving God's people as together we bear God's creative and redeeming love to all the world.



Amen. Thanks be to God.

Peace

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ. Guests, please remain in your places.

Rev: Lori Fuller



The peace of Christ be with you always.



And also with you.

The assembly is seated. The service continues with the offering.

Offering Invitation

Today's offering supports the Evangelical Lutheran Deaf Association and their work in and among the Deaf Community.

Offering Prayer

Rev. Lori Fuller



Blessed are you, O Lord our God, Maker of all things. Through Your goodness You have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to Your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that You have made, for the sake of him who gave Himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord.



Amen.

Sending

Benediction

Rev. Lori Fuller



The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.
✠ Amen.

Introduction of Guests

Video from Pastor Ruth Ulea and Samuel Dimas

Dismissal

Rev. Lori Fuller



Go in peace, love your neighbor, serve the Lord!



Thanks be to God!

THANK YOU



Please join us for a reception immediately following this ordination service.

Special Thanks from Lori Fuller

Thank you to the following for your presence and sharing your gifts in today's service:

- Bulletin Artwork: Ruth Joy Darrell, Christ the King Deaf Church
- Presiding: Bishop Pedro Suarez, Bishop of Florida-Bahamas Synod
- Preacher: Pastor Beth Lockard, Christ the King Deaf Church
- Worship Participants: Bishop Pedro Suarez, Pastor Beth Lockard, Deacon Dorothy Sparks and Pastor Michelle Lewis (Bread of Life Deaf Lutheran, Minneapolis), Pastor Gisele Berninghaus (Lori's first pastor in Wisconsin and Mission Developer coach), Bob Tortora, Jeannie Fischer, Luanne Bartens, Gordon Bartens, Pauline Johnston (Word of Life Deaf Lutheran, Lancaster, PA), Connie Wallace (Christ the King Deaf Church), Mary Edwards, Barbara Simpson (part of Jamaica mission team), Suzanne and Robert Dunleavy (part of Bible Study group), Gloria Weiler (Book Club), and Lutheran Church of Christ in Nigeria (LCCN)
- Media Support: Brad Rhein and Curtis Fuller
- Interpreters: David Evans and Debra Knerr
- Cross Bearers: Riley and Eve Fuller
- Reception: Christ the King Deaf Church and Word of Life Deaf Lutheran Church
- Cake made by Dawn Campos-Herrera, Christ the King Deaf Church
- Thank you to Calvary Lutheran Church for the use of the sanctuary, technology equipment, and fellowship hall.

I would also like to recognize the stole that was used today as a gift from Edward “Ed” Norman Cornielson’s family when I graduated from Luther Seminary. Ed was a pastor for many years and when he retired, he attended St. Matthew’s Lutheran Church where my family and I attended for several years before he passed on June 18th, 2019. Ed, you are missed and I am humbled to carry on the tradition. Special thank you to the Cornielson family for trusting me with this incredible gift of the stoles that Ed used during his ministry and the unconditional love and support.



I feel it’s important to recognize all those who journeyed with me through the years as God worked through many people in my life that led to this day. But this list is not complete AND it continues.

- Curtis Fuller-my better half, father of my children, and greatest advocate in my life.
- Daughters Joy, Riley, and Eve Fuller—What a blessing you are to us!
- Pastor Gisele Berninghaus from Hands of Christ Deaf Ministry, Wisconsin.
- Evangelical Lutheran Deaf Association community throughout the United States
- Bread of Life Deaf Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota
- Christ the King Deaf Lutheran Church, West Chester and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

- St. Thomas University, Miami, FL (Pastoral Studies and the Deaf)
- St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, Ocala, FL (home congregation)
- Luther Seminary (St. Paul, MN) including professors, staff, MDiv X Cohort 1, plus interpreters David Evans and Charmaine Koppinger
- Cathy Christiansen (Spiritual Director)
- Lutheran Church of Christ in Nigeria (LCCN)

A special thanks to the following people who journeyed with me in the internship experience at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in Ocala, Florida.

Internship Supervisors:

- Pastor Beth Lockard
- Pastor Dennis Koch

Internship Committee:

- Susan Schaffer-Chairperson
- Shirley Rice
- Lisa Corneilson
- Linnea Corneilson
- John Baker
- David Freudenburg
- Dorothy Cole-Jackson

*Today's offering is being taken to support the
Evangelical Lutheran Deaf Association*

The Evangelical Lutheran Deaf Association (ELDA) is a national Lutheran organization of Deaf ELCA congregations, interpreted ministries, and their members which supports a core value of ASL and American Deaf Culture. ELDA advocates Deaf spirituality and empowerment, Deaf global missions and youth outreach, interpreter training, and a biennial conference.



**Lori first became involved with ELDA in the early 2000's
through Hands of Christ Deaf Ministry.**

Please consider joining ELDA for their annual conference in
2022 to be held in Lancaster Pennsylvania June 26-28.

Learn more at:
<https://www.wordoflifedeaf.org/elda-2022-conference>

*Lori has been called as the
founding pastor of Palms Deaf Church*



*Experiencing and sharing the Love of
Christ through American Sign Language*

Palms Deaf Church will be a hybrid ministry sharing God's love
through in-person and online communities as part of the
Florida-Bahamas Synod.

Learn more at PalmsDeaf.org