



# Installation

**WELCOME TO**  
**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL**  
2415 Silas Creek Parkway  
Winston-Salem, NC 27103  
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**Installation of the Reverend Doctor Keith Less**  
**July 31, 2016 – 10:45 a.m.**

***St. John's Mission: To help one more person get to Heaven  
by pointing them to Jesus Christ.***

**Welcome**

*(Please Stand)*

**Processional Hymn #644      “The Church’s One Foundation”**

**Confession and Absolution**

L: Trusting in the word of life given in baptism, we gather together in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

L: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

L: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(Silence for personal confession and reflection)

L: Most merciful God,

**C: We confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

L: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**Hymn of Praise #744**

**“Amazing Grace”**

**Prayer of the Day**

L: 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 preach 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.

**C: Amen.**

*(Be Seated)*

**Old Testament Lesson**

**Joshua 1:7-9**

(Reverend Jim Daub, Pastor, St. Paul Lutheran Church, Havelock, NC)

<sup>7</sup>Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to do according to all the law that Moses my servant commanded you. Do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may have good success wherever you go. <sup>8</sup>This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. <sup>9</sup>Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”

**Anthem**

***Sing to the Lord a New Song***

**Heinrich Schütz**

**Epistle Lesson**

**Romans 12:1-8**

(Reverend Bryan Chestnut, Pastor, Grace Lutheran Church, Durham, NC)

<sup>1</sup>I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. <sup>2</sup>Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

<sup>3</sup>For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. <sup>4</sup>For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, <sup>5</sup>so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. <sup>6</sup>Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; <sup>7</sup>if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; <sup>8</sup>the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

**The Well**

***“This is Amazing Grace”***

*(Please Stand)*

**The Holy Gospel**

**Mark 10:35-45**

(Reverend Dr. Mike Ramey, Senior Pastor, Bethel Lutheran Church, Claremont, NC)

<sup>35</sup>And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came up to [Jesus] and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." <sup>36</sup>And he said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?" <sup>37</sup>And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." <sup>38</sup>Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" <sup>39</sup>And they said to him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized, <sup>40</sup>but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." <sup>41</sup>And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John. <sup>42</sup>And Jesus called them to him and said to them, "You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. <sup>43</sup>But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, <sup>44</sup>and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. <sup>45</sup>For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

**Hymn of the Day # 827            "Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling"**

**Sermon**            Reverend Dr. Matthew Bean (Senior Pastor, Redeemer Lutheran Church,  
Richmond, Virginia)

**Apostle's Creed**

**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.**

**RITE OF INSTALLATION** (Reverend Bill Beyer, Senior Pastor, Holy Cross Lutheran Church,  
Clayton, NC and Second Vice President, Southeastern District, LCMS)

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

**C: Amen.**

L: Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, the Reverend Dr. Keith Less has been called to be the Pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. Hear now what Holy Scripture says concerning the office of the public ministry.

### **The Institution of the Office of the Holy Ministry**

L: Jesus came and spoke to them, saying "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." (Matthew 28:18-20)

### **The Responsibilities of the Office of the Holy Ministry**

L: Hear what Holy Scripture says concerning the responsibilities of the office of the holy ministry. "When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you truly love me more than these?' 'Yes, Lord,' he said, 'you know that I love you.' Jesus said, 'Feed my lambs.' Again Jesus said, 'Simon son of John, do you truly love me?' He answered, 'Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.' Jesus said, 'Take care of my sheep.' The third time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, 'Do you love me?' He said, 'Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you.' Jesus said, 'Feed my sheep.'" (John 21:15-17)

### **The Strength and Promise in the Office of the Holy Ministry**

L: Hear what Holy Scripture says concerning the strength and promise God gives to those in the office of the holy ministry. "Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, serving as overseers—not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not greedy for money, but eager to serve; not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock. And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away." (1 Peter 5:2-4)

### **Presiding minister addresses the pastor-elect:**

L: Keith, the Lord grant that you receive and keep these words in your heart that you may be strengthened and encouraged in your labors. God gathers his Church by and around his holy Word and also grants it growth and increase. That this may be done, he has established the office of the public ministry into which you were ordained. It is fitting that you should again acknowledge the responsibilities of this holy office in which you are to serve this congregation.

In the presence of God and of this congregation I now ask you:

Do you believe 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?

Response: I do.

L: Do you accept 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?

Response: I do.

L: Do you believe that the Unaltered Augsburg Confession is a true exposition of Holy Scripture and a correct exhibition of the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church; that the Apology of the Augsburg Confession, the Small and Large Catechisms of Martin Luther, the Smalcald Articles, the Treatise on the Authority 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?

Response: I do.

L: 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 the Holy Scriptures and with these Confessions?

Response: I do.

L: 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?

Response: I will with the help of God.

Pastor: Finally, will you adorn the office of the public ministry with a holy life?

Response: I will, the Lord helping me through the power and grace of his Holy Spirit.

**Presiding minister addresses the congregation:**

L: You have heard the solemn promise of Keith Less, called to be your Pastor. Will you now receive him, show him that love, honor, and obedience in the Lord which you owe to the shepherd and teacher placed over you in your Lord Jesus Christ, and will you support him by your gifts and pray for him always that in his labors he may retain a cheerful spirit and that his ministry among you may be abundantly blessed?

**C: We will with the help of God.**

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

**Presiding minister addresses the pastor-elect:**

L: Keith, are you willing and ready to assume this trust and responsibility?

Response: I am

L: Keith Less, I install you as the Pastor of Saint John's Lutheran Church in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

L: May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in you what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. (Hebrews 13:20-21)

**People: Amen.**

(Pastors come forward, lay hands on the newly installed pastor, and offer a blessing.)

**Prayer**

L: Merciful God and Father, you have graciously promised that through the preaching of the crucified Christ those who believe in him will be saved. By your Holy Spirit grant grace to Keith whom you have given to be the Pastor of this congregation. Grant him readiness and steadfastness in this ministry, patience, understanding, and great zeal. Support and strengthen him in your service that by your Word your Church may be built and increased; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**Lord's Prayer**

**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.

**Benediction**

*Numbers 6:24-26*

L: 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.

**C: Amen.**

**Recessional Hymn #837**

**“Lift High the Cross”**

**(V. 1, 2, 5, 6)**

**Postlude**

***Psalm 19- The Heavens Declare***

**Benedetto Marcello**

**Did you pick up the Separate Announcement  
sheet **“Weekly News ”** in the church entry?**

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## Pastor's Bio/Thank-You Notes

The Reverend Dr. Keith G. Less is a Concordia graduate, who comes to Winston-Salem with over 30 years of experience in the Lutheran Church. He has served many congregations since his Ordination.

Most recently serving Trinity Lutheran Church in Chestertown, MD., where Pastor Keith was the Senior Pastor since 2004. Pastor Less has also served the Southeastern District LCMS as Circuit Counselor since 2009.

We welcome Pastor Keith, his wife Denise, their daughters, Janna and Kiri to St. John's. We are blessed by God to have them here.

We also welcome our guest Clergy this morning who are participating in the Installation Service.

We are grateful for their commitment to share this joyous event.

Thank you to;

Reverend Bill Beyer, Senior Pastor, Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Clayton, NC

Reverend Beyer is the Second Vice President of the Southeastern District, LCMS

Pastor David Tessman, Redeemer Lutheran Church, Burlington, NC

Pastor Tessman is also the Circuit Visitor for the Southeastern District LCMS, District 14

Reverend Jim Daub, Pastor, St. Paul Lutheran Church, Havelock, NC

Reverend Bryan Chestnut, Pastor, Grace Lutheran Church, Durham, NC

Reverend Dr. Mike Ramey, Senior Pastor, Bethel Lutheran Church, Claremont, NC

Reverend Dr. Matthew Bean, Senior Pastor, Redeemer Lutheran Church, Richmond, VA



***Our Sunday Worship*** - Morning services are at  
8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Sunday School and  
Adult Bible Class both begin at 9:45 a.m.

***A Great Place to Grow in Christ***

*As a part of our outreach ministry, we have a  
Preschool/Pre-K program and Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade.  
All programs/grades have full-time care available.*

**Rev. Dr. Keith Less - Pastor**

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**Tom Baldwin, Director of Admissions and Community Relations**  
**Sonia Davidson, Director of Preschool**  
**Michael Zeoli, Director of Music for Contemporary Worship**  
**Frances Burmeister, Director of Music for Traditional Worship**

**Altar Flowers** are given to the Glory of God by Keith & Clara Mckenzie

**July Ushers:** John Williams, Bob Sparks, Lisa Little, Larry Bowman