

The 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

May 31, 2026



North Riverdale
Lutheran Church
The Installation of
Pastor Richard Freudenberger

WELCOME TO NORTH RIVERDALE LUTHERAN CHURCH!

We are honored by your presence with us this afternoon. A few notes about our service:

- *Our worship service is hybrid – we also have people participating via Facebook Live.*
- *We invite you to take an active part in our worship service:*
 - ** marks the places to stand in body or in spirit.*
 - *The Congregation's spoken parts are **printed in bold print**.*
 - *Hymns and songs are found in the cranberry-colored hymnal **Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW)** in the pew rack in front of you.*
- *All are welcome to receive Holy Communion, without exception.*

WELCOME TO PASTOR KATIE KERRIGAN, ASSISTANT TO THE BISHOP OF THE SOUTHERN OHIO SYNOD FOR NEW AND RENEWING COMMUNITIES AND GENEROSITY.

[Pastor Katie Kerrigan](#) is representing the Southern Ohio Synod at this service. Pastor Richard works closely with Pastor Kerrigan in the Synod's Cultivate Ministries and CO:Lab programs and is happy that she is here today. In the service, she will be performing the installation ritual and preaching. Welcome, Pastor Kerrigan! Your presence is greatly appreciated.

INTRODUCTION TO THE GOSPEL THEME FOR THE DAY

The Gospel lesson that has been chosen for this installation service is the Parable of the Sower. God's word is like the sower who scatters seed indiscriminately. Our lives are like seeds sown in the earth. Even from what appears to be little, dormant, or dead, God promises a harvest. At the Lord's table we are fed with the bread of life, that we may bear fruit in the world. Like the sower, we are called to scatter seeds of life and the Word extravagantly everywhere around us.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers this week have been given by Donna Marsh in memory of Ron and in honor of the installation of Pastor Richard Freudenberger as our settled pastor.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS, INCLUDING JOYS & CONCERNS

* Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
whose compassion endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God,

we confess to you all our sins.

Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.

In your mercy, call us back to you.

Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.

Restore us to dwell in your peace.

In Christ's name we pray,

Amen.

Jesus says, "Come to me,
all you who are weary
and are carrying heavy burdens,
and I will give you rest."

In the name of God,

Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven.

Rest in God's love.

Amen.

* GATHERING SONG - *Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies* (ELW 553)

* GREETING

Beloved of God, called to be saints:
Grace, mercy, and peace be with you all.
And also with you.

* SONG OF PRAISE



☉ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,



al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. ☐ Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was



slain, whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.



☉ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,



al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. ☐ Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom, and



strength, and hon-or, bless-ing, and glo-ry are his.



☉ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,

al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. [I] Sing with all the peo-ple of God, and

join in the hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing, hon-or, glo-ry, and

might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.

[C] This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,

al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. [II] For the Lamb who was

slain has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia.

[C] This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty God, through your Son Jesus Christ you gave the holy apostles many gifts and commanded them to feed your flock. Inspire all pastors to proclaim your word diligently and your people to receive it willingly, that finally we may receive the crown of eternal glory; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

ALLELUIA, by Amadeus W. Mozart, Elizabeth Wareham, soprano.

WORD

FIRST READING: Genesis 12:1-5

A reading from the 12th chapter of Genesis.

¹ Now the LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. ² I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

⁴ So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. ⁵ Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother’s son Lot and all the possessions that they had gathered and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran, and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan,

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 86:11-17

¹¹ Teach me your way, O LORD, and I will walk in your truth;
give me an undivided heart to revere your name.

¹² I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all my heart,

and glorify your name forevermore.

¹³ For great is your love toward me;
you have delivered me from the pit of death.

¹⁴ The arrogant rise up against me, O God, and a band of violent people
seeks my life;
they have not set you before their eyes.

¹⁵ But you, O Lord, are gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger, and full of kindness and truth.

¹⁶ Turn to me and have mercy on me;
give your strength to your servant, and save the child of your
handmaid.

¹⁷ Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may see it
and be put to shame;
because you, LORD, have helped me and comforted me.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 4:11-13

A reading from the fourth chapter of Ephesians.

¹¹ He himself granted that some are apostles, prophets, evangelists,
pastors and teachers ¹² to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for
building up the body of Christ, ¹³ until all of us come to the unity of the faith
and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the
full stature of Christ.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*** GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Apostles' Creed

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

Presentation

The pastor to be installed and a representative of the calling body come before the presiding minister and the assembly.

The presiding minister addresses the assembly.

Having been authorized by the church to install Richard Albert Freudenberger, our co-worker in the gospel, as the pastor of North Riverdale Evangelical Lutheran Church,
I now ask for certification of this call.

A representative of the calling body addresses the presiding minister.

After prayerful deliberation,
we, of North Riverdale Evangelical Lutheran Church,
have called Richard Albert Freudenberger as the pastor of North Riverdale Lutheran Church. I present him and this letter certifying the call.

The representative gives the presiding minister the letter certifying that the call has been received and accepted.

The representative moves aside, and the assembly is seated.

Address and Questions

The presiding minister addresses the pastor being installed.

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 them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." (*John 20:21-23*)

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*)

A reading from First Timothy: Set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Attend to the public reading of scripture, to exhorting, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you through prophecy with the laying on of hands by the council of elders. Put these things into practice, devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress. Pay close attention to yourself and to your teaching; continue in these things, for in doing this you will save both yourself and your hearers. (*1 Timothy 4:12-16*)

The presiding minister questions the pastor being installed.

Richard, in the presence of this assembly
will you commit yourself to this new trust and responsibility,
in the confidence that it comes from God through the call of the church?

Response:

I will, and I ask God to help me.

Will you preach and teach in accordance with the holy scriptures
and with the confessions of the Lutheran church?

Will you carry out this ministry in harmony with the constitutions
of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America?

Response:

I will, and I ask God to help me.

Will you be diligent in your study of the holy scriptures
and in your use of the means of grace?

Will you love, serve, and 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?

Response:

I will, and I ask God to help me.

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

Response:

I will, and I ask God to help me.

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

The assembly responds:

Amen.

The assembly stands.

The presiding minister addresses the assembly:

* People of God,

will you receive Richard as a messenger of Jesus Christ

sent to serve all people with the gospel of hope and salvation?

Will you regard him as a servant of Christ and a steward of the mysteries
of God?

We will, and we ask God to help us.

Will you pray for him,

help and honor him for his 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 addresses the pastor being installed.

Richard, the office of pastor of North Riverdale Lutheran Church is now
committed to you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the

Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Blessing

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 presiding minister escorts the pastor to the place of baptism. A representative of the congregation says:

You have been called to be among us to baptize, to teach, and to forgive sins.

They proceed to the place of the word. A representative of the congregation says:

You have been called to be among us to proclaim the good news.

They proceed to the place of the meal. A representative of the congregation says:

You have been called to be among us to preside at the Lord's supper.

The presiding minister addresses the assembly:

People of God, I present to you Richard, your pastor.

Let us welcome him in the name of Christ.

*** PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Trusting in God's steadfast love for all God has made, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

God our gardener, you scatter grace like seed across the world. Continue to cultivate the garden of your church with your abundant Spirit. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

God our leader, you give life to your servants. Strengthen our pastor Richard that he might serve this congregation with grace and courage.

Give him peace and moments of joy in ministry that sustain him and inspire him to persist in these times of great change in society and the Church.

God of grace,

hear our prayer.

God our joy, your bountiful creation reflects your commitment to life despite our actions disregarding its wonder. We look toward Isaiah's vision, when all creation rejoices, and the trees will clap for joy at your salvation. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

God our life, you give us the same Spirit by which you raised Christ from the dead. Set our minds on that Spirit whenever fear or condemnation overwhelm people throughout the world, including in the Ukraine as well as on the streets of Dayton and our surrounding areas when violence erupts. We especially pray for the end of gun violence in our city. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

God our host and table, we pray for children who hunger and rely on school meals, for all who toil under the hot sun without refreshment, for the chronically ill who have exhausted their resources, and for local concerns. Today, we especially pray for those who are on our list of Joys & Concerns: _____. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

God our source, tend this assembly with your grace throughout this summer season. May those who travel for work or recreation do so safely, and may visitors find refreshment among us. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

We give you thanks that the roots of your goodness run deep throughout history. We remember those saints who have gone before us in faith. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Grateful for your abundant provision and trusting in your goodness, we cast all our cares upon you, through the abundant grace of Christ Jesus.

Amen.

*** THE SHARING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Please take a moment to share the peace of Christ with those seated near you. After that, please be seated for the offering.

MEAL

OFFERING AND CHOIR ANTHEM

*OFFERTORY

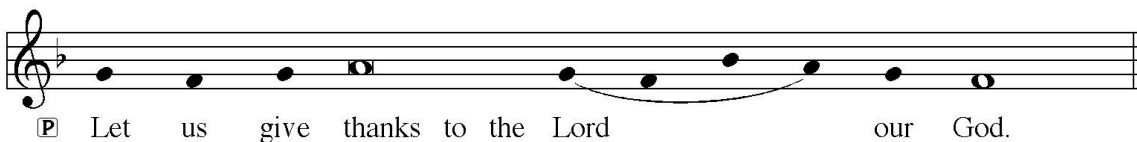
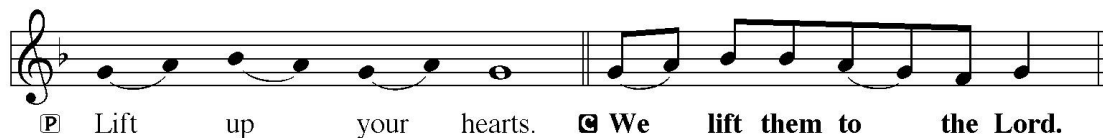


Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the
prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

* OFFERING PRAYER

Loving God,
we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts.
Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love,
so that all creation can taste your abundance.
We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. **Amen.**

* GREAT THANKSGIVING



* PROPER PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

*** INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Heaven has come near.
Come, share in the feast!

All are welcome to receive the bread and wine, no exceptions.

- *Let the usher know if you want the bread and wine brought to you at your seat.*
- *Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are available upon request.*
- *Please ask if you (child or adult) would like a blessing in addition to or instead of the bread and wine.*

LAMB OF GOD

☞ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION – *Let Us Break Bread Together* (ELW 471)

*** POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

*** PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Compassionate God,
through the gifts of bread and wine
our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love.
Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal,
may share your love freely, as you have shared with us.
We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.
Amen.

SENDING

*** BLESSING**

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer,
✠ one God,
bless, heal, and hold you
today and always.
Amen.

*** SENDING SONG** *Sent Forth by God's Blessing (ELW 547)*

*** DISMISSAL**

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!
Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE



GATHERING SONG *Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies* (ELW 553)

1 Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
Christ, the true and only light,
Sun of righteousness, arise,
triumph o'er the shades of night;
Dayspring from on high, be near;
Daystar, in my heart appear.

2 Dark and cheerless is the morn
unaccompanied by thee;
joyless is the day's return,
till thy mercy's beams I see,
till they inward light impart,
glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

3 Visit then this soul of mine,
pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
fill me, radiancy divine,
scatter all my unbelief;
more and more thyself display,
shining to the perfect day.

HYMN OF THE DAY *Lord, You Give the Great Commission* (ELW 579)

1 Lord, you give the great commission:
"Heal the sick and preach the word."
Lest the church neglect its mission,
and the gospel go unheard,
help us witness to your purpose
with renewed integrity:

Refrain
With the Spirit's gifts empow'r us

for the work of ministry.

2 Lord, you call us to your service:

"In my name baptize and teach."

That the world may trust your promise,
life abundant meant for each,
give us all new fervor, draw us
closer in community: Refrain

3 Lord, you make the common holy:

"This my body, this my blood."

Let us all, for earth's true glory,
daily lift life heavenward,
asking that the world around us
share your children's liberty: Refrain

4 Lord, you show us love's true measure:

"Father, what they do, forgive."

Yet we hoard as private treasure
all that you so freely give.
May your care and mercy lead us
to a just society: Refrain

5 Lord, you bless with words assuring:

"I am with you to the end."

Faith and hope and love restoring,
may we serve as you intend
and, amid the cares that claim us,
hold in mind eternity: Refrain

SENDING SONG *Sent Forth by God's Blessing* (ELW 547)

1 Sent forth by God's blessing,
our true faith confessing,
the people of God from this dwelling take leave.
The supper is ended.
Oh, now be extended
the fruits of this service in all who believe.
The seed of Christ's teaching,
receptive souls reaching,
shall blossom in action for God and for all.
Your grace shall incite us,
your love shall unite us
to work for your kingdom and answer your call.

2 With praise and thanksgiving
to God ever-living,
the tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face--
our faith ever sharing,
in love ever caring,
embracing God's children, the whole human race.
With your feast you feed us,
with your light now lead us;
unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living
with praise and thanksgiving
give honor to Christ and his name that we bear.