A Service of Godspeed and Gratitude for Pastors Mary & Tim Canniff-Kuhn



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST, 2020

CAMP SONGFEST

Singing will begin approximately 30 minutes prior to worship

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHER

Thanksgiving for Baptism Pastor Joanna Colley Gragg

Gathered around the waters of baptism, and the fire of the Holy Spirit,
we remember and give thanks for the gifts of God's grace--
gifts that wash, empower, and claim us.
(Pause for reflection)

We give you thanks, O God,
for in the beginning, through your Word,
you began to tell the great story of your love--
a story by which all things were spoken into being,
created in and through the goodness of the great Word,
shouted and whispered into every corner of creation.
Let us give thanks for the places we have heard and seen God's goodness...
(Assembly lifts up the places where we have heard and seen God's goodness)

We give you thanks, O God,
for the life and light that comes through you--
a light and life that is for all people, that all might behold your grace and truth;
a light that shines in the seemingly hopeless parts of our world,
upon those who are forgotten, overlooked and hurting;
a light that has illumined our lives in countless ways.
Let us give thanks for the ways we've seen God's light shine...

(Assembly lifts up the ways God's light has shone for them)

We give you thanks, O God,
for the presence and power with which you clothe us,
for empowering us to be children of God,
for the presence that dwells among us, always camping out in our midst,
for the gifts of your Spirit that have been strengthened in this place.
Let us give thanks for the spiritual gifts discovered and honed in us through outdoor ministry...
(Assembly lifts up the gifts/skills/wisdom that we have learned at camp through the empowering work of the Holy Spirit).

Let us shout our praise together:
We praise you, O God, for the gift of water, Word, and life.
We praise you, O God, for the gift of fire, Spirit, and new birth.
We praise you, O God, for the gift of Story and Song.

To you alone be given all honor and praise
through the Word, Jesus Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.
Amen.

Gathering Song **"Living Water"** **p. 37**

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

Prayer of the Day
God of all creation, through the person of Jesus you have ignited in us, your church, a fire that will never be extinguished. We give you thanks for the countless ways you have

rekindled our faith through the ministry of Pastors Tim and Mary. Continue to spark within us a radiant love for all of creation, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

STORY — Pastor Mary Canniff-Kuhn

The Mountain who Loved a Bird
By Alice McLerran

Song — "Psalm 25" — p. 47

SCRIPTURE — 2 Timothy 1:1-7 — Lori Bode

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,
To Timothy, my beloved child:
Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.
I am grateful to God — whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did — when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

Holy Wisdom. Holy Word.
Thanks be to God.

Please rise as you are comfortable, and remain standing for the reading of the Gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION "10,000 reasons (Bless the Lord)" p.22
chorus only, two times

GOSPEL John 14:15-21, 25-27

The holy gospel according to John the 14th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord

If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

The gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly may be seated.

SERMON	Pastor Mark Fitzsimmons	
SONG	“Set a Fire ”	p. 49
CREED	“I Believe (Lutheridge version)”	p. 26

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
Gathered together as siblings in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world and all those in need.

(we sing “Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying” in between petitions)

Loving God, we give you thanks for Pastor Mary and Pastor Tim. We give you thanks for the love that they have poured into the various ministries of Lutheridge over these past 25 years. We rejoice in the ways that their love has transformed the lives of countless campers, guests, and staff and the ways that their love is still at work today—transforming the Church and the world. May we, like Tim and Mary, reflect your abundant and reckless love for us in all we do.

Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place
Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us power, send us grace

Creating God, you raised up the mountains and carved out the valleys. You filled our world with teeming forests, rushing rivers, and amber plains. We give you thanks for places like Lutheridge which bring us into a fuller communion with your creation. You called us to be caretakers of your creation. We lament the ways we have failed to honor that call. We grieve with the communities around our world who bear the brunt of climate degradation.

Inspire us to live out an earth-honoring faith, that we may know the sacredness of all you have made.

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Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us power, send us grace

Mothering God, we pray for your children. We pray for the caretakers who nurture and raise them. We pray that all of your beloved ones would have safe places to play, grow, and learn. We pray that adults would listen to the wisdom and honor the leadership of the children in their lives.

Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place
Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us power, send us grace

Consoling God, we pray for all those who are weary, carrying heavy burdens, and in need of rest. We commend to you those who grieve, who suffer in body or mind, and all who need an extra measure of your grace. We name them now before you in the silence of our hearts or aloud on our lips…

(silent/spoken petitions)

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Uniting God, we pray for your church in the full diversity of its expression in the world. We pray for congregations, outdoor ministries, schools, seminaries, campus ministries, missionary communities, and all those places who gather in your word. May our churches be bold in their proclamation of your justice and radically inclusive in their welcome of your people.

Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place
Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us power, send us grace

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

PEACE
The peace of the Lord be with you all.
And also with you.

Let us share a sign of God's peace with one another.

MEAL

OFFERING
Your gift today supports our shared mission and ministry of providing life changing camp experiences in honor of the 25 years of leadership of Pastors Mary and Tim Canniff-Kuhn.

OFFERTORY So Much p. 49

GREAT THANKSGIVING Bishop Kevin Strickland

DIALOGUE
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.
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:

YOU ARE HOLY

You are holy (echo), You are mighty (echo)
You are worthy (echo), worthy of praise (echo)
I will follow (echo), I will listen (echo)
I will love you (echo), all of my days (echo)

I will sing to and worship the King who is worthy
I will love Him, adore Him, I will bow down before Him (2x)
You're my Prince of Peace and I will give my life to You

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal
we praise and glorify, worship and adore you.

You formed the earth from chaos;
you encircled the globe with air;
you created fire for warmth and light;
you nourish the lands with water.

You molded us in your image,
and with mercy higher than the mountains,

with grace deeper than the seas,
you blessed the Israelites and cherished them as your own.

So that we, estranged and dying,
might be adopted to live in your Spirit,
you called to us through the life and death of Jesus.

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.

Together as the body of Christ,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes:

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

With this bread and cup we remember your Son,
the first-born of your new creation.
We remember his life lived for others,
and his death and resurrection, which renews the face of the earth.

We await his coming,
when, with the world made perfect through your wisdom,
all our sins and sorrows will be no more.
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God, holy and merciful one, holy and compassionate
send upon us and this meal your Holy Spirit,
whose breath revives us for life,
whose fire rouses us to love.

Enfold in your arms all who share this holy food.
Nurture in us the fruits of the Spirit,
that we may be a living tree, sharing your bounty with all the world.
Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Holy and benevolent God,
receive our praise and petitions,
as Jesus received the cry of the needy,
and fill us with your blessing,
until, needy no longer and bound to you in love,
we feast forever in the triumph of the Lamb:
through whom all glory and honor is yours, O God,
with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, now and forever.
Amen.

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and give us courage to pray,

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

SONGS AT COMMUNION

Dance with Me	p. 14
All in All	p. 3
Madly	p. 40
Jesus, Lover of My Soul	p. 35
Light the fire	p. 36

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
AMEN.

The assembly may be seated.

SEND

THANKSGIVING AT THE CONCLUSION OF A CALL — Deacon Chandler Carriker

Pastor Mary and Pastor Tim come forward.

Address

Pastor Mary and Pastor Tim, on October 1, 1994, God called you to be pastors and program directors in this place: to proclaim God's word, to baptize and teach, to ignite imagination, to announce God's forgiveness, to keep campers and guests safe, and to preside at the Lord's table. With the gospel you have welcomed us to times of renewal, you have created opportunities for the rekindling of faith, you have challenged us to discover our gifts for service, and you have called us to justice and peacemaking on behalf of the world God loves. Sharing our joys and sorrows, you and your family have given witness to Christ's love and have enriched our life together. As you end this call, we say farewell, and we pray for God's blessing.

Chandler addresses the assembly.

People of God, friends of Lutheridge,
do you release Pastor Mary and Pastor Tim from service
as your program directors?
We do, and we give thanks to God for our ministry together.

Chandler addresses Pastors Mary and Tim.

Pastor Mary and Pastor Tim, do you recognize and accept
the completion of your ministry with Lutheridge and Novus Way?
Response: I do, and I give thanks to God for our ministry together.

Thanksgiving and Closing Circle Lori Bode & Chandler Carriker

The Canniff-Kuhn family is invited to join Pastors Mary and Tim for a closing circle that includes everyone here today. Tim and Mary and their family will receive yarn at this time, and others who are gathered are invited to receive a piece of yarn during the dismissal, on the way to the dining hall. The assembly is invited to gather around the family for the laying on of hands.

Let us pray.
Almighty God, through your Son Jesus Christ
you gave the holy apostles many gifts and commanded them to feed your flock.
You equip your people with abilities that differ according to the grace given to them, and
you call them to various avenues of service.

We give you thanks for the ministry of Mary and Tim among the people of God in this place.

You watch over our going out and our coming in:
bless this time of ending and beginning.

You surround your people in every time and place:
keep us close in your love.

You accompany your people in times of joy and times of trial:
prosper all that has been done to your glory in this time together;
heal and forgive all that has fallen short of your will for us.

Help Mary and Tim and their family and all of us
to live with courage and gladness in the future you give to us.
As they have been a blessing to us,
so now send them forth to be a blessing to others;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

BENEDICTION — Pastor Tim Canniff-Kuhn

SENDING SONG — "Faith Alive" — p. 15

DISMISSAL — Pastor Joanna Colley Gragg

The Spirit calls us to God's mountain.
With joy we have received welcome here.
The Spirit calls us to God's mountain.
With joy we have been called to serve
The Spirit calls us to God's mountain.
With joy we have been woven together.
The Spirit calls us to God's mountain.
With joy we are sent to tell God's story to the world
The Spirit calls us to God's mountain.
With joy we go and share the Good News of Jesus Christ.
Thanks be to God!

PROCESSIONAL SONG

"Marching in the Light of God"

(Marching - singing - praying - living - loving - dancing- Siyahamba)

As we sing, we process to the dining hall for a time of celebration. You're invited to take a piece of the closing circle yarn with you.

Summer Staff Alumni are invited to gather at the steps outside of Thornburg Hall after worship for a staff photo.

Return shuttles to parking at the Lutheran Church of the Nativity will begin 30 minutes after worship at the place where passengers were dropped off.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Prayers of the People

Pastor Will Rose
Charlotte Hickam
Craig Rieger
Gina Winemiller
Rebekah Swygert

Communion Distribution

Jenny Simmons
Pastor Austin Propst
Van Van Horne
Molly Brey Johnson
Kara Ridenhour

Musicians

Pastor Matt Simpkins
Pastor Jesse Canniff-Kuhn
Pastor Matt Canniff-Kesecker
Sam Winemiller
Nathan Canniff-Kuhn
Pastor Joseph Bolick
Ed Tompkins

Audio & Video

Matt Fink

Ushers & Greeters

Zenan Sutton
Pastor Mary Finklea
Sydney Davis
Laura Hammond

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Pastor Joseph Bolick
Pastor Andrea Bates
Pastor Austin Propst
Pastor Kyle Bates
Sue Tyler

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SUMMER STAFF ALUMNI NETWORK



The purpose of the NovusWay Alumni Network is to keep the summer staff of Lutheridge, Lutherock, Luther Springs, and Lutheranch connected to the ministry and to each other.

Join the network today at novusway.org/summerstaffalumninetwork

Upcoming Summer Staff Alumni Network Events

- **Lutheridge - August 15th, 2020**
- **Lutherock - November 7th, 2020**
- **All four sites at Lutheranch - August 14th, 2021**