FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Missouri Synod

The Ordination of Jefferson M. Arnold

June 23, 2024
Vespers – LSB 229
3:00 pm – livestreamed on Facebook and YouTube



AS WE GATHER

The Office of the Holy Ministry has been instituted by Christ Himself as a gift to His Church (John 20:19–23; Ephesians 4:11–16). Through the Christian congregation, as the holder of all churchly authority, God calls qualified men to fill this divinely established office. Ordination is the solemn, public confirmation of that call (1 Timothy 4:14–16; Titus 1:5–9; Tractate 70; Apology XIII 11–13).

The rites of ordination and installation are distinct. Ordination is the Church's recognition that a man has been rightly called by God through the Church into the Office of the Holy Ministry, whereas Installation marks the beginning of a pastor's work in a particular place.

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC – *Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord* (Franz Tunder)

Stand

PROCESSIONAL HYMN – LSB 913 – O Holy Spirit, Enter In



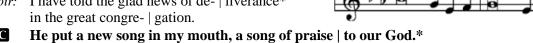




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PSALM - Psalm 43:3-4, 7-11, 16

Choir: I have told the glad news of de- | liverance*



 \mathbf{C} Many will see and fear, and put their trust | in the LORD.

Blessèd is the man who makes the | LORD his trust,* Choir: who does not turn to the proud, to those who go astray af- | ter a lie!

Then I said, "Behold, | I have come;* \mathbf{C} in the scroll of the book it is writ- | ten of me:

I desire to do your will, | O my God;* Choir: your law is with- | in my heart."

I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congre- | gation;* behold, I have not restrained my lips, as you know, | O LORD.

Choir: I have not hidden your deliverance within my heart;
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your sal- | vation;*
I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness from the great congre- | gation.

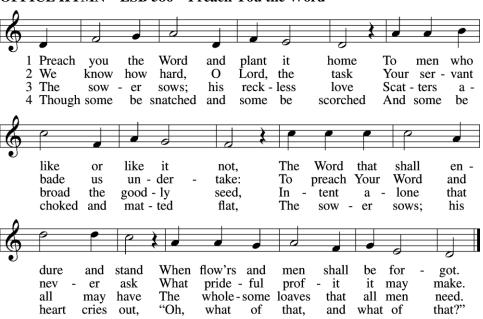
As for you, O LORD, you will not restrain your mer- | cy from me;* your steadfast love and your faithfulness will ever pre- | serve me!

Choir: But may all who seek you rejoice and be | glad in you;* may those who love your salvation say continually, "Great | is the LORD!"

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son* and to the Holy | Spirit; as it was in the be- | ginning,* is now and will be forever. | Amen. I have told the glad news of de- | liverance* in the great congre- | gation.

Sit

OFFICE HYMN - LSB 586 - Preach You the Word



- Of all his scattered plenteousness One-fourth waves ripe on hill and flat, And bears a harvest hundredfold: "Ah, what of that, Lord, what of that!"
- 6 Preach you the Word and plant it home And never faint; the Harvest Lord Who gave the sower seed to sow Will watch and tend His planted Word.

++ READINGS+++

READING – **Isaiah** 52:7-10 – The feet of him who brings good news.

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." The voice of your watchmen—they lift up their voice; together they sing for joy; for eye to eye they see the return of the LORD to Zion. Break forth together into singing, you waste places of Jerusalem, for the LORD has comforted his people; he has redeemed Jerusalem. The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

- A O Lord, have mercy on us.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

READING – Romans 10:14-17 – How are they to hear without preaching?

But how are they to call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!" But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?" So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

- **A** O Lord, have mercy on us.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

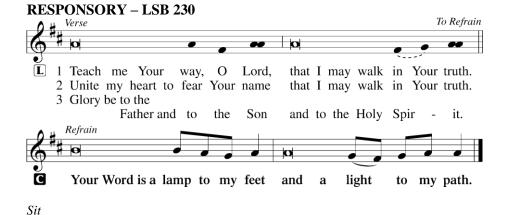
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READING – John 20:19-23 – As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.

- A The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.
- **C** Glory to You, O Lord.

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending 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 anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld."

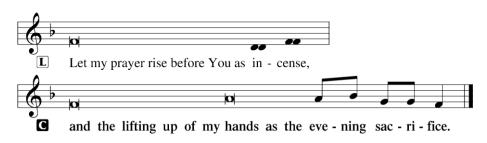
- A This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to You, O Christ.



SERMON – Called to Serve and Equip the Saints – Ephesians 4:11-14

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MAGNIFICAT – LSB 231



My soul mag-ni-fies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God, my Sav-ior;





+++ RITE OF ORDINATION+++

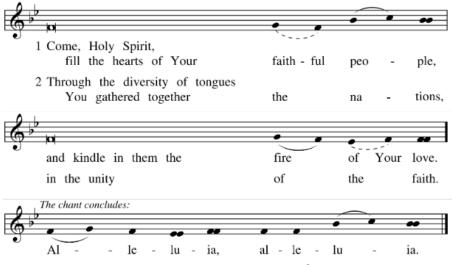
INVOCATION

- P In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.

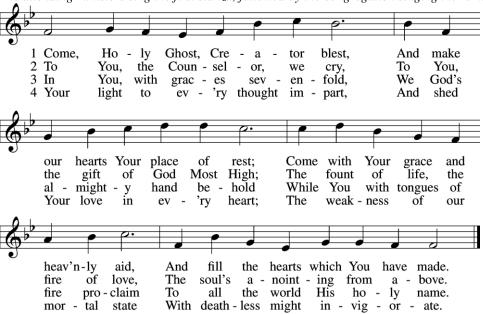
 C Amen.
- P Beloved in the Lord, Jefferson Arnold has been called by the Lord of the Church into the Office of the Holy Ministry of the Word and Sacraments. He has been prepared for this ministry by careful study and prayer. He has been examined and declared ready and prepared to undertake this sacred responsibility, and, by the guidance of God the Holy Spirit, he has in the Church's usual order been called to be pastor of Christ the King Lutheran Church in Mooresville, Indiana. According to apostolic practice, he is now presented to be ordained and consecrated to this office established by God.

The choir sings the following:



HYMN - LSB 498 - Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest

The attending ministers sing the first stanza, followed by the congregation singing the remaining stanzas.



- 5 Drive far away our wily foe, And Your abiding peace bestow; With You as our protecting guide, No evil can with us abide.
- 6 Teach us to know the Father, Son, And You, from both, as Three in One

That we Your name may ever bless And in our lives the truth confess.

△ 7 Praise we the Father and the Son And Holy Spirit, with them One, And may the Son on us bestow

The gifts that from the Spirit flow!

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SALUTATION and COLLECT

- **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.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

The Institution of the Office of the Holy Ministry

- A Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 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, teaching 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
- A Jesus said to them again, "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

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.
- ⚠ 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
- [Jesus] said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be preached in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem." Luke 24:46-47
- 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." 25 In 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 11:23-25

- 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, devote 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*
- This 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 trustworthy. 1 Corinthians 4:1-2
- 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*
- hehold, 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
- 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*
- 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, soberminded, 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. 7 Moreover, 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*
- [Our Lord] gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ. *Ephesians 4:11-12*
- Take 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
- ²[S]hepherd 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*

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*

- \blacksquare 17"Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord." 18 For it is not the one who commends himself who is approved, but the one whom the Lord commends. 2 Corinthians 10:17-18
- A Continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them, and 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. All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work. 2 *Timothy 3:14-17*

CONFESSIONAL SUBSCRIPTION

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?

- \mathbb{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?
- 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?
- 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.
- 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.

PROMISES

- 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.*

- 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.*
- 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.*

ORDINATION

- [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."
- P Jefferson Merrell Arnold, I ordain and consecrate you to the Office of the Holy Ministry of the Word and Sacraments in the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church, in the name of the Father and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- 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.

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.
 - 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 Jefferson as a servant of Christ and minister of Word and Sacrament? If so, then answer: We will.

C We will.

Stand

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 Jefferson, 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 Jefferson 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 Jefferson 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.

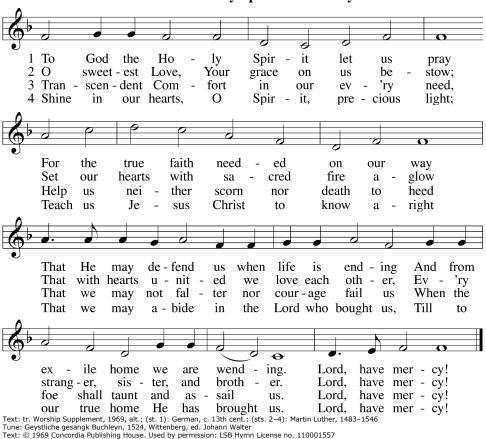
To You, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all glory and honor, both now and forever.

- C Amen.
- **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.

HYMN - LSB 768 - To God the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray



+++PRAYER+++



COLLECTS

- **P** O Lord, hear my prayer.
- **C** And let my cry come to You.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

- Let us pray. Almighty God, in Your mercy guide the course of this world so that Your Church may joyfully serve You in godly peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

COLLECT FOR ORDINATION

- Merciful God, we humbly implore You to cast the bright beams of Your light upon Your Church that we, being instructed by the doctrine of the blessed apostles, may walk in the light of Your truth and finally attain to the light of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

COLLECT FOR PEACE

- O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

BENEDICAMUS

- P Let us bless the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

- The grace of our Lord + Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C Amen.

HYMN TO DEPART - LSB 681 - Send, O Lord, Your Holy Spirit



SILENT PRAYER

POST-SERVICE MUSIC – *Tell Out My Soul, the Greatness of the Lord* (Gerald Near)

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Please join us after service in the Grand Hall for a reception in honor of Pastor Arnold's Ordination.

Ordination Choir: Kathy Powell, Lauren Gaskins, Katie Pettus, Shirin Hassan, Robert Gilbert, Carl Lenthe, Trevor Jones, and Vern Rogers

Cantor: Dr. Priscilla Gabriel

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Jeff Arnold graduated from Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne last month, completing a four-year Master of Divinity degree in residence. His Field Work assignment was at St. Peter's Lutheran Church and School in Fort Wayne, and his vicarage assignment was at St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church in Columbia City, IN.

He retired from Civil Service in 2019 after 30 years as an engineer at the Naval Surface Warfare Center, Crane, IN, where he specialized in electro-mechanical design for various DARPA and US Navy initiatives including the Submarine-Launched Ballistic Missile (SLBM) program. He also retired in August 2020 from the US Army National Guard as an air-assault qualified field artillery officer, Lieutenant Colonel, having completed 38 years of service and multiple combat tours. His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Air Assault Badge, and numerous campaign ribbons and devices.

In addition to the degree he was just awarded, Jeff holds a bachelor's degree in engineering from the University of Louisville Speed Scientific School, and a master's degree in strategic studies from the US Army War College at Carlisle Barracks, PA.

Jeff grew up all over the Midwest. He was born in Louisville, and made frequent moves throughout Indiana, Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Illinois. He has resided in Bloomington, IN since 1990. Jeff's wife Caryn is a native-born Hoosier and a nurse who works from home as a Medical Science Liaison with Medline. They have four adult children; three of whom are married and living in Bloomington, the youngest living in Muncie, having recently graduated from Ball State. They have three grandchildren: 9, 6, and 3.

You are cordially invited to attend the installation of Pastor Arnold: Sunday, July 7, 2024 3:00pm

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