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ZION'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
Defiance, Ohio

Installation of Pastor Thomas Zulick

Tuesday, March 10, 2026 — 6:00 p.m.

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— We Gather To Hear God's Word —

WELCOME		Dick Anderson
GATHERING SONG	"I Love to Tell the Story"	Red Book #661
PROCESSIONAL HYMN	"Lift High the Cross"	Red Book #660
CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS		Red Book Pg. 95
PASTORAL GREETING		Red Book Setting 4, pg. 147
KYRIE		Red Book Setting 4, pg. 147
PRAYER OF THE DAY		
<i>We sit</i>		
PSALM: Psalm 84:1-5		Helena Morris
READING: Romans 12:3-8		Helena Morris
LENTEN ACCLAMATION	"Return to the Lord, Your God"	Red Book Setting 4, pg. 151
<i>We sit</i>		
GOSPEL: John 10:7-18		Bishop Daniel Beaudoin
HOMILY		Bishop Daniel Beaudoin
<i>We stand</i>		
HYMN OF THE DAY	"Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service"	Red Book #712
APOSTLES CREED		Red Book Setting 1, pg. 105
<i>We sit</i>		
PRESENTATION		

INSTALLATION OF PASTOR THOMAS ZULICK

Bishop Beaudoin: Having been authorized by the church to install Pastor Thomas Zulick our co-worker in the gospel, as Pastor, I now ask for certification of this call.

Dick Anderson: After prayerful deliberation, we, of Zion's Lutheran Church Defiance have called Pastor Thomas Zulick to serve as a minister of word and sacrament in the position of Pastor.

Dick Anderson: We present Pastor Tom and this letter certifying the call.

Bishop Beaudoin: A reading from St. 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)*

Pastor Thomas Zulick, 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 faithful in your use of the means of grace? *Response:* I will, and I ask God to help me.

Trusting in God's care, 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.

All: Amen.

Bishop Beaudoin: People of God, will you receive Pastor Tom as a messenger of Jesus Christ sent to serve all people with the gospel of ope and salvation? Will you regard Pastor Tom as a servant of Christ and a steward of the mysteries of God?

All: We will, and we ask God to help us.

Will you pray for Pastor Thomas? Will you help and honor him in carrying out this ministry? I all things, will you strive to live together in the peace and unity of Christ?

All: We will, and we ask God to help us.

Bishop Beaudoin: Pastor Thomas, the office of Pastor is now committed to you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

BLESSING

Bishop Beaudoin: 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 by the glory forever and ever.

All: Amen.

