

**Paul Bushur** 

# New pastor to be installed

The Rev. Paul J. Bushur has been named pastor of First Lutheran Church, 1207 N. Broadway. He will be installed at 4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 9. The Rev. David Callies of

The Rev. David Callies of Memphis, president of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod Mid-South District, will conduct the installation. Assisting will be Circuit Counselor the Rev. Donald Glass of Christus Victor Lutheran Church, Knoxville. The Rev. Bushur's younger brother, the Rev. James G. Bushur of Trinity Lutheran Church in Goodland, Tenn., will deliver the sermon.

Bushur comes here from Trinity Lutheran Church in Urbana, Ill. He graduated from Concordia College in River Forest, Ill., with a bachelor's degree in theological languages in 1985 and from Concordia Theological Seminary in 1989 with a master of divinity degree. He also has served as pastor of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Arenzville, Ill.

He and his wife, Ann, also a Concordia College graduate, have four children.

# Service of the Word in honor of the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination of Reverend Paul J. Bushur

July 27, 2014 at First Lutheran Church, Knoxville, Tennessee

with Rev. Dr. Roger C. Paavola, President of the Mid-South District of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and area LCMS pastors assisting



# About Pastor Paul John Bushur

Born: October 1, 1963 in Indianapolis, IN to Raymond and Mary Bushur Baptized: October 20, 1963 St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Indianapolis, IN Confirmation: April 3, 1977 Calvary Lutheran Church Indianapolis, IN Confirmation Verse: "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." Matt 28:20 Marriage: Ann Jolene Stamm (Richard and Joanne Stamm) on June 28, 1986 at St. Paul Lutheran Church (Blue Point) Altamont, IL (Hymn at Wedding: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty)

Children: Bethany (Brad) Capehart, Meghan (Carter) Meissner, Thomas Bushur, Abigail Bushur

Ordination: July 9, 1989 at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Arenzville, IL (Hymn at Ordination: The King of Love My Shepherd Is)

Places of Service:

Immanuel Lutheran Church, Arenzville, IL, 1989 to 1992

Trinity Lutheran Church Urbana, IL, November 15, 1992 to 1998

First Lutheran Church, Knoxville. July 1998 to Present

Preparation for the Office:

Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, IN

Concordia College, River Forest, IL, May 1985: *Magna Cum Laud*, B.A. Pre-Seminary Biblical Languages

Vicarage at Trinity Lutheran, Great Falls, MT

Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, IN: Master of Divinity, May 19, 1989 Other family in the ministry:

Rev. Dr. James G. Bushur, professor of Early Church history at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, IN

Ecclesial activities and mission Trips:

2005 LCMS Lutheran Educators visit to China with wife Ann Bushur

Multiple trips to Camp Wartburg (a summer camp for people with mental disabilities) Multiple trips for local, regional, and national youth gatherings

Helped continue the ministry of Lutheran Campus Ministry at UT for college students Led hundreds of Christian Services, Bible Studies, Stations of the Cross, Live Nativities, and other Special Events, Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals, and Ordinations throughout first 25 years of service. Thanks be to God!

Favorite Hymn: Crown Him with Many Crowns

Processional Hymn: 819 Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good God, the high - est good, 1 Sing praise to The au-thor of cre pow'r has made, 2 What God's al might - y In mer-cy He is 3 We sought the Lord in our dis - tress; God, in 0 mer -CY 4 He nev - er shall for - sake His flock, His cho-sen gen er tion, The God of love who der - stood a un keep ing. By morn - ing glow eve - ning shade or Our Sav - ior hear us. saw our help - less - ness tion; He is their a ref uge and their rock, Our need for His sal - va tion. With heal-ing balm our -His eye is nev er sleep ing. With - in the king - dom And came with peace to cheer us. For this we thank and Their peace and their sal - va with a tion. As moth - er's souls fills He And ev ry faith less stills: mur mur of His might All things are just and good and right: praise the Lord, Who is by one and all a - dored: ten - der hand, He leads His own, His cho sen band: To God all praise glo and ry! To God all praise and glo ry! God To all praise and glo ry! To God all praise and glo ry!

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All who confess Christ's holy name, Give God the praise and glory. Let all who know His pow'r proclaim Aloud the wondrous story. Cast ev'ry idol from its throne, For God is God, and He alone:

To God all praise and glory! Public domain

#### **Opening Versicles**

- L This is the day which the Lord has made;
- Iet us rejoice and be glad in it.
- L From the rising of the sun to its setting,
- G the name of the Lord is to be praised.
- E Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;
- I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.
- L Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.
- Teach me Your paths.
- L Sanctify us in You truth.
- Your Word is truth.
- **I** From the rising of the sun to its setting,
- G the name of the Lord is to be praised.
- Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.



St. James, the Elder, Apostle



#### **Collect of the Day**

(The following historic collect observed for "St. James the Elder, Apostle" is a fitting prayer to honor the Office of Holy Ministry today and to remember our persecuted brothers in the faith throughout the world.)

C gracious God, Your servant and apostle James was the first among the Twelve to suffer martyrdom for the name of Jesus Christ. Pour out upon the leaders of Your Church that spirit of self-denying service that they may forsake all false and passing allurements and follow Christ alone, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. C Amen.

#### A Reading from an Old Testament Prophet

Isaiah 40:9-11

Luke 10:1-11, 16

<sup>9</sup>Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news;
lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news;
lift it up, fear not;
say to the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!"
<sup>10</sup>Behold, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him;
behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him.
<sup>11</sup>He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms;
he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.

#### A Reading from an Epistle of St. Paul

Response after each reading: This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Romans 12:1–8

<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.

#### A Reading from an Evangelist of Jesus Christ (please stand)

<sup>1</sup>After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him, two by two, into every town and place where he himself was about to go. <sup>2</sup>And he said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. <sup>3</sup>Go your way; behold, I am sending you

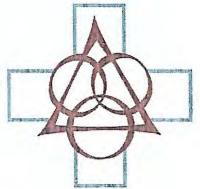
out as lambs in the midst of wolves. <sup>4</sup>Carry no moneybag, no knapsack, no sandals, and greet no one on the road. <sup>5</sup>Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace be to this house!' <sup>6</sup>And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest upon him. But if not, it will return to you. <sup>7</sup>And remain in the same house, eating and drinking what they provide, for the laborer deserves his wages. Do not go from house to house. <sup>8</sup>Whenever you enter a town and they receive you, eat what is set before you. <sup>9</sup>Heal the sick in it and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' <sup>10</sup>But whenever you enter a town and they do not receive you, go into its streets and say, <sup>11</sup>'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet we wipe off against you. Nevertheless know this, that the kingdom of God has come near.'

<sup>16</sup>"The one who hears you hears me, and the one who rejects you rejects me, and the one who rejects me rejects him who sent me."

#### **Apostles' 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. Sermon Hymn: 709 The King of Love My Shepherd Is

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Thou spreadst a table in my sight; Thine unction grace bestoweth; And, oh, what transport of delight From Thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days Thy goodness faileth never; Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise Within Thy house forever!

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#### Sermon

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# Rev. Dr. Roger C. Paavola

President of the Mid-South District LCMS

#### **Choral Offertory**

#### The Rite for Recognizing the Anniversary of Ordination (for Pastor Bushur)

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, with gratitude and joy we give thanks this day for

Pastor Paul Bushur, who 25 years ago was ordained and consecrated to the Office of the Holy Ministry in the one, holy, catholic/Christian, and apostolic Church. We thank God that He established this office in His Church through which "are imparted not bodily, but eternal things and gifts, namely, eternal righteousness, the Holy Spirit, and eternal life." We praise the Lord that He has permitted His servant to serve His Church these 25 years and that He has sustained and supported him and blessed his ministry among us.

# A Reading of Thanksgiving

<sup>3</sup>I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, <sup>4</sup>always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, <sup>5</sup>because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. <sup>6</sup>And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup>It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. <sup>8</sup>For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus.

#### A Reading of Encouragement

<sup>58</sup>Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

## **Prayer of the Church**

- L In peace let us pray to the Lord: C Lord, have mercy.
- **I** For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord: **G** Lord, have mercy.
- **L** For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:

#### G Lord, have mercy.

- L For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord: C Lord, have mercy.
- I For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- L For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord: C Lord, have mercy.
- L For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord: C Lord, have mercy.
- I For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:
- G Lord, have mercy.

#### Philippians 1:3-8

#### 1 Corinthians 15:58

[ I For . . . [additional bids for prayer may be inserted here] . . . let us pray to the Lord: C Lord, have mercy. ]

- **I** Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:
- G Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

# Collect of Thanksgiving for Paul's Service in the Office of Holy Ministry

Lord God, heavenly Father, You promised to send Your servants the Holy Spirit and to give them power from on high. We give thanks that through Your Word You also called Paul as Your servant and entrusted him with the Office of the Holy Ministry. We praise Your mercy and faithfulness and ask that You continue to keep him in good health and firm faith. Grant that he may continue to be a blessing to Your people and that they may be a blessing to him. Open everywhere the hearts of the faithful that Your Word may be received and that laborers in Your harvest may not be lacking. Cause Your Church to grow up into Him who is the head, even Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Cause Your

## **Collect for the Word**

E Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives on reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. C Amen.

## Lord's Prayer

- I Taught by our Lord, we are bold to pray:
- 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.



# You are invited to come and enjoy the reception in Pastor Bushur's honor in the Gymnasium.

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Thank you to Pastor Bushur for 25 years of faithful service in the Office of Holy Ministry.

Thank you to all who helped prepare for today and participate in the service of the Word and reception to help honor the Office of Holy Ministry and thanksgiving to our God. The Lord bless and keep you. Amen.

