



Lord, Not to me ...
But to You be the Glory

Psalm 115:1

*25th Anniversary Service
for Pastor Mark Voss*

SERVICE THEME:

“Not to us, O LORD, not to us but to your name be the glory, because of your love and faithfulness.” Psalm 115:1

PRESERVICE MUSIC – “Here I Am, Lord”

by Daniel L. Schutte, Arranged by Janet Liker

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

Dear Heavenly Father, as we gather in your house this special day, open our ears to hear your Word, open our hearts to love you and all people, and open our lips to praise and worship your holy name. Give us eyes to see the multitude of blessings you give to your Church through pastors, and move us to respond with lives of thanksgiving. Bless our worship, for Jesus sake. Amen.

HYMN – “Not Unto Us”

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INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us but to your name be the glory,

C: because of your love and faithfulness.

P: Gracious Lord, giver of everything that is good, we praise you for blessing the ministry of Pastor Voss these 25 years.

C: To you we give praise.

P: We thank you for pastors who proclaim your holy name through Word and Sacraments.

C: To you we give thanks.

P: Continue to use Pastor Voss and all pastors as tools of your Holy Spirit.

C: Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us but to your name be the glory.

THE CONFESSION OF SINS AND ABSOLUTION

P: As we come before the Holy Lord, we join in confessing our sins and receiving the assurance of his forgiveness.

C: O Lord, most holy and righteous God, we humbly acknowledge before you that we do not respect you as we should, and that we do not love you above all else. We do not love others as you desire, and we are much too interested in ourselves. We fail to live up to our responsibilities as your people at home, at work, at the church, and in the community. We bring our imperfect lives before you, God, and confess our sin. Forgive us, cleanse us, and clothe us with newness of life through Jesus Christ our risen and ascended Lord. Amen.

P: God's Word assures us that, by his will, "we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once, for all." [Heb. 10:10] Therefore, as a called servant of God, I have the privilege to proclaim forgiveness to you through the saving work of Jesus. Your sin is gone. Your guilt is removed. In the peace of forgiveness, we worship the Lord.

HYMN OF PRAISE – "Lord of My Life, Whose Tender Care"

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Almighty God, look with favor on those whom you have called to minister to your people. Fill them with faithfulness to your doctrine and clothe them with holiness of life that they may joyfully serve to the glory of your name and for the benefit of your Church; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen

PSALM OF THE DAY – Psalm 121 – “Pilgrim’s Song” sung by Sr. Choir

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OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE – Psalm 50:14-15 ¹⁴“Sacrifice thank offerings to God, fulfill your vows to the Most High, ¹⁵and call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you will honor me.”

EPISTLE – 1 Corinthians 16:13-14 ¹³Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be men of courage; be strong. ¹⁴Do everything in love.



VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia.

Let the one who has my word speak it faithfully.

Alleluia.

GOSPEL – Matthew 9:35-38 ³⁵Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. ³⁶When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. ³⁸Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

HYMN – “Beautiful Savior”

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SERMON

MUSICAL OFFERING – “How Beautiful” sung by Tim & Rachel Feld

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RESPONSIVE PRAYER AND LORD’S PRAYER

P: Heavenly Father, we thank you for your Word, which brings us the message of our salvation through Christ. Lead us everyday to humbly confess our sins and to find in him the peace of forgiveness. As we hear your Word, remember our baptism and receive Holy Communion, fill us with real joy that overflows in works of service.

C: Hear us Lord, and grant us your pardon and power.

P: We thank you also for those who publicly proclaim your message of peace. We ask your blessings upon the ministers of our churches, the teachers in our Lutheran schools and today especially upon Pastor Voss and his family.

C: Hear us Lord, and guard those who serve in your name.

P: We thank you for the kindness and mercies of daily life; for your care and protection. Make us willing to serve each other in love. Use our lives and our efforts, in any way you choose, to help others for this life and the next.

C: In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

P: Lord, we pray as your Son taught us: 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

BLESSING – “Go Now in Peace” sung by Christ Our Redeemer’s Grade School Choir

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CLOSING HYMN – “Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

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Liturgist – Pastor Doug Bode

Lector – Pastor Robert Voss

Preacher – Seminarian Thomas Voss

Pastor and his family thank you for being with us today. You are invited to remain for some light fun, food, and fellowship.

A special note of thanks to our musicians, choirs, and singers; to those who planned and prepared the meal; and to Pastor Bode, Pastor Voss and Tom for leading us in the Word and sharing the Word.

Pastor Voss was assigned to Mt. Olive Lutheran Church in Lincoln, Nebraska, through District President Gerald Free in May of 1984. He was ordained and installed by his father, Pastor Robert J. Voss, in July. It was very hot. Pastor Voss served at Mt. Olive until August of 1995. We have fond memories of our time in Lincoln. Mt. Olive was a wonderful congregation and Lincoln a great place to live and raise a family.

Pastor Voss was installed at Christ Our Redeemer in August of 1995. It was very hot. COR has also been a wonderful congregation to serve and Colorado a beautiful place to live. We love the outdoors and the sunny skies. Even though Pastor has now lived outside of his native Wisconsin longer than he lived in Wisconsin, he is, and always will be, a Green Bay Packer fan.

Pastor and Marie, who went to high school together, have been married for 28 years and have been blessed with 4 children. Tom is married to Kendalyn and is a senior at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary; Doug is married to Amy and is studying finances at the University of Wisconsin in Milwaukee; Emily is studying marketing and playing field hockey at Radford University in Virginia; and Heather is texting and enjoying high school at Luther Prep in Watertown, Wisconsin.