

## The Installation

of

Reverend John L. Pingel

as

Pastor

Sunday, September 19, 2010  
3:00 p.m.

Salem Lutheran Church  
10 McClellan Circle  
Buffalo, N. Y. 14220

## Order of Service

### Pre-Service Music

**The Processional Hymn** – “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” LW 444

### The Invocation

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

**R: Amen!**

### The Opening Sentences

V: O Lord, open my lips,

**R: And my mouth will show forth Your praise!**

V: Make haste, O God, to deliver me.

**R: Make haste to help me, O Lord.**

### Psalms 100

V: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the lands;

**R: Serve the Lord with gladness, come before His presence with thanksgiving.**

V: Know for certain that the Lord, He is God.

**R: It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves.**

**We are His people and the sheep of His pasture.**

V: Enter into His gates with thanksgiving and into His courts with praise.

**R: Be thankful to Him and bless His holy name.**

V: For the Lord is good; and his mercy is everlasting.

**R: And His truth endures to all generations. Amen!**

### Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 1:4-9

### New Testament Reading

Ephesians 4:11-16

“The Old Hundredth Psalm Tune” – R. Vaughan Williams

“All People That on Earth Do Dwell”

LW 435

- vs. 1, 2, 5 – ALL

vs. 3 & 4 - choir

### Gospel Reading

John 20:19-23

### The Apostles' Creed

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**The Sermon Hymn** – “Son of God, Eternal Savior”

LW 394

**The Message**

Rev. David Belasic – Interim Pastor

“Equipping the Saints . . . Multiplying the Ministry”

Ephesians 4:11-16

**Installation Hymn** –

LW 258

“God of the Prophets Bless the Prophets’ Son”

**The Rite of Installation and Presentation of Symbols of Ministry**

P: The Lord be with you.

R: And with you too!

**Prayer and Our Lord’s Prayer**

**Benediction**

R: Amen, Amen, Amen!

**The Closing Hymn** - “Lift High the Cross”

LW 311

(The congregation will sing vs. 1, 4, & 5 and the refrain)

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You are invited to a celebration time immediately following the service.

Pastor John Pingel was born in Freeport, Long Island, June 5, 1958, the child of Doris and Ernie Pingel. He was baptized and confirmed at The Lutheran Church of Our Savior in Valley Stream, New York, by The Rev. William F. Donahue. Pastor’s father drove a truck for the Borden Milk Company in the New York Metropolitan Avenue for many years, and his mother, Doris, worked in various capacities on Long Island. The family home was in Valley Stream.

Pastor Pingel decided to become a pastor during confirmation classes and following graduation from Hewlett High School, he attended Concordia College in Bronxville, graduating with a B. A. in English and then on to Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, graduating with an M. Div. in 1983 following a vicarage in Lakewood, Colorado, under the Rev. Donald Paul.

Pastor Pingel’s first call was to Mt. Olive Lutheran Church in Beaver Falls, PA., where he remained for 27 years. He married Diane M. Giddens, a member of First Lutheran Church in Sharpsburg, PA., in 1992. The marriage has been blessed with two children, Bryan Christopher, who is now 14 years old, and Timothy James, who just turned 12.

Pastor Pingel received an M.A. in Psychology from Geneva College, Beaver Falls, PA in 1996. He has held a number of counseling positions in addition to his full time work at the church. Most recently he worked for Northwest Human Services, the largest provider of mental health services on the east coast, as a Mobile Therapist, working largely with children with various disorders.

Many programs were developed at Mt. Olive during his tenure there, including a large preschool, Stephen Ministry and Mothers of Preschoolers. Pastor Pingel successfully led the congregation through two building programs.

Altar flowers are given in honor of the Installation of Pastor John L. Pingel by Salem Congregation

**Participants**

**Worship Leader:** Vicar Domenick Lettieri

**Lectors:** Paul Thomas Jr.  
Catherine Nagel  
David Carlson

**Preacher:** Reverend David Belasic, Interim Pastor

**Installer:** Reverend Michael Blackwell, Circuit Counselor

**Organist:** Lois L. Jones

**Trumpeteer:** Philip Christner

**Salem Lutheran Church Choir**

**Acolytes:** Jennie Swierczynski and Beth Thomas

**Cross Bearer:** Thomas John LaPenna

**Ushers:** Fred Bartz Jr., Melvin Beyers, Stephen Jarmusz Sr., Michael Turner

**Presenters of Symbols of Ministry:**

Bible - Katelyn Carr  
Baptismal Shell - Samuel, Marjorie, and Thomas Zawada  
Chalice - Raymond Yox  
Cross - Daylina Houck  
Basin and Towel - Joanne Kushka  
Fishing Net - Ashley Hoffmann

And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Matthew 28: 18—20)

## + RITE OF INSTALLATION +

### **Circuit Counselor Blackwell:**

Having been authorized by the President of the Eastern District to install the Reverend John Pingel, our co-worker in the Gospel, as pastor of Salem Lutheran Church, I now ask for certification of this call.

### **Congregational Chairperson:**

Circuit Counselor Blackwell: We, of Salem Lutheran Church, after prayerful deliberation, have elected the Reverend John Pingel to be our pastor. I present him for installation.

### **Circuit Counselor Blackwell:**

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ: listen to what Holy Scripture says concerning the office of the public ministry.

## **THE INSTITUTION OF THE OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC MINISTRY**

And Jesus came and said to them, "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.

## **THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC MINISTRY**

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)

For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said "Let light shine out of darkness" who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. (2 Corinthians 4: 5—6)

## **THE STRENGTH AND PROMISE IN THE OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC MINISTRY**

Such is the confidence that we have through Christ toward God. Not that we are sufficient in ourselves to claim anything as coming from us, but our sufficiency is from God. (2 Corinthians 3:4-5)

Shepherd the flock of God that is among you, exercising over-sight, not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you; not for shameful gain, but eagerly; not domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock. And when the chief shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory. (1 Peter 5: 2—4)

## COMMITMENT OF PASTOR PINGEL

### **Circuit Counselor Blackwell:**

Dear brother in Christ, the Lord grant that you receive and keep these words in your heart that you may be strengthened and encouraged in your labors.

God gathers his Church by and around the Gospel and by His grace grants it growth and increase. That this may be done, he has established the office of the public ministry into which you were ordained.

Therefore, Pastor Pingel, in the presence of God and of this congregation will you commit yourself to this new trust and responsibility, and promise to discharge your duties in harmony with the constitution of this church?

*I will, and I ask God to help me.*

Will you preach and teach in accordance with the Holy Scriptures and the Confessions of the Lutheran Church?

*I will, and I ask God to help me.*

Will you love, serve, and pray for God's people? Will you nourish them with the Word and Holy Sacraments, leading them by your own example in the use of the means of grace, in faithful service and holy living?

*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?

*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.

**Amen.**

## COMMITMENT OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

And you, people of God, will you receive this messenger of Jesus Christ, sent by God to serve God's people with the Gospel of hope and salvation? Will you regard him as a servant of Christ and a steward of the mysteries of God? Will you aid him as he cares for his family? Will you pray for him, help and honor him for his work's sake, and in all things strive to live together in the peace and unity of Christ?

**We will, with the help of God.**

The office of pastor is now committed to you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF BLESSING

[As Pastor Pingel kneels before the altar, fellow clergy each offer a blessing as an affirmation of the apostolic ministry entrusted to Christ's Church.]

### **Circuit Counselor Blackwell:**

May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in you what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. (Hebrews 13: 20—21)

**Amen**

## **PRESENTATION OF GIFTS AND SYMBOLS**

**Bible** – Receive this Bible, the power, source, and measure of all you preach and teach

**Shell** –Receive this shell, symbolizing your call to baptize in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit

**Communion Vessels** – Receive these communion vessels to be used in your celebration of the Lords’ Supper

**Cross** – Receive this cross, a visual reminder that you have been called to preach Christ Crucified

**Basin and Towel** – Receive this basin and towel as a sign of your call to serve Christ and His people, equipping us to serve in our community and throughout the world

**Fishing Net** – Receive this fishing net, a symbol of your call to lead us in our outreach mission, equipping us all to be “fishers of people”