

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

**DISTRIBUTION – #793 Be Thou My Vision**

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

**+ SENDING +**

**BLESSING**

**SENDING HYMN – #543 Go My Children With My Blessing**

**DISMISSAL**

*The congregation is invited to the lower level of the Chapel*

**RECOGNITION – “Place of Grace”**

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Host Minister	Rev. Dr. Philip Johnson, President, Finlandia University
Guest Preacher	Rev. Katherine Finegan, Bishop, Northern Great Lakes Synod
Campus Pastor	Rev. Sarah Semmler Smith
Lector	Dr. Rene' Johnson, Assistant Professor of Religion, Finlandia
Accompanist	Fr. Corbin Eddy, Adjunct Professor, Finlandia

**Sunday September 22, 2019**

**Chapel of St. Matthew  
Finlandia University**

**+ DEDICATION +**

**ARTIST INTRODUCTION AND REFLECTION – Bruce Niemi**

**READING – I Corinthians 5:1-7**

**DEDICATION PRAYER**

**PROCESSIONAL – #835 All Creatures Of Our God And King**

**+ GATHERING +**

**PRELUDE**

**ORDER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS – P. 94**

*Stand as you are able.*

**GATHERING HYMN – #532 Gather Us In**

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**CANTICLE OF PRAISE – P. 204**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray,

Almighty God, through your Son Jesus Christ you gave the holy apostles many gifts and commanded them to feed your flock. Inspire all pastors to proclaim your word diligently and your people to receive it willingly, that finally we may receive the crown of eternal glory; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen**

**+ WORD +**

**FIRST READING – Isaiah 42:5-9**

Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched

them out, who spread out the earth and what comes forth from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness, I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

### **PSALM – 95:1-7**

<sup>1</sup> O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

<sup>2</sup> **Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**

<sup>3</sup> For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

<sup>4</sup> **In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also.**

<sup>5</sup> The sea is his, for he made it, and the dry land, which his hands have formed.

<sup>6</sup> **O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!**

<sup>7</sup> For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

### **SECOND READING – Hebrews 11:1-12:2 (Selected)**

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God .... By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith Isaac invoked blessing for the future on Jacob and Esau. By faith Jacob, when dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph.... By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land .... By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient.

And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered

Pastor Sarah, you have been called to be among us to build relationships that nurture and deepen spiritual growth among Finlandia's students, faculty, and staff.

Pastor Sarah, you have been called to be among us as a teacher to equip students who are called and empowered, to serve the neighbor, so that all may flourish.

*Finlandia community members return to their seats.*

### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Lord in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

People of God, I present to you Pastor Sarah Ann Semmler Smith, as your pastor. Let us welcome her in the name of Christ.

### **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.*

### **+THE MEAL +**

*Please be seated.*

### **OFFERING OF GIFTS**

*The offering will support the work of the NGLS Leadership Support Team for professional development and Finlandia's student pantry.*

*Stand as you are able.*

### **OFFERTORY HYMN – #182 Let The Vineyards Be Fruitful**

### **OFFERING PRAYER**

### **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

### **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

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.**

*Stand as you are able.*

People of God, will you receive Pastor Sarah Ann Semmler Smith as a messenger of Jesus Christ sent to serve all people with the gospel of hope and salvation? Will you regard her as a servant of Christ and a steward of the mysteries of God?

**We will, and we ask God to help us.**

Will you pray for her, help and honor her for her work's sake, and in all things strive to live together in the peace and unity of Christ?

**We will, and we ask God to help us.**

Pastor Sarah Ann Semmler Smith, the office of campus pastor is now committed to you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

### **BLESSING**

*Any visiting clergy are invited to come forward.*

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 be the glory forever and ever.

**Amen.**

*Clergy return to their seats.*

*The pastor is addressed by members of Finlandia's community.*

Pastor Sarah, you have been called to lead us with thoughtful rootedness in ELCA Lutheran theology, worship, and practice as well as with bold openness to all expressions of faith and non-faith.

justice, obtained promises, shut the mouth of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness ....

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

*(Stand as you are able.)*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION – P. 205**

**GOSPEL LESSON – Mark 4:1-9**

The holy gospel according to ...

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Again he began to teach beside the sea. Such a very large crowd gathered around him that he got into a boat on the sea and sat there while the whole crowd was beside the sea on the land. He began to teach them many things in parables, and in his teaching he said to them: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and the birds came and ate it up. Other seed fell on rocky ground, where it did not have much soil, and it sprang up quickly, since it had no depth of soil. And when the sun rose, it was scorched; and since it had no root, it withered away. Other seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it yielded no grain. Other seed fell into good soil and brought forth grain, growing up and increasing and yielding thirty and sixty and a hundredfold." And he said, "Let anyone with ears to hear listen."

*After the reading:*

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

**SERMON – Rev. Katherine Finegan, Bishop, Northern Great Lakes Synod**

*Stand as you are able.*

## **HYMN OF THE DAY – #635 We Walk By Faith**

### **APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.\*  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## **THE RITE OF INSTALLATION**

### **PRESENTATION**

Having been authorized by the church to install Pastor Sarah Ann Semmler Smith our co-worker in the gospel, as campus pastor, I now ask for certification of this call.

After prayerful deliberation, Finlandia University has called Rev. Sarah Ann Semmler Smith as campus pastor. I present her for installation.

### **ADDRESS AND QUESTIONS**

*A reading from 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 Sarah, 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?

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?

I will, and I ask God to help me.

Will you be diligent in your study of the holy scriptures and in your use of the means of grace?

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?

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?