

The Retirement
of
The Reverend Gladys G. Moore



Thanksgiving at the Conclusion of a Call
Farewell and Godspeed

Saint John's Lutheran Church, Summit, NJ
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12:00 PM

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ORDER OF SERVICE

PRELUDE Setting of *Ar hyd y nos*

By Robert J. Powell (b. 1932)

ADDRESS

President of the Congregation

Pastor Moore, on November 3, 2013, we of St. John's Lutheran Church, Summit, NJ called you to be pastor in this place: to proclaim God's word, to baptize and teach, to announce God's forgiveness, and to preside at the Lord's table. With the gospel you have comforted us in times of sickness and trouble, and at the death of our loved ones. Sharing our joys and sorrows, you have been important to our life together in the church of Jesus Christ, in our service to this community, and in God's mission to the whole world.

Bishop

People of God, members of St. John's Lutheran Church, do you release Pastor Moore from service as your pastor?

We do, and we give thanks to God for our ministry together.

Bishop

Gladys, do you recognize and accept the completion of your ministry with St. John's?

Response: I do, and I give thanks to God for our ministry together.

WORDS OF REFLECTION

THANKSGIVING AND SENDING

Bishop

Let us pray. Almighty God, through your Son Jesus Christ you gave the holy apostles many gifts and commanded them to feed your flock. You equip your people with abilities that differ according to the grace given to them, and you call them to various avenues of service. We give you thanks for the ministry of Gladys among the people of God in this place. You watch over our going out and our coming in: bless this time of ending and beginning. You surround your people in every time and place: keep us close in your love. You accompany your people in times of joy and times of trial: prosper all that has been done to your glory in this time together; heal and forgive all that has fallen short of your will for us. Help Gladys and all of us to live with courage and gladness in the future you give to us. As she has been a blessing to us, so now send her forth to be a blessing to others; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Bishop

Your sisters and brothers in the New Jersey Synod and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America give thanks to God for the ministry you have shared. We promise you our continued support and prayer. Rejoicing in the blessings of God in this congregation and in the ministry of Pastor Moore, with hope in God's abundant grace in years to come, I announce that Gladys Moore's service as pastor in this congregation is now concluded.

BENEDICTION

Pastor Moore

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace. **Amen.**

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS



“Well done, good and faithful servant.”

Matthew 25:21a



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ome to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

Matthew 11:28–30

