

Rev. James T. Kress, Sr. was born April 4, 1962 to William and Barbara Kress. He is the second eldest among 9 siblings. A few months following his birth, he became a child of God through the waters of Holy Baptism. In 1976, He was confirmed at St. Christina parish by John Cardinal Cody. Growing up on the south-side of Chicago in a Roman Catholic family, he was a parish member of St. Catejan and St. Christina Churches. Pastor Kress was later confirmed in the Lutheran Church in November of 1995.



He attended St. Rita High School excelling in baseball. He graduated with honors in 1980. Pastor Kress began his collegiate career first at the University of Louisville, Louisville, KY. He then attended Triton Junior College in River Grove, IL. Afterward, he attended Lewis University in Romeoville, IL and finally completed his collegiate studies at Northern Kentucky University, Highland Heights, KY.

Jim met his wife, Lisa on, of all things, a blind date at a bowling alley in 1987. It was love at first sight. Pastor Kress and Lisa were married in January of 1988. They have four adult children. Steven (26) is in the Navy and is stationed on the USS George H. W. Bush aircraft carrier. He is married to his wife, Jorji (28) and they have two children, Charlie (2) and Meagan (newborn) and they all live in Hampton, Virginia. Bryan (23) is graduating from Southern Illinois University—Edwardsville next month with degrees in Economics-Finance as well as Accounting. He will be employed by Deloitte Accounting Firm in their St. Lois office. Jim, Jr. (20) is a third year theatre major at Southern Illinois University—Carbondale. He plans to go to California following graduation in 2010. Alyssa (19) is attending massage therapy school through DePaul University, Chicago and hopes to receive her certificate in November of this year.

During college, Pastor Kress worked for his father in his granite shop sandblasting monuments and headstones. In 1988, Jim was offered an opportunity to work for a cemetery lettering contractor inscribing names, dates, and designs on monuments and headstones in the cemetery. It was in 1994 when he received the privilege to work independently in the same field as a contractor. He worked as a contractor until his admission into Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne in 1999.

Pastor Kress served his vicarage at Our Savior Lutheran Church, Carmi, IL where he was also called to be their pastor. He served the Carmi parish faithfully from 2002 until receiving the call to serve the members of Redeemer Lutheran Church, Englewood. During his pastorate in Carmi, he was well involved in the events and activities of not only the church, but also in the community. Pastor Kress is looking forward to serving the members of Redeemer in the faithfulness of our Lord and risen Savior, Jesus Christ.

# **INSTALLATION SERVICE**

## ***THE REVEREND JAMES T. KRESS, Sr.***



**REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**Englewood, Florida**

**April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2009**  
**3:00 PM**

**Call to Worship Bells**

**Greeting and Recognition of Guests**

**Processional Hymn: “Thy Strong Word”**

*LSB 578*

*Stand*

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the **T** Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** **Amen.**

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**C** **who made heaven and earth.**

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,  
**C** **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*Kneel/Stand*

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,  
**C** **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the **T** Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

**Benediction (Pastor Kress)**

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gra-cious un-to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace. A-men, a-men, a-men.

**Recessional Hymn: “Preach You the Word”**

*LSB 586*

**The Participants**

Officiant: Rev. Dr. Randy Winkel, Lakeside, Venice  
Liturgist: Pastor Warren Thomason, Redeemer Lutheran, Interim  
Lector: Rev. Earl Schmidt, Redeemer Lutheran, Winter Associate  
Preacher: Rev. Michael Kettner, Christ Lutheran, Jacob, IL

President: Ron Beaber  
Elder Chairman: Tim Byrne  
Organist: Lanette Schmidt  
Trumpet: Collins Sita  
Choir Director: Doris Dykhuizen  
Ushers: Harold Hale, Eleanor Jollay, Stephen and Leona Procuik  
Acolyte: Alexandria Murphy  
Crucifer: Billy Ruccatano

**The Presenters**

Wendy Horvath, Child Care Director  
Avis Stuck, Altar Guild Chair  
Ron Beaber, President  
George Cancellieri, Elder

For his wife, Lisa, that she may be supported and lifted up by the prayers, friendship and love of this congregation; Lord, in your mercy,

**Congregation: Hear our prayer.**

For a spirit of peace to prevail in this congregation and in the Church of Christ throughout the world; that all may be one as you are one Lord and Father of us all; Lord, in your mercy,

**Congregation: Hear our prayer.**

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may bring the Gospel to our communities and to the ends of the earth; Lord, in your mercy,

**Congregation: Hear our prayer.**

For those who do not yet believe, and for those who have lost their faith, that they may receive the light of the Gospel; Lord, in your mercy,

**Congregation: Hear our prayer.**

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, we give you thanks, and we pray that we may continue faithful until that day when our work on earth has ended, and you bring us at last to the splendors of the new heavens and the new earth, where sorrow and pain are ended, and where you live and reign, Father Son and Holy Spirit, God forever. Amen.

### Lord's Prayer

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.

### The Presentation

A representative of the congregation leads the Pastor to the Baptismal Font. Pastor Kress, you have been called to use this gold Baptismal Shell to baptize and bring forgiveness of sins and new life in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

A representative leads the Pastor to the Pulpit. Pastor Kress, you have been called to use this Pulpit to proclaim to us the Law and the Gospel, that we might have newness of life and walk therein.

A representative leads Pastor Kress to the Altar. Pastor Kress, you have been called to use this Altar to lead us in worship and to preside at the Holy Communion, so that we might receive forgiveness and strengthened faith, and give honor and praise to God.

A representative leads Pastor Kress to the center of the Chancel. Pastor Kress, you have been called to serve as our Pastor. We welcome you to this ministry, and we welcome you and Lisa to our life together at Redeemer Lutheran Church.

### Introit

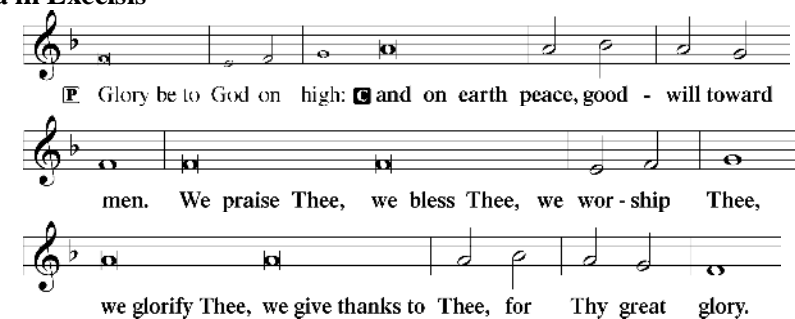


I will speak of your testimonies before kings, | [O Lord,]\*  
and shall not be | put to shame.  
I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, for- | ever; \*  
with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all gener- | ations.  
Let the heavens praise your wonders, | O LORD, \*  
your faithfulness in the assembly of the | holy ones!  
Blessèd are the people who know the | festal shout, \*  
who walk, O LORD, in the light | of your face,  
who exult in your name | all the day \*  
and in your righteousness are ex- | alted.  
**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*  
and to the Holy | Spirit;  
as it was in the be- | ginning, \*  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**  
I will speak of your testimonies before kings, | [O Lord,]\*  
and shall not be | put to shame.

### Kyrie



### Gloria in Excelsis



O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.  
 O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;  
 O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
 that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.  
 Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.  
 Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-  
 on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.  
 Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,  
 art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

**Salutation and Collect of the Day**

O almighty God, by your Son, our Savior, you have always given to your Church on earth faithful shepherds to guide and feed your flock. Therefore we pray, make all pastors diligent to preach your holy Word and minister your means of grace, and grant your people wisdom to follow in the way that leads to life eternal; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, on God, now and forever.

*Sit*

**Feeding of the Lambs: “What’s Happening?”**

**Old Testament Reading**

*Isaiah 6:1-8*

In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and

Officiant: Are you willing and ready to assume this trust and responsibility?

**Pastor-Elect: I am**

*Pastor-Elect Kress kneels*

Officiant: James T. Kress, Sr., I now install you as Pastor of Redeemer Lutheran Church, In the name of the Father and of the Son **T** and of the Holy Spirit.

Officiant: 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 for ever and ever. (Hebrews 13:20-21).

**The Blessing of the Clergy**

**The Choir Anthem: “How Lovely Are the Messengers” -- Mendelssohn**

**Prayer of the Church** (*The congregation will please rise. If you are unable to stand for the prayers please feel free to sit*).

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

For the Church of Christ here and throughout the world, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the Day of your coming; Lord, in your mercy,

**Congregation: Hear our prayer.**

For all members of your Church in their vocations and ministries, that they may serve you with true and godly lives; Lord, in your mercy,

**Congregation: Hear our prayer.**

For all pastors and leaders in your church, especially for Gerald Kieschnik, our Synod President, Gerhard Michael, our District President, and for the pastors of our sister congregations, especially those gathered here today, that they may be filled with your love, may hunger for the truth, and may thirst after righteousness; Lord, in your mercy,

**Congregation: Hear our prayer.**

For Pastor Kress, called to serve as Pastor in this congregation, that he may faithfully fulfill the duties of this ministry, build up your Church, and glorify your name; Lord, in your mercy,

**Congregation: Hear our prayer.**

For the blessing and encouragement of your Holy Spirit at work in him, that he may be sustained and encouraged to persevere to the end; Lord, in your mercy,

**Congregation: Hear our prayer.**

Pastor-Elect: I will do all these things with the help of God.

Officiant: Dear members and friends of Redeemer Lutheran Church remember the words of the writer to the Hebrews: “Obey your leaders and submit to them; for they are keeping watch over your souls, as men who will have to give an account. Let them do this joyfully, and not sadly, for that would be of no advantage to you.

***Pastor-Elect Kress asks the following questions to the members of Redeemer Lutheran Church***

Pastor-Elect: Will you receive the Word of the Lord that I bring you as what it is in truth, the Word of God?

**People: We will.**

Pastor-Elect: Will you accept brotherly admonition against sin and encouragement for good works as coming from Christ himself?

**People: We will.**

Pastor-Elect: Will you faithfully attend the worship of our Lord, partake of the Holy Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper for the strengthening of your faith, and join me in the ministry that Christ has given this congregation?

**People: We will.**

Pastor-Elect: Will you yourself set an example for the young so that they may see your God pleasing life and glorify your Father in heaven?

**People: We will.**

Pastor-Elect: Will you pray regularly for me so that God will bless our work together?

**People: We will.**

Pastor-Elect: Finally, will you care for my spiritual, physical, and mental needs, as well as those of my family so that I will be able to do my best work among you at all times?

**People: We will do all these things, God helping us.**

Officiant: The almighty and most merciful God strengthen and assist you always.

lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one called to another and said: “Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!”

And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. And I said: “Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!”

Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. And he touched my mouth and said: “Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.”

And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” Then I said, “Here am I! Send me.”

**Epistle**

*Hebrews 11:32—12:3*

And what more shall 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, enforced justice, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received back their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, so that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword. They went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, mistreated— of whom the world was not worthy—wandering about in deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.

And all these, though commended through their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

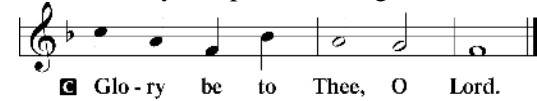
Alleluia and Verse



Holy Gospel

Luke 24:36-49

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.



As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, “Peace to you!” But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. And he said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate before them.

Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Apostles' Creed

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**C** 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,

Large Catechisms of Martin Luther, the Smalcald Articles, the Treatise on the Authority and Primacy of the Pope, and the Formula of Concord—as these are contained in the *Book of Concord*—are also in agreement with this one scriptural faith?

**Pastor-Elect:** I do.

*The Elder Chairman, on behalf of Redeemer Lutheran Church, rises to ask the following questions of the Pastor-Elect.*

**Elder:** Will you preach and teach us the Word of God in accordance with the Lutheran Confessions?

Pastor-Elect: I will.

**Elder:** Will you warn us against sin and encourage us to live as God’s people in this world?

Pastor-Elect: I will.

**Elder:** Will you correctly administer the Holy Sacrament of Christ, strengthen the weak, give comfort to the sorrowing, help the poor, visit the sick, support the dying, and bring the Gospel of Christ to those who do not know him?

Pastor-Elect: I will.

**Elder:** Will you pay attention to the Christian family, our children, our youth, and with God’s blessing, lead them to a strong faith in our Lord Jesus Christ?

Pastor-Elect: I will.

**Elder:** Will you pray regularly for us that the Lord Jesus will bless our work together in His name, to the glory of God, for the edification of the household of faith and for the further advancement of the Kingdom of our Savior, Jesus Christ?

Pastor-Elect: I will.

**Elder:** Finally, with the strength that comes from Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit, will you live a holy life and be an example to us of faith and love?

answered, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Take care of my sheep." The third time he said to him, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time. "Do you love me?" He said, "Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my sheep. (John 21:15-17)

And Saint Paul wrote to Timothy: "Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction." (2 Timothy 4:2)

And from the pen of Saint Peter: "Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, serving as overseers—not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not greedy for money, but eager to serve; not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock. And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away." (1 Peter 5:2-4)

Officiant: 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 his Holy Word and also grants in growth and increase. That this may be done, he has established the office of the public ministry into which you were ordained. It is fitting that you should again acknowledge the responsibilities of this Holy office in which you are to serve this congregation.

Officiant: In the presence of God and of this congregation I now ask you: Do you believe the canonical books of the Old and New Testament to be the inspired Word of God and the only infallible rule of faith and practice?

Pastor-Elect: I do.

Officiant: Do you accept the three Ecumenical Creeds, namely, the Apostles', the Nicene, and the Athanasian Creeds, as faithful testimonies to the truth of the Holy Scriptures, and do you reject all the errors which they condemn?

Pastor-Elect: I do.

Officiant: Do you believe that the Unaltered Augsburg Confession is a true exposition of the Word of God and a correct exhibition of the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church; that the Apology of the Augsburg Confession, the Small and

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 T everlasting.

Amen.

COMMUNION OF SAINTS

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Hark! the Sound of Holy Voices

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O Durchbrecher

"Neues geistreiches Gesangbuch"  
Halle, 1704

Rev. 7: 9, 10  
Christopher Wordsworth, 1862

1 Hark! the sound of ho - ly voic-es Chant-ing at the crys-tal sea,  
2 Pa - tri-arch and ho - ly proph-et, Who pre-pared the way of Christ,  
3 They have come from trib-u - la - tion And have washed their robes in blood,  
4 March-ing with Thy cross, their ban-ner, They have tri-umphed, fol-low-ing

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Lord, to Thee.  
King, a - pos - tle, saint, con-fes-sor, Mar-tyr, and e - van - gel - ist,  
Washed them in the blood of Je - sus; Tried they were, and firm they stood.  
Thee, the Cap-tain of sal - va-tion, Thee, their Sav-ior and their King.

Mul - ti-tudes which none can num-ber Like the stars in glo - ry stand,  
 Saint - ly maid - en, god - ly ma - tron, Widows who have watched to prayer,  
 Mocked, imprisoned, stoned, tor - ment - ed, Sawn a - sun - der, slain with sword,  
 Glad - ly, Lord, with Thee they suf - fered, Glad - ly, Lord, with Thee they died,

Clothed in white ap - par - el, hold - ing Palms of vic - t'ry in their hand.  
 Joined in ho - ly con - cert, sing - ing To the Lord of all, are there.  
 They have con - quered death and Sa - tan By the might of Christ the Lord.  
 And by death to life im - mor - tal They were born and glo - ri - fied. A - men.

5 Now they reign in heavenly glory,  
 Now they walk in golden light,  
 Now they drink, as from a river,  
 Holy bliss and infinite.  
 Love and peace they taste forever  
 And all truth and knowledge see  
 In the beatific vision  
 Of the blessed Trinity.

6 God of God, the One-begotten  
 Light of Light, Emmanuel,  
 In whose body, joined together,  
 All the saints forever dwell,  
 Pour upon us of Thy fulness  
 That we may forevermore  
 God the Father, God the Spirit,  
 One with Thee on high, adore.

**Sermon: John 1:1-5, 14**

Rev. Michael Kettner, Christ Lutheran Church and School, Jacob, IL (SID)

- P** The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
- C** Amen.

**The Offertory**

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
 new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
 way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
 from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
 tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

*Stand*

**THE RITE OF INSTALLATION**

*Pastor-Elect Kress presents himself before the altar*

*Rev. Dr. Randy Winkel, Sarasota Circuit Counselor, Officiating*

Officiant: In the name of the Father and of the Son **T** and of the Holy Spirit.

*People: Amen*

*The President of the congregation rises to certify that the Pastor-Elect has been properly called.*

President: I announce that in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, our Pastor-Elect, James T. Kress, has been rightly called as Pastor of Redeemer Lutheran Church, Englewood, Florida, according to our constitution, the constitution of the Florida-Georgia District, and the constitution of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

Officiant: Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, hear now what Holy Scripture says concerning the office of the public ministry.

Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you truly love me more than these?" "Yes, Lord," he said, "you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my lambs." Again, Jesus said, "Simon, son of John, do you truly love me?" He