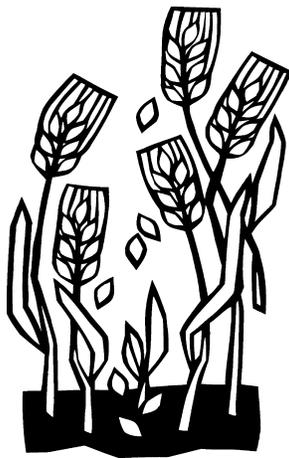


## Thanksgiving on the 15th Anniversary of Pastor David K. Asendorf's Ordination

January 13, 2022

Gracious God, on this 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our pastor David Asendorf's ordination, we give thanks for the generous gifts which he continues to bring to his ministry among us.

We give thanks for a pastor who knows the tilling of a fertile or a fallow field, just as he tends with such caring devotion the varied landscape of the life of this parish. We give thanks how well he knows the plotting and planting of seeds, as he so faithfully sows in our lives the possibilities and promise of God's goodness. We're grateful that he tends the weeds of our days with patience, and with hope for the harvest, meets with admonition and forgiveness our faults and our sin. We give thanks he knows that the dying seed yields the deep joy of the harvest, faithfully preaching that life spent in service and sacrifice bears the Kingdom's fruit, and in the end, lives forever.



There's a marked box in the front of the narthex in which you can place notes of appreciation for our beloved pastor on this anniversary. You may use the sheet provided there, or any card, note or paper, of course!

We give You thanks that our pastor views his ministry with the eyes of that Shepherd who sees in us, as our Lord saw in seed and soil, in field, flower, and flock, the work and the wonder of nurturing faith, hope and love in the human heart. We give thanks that he loves us, as You love us.

We pray that we would uphold him in his calling and support him in his serving. Enable each of us to be good soil for the gospel, repentant in our failings and fears, and by your grace, O God, to be bounty for the harvest. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**