

Announcement

Good morning. Here in the hall and to those in the receiving congregations in North America and those online from around the world. We especially welcome those who are with us for the first time. Unfortunately, we have an inconsistent internet connection here at the hotel. If you are experiencing buffering issues with this broadcast please come back to our YouTube channel at 4 pm mountain time for an interruption inter option free recording. Our loving God serves us today through our global elite church leader Chief Apostle Schneider here in beautiful Calgary Alberta Canada where we can witness the ordination of four new Apostles. Accompanying our chief apostle is a District Apostle Woll from Canada, District Apostle Kolb from the United States, District Apostle Deverage from India, Fendt from the United States, several apostles from Canada along with the Apostles and Bishops of North America.

For those here in the hall, holy communion directions are printed on the inside cover of the song sheets. Please review these directions for receiving holy communion including gluten free; and please follow the directions of the ushers. We are thankful to the local governments for permitting this gathering. We also thank our international visitors for following Canadian testing and quarantine guidelines and thank you for wearing your mask at all times.

Please as a reminder, turn off all cell phones. As well the greatest thanks goes to God for bringing us together in Christ. As we prepare for His return, please enjoy the divine service.

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Chief Apostle Schneider - Opening Prayer and Text

In the name of God the Father the Son and the Holy Spirit. Almighty God but of grace and god of mercy god of love and god of kindness dear heavenly father. On this Sunday we bow deeply in front of you, and we worship you, and we adore you. We confess that we believe in your power in your wisdom and in your love. We do not always understand your deeds, but we trust you we know that you are love and mercy. You know that nobody has more power than you have, and we know that you will fulfill your plan of redemption; and we thank you that we could experience your love. We thank you that we could experience your presence and your power. We thank you for the fellowship we can have with one another and with you; for the activity of the holy spirit. We thank you for your

help in the daily life. We thank you for your guidance. We thank you for all the prayers you've already answered. Now dear heavenly father, we came together also to pray and to bring you our concerns our souls, and our questions. We pray together for all those who are suffering and there are so many kinds of sufferings. We do not know all of them. We do not understand most of them. You know everything and you understand everybody. Please grant your help wherever it's needed. Let your children experience that they are not forgotten by you. We pray for all the people around the world who live in very difficult conditions. Please as soon as possible change the situation, deliver them from their burden. Many cases men can do just nothing. You can save all of them. Please grant salvation everywhere. Now dear Heavenly Father we are looking forward to receiving your grace. We are in need of your forgiveness of sins. We would like to experience your presence and your love. We would like to have fellowship with you and with one another.

Please grant us all of this through the Holy Spirit. We pray also for all those who became weak in their faith we have lost the connection with you. We do not want to give them up! Please cure their soul and let them come back to your altar. Now with our beloved ones from the younger world, join us and all together bless us and fill us with your joy and your peace. Hear us in Jesus' name - amen.

My dear brothers and sisters here in this place and all you who are connected with us in some manner; for this festive Sunday we have a Bible word out of the first epistle of John chapter 1 verse 3

"... that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ." (1 John 1:3) (NKJV)

Please be seated.

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Chief Apostle Schneider - Message

My dear brothers and sisters: I guess that many of us are very grateful and thankful to our Heavenly Father that He made it possible to celebrate this divine service. To experience this divine service here together in Calgary and that so many brothers and sisters in North America can be connected with us. We are thankful to our Heavenly Father that He has answered our prayers and that we can gather together to receive the message of God transmitted by the Holy Spirit.

The first message of the Holy Spirit is that none of us is forgotten by God. And I want to address this message especially to those who are going through hardship and afflictions and there are many of them. And you know that in this very particular time everything is about COVID. It's fact, but in the meantime, normal life goes on and many brothers and sisters have to deal with sickness. Others are mourning, and others have to deal with problems in their job, in their family, in their coping with others. Others have financial issues and maybe one or the other is thinking okay now that's forgotten it's all about COVID. No one is forgotten by God! He knows your thoughts. He knows your problems. He shares your pain. Trust Him! He will help!

I would like to address the same message to those on the other side who experience many beautiful things. They are just - Happy! They are just - Joyful! And maybe they feel, quite ashamed that they have no problems. They experience the blessing and presence of God and they are just happy! Don't be ashamed about that. Jesus shares your joy! Thank Him in an appropriate manner and enjoy the blessing God has granted.

To "you", no one is forgotten by our Heavenly Father, even in this difficult very special period - nothing has changed for us. When it comes to our priority to our main preoccupation; we want to be prepared for the return of Christ. That's why we are here today; that's why we believe in Christ. You know we want to have eternal fellowship with God. We want to take part in the communion of God, the father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. We want to be in eternity together with Christ in His Kingdom. That's actually the reason and meaning of the Christian faith. There is no other reason that we are for the Christian faith. It's not about being happy on earth or being successful or having no problems. Being or becoming rich or whatever you want ... if you are a Christian, a true Christian, you have this strong desire to have eternal fellowship with Christ; otherwise, Christ has died for no reason. We want to have fellowship with God, in His Kingdom. We have to want to take part in the communion of God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. And that's why we have this motto "Together in Christ!" And that's the next step.

Here the writer of the epistle of John says ... if you want to have fellowship with God ... you need to have fellowship with the Apostles. There's a reason behind that. In the time after the first few decades of the early Christian church, they were several opinions about the person and the nature of Jesus Christ. One had this idea, others had another conception, and the leaders of the church realized that cannot be so! That's why he [the writer of the epistle] said here in this letter ... if you want

to have fellowship with Christ you need to have fellowship with the Apostolate. You have to believe in the doctrine of the Apostles. You have to believe in the testimony of those who have seen and heard Jesus Christ when He was on earth. so it's not about the doctrine of the New Apostolic Apostles we are talking about. The doctrine of the Apostles in the meaning of the Bible that means ... the testimony of those who have seen and heard Jesus Christ when he was on earth. Those who were commissioned and sent to teach others what Jesus has told them and you cannot have communion with Christ if you have do not believe in the doctrine and in the testimony of the Apostles as described in the new testament. It's not that clear for us in our time what [the conditions where] all about in that [first] time but that doesn't matter because we have to deal with the same problems actually. And that was a prophecy of Jesus Christ: He said you will see there will be many people telling you here is Christ, there is Christ, [He] even taught about people who will say they are sent by Christ. They will do great miracles, they will prophesize in the name of Christ. They are very successful, and will they cast out demons. And Jesus said be careful! Not all of them are really sent by Christ. They will say here is Christ! Jesus Christ said but be careful, it's not our task. It's not the of the New Apostolic Church to make a categorization of the diverse churches, and say oh this one is a good one or this one is a bad one. That's not our topic. The task of the Apostolate today is to proclaim the doctrine of Jesus Christ as reported by the Apostles in the Holy Scripture. That's our task! Everybody can do and preach whatever he wants; but our task is that we want to be prepared to enter into the Kingdom of God, to have fellowship with Jesus Christ and that's why we have to believe in the doctrine of the Apostles and the testimony of those who were together with Him on earth.

And what did they say; what did they report; what did Jesus say about himself? Let me quote some points. The very first point Jesus raised [regarding] the whole scripture's meaning for us today: The old testament is talking about Him. The old testament in the eyes of Jesus was talking and denouncing His coming. That means it's part of the doctrine of the Apostles. That you have to understand and to interpret the old testament on the basis of the Son of God. What's relevant for our salvation in the old testament? It is what is related to Jesus Christ. One cannot just take one sentence out of one passage in the old testament [and apply] it to us today. What's relevant for us for our salvation, in the old testament is to be understood in the light of the Gospel, and on the basis of the words and deeds of Jesus Christ. That's something very important.

Another statement of Jesus Christ is that He he wasn't sent by His Father to punish the sinners. Quite the

contrary; He was sent to save the sinners! John the Baptist misunderstood this. Even the disciples sometimes also misunderstood. They thought: 'we have to punish.' Remember Peter: He wanted to and even cut off the ear of the servant who wanted to arrest Jesus. In other words: Jesus said no, no, no, no, no! Another time, they wanted to send fire from Him to punish the cities and Jesus said no that's not the meaning. I do not come to punish sins but to save them. The doctrine of the Apostles tells us that nobody, no man is sent by Jesus Christ to punish the sinners in His name. Jesus Christ is a savior! No one can pretend being sent by Jesus to punish the sinners. For sure society must establish rules and to punish the criminals, that's normal for society. Jesus wasn't against that. He respected the society in his time, but that's society. But you cannot punish somebody in His name on behalf of Jesus Christ. That's not the doctrine of Jesus Christ; nobody can claim being sent by Jesus to punish another man. Jesus said, also that "My Kingdom is not of this world!" He wanted to say: "I didn't come on earth to solve all your problems!" All the Jewish people [at the time] were disappointed because they expected him to be delivered from the Romans to solve all the problems, for the poor to become rich, all the sick ones to be cured. He said: no, no, no ... My Kingdom isn't of this world. I didn't come to solve all your problems. I didn't come to rule the country. I do not want to become your king and to establish My Kingdom. I am not here to rule the country. I am not here to establish a new catalogue of sins. And with the laws He abolished, in a certain way; the law of Moses was fulfilled. It is the law of love God and love your neighbor. And He didn't agree with all the pharisees with their long list of rules and laws. Jesus didn't come to rule the world! He didn't come to tell us what man has to do to solve all the problems on earth. You know that doesn't work. The gospel is not a list and if you do this then you can solve all the problems on earth because no man can solve all the problems on earth. If we've got problems, it's because earth is under the domination of the evil one. No man can solve this problem. There's only one Savior. That's Jesus Christ! And the way He wants to solve this problem is that He wants to deliver us from the evil one. He wants to lead us into His Kingdom. Later on in the new creation where there's no more evil, no place for evil, no more suffering, no more death ... that's the solution of Jesus Christ. So Jesus Christ didn't come on earth to rule our society to tell us what we have to do so that all the problems are solved. He tells us what we have to do in order to be saved and to enter His Kingdom, where there are no more problems, no evil. That's the doctrine of Jesus Christ. The doctrine of Jesus Christ tells us that the Son of God came on earth as true man. As we are human beings, and as a true man and as a human being; He overcame evil and death, and

so He received great merit that no other man can receive, because He did what no other man (what no human being could do) He overcame 100 percent evil and death. But he wants to share His merit with us! He wants to share his victory with us knowing that we are not able to do that alone. He said that it doesn't matter. I did it for you! And you can benefit from My sacrifice, from My victory; I share it with you! You have only one thing to do: You have to believe in Me! You have to trust Me! You have to share My love, My feelings, and My trust in God. And Paul added: We have to share His sufferings. Jesus Christ overcame evil and death and He says I share your with My victory. With you can become an overcomer and be delivered from evil and death. The only condition is that you have to believe in Me and if you want to have fellowship with Me to be together with Me in eternity, you have to be in communion with Me today! Having the same love the same trust and being in communion with His sufferings. That means Jesus didn't come to deliver us on earth from all sufferings. He wants us just to remain steadfast and faithful while we suffer again. He didn't come to deliver us from all sufferings, but He wants us to have communion. Easing suffering means that when we suffer, we suffer the way He suffered: loving others, trusting his Father; remaining obedient and faithful until the end. That's the communion of His sufferings. That's again the doctrine of Jesus Christ.

The last point I wanted to quote of this doctrine is that He said: What we have to do also to enter His Kingdom. That's not an invention of the New Apostle Church he said: You have to be reborn out of water and the Holy Spirit; otherwise, you cannot enter My Kingdom. But to make sense of this you have to receive the life of God and be able to have communion with God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. He added, and you have to eat My flesh and to drink My blood. We have to celebrate Holy Communion. If you don't eat my flesh, if you don't drink my blood, then you have no eternal life. If you want to have eternal life you have to receive the sacraments. Dear brothers and sisters that's a short summary of the doctrine of the Apostles. The Old Testament is relevant when we put it in connection with the teaching and we understand it with the teaching of Jesus Christ and we understand it on the basis of the sayings and deeds of Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ did not come to punish but to save. He didn't come to solve all the problems and to rule today's society. He came to deliver us from evil and to lead us into His Kingdom. He overcame for us and he wants to share His victory with us. All we have to do is to share His trust His love to believers in Him and to remain faithful. Even while suffering, we have to receive the sacraments. Now this is interesting because in the epistle, at one point, [the writer] says: 'okay if you want to have

fellowship with Jesus Christ, and with the Father, then you have to believe in the doctrine of the testimony of the Apostles. What you have seen and heard, we'll be able to bear witness for it and you have to have to be in fellowship. To have fellowship with one another: that's the next passage of this epistle. It's not enough to have [say you want] fellowship with God or better you cannot have fellowship with God if you cannot first love God and if you do not love each other. That's all connected. If you want to be together 'with' Christ, you have to be together 'in' Christ. Jesus explained that very clearly. He said first: whatever you do to My smallest brother, you do it to Me; so He showed his 'solidarity' with the believers. Say when you attack a believer you do it to Me; whatever you do to my brother, to my sister, you do it to Me! That was the first point. Then remember to have the fellowship 'of' Jesus Christ we have to share His feelings, His thoughts and remember the story of the Son of God. Believe He was God, and that He lived in the glory of God in heaven where everything is perfect. This holy is wonderful; He left this glory to come on earth and to share the condition of a human being. He shared the life conditions of human beings. He shared their joy, their suffering, their life. He even accepted to die because human beings have to die; so He left His glory to show his 'solidarity' and to be as we are on earth as human being. Just to save us! If we have these feelings of Christ in our heart what happens then; we also have a feeling on behalf of our neighbor. And if we see that our neighbor is suffering or that he has some needs, we are ready to leave our comfort zone in order to help him. It's not that comfortable. You know it's easier to ignore the one who is suffering. Sometimes I often say it seems to me that suffering must be contagious because as soon as somebody is unhappy all the others take a great detour to avoid him. Because ... 'oh this guy is not doing well' it's not contagious you know! Let us leave our comfort zone, to join our neighbor and to share his pain his suffering and to comfort him and to help him. The great prayer of Jesus for His own was: 'Father let them be One, as You and I are One' So that shows that for Jesus, it was not possible to have part in the communion of the Father and the Son if you're not in communion or have no fellowship with one another in the circle of His disciples. Let them be one and he exalted them. Help one another, whatever you do to Him you do it to Me. So I state again: if we want to be together with Christ we have to have fellowship with one another. And here too to help us. To make it possible for us to have fellowship with God and to have fellowship with one another. God has sent His Apostles and the Apostle ministry. We see we receive all we need to have fellowship with God and to have fellowship with one another to become one with God and to become one with one another and we receive all we

need from the Apostolate. It's not about a person it's about the ministry of the Apostolate.

The first point is the doctrine of the Apostles. The teaching of the Apostles and now I'm talking of the today's Apostles who help us to become one because I'm so thankful that we have one doctrine in the New Apostolic Church. We have one faith, one creed, and one catechism. How sad would it be if before listening to an Apostle we have to check on which side is he on? It's so sad when you realize that every leader, every preacher has his own interpretation of the scripture and of the gospel. Then they have to look around to come to an agreement. It's so easy in our church: one creed, one doctrine, one master, one criticism, one definition, one goal, and if you are one with the doctrine of the

Apostles it's easy to be united. It's always dangerous when every preacher and every believer has his own interpretation of the holy scripture. That makes unity impossible. I tell you where the Holy Spirit is really at work, He works for the unity of the Apostles.

We also receive forgiveness of sins when the Apostle proclaims, or those who are sent proclaim / announce 'your sins are forgiven.' We can be sure now Jesus is ready to forgive me my sins. Without this forgiveness, we couldn't have fellowship with God. As a sinner you cannot have fellowship with God; you cannot enter His Kingdom; you cannot live in communion with God. We need to be graced by the forgiveness of our sins. From the Apostles, we receive the sacraments of Holy Baptism and Holy Sealing, and thus we receive the life of God. How could we have fellowship with God without having the life of God? We need to become a new creation and this new creation in Jesus Christ. Only this way one is able to enter the Kingdom of God. A human being as the old Adam cannot have fellowship with God. We need to become a new creature in order to have eternal fellowship with God and thus this is dispensed by the Apostles sent by Jesus Christ. Baptizing them through the Apostolic age, we receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

And the very last point. Where the Holy Spirit is at work through the Apostolate; we can celebrate Holy Communion and receive what is needed for salvation. The body and the blood of Jesus Christ. Remember Jesus said: 'If you don't eat my flesh and drink my blood you cannot have eternal life. From the Apostolate, we receive the body and blood of Jesus Christ, and when the congregation celebrates Holy Communion the body and the blood of Jesus is present. This seems a little bit strange. What does it mean? That means that Jesus is not here 'just as a spirit' or 'just that we remember him.' Yeah we think about Him ... No! He is present in flesh and

blood, as a person in reality. It's not just an idea ... it's just not a concept or some inspiration ... No! When we celebrate Holy Communion ... in the circle of the Apostles we can be sure now Jesus is present in flesh and in blood. He is really there! He is with us! He's on our side! We can experience that He's no longer in the 'realm of the departed.' He is the living one! He is here! What happens when He is here? What happened when Jesus was with His disciples? He didn't allow them to judge others! They say 'no don't do that' ... that's My [Jesus] task ... that's not your task! He didn't allow them to fight with each other ... many problems were solved just because Jesus was there. What we celebrate in the communion is Jesus is there through him. Through His flesh and through his body and blood we receive His nature and He nourishes the new creation. We can grow up to be prepared to enter the Kingdom of God. We know that Holy Communion helps us also to be together in Christ. To have fellowship with one another in Christ. The bible says because there's one bread, we are one body. When we receive Holy Communion we can see [in the wafer] that we have the same bread. The words [Alpha & Omega] are on one side ... the teaching of Jesus Christ ... and on the other side ... the body and blood of Jesus [wine in 3 drops]; and all of us we receive the same. That means the congregation can see that each child of God each believer, receives the same teaching and the same sacrament. And its work and it's efficient for all of them, whatever their personal situation may be. Actually the situation can be very different in a congregation very different!

But when celebrating Holy Communion; we can see there's one bread. The solution is the same for all! The way to go, to believe ... it is the same for all!

You know we live in a period in a time that strikes me. Well, everybody insists on his differences ... it's funny because you all have differences. Everybody wants to show that 'I'm different!' Sometimes it seems to me that people more and more - cultivate their differences to show that they're 'not like another!' You have to respect me! I'm different, and that's okay for sure! We have to accept the otherness of our neighbor that's without discussion. We accept the 'otherness' of our neighbor; but that shouldn't be our goal to underline. To insist on our differences in one breath (you know one body); let us 'insist on what we have in common!' Together in Christ; let us insist on what we have in common! What's important, not that we are different ... what's important is that the solution is the same for all of us! The way to go ... It's the same for all of us; so please let us stop cultivating our differences! Yes we do respect the otherness of our neighbor but please let us be focused on what we have in common. The solution is the same for all of us one bread.

When Jesus introduced / established the Holy Communion with His Apostles; He gave them .. [or rather] he distributed some bread. You know that! Then he took a cup of wine and he gave it to the first one and said ... okay drink out of it ... all of you! There was 'one cup' so that the first one had to give the cup with the wine to the second. Then the second one to the third one ... and this cup was circulating in the circle of the disciples. Jesus said that's 'My blood' ... that blood of the new covenant given for many for the remission of sins, and that's a nice image. Maybe you say that's a little bit exaggerated, but I think for me, this cup is a nice image. With the wine the blood of Jesus, circulating in the circle of the disciples like the blood is circulating in the body. That's the deep meaning of it! The cup circulates with the wine as the blood circulates in the body. One blood, one body for sure. Today for practical reasons we celebrate Holy Communion with wafers and the wine is included in the bread; but the meaning remains ... when we celebrate Holy Communion ... this blood of Jesus circulates into the congregation. That means that all of us we need to be cleansed by this blood of Jesus Christ; otherwise, we have no salvation. We have salvation if the blood circulates into the whole congregation ... all of us! We need to be cleansed, we need forgiveness of sins, we need to be purified by the Son ... by the blood of the Son. We are fully dependent, every part on the body. The body is dependent on the blood circulation you know. And Paul said that 'the eye cannot say I do not need the hand' and 'I cannot say I do not need the foot!' All the parts of the body are dependent on the circulation of blood and that's a nice image for the congregation ... for the church and the unity of the church of the believers. All of us we are fully dependent on the blood of Jesus Christ that helps us to be one and that's what we can experience when the Holy Spirit is at work through the Apostolate. The last point, when we celebrate Holy Communion ... we prepare ourselves and that's a foretaste for the great supper we will have in heaven with our Lord Jesus Christ in communion with Him. That reminds us ... it's not only that there's one salvation. We have to accomplish according to the gospel of Jesus Christ; but we have also the same future. This future will be our bliss, whatever our situation is. We have the same goal and when we celebrate Holy Communion, all of us we say together and whatever happens he will come that's our connection. Whatever happens man and devil can do what they want, no one can hinder Jesus to come and we want to enter with Him, His Kingdom. My dear brothers and sisters that's our motto for this year! Our goal is to be together in eternity with Christ. To have fellowship in eternity with Christ we have to believe in the doctrine of the Apostles, as described by the Bible. We see Jesus as the Apostles have described Him in the bible. To have fellowship with

Jesus, we need to have fellowship with one another and both fellowship with God and fellowship with one another is made possible. We feel we receive all we need through the activity of the Holy Spirit for the Apostles sent by Him. That's our treasure, that's our faith, and we are thankful for our Heavenly Father for His grace - Amen!

Now we have several Apostles here. We are in Canada so let us begin with the United States; maybe Apostle Thomas Schmidt can serve us and I'm sure you have prepared something [musical] ... just wonderful ... as you should please.

[Music] Prince of Peace

Apostle Thomas Schmidt

My dear brothers and sisters. What a blessed joyful beginning to this new year that we could continue today together in Christ. Together with Him with one another. And all that has continued to open now in the second Sunday of the year, as this word was shared with us in the examples ... I considered this image of the great Apostle [Paul] of the body and blood circulating and at the very end the spirit brought the word as a treasure. We treasure this dear brothers and sisters. Let us treasure Christ and each other. We love Christ, and we love each other. Let us treasure Christ and treasure each other. Let us treasure our neighbor!

As the choir sang ... you're trying to harmonize yourself with the one right next to you. It's kind of hard to harmonize with the one at the end of the row, but you can harmonize and treasure the one singing right next to you. Because you 'together' can make better music! And my dear brothers and sisters, treasuring

Christ ... treasuring the one next to us if we consider the body and if let's say if I would say it this way ... I'm the thumb but I'm not so sure about this index finger ... I'd rather be on this side of the hand ... I'd rather be next to the pinky ... that's where I would like to be ... how would that look? It would look kind of funny! God put us where he put us; on the body and we treasure Christ, and we treasure the body and we treasure also very much our immediate neighbor whoever that is! God put us there! He made us, and the congregations that we are in. He made us part of the families we are in ... He made us the brothers and sisters who we are, where we are, and let us never say well ... if I could be next to that other one that would be much better. No, no! The one right next to us we treasure as well as the whole body and then my dear brothers and sisters this blood this life that are mysteries are opened up again. Today about the flesh and blood ... Christ is present in flesh and blood.

What we have been experiencing through the through the pandemic ... what's missing? When we can't be together in flesh and blood; there's something missing! God provides until we can be together again in flesh and blood; but we look forward to be able to have that physical presence. God himself sent His Son for our physical presence as well and through the Holy Spirit ... He permits us to continue to experience that and then the circulation of the blood is possible. You know when there's good circulation of the blood, there's good color. You look good ... someone says oh you look good ... good circulation. When there's good circulation within us and within our neighborhood ... with our neighbor and within the body of Christ; then we have good color, we have good faith, we have the strength for patience, we have the strength to love, embrace differences not just tolerate them. When there's good color ... there's good feeling! We might say it's not really a good spiritual picture ... but a 'good vibe!' There's a warmth! As it is for us who are able to be here this weekend together with you.

This is the first time that I think I'm in Calgary, and I feel that I have been here many times before. One time right away one body, one bread, one blood and so my dear brothers and sisters we treasure that and we treasure each other and let us share that with each other and with all those whom the Lord permits us to come in contact with - Amen.

So that was the Apostle from the USA. Now for sure we need a Canadian Apostle. Which one? Everybody looks at his shoes :-) Next to the Apostle Schmidt sits Apostle Martik ... please

[Music] Oh Christ

Apostle Martik

My dear boys and sisters. I think it's an amazing experience to be together and to come under such a clear message. It, I'm sure all of us ... we made fantastic experiences this morning. I will share a little bit of mine. I got yesterday a message from our one of our sisters overseas and she said I looked up what togetherness means. I found a really nice word it says 'solidarity.' Our Chief Apostle explained how the Lord Jesus stands in 'solidarity' with his Apostles. To be together in Christ ... that means we stand in 'solidarity' with one another. What that means, and that was part of the message this morning ... we are not indifferent to the one who stands next to us.

There is a reason our Apostle Schmidt said: 'It's the Lord who placed us next to our neighbor' and 'There's a reason for that' because He chose our neighbors so that we can make our salvation with him. The Lord knows exactly what

our needs are ... much better than ourselves. He chose that neighbor so that we can make our salvation. Thanks to His help ... oh that means also sometimes we suffer. We suffer because of our differences. We suffer because to stand in solidarity with our neighbor that the Lord chose, is not always easy; but when we are in solidarity, we have the desire to love our neighbor like Christ loves us. Then we go an extra mile and then we can stand together with each other. There is some effort our Chief Apostle underlined. The Lord had to suffer. The Apostles even wrote that we are not above the master. That means we also have to suffer. Can I share ... I think here I speak for the Apostolate not just for myself ... one of our greatest sufferings in this time is when we see the one or the other went away. They took some distance; they are no longer in our fellowship. It's the Lord Jesus who decides who the Bride of Christ is! But in the congregation, we stand in one body and we suffer when the finger next to us decides to take some distance. We cannot [stand to] cut our finger; it's really suffering ... so what do we do when we stand in solidarity ... we don't just stand there and I'm speaking for myself ... we don't just stand there and say there's nothing I can do! There is something we can do! We can reach out and share the 'Love of Christ' Sometimes we pray Lord please help and the Lord answers yeah; but I need you to do that ... that is when we stand together in Christ in solidarity. May that be our experience in the congregation and then the blood can flow. In the congregation, we cannot just say 'well they decided to be cut off' - No! The blood can really flow in the congregation when we all stand together - Amen.

Chief Apostle Schneider - Preparation for Holy Communion

My dear brothers ... Today we have the grace at least here in the circle together, and everywhere where the congregations can gather together to celebrate Holy Communion. And we are grateful for that, and let's have a great joy ... but in our joy ... we do not forget those who have no possibility to gather today ... to celebrate Holy Communion. Some places the believers cannot gather together because of the pandemic, for other reasons and they cannot celebrate Holy Communion and as the Apostle just said ... we suffer with them ... we share this suffering. Many ask me why does God not intervene, why can we not celebrate Holy Communion ... I don't know. Jesus doesn't tell me everything. We have to trust Him. Sure, and even if it would be for Him to tell me ... I wouldn't understand it, I guess! But at least that's not an explanation ... just the conclusion on my part. That reminds us ... that's [the case] with Holy Communion but [that is also the case] with every sacrament ... that everything we get from God is a grace. Not a due! It's a

grace. It's just normal for us you know .. that we are New Apostolic, and we come to church we're 'entitled to celebrate Holy Communion.' That we are very faithful and we serve the Lord and we give our offerings and we pray; so that's normal. We are 'entitled to celebrate Holy Communion' No you deserve nothing! Nobody can deserve receiving the body and the blood of Jesus Christ; nobody can deserve to share in the merit of Christ! He has died on the cross. It's a grace! And with grace you are fully dependent on the one who gives it. If you get it ... you can be thankful. If not, you cannot even claim it's a grace. Maybe this old story of the pandemic can help us ... to become aware a little bit more what a gift of grace means.

You can get it, but also you cannot get it! I think about Chief Apostle Schmidt. He often prayed ... that's a long time ago now ... 'Do not take Your grace away from me!' ... later on we didn't pray so often in that way because people said yeah 'you are threatening the people!' You are mentioning the risk that God can withdraw his grace! That was not the meaning, but just this ... It is a desire I'm aware of ... it's a grace ... please God, 'grant me this grace' ... 'I do not deserve it' ... 'I'm not entitled to receive it' ... 'it's not a due but please give it to me - please' When your Son comes ... 'accept me by grace' Maybe something we have forgotten in the past years; but also when the the Son will come ... it's a grace to be accepted ... I do not want to threaten the children of God. If you are not good enough you won't be accepted ... that's not the message. We trust in the Love of Jesus Christ and we trust that we remain faithful that when He comes He will take us upon Him. But our disposition of heart is 'I do not deserve it' ... 'please God be gracious to me - please grant me forgiveness of sins - please' Allow me to receive body and blood of Jesus Christ - it's a grace to a fellowship with one another. We cannot do it on our own. Without God, his Grace, His forgiveness ... for the teaching and the sacrament dispensed by the Apostolate ... we cannot become one in Christ. So hereto is not our merit, the only one who can do it ... is Jesus Christ. Let this prayer become more and more important in our heart ... 'please grant me your grace oh lord - thank you for your grace'

To prepare ourselves for partaking of Holy Communion; we listen to the hymn of repentance of the soloist.

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Chief Apostle Schneider - Lord's Prayer and Absolution

Now let us stand up and say the prayer the Lord Jesus taught us:

Our father in Heaven, hallowed be Your name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day, our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the Kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever - Amen.

Now I proclaim unto you the glad tidings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ the Son of the Living God, your sins are forgiven. The peace of the Risen One abide with you - Amen!

Chief Apostle Schneider - Eucharistic Prayer

Almighty God. God of grace and God of mercy, God of love ... we thank you for the forgiveness of our sins. We thank you for the salvation you grant us by grace. We thank our beloved Lord Jesus Christ for his sacrifice, for having accepted to leave the glory of heaven to suffer as a man to die as a human and for being able to overcome evil and death. We thank Him for sharing His victory with us. We thank the Holy Spirit for His teaching and His work of salvation. Dear Heavenly Father we pray for your work of salvation around the world. Bless the Apostles and their co-workers. Bless all your children who are willing to serve you. Bless the work done out of love and in faith. Help us to find the souls you want to add to your people. Help us to motivate those who became weak to come back to you. Dear Heavenly Father, then fulfill your promise and send your beloved Son now. We are looking forward to celebrating Holy Communion. We remember all those who cannot do this today. Please let them know that they are not forgotten and now let your Holy Spirit be active so that we can receive body and blood of Jesus Christ ... hear us in Jesus name - Amen.

Now we can celebrate Holy Communion.

So now the Lord's table is prepared. In the name of God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. I consecrate bread and wine for Holy Communion, and lay there upon the once brought eternally valid sacrifice of Jesus Christ, for the Lord took bread and wine, gave thanks and said: This is my body which is broken for you. This is my blood of the new covenant given for many for the remission of sins. Eat and drink. Do this in remembrance of me. For as often as you eat this bread and drink this wine you proclaim the Lord's death till he comes - Amen.

The body and blood of Jesus given for you - Amen.

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Congregation can be seated - We will now sing together the Holy Communion hymn number '363 A Wonderful Savior is Jesus' and then we will sing Holy Communion hymn number '2' following that. The Lord now invites you for Holy Communion.

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District Apostle Woll - Preparation for Holy Communion for the Departed

We also have now the opportunity to celebrate Holy Communion with the departed. I personally cannot come to Calgary without thinking of the pioneers of our faith. Really almost any city in North America that we go to ... we are mindful of our faithful brothers and sisters that established the work of God that spread the gospel and the love of Christ. We remain together in fellowship with them as our Chief Apostle wrote already last Sunday; sometimes we wonder how would they react to the teachings today? The different progress in the work of God and we realize they remain steadfast also in the Apostles doctrine. They move forward with us because they remain in fellowship in the Apostles doctrine ... they remain in the breaking of bread, they remain in prayer, and they remain in fellowship. Christ together with us. So that's a wonderful confirmation when we can celebrate Holy Communion with them as one body and one faith with our loved ones out of eternity. For this our Bishop Schmidt from New York and our Bishop Voon from Toronto will be the proxies for the departed and in preparation for this the choir will have a song. You can remain seated and then stand up for the celebration of Holy Communion for the departed.

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Chief Apostle Schneider - Holy Communion for the Departed

So now Jesus Christ invites you. He is known in the yonder-world. He knows each one also in the yonder-world, and He forgets nobody! He shares your feelings

as He shares our feeling. He knows what it means to be separated from those He loved, when we read in the new testament ... He was very sad just thinking about the fact that He would be separated for a few days from his disciples. So we can understand when we suffer because of the separation between the living ones and the dead ones. He gives us and you the assurance even if you missed something during your life on earth ... even if you miss each other ... you won't miss anything for salvation. I provide you all your needs! To have eternal fellowship

with me and with one another. That's why we save now what I lay into the hands and the hearts of the two bishops ... the body and the blood of Jesus Christ is given for you for your perfect peace in Jesus Christ, for your perfect joy in Jesus Christ and for eternal fellowship with Him and with his own in His Kingdom - Amen.

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Chief Apostle Schneider - Ordination of 4 Apostles for the USA

Thank you so much - please be seated. So my dear brothers and sisters it has been announced several times, and reported several times but finally today it takes place - four new Apostles will be ordained for the United States. Working with the District Apostle Kolb; ... I don't know all names are known to everyone. It's Bishop Fuerbach, District Evangelist Klein, District Elder Schnabel, and District Elder Steinbrueck ... the best is for you Brothers stay there since it's written where you have to stay. It's not written where I have to stay, but I guess here. Please join me ... My dear brothers - beloved co-workers of Jesus Christ. We have had enough time yesterday to talk about this ordination; so no need for me to do a long speech. You know we believe that you have been called by Jesus Christ and not by a man or by an organization. You have been called to become an Apostle of Jesus Christ. One of the servants of God who are entrusted with the treasure of Christ. They receive the authority and the mandates to deliver to the believers all they need to have perfect fellowship with Christ. Your task will be to proclaim, to announce the gospel of Jesus Christ in its purity according to the testimony of the Bible. The testimony of the witnesses who heard Jesus Christ. Your tasks consist of leading the believers into the knowledge of Jesus Christ. In order to know them, to know Him better and better to understand Him. More and more proclaim the gospel for your preaching but also for your example. One could say okay when you become an Apostle then you are spared from everything. No! We live a normal life, like all other believers; but Jesus wants us to be an example and also in our life to show and to indicate and to prove that's the way one can do when you follow Jesus Christ. Whatever happens, that's your task .. your task is not only to teach to read into the knowledge of Jesus Christ but also to allow the believers, the congregation to experience the love and the grace of Jesus Christ through you. Sometimes Jesus wants us to help the believers to experience what it means: 'forgiveness of sins' and to forgive each other. You understand what I mean ... let the congregation experience the presence the love and the grace of Jesus Christ. For you ... your task consists of proclaiming the return of Christ. Whatever happens ... be

a pillar in the work of God and even if everything is moving ... remain steadfast ... the Lord will come!

Nothing has changed ... that's the true Apostle of Jesus Christ and as an Apostle of Jesus Christ you become also a leader of the church. As a matter of fact you have to lead your district. Here too there is no need to explain. You will do it in communion with the District Apostle, but just one hint ... 'Do to your brothers and co-workers not what people do to you, but what you want people to do to you' It's nothing for you but for a leader it's essential. That's very important! Do to your brothers what you would like people to do to you, and 'not what people did to you' and then you will have happy and joyful co-workers. You will be efficient with your team - now I ask the congregation to stand up please and I ask you my dear brothers are you willing to serve Jesus Christ as his ambassadors - as an Apostle of Jesus Christ are you willing to serve out of love in the trust of God in the purity of your heart are you willing to serve in unity with the Chief Apostle with the District Apostle and with the Apostolate? Are you willing to work for the unity of the church and according to the rules and laws of the New Apostolic Church? Then please confirm it with your yes word. YES

Almighty God you've heard this yes word from the men you have called to become

Apostles of your beloved Son. Now fill them with your spirit and let the Holy Spirit be active so that these men can receive the fullness of the strength of heaven to fulfill their mission. Sanctify me your servant, so that through me the Holy Spirit can become active and fulfill his mission. Hear us in Jesus' name - Amen.

Now receive the Holy Ministry of an Apostle of Jesus Christ. In the name of God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. For the power and activity of the Holy Spirit, receive the authority and the mandate to proclaim forgiveness of sins by direct authority of Jesus Christ. Receive the authority and the mandate to dispense the sacrament of Holy Sealing in order for believers who are baptized with water to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit and thus being enabled to enter the kingdom of God as Firstlings. Receive the authority and mandate to ordain believers in a ministry and to serve the Lord as a minister in accordance with your District Apostle and according to the needs of the congregation. The Holy Spirit sanctifies and consecrates you for this service so that imperfect sinners can do perfect work dispensing the sacraments, dispensing forgiveness of sins, and ordaining ministers. The Holy Spirit will be with you and guide you. He will help you to sanctify yourself and to grow up in the knowledge of Jesus Christ in the understanding of the Holy Scripture and of the plan of redemption. He may inspire you that

you always promote the unity of the church and of the believers. The almighty God blesses you; He promises you that He will be with you. He will bless your work done out of love in faith and the purity of your heart. The Lord will protect you on your ways and send the angels to protect you - don't worry Jesus is with his Apostles. The peace of the risen one abides with you and the blessing of God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be with you - Amen, Amen.

Now you may stand up my dear Apostles welcome to the circle of the Apostles of Jesus Christ. It's forbidden to hug you [during the Pandemic] but I hope one day we can do it; but we thank you for your yes word and I promise you it's not easy to be an Apostle of Jesus Christ, but on the other side we also have so many evidence and proofs that Jesus Christ is faithful to his promise. He is with his Apostles; you will experience it. We wish you and your family all the best. God bless you and God keep you.

Thank you for your patience brothers and sisters. Thank you to our brothers and sisters in the USA for accepting the new Apostles. Don't be too tough with them. Now let us close the service with prayer.

Chief Apostle Schneider - Closing

Prayer

Almighty God, Heavenly Father ... we thank you out of the bottom of our hearts for your word, for your grace, for the peace of the Risen One. We thank you for the fellowship we could have with Christ and with one another, with our beloved ones from the yonder-world, while celebrating Holy Communion. We thank you for the new Apostles that you've given us. Please be with them and also let the congregations experience that they are not just workers or ministers; that they are true Apostles of Jesus Christ. Once more we pray for all those who are suffering here in North America, but also elsewhere on earth. There are so many people who must deal with incredible situations. Please help whenever it's possible. Please deliver us from this pandemic as soon as possible. Please grant peace where there's a war. Help those who have lost every hope and let them know there is a hope. This hope is Jesus Christ. Now grant us your angel's protection. Bless the offerings and the service done by your people and grant us much more than we can ask with our words send your beloved Son, shorten the time; hear us in Jesus' name - Amen.

The Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the Love of God and the Communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all - Amen.

Please take your seat we listen to the closing hymn from the choir

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Chief Apostle Schneider - Concluding Remarks

Thanks for the work done. Thanks to all of you my dear brothers and sisters here and all those who are connected whenever they experience this service. Allow me to express my gratitude for your prayers and your support. For the many wishes I have received and thank you for being there. Thank you for serving the Lord. I wish you for this year 2022 God's blessings. I have no idea what's going to happen, but I know one thing - God is faithful. He will be with us - don't fear. I wish you much joy in your congregation and all the best - thanks

Did you sing all the songs you have? Not yet :-)) I have plenty of time my plane leaves tomorrow.

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