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Dear Friends at Historic Trinity,

Greetings in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ! Summer is here, and Stacy and I are beyond excited to be headed to Our Savior Lutheran Church in Raleigh, North Carolina in late July. Until the move, we'll be doing quite a bit of traveling, including up to Michigan for my sister's wedding on July 20, an event I'm sure you've heard about, as she is marrying your current vicar, Adam!

I myself get more and more excited about my own vicarage year with each passing day. Raleigh promises to be a wonderful place to live, and we've been blessed with housing that is right next door to the church building. Raleigh is situated comfortably between the Blue Ridge Mountains and the Atlantic Ocean - there will be plenty of opportunities for enjoyable sight-seeing! It will be exciting to live in a new part of the country.

Of course, life and work in the congregation at Raleigh is tremendously exciting as well. The congregation is located very close to Duke, Wake Forest, and NC State, and has a significant number of college students. I expect that part of my responsibilities will be helping to minister to these students. Additionally, my supervisor is a skilled teacher. Many of the members are newer Christians who were catechized by my supervisor. I am excited to learn from him about the teaching of the faith that is such an important part of pastoral ministry.

Until the move, I am working in the chapel as Dr. Vieker's assistant. Right now, I am busy scheduling the readings and hymns for the daily morning and full chapel services. It is nice to have a little time off from classes, and to have more freedom to study independently. Dr. Vieker is giving me counsel in this regard as well. I'm learning all sorts of things about our rich tradition of Lutheran liturgy, the history of our liturgical practices, and countless other subjects. This work is a great blessing, great instruction, and great fun!

As always, I thank you for your continual support and prayers. You are all in my prayers. I pray always that you continually and faithfully receive the blessed sustenance that is provided only in the Gospel of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Through His death and resurrection, He freed us from slavery to sin, from death, and from the power of the devil. For this, we are able to rejoice forever as saints in the joy of His forgiveness, life, and salvation. God bless you all!

In Christ,
Henry Eising

