

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN HYMNARY

HOLY MINISTRY



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Ordination to the Holy Ministry

The ordination shall normally be performed by the Synod President or the Circuit Visitor. In the service this person is referred to as the Officiant. Under special circumstances, the Synod President or the Circuit Visitor may appoint another Pastor to perform this rite.

The installation properly takes place within the congregation to which the Candidate has been called. Before the service, a red stole should be set on the altar to be placed on the Candidate when he is ordained.

For the processional at the beginning of the service, the Candidate will enter first, followed by the participating Pastors, and the Officiant. The order is reversed for the recessional after the service.

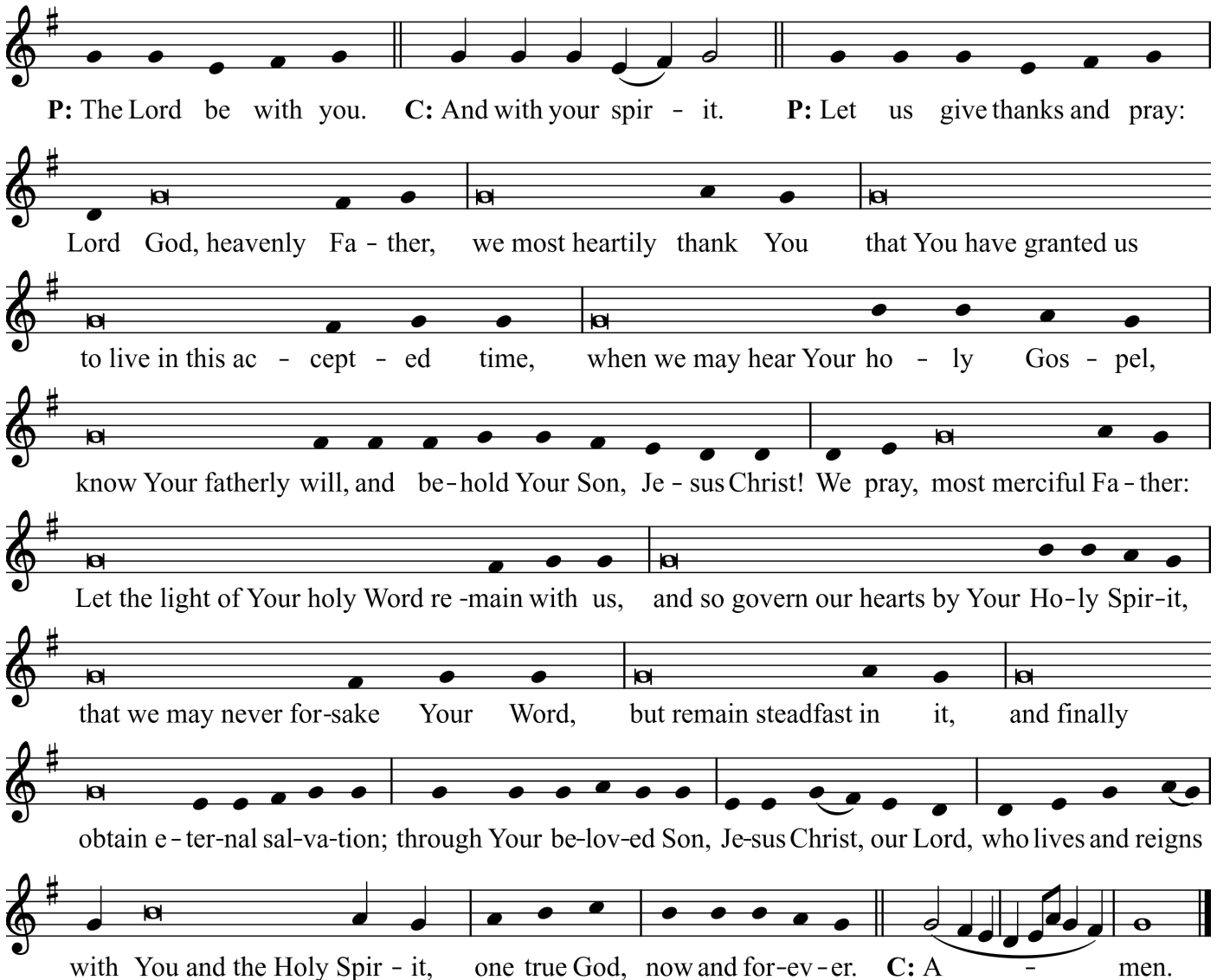
The Candidate is seated in a chair facing the altar in front of the church.

ORDINATION TO THE HOLY MINISTRY

The rite of ordination follows the Gloria in Excelsis Deo in the Divine Service. If the Order of Vespers is used, the rite of ordination follows the Versicles.

The Salutation and Collect

The Salutation and Collect are sung or said, or the Litany is used:



P: The Lord be with you. **C:** And with your spir - it. **P:** Let us give thanks and pray:

Lord God, heavenly Fa - ther, we most heartily thank You that You have granted us

to live in this ac - cept - ed time, when we may hear Your ho - ly Gos - pel,

know Your fatherly will, and be-hold Your Son, Je - sus Christ! We pray, most merciful Fa - ther:

Let the light of Your holy Word re - main with us, and so govern our hearts by Your Ho - ly Spir - it,

that we may never for-sake Your Word, but remain steadfast in it, and finally

obtain e - ter - nal sal - va - tion; through Your be - lov - ed Son, Je - sus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns

with You and the Holy Spir - it, one true God, now and for - ev - er. **C:** A - men.

The Epistle

P: The holy Epistle is recorded in the fifth chapter of St. Paul's Second Epistle to the Corinthians, beginning with the seventeenth verse:

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation. Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on

Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God. For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him. *(2 Corinthians 5:17–21)*

The Gospel

P: The holy Gospel is recorded in the twentieth chapter of the Gospel according to St. John, beginning with the twenty-first verse. We read as follows in Jesus' name:

So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you." And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." *(John 20:21–23)*

If the rite of ordination takes place in the Divine Service, the Apostles' Creed or the Nicene Creed is now said.

A hymn may be sung.

The Introduction

The Officiant enters the chancel and says:

P: Beloved congregation: The Holy Scriptures admonish us to recognize those who labor among us, and are over us in the Lord, to pray for them and esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. On this day a new laborer in the Church presents himself before us. Candidate of Theology *(Full Name)* has received a call to *(Congregation Name[s] and Location[s])*, and is now to be ordained into the Office of the Holy Ministry.

Then shall be read the Vita (biography), at the end of which the Officiant shall say:

Let us receive him in love, and present him before God in prayer.

The Congregation shall rise, the Officiant kneels at the altar, and the Candidate at the Communion rail. The Pastors may kneel at the Communion rail on either side of the Candidate.

Lord Jesus Christ, You have given Your Church some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints, for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: We thank You for Your great mercy, and we bless Your holy name, that You have not dealt with us according to our sins or much unfaithfulness, but have graciously preserved among us to this day Your holy Word and Your precious Sacraments. We pray You, have mercy upon us. May Your Holy Spirit enlighten and direct us, comfort and strengthen us; and may the sacred act we are about to perform redound to the honor of Your name and to the increase of Your Kingdom. May Your blessing abide upon this Your servant, and may we all be built up in the faith which is in You, the Rock of our salvation, immovable forevermore! Amen.

When the prayer is ended, the Officiant (and Pastors if kneeling) shall rise. The Candidate shall remain kneeling.

The Ordination Hymn

Facing the altar, the Officiant shall sing the first line of the hymn (ELH 2):



P: Come, Ho - ly Ghost, God and Lord!

Then the Congregation shall sing:



C: Be all Thy gra - ces now out-poured On each be - liev - er's mind and heart;



Thy fer - vent love to them im - part. Lord, by the bright - ness of Thy light



Thou in the faith dost men u - nite Of ev - 'ry land and ev - 'ry tongue;



This to Thy praise, O Lord, our God, be sung. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

The Antiphon and Collect

The Officiant and the Congregation shall then sing (or say):



P: Send forth, O Lord, Your Spir - it, and ser - vants shall be cre - at - ed for You.



C: And You shall make all things new. A - - - men.

Organ modulation



P: The Lord be with you. C: And with your spir-it. P: Let us all pray: Lord God, heavenly Fa-ther,
 by Your Holy Spir - it You enlighten and com - fort all be - liev - ing hearts:
 Grant us to be led by Your Spirit into all truth, and give us at all times the joy of His com-fort;
 through our Lord Je - sus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spir - it,
 one true God, now and for - ev - er. C: A - - - men.

The Candidate shall return to his seat. The Officiant shall continue:

P: Let us hear the testimony of God’s Word concerning this sacred office.

The Scripture Passages

The participating Pastors shall read a Scripture passage. After each reading, the Congregation shall sing stanzas from the hymn “Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest” (ELH 10)

P: In the twenty-eighth chapter of the Gospel according to St. Matthew, beginning at the eighteenth verse, it is written:

And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen. (*Matthew 28:18–20*)

Then shall be sung stanzas 1 and 2 of the hymn, after which another Pastor reads:

P: In St. Paul’s epistles regarding the responsibilities of pastors, it is written:

Let a man so consider us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover it is required in stewards that one be found faithful. (*1 Corinthians 4:1–2*)

A bishop must be blameless, as a steward of God, not self-willed, not quick-tempered, not given to wine, not violent, not greedy for money, but hospitable, a lover of what is good, sober-minded, just, holy, self-controlled, holding fast the faithful word as he has been taught, that he may be able, by sound doctrine, both to exhort and convict those who contradict. (*Titus 1:7–9*)

Speak the things which are proper for sound doctrine.... in all things showing yourself to be a pattern of good works. (*Titus 2:1,7*)

Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. *(2 Timothy 2:15)*

Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching. *(2 Timothy 4:2)*

Then shall be sung stanzas 3 and 4 of the hymn, after which another Pastor reads:

P: In St. Paul's epistles regarding God's promise toward pastors and hearers, it is written:

Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you by prophecy with the laying on of the hands of the eldership. Meditate on these things; give yourself entirely to them, that your progress may be evident to all. Take heed to yourself and to the doctrine. Continue in them, for in doing this you will save both yourself and those who hear you. *(1 Timothy 4:14–16)*

And we have such trust through Christ toward God. Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think of anything as being from ourselves, but our sufficiency is from God, who also made us sufficient as ministers of the new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life. *(2 Corinthians 3:4–6)*

Then shall be sung stanzas 5 and 6 of the hymn, after which another Pastor reads:

P: In the twentieth chapter of the Book of Acts, the twenty-eighth verse, it is written:

Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood. *(Acts 20:28)*

And in the fifth chapter of the First Epistle of St. Peter, beginning at the first verse, it is written:

The elders who are among you I exhort, I who am a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that will be revealed: Shepherd the flock of God which is among you, serving as overseers, not by compulsion but willingly, not for dishonest gain but eagerly; nor as being lords 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 does not fade away. *(1 Peter 5:1–4)*

Then shall be sung the last stanza of the hymn.

The Ordination Address

The Promise of the Candidate

The address ended, the Candidate shall kneel at the Communion rail, and the Officiant shall say:

P: Dear brother: Whereas you have accepted the call extended to you by *this/these* congregation(s) and are about to enter upon the performance of the duties pertaining to the Office of the Holy Ministry, in accordance with the Word and the will of the Lord Most High, I now ask you in the presence of God and this congregation:

Do you believe the canonical books of the Old and the New Testament to be the inspired Word of God and the only infallible rule of faith and practice?

Candidate: I do so believe.

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

Candidate: I do.

P: 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; and that the Apology of the Augsburg Confession, the two Catechisms of Martin Luther, the Smalcald Articles, and the Formula of Concord—as contained in the Book of Concord—are also in agreement with this one Scriptural faith?

Candidate: I do.

P: Do you solemnly promise that you will perform the duties of your office in accordance with these Confessions, and that all your teaching and your administration of the Sacraments shall be in conformity with the Holy Scriptures and with these Confessions?

Candidate: I do.

P: Will you admonish your hearers faithfully to true repentance and a holy life of love toward God and man? Will you forgive the sins of those who repent, never divulging the sins confessed to you? Will you conscientiously exercise church discipline, diligently carry out Catechism instruction, regularly visit the members of the congregation(s), and pray for the spiritual welfare of every soul under your care?

Candidate: I will, with the help of God.

P: Will you give yourself to meditation upon and study of the Scriptures? Will you endeavor to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace through your work in *this/these* congregation(s) and in the synod, gratefully receiving and acknowledging what has been handed down to you? Will you adorn the doctrine of our Savior with a holy life and conversation, earnestly striving to give your hearers a praiseworthy example of piety, integrity, and holiness, so as never willfully to dishonor God or your holy and exalted office?

Candidate: I will, the Lord helping me through the power and grace of His Holy Spirit.

P: Give me your hand in token thereof.

The Candidate shall give his hand to the Officiant.

The Ordination

The Officiant shall then take the stole from the altar and placing it upon the Candidate shall say:

P: (*Full Name*), I commit to you the sacred office of the Gospel Ministry, with authority and power, and ordain you a right servant of God and pastor of His Church in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Lord pour out upon you His Holy Spirit for the office and the work committed to you, that you may faithfully declare His Word both in public and in private and administer His holy Sacraments in accordance with their institution. Amen.

The Officiant shall then lay his hand upon the head of the Pastor-elect, with the Pastors doing the same. Then the Officiant shall say one of the following prayers:

Merciful and everlasting God: By the Word of Your only-begotten Son You have taught us that the harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few; and that we should pray the Lord of the harvest that He send forth laborers into His harvest. Hear, therefore, the prayer we offer on behalf of him whom we ordain this day to be a pastor of Your Church. Lord, keep him in Your name and sanctify him in Your truth, strengthen him in faith and in love toward You, and bestow upon him through Your Spirit the gifts of ministration, that he may become a right laborer in Your harvest. Help him to proclaim Your Word with boldness and fidelity, to counsel, comfort, and rebuke with all meekness and wisdom, and in all things conduct himself as a good steward of Your manifold grace. Be with him in every conflict and trial, and make him patient and humble in heart; for Your power is made perfect in weakness. Make fruitful his labors according to Your own good pleasure, and when his days of toil shall end, receive him with joy in Your own good presence, there to inherit a portion with all Your saints in everlasting bliss. Hear us, for the sake of Jesus. Amen. *(Liturgical Service of the Lutheran Church)*

Lord Jesus Christ, who are the Chief Shepherd and the only Head of Your Church, we pray You that You would keep this Your servant in Your holy Word and in the sound doctrine set forth therein; that You would strengthen him in the faithful performance of the duties of the ministry in this congregation and bless his labors in Your service, that Your holy name may be glorified and Your kingdom be enlarged; who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. *(The Lutheran Agenda)*

O Lord God, heavenly Father, who alone gives and sends forth able ministers of Your Church and for this ministry endues them with power from on high, we humbly beseech You, illumine the heart of this Your servant, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, by Your Holy Spirit; lead and guide him with the strength of Your right hand, that he may faithfully perform the ministry committed to him, to the glory of Your name and to the edification of all believers in the Church of Your dear Son; through the same, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen. *(The Lutheran Agenda)*

Then all the Pastors shall say:

P: 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 Pastors shall return to their seats. The Pastor-elect stands.

The Pledge and Promise of the Congregation

The Officiant addresses the Congregation:

P: Dearly beloved: You have heard the solemn promise given by him whom you have called to be your pastor. Hear now what the Word of God requires of you as members of His flock.

You are to regularly attend the services of God's house and listen to the preaching of the Word, receiving it not as the word of man, but as it is in truth, the Word of God. *(1 Thessalonians 2:13)*

Honor and love your pastor and receive his correction, as St. Paul says: "[R]ecognize those who labor among you and are over you in the Lord and admonish you; and esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake." *(1 Thessalonians 5:12-13)*

Pray for him without ceasing and support him in his work, that in his labors and trials he may retain a cheerful spirit, and his ministry among you may be abundantly blessed.

Provide also for his temporal needs, for the Lord says: “The laborer is worthy of his wages”; and St. Paul says: “Let him who is taught the word share in all good things with him who teaches.” (*Luke 10:7; Galatians 6:6*)

Finally, remember the words of the Apostle: “Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls, as those who must give account. Let them do so with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you.” (*Hebrews 13:17*)

I now ask you, the members here present of (*Congregation Name[s]*): Are you willing to receive your pastor as a minister of God, and to show towards him such love, honor, and obedience in the Lord as are due to a servant and overseer placed over you by the Lord Jesus Christ, the Chief Shepherd and Overseer of souls? If so, then answer: “Yes, with the help of God.”

C: Yes, with the help of God.

P: All of this is both required and promised on the part of the Congregation and Pastor. God grant that you keep these promises unbroken before Him.

The Installation

The Pastor-elect kneels. The Officiant places his right hand on his head and says:

P: Dear brother: On the basis of your call and in accordance with the Word of God, the Confessions of the Lutheran Church, the order and practice of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod, and the constitution of *this/these* congregation(s), I install you as pastor of *this/these* congregation(s) in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Now may the God of peace who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you complete in every good work to do His will, working in you what is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen. (*Hebrews 13:20–21*)

The Lord bless you from on high, and make you a blessing to many, that you may bring forth fruit, and that your fruit may remain to ✠ eternal life. Amen.

The hymn “We Now Implore God the Holy Ghost” is sung (ELH 33), during which the Officiant may kneel at the altar. The Pastor-elect may remain kneeling at the Communion rail, and the other Pastors may kneel on either side of him.

The service continues with the Offering (typically designated for the new Pastor), followed by Holy Communion in the Divine Service or the Versicle in Vespers. For the remainder of the service, the newly installed Pastor shall serve as liturgist.

Installation of a Parish Pastor

The installation is administered under the authorization of the Synod President, and the Circuit Visitor typically serves as Officiant.

The installation properly takes place within the congregation to which the Pastor-elect has been called.

For the processional at the beginning of the service, the Pastor-elect will enter first, followed by the participating Pastors, and the Officiant. The order is reversed for the recessional after the service.

The Pastor-elect is seated in a chair facing the altar in front of the church.

INSTALLATION OF A PARISH PASTOR

The rite of installation shall follow the Sermon in the Divine Service or the Order of Vespers. After the singing of a suitable hymn, such as ELH 4 (“In Jesus’ Name”), the Officiant enters the chancel, and the Pastor-elect stands and faces the altar.

THE INVOCATION AND INTRODUCTION

The Officiant says:

P: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Dearly beloved: Pastor (*Full Name*) has been duly called, examined, and ordained to the holy office of the Ministry and has answered the call to serve as pastor of (*Congregation Name[s] and Location[s]*). Let us hear what his responsibilities are according to the Word of God.

THE EXHORTATION AND PROMISE OF THE PASTOR-ELECT

The Officiant addresses the Pastor-elect:

P: Dear brother: Whereas you have been called as pastor of *this/these* congregation(*s*) and are about to assume charge of the flock of Christ in this place, it is fitting that you should bear in mind the solemn duties of your sacred office, that you may fulfill them in such a manner as is right for a devout and zealous minister of Christ’s Church.

As an ambassador for Christ you are to preach and teach the pure doctrine of God’s Word, to administer the Holy Sacraments according to the institution and ordinance of Christ, to instruct the young in the way of salvation, to counsel the inquiring, to strengthen the weak, to seek the lost and reclaim the erring, to comfort the sorrowing, to care for the needy, to visit the sick, to minister to the dying, and ever to have at heart and pray for the spiritual welfare of every soul under your care.

You are to give yourself to meditation upon and study of the Scriptures, to administer your office conformably to the Word of God, and to show yourself and your household a pattern to others in piety and godliness, giving no offense in anything, that the ministry not be blamed.

St. Paul writes: “This is a faithful saying: if a man desires the position of a bishop, he desires a good work. A bishop, then, must be blameless, the husband of one wife, temperate, sober-minded, of good behavior, hospitable, able to teach; not given to wine, not violent, not greedy for money, but gentle, not quarrelsome, not covetous; one who rules his own house well, having his children in submission with all reverence...; not a novice, lest, being puffed up with pride, he fall into the same condemnation as the devil. Moreover, he must have a good testimony of those who are outside, lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.” (*1 Timothy 3:1–4, 6–7*)

“Preach the Word! Be ready in season and out of season; convince, rebuke, exhort, with all long-suffering and doctrine... [B]e watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.” (*2 Timothy 4:2, 5*)

“[B]e an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity. Till I come, give attention to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine. Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you by prophecy with the laying on of the hands of the eldership. Meditate on these things; give yourself entirely to them, that your progress may be evident to all. Take heed to yourself and to the doctrine. Continue in them, for in doing this you will save both yourself and those who hear you.” (*1 Timothy 4:12–16*)

I ask you, therefore, dear brother, in the presence of God and this congregation: Are you willing and ready to take upon you the charge of *this/these* congregation(s) and to perform faithfully all the duties of your ministry?

Pastor-elect: I am.

P: Will you preach and teach the pure Word of God in accordance with the Confessions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, and adorn the doctrine of our Savior with a godly and holy life, both in public and in private?

Pastor-elect: Yes, with the help of God.

P: Will you admonish your hearers faithfully to true repentance and a holy life of love toward God and man? Will you forgive the sins of those who repent, never divulging the sins confessed to you? Will you conscientiously exercise church discipline, diligently carry out Catechism instruction, regularly visit the members of the congregation, and pray for the spiritual welfare of every soul under your care?

Pastor-elect: Yes, with the help of God.

THE EXHORTATION AND PROMISE OF THE CONGREGATION

The Officiant addresses the Congregation:

P: Dearly beloved: You have heard the solemn promise given by him whom you have called to be your pastor. Hear now what the Word of God requires of you as members of His flock.

You are to regularly attend the services of God's house and listen to the preaching of the Word, receiving it not as the word of man, but as it is in truth, the Word of God. (*1 Thessalonians 2:13*)

Honor and love your pastor and receive his correction, as St. Paul says: "[R]ecognize those who labor among you and are over you in the Lord and admonish you; and esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake." (*1 Thessalonians 5:12-13*)

Pray for him without ceasing and support him in his work, that in his labors and trials he may retain a cheerful spirit, and his ministry among you may be abundantly blessed.

Provide also for his temporal needs, for the Lord says: "The laborer is worthy of his wages"; and St. Paul says: "Let him who is taught the word share in all good things with him who teaches." (*Luke 10:7; Galatians 6:6*)

Finally, remember the words of the Apostle: "Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls, as those who must give account. Let them do so with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you." (*Hebrews 13:17*)

I now ask you, the members here present of (*Congregation Name[s]*): Are you willing to receive your pastor as a minister of God, and to show towards him such love, honor, and obedience in the Lord as are due to a servant and overseer placed over you by the Lord Jesus Christ, the Chief Shepherd and Overseer of souls? If so, then answer: "Yes, with the help of God."

C: Yes, with the help of God.

P: All of this is both required and promised on the part of the congregation and pastor. God grant that you keep these promises unbroken before Him.

THE INSTALLATION

The Pastor-elect kneels. The Officiant places his right hand on his head and says:

P: *(Full Name)*, on the basis of your call and in accordance with the Word of God, the Confessions of the Lutheran Church, the order and practice of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod, and the constitution of *this/these* congregation(s), I install you as pastor of *this/these* congregation(s) in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Now may the God of peace who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you complete in every good work to do His will, working in you what is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen. *(Hebrews 13:20–21)*

Each of the Pastors may in turn lay their hand on the head of the newly installed Pastor and say these or other benedictions from Scripture. A brief introduction may precede each passage, but other personal comments are not customarily made.

Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go. *(Joshua 1:9)*

May the LORD answer you in the day of trouble; May the name of the God of Jacob defend you; May He send you help from the sanctuary, And strengthen you out of Zion. *(Psalm 20:1–2)*

The LORD is my light and my salvation; Whom shall I fear? The LORD is the strength of my life; Of whom shall I be afraid?... Wait on the LORD; Be of good courage, And He shall strengthen your heart; Wait, I say, on the LORD! *(Psalm 27:1,14)*

For the LORD God is a sun and shield; The LORD will give grace and glory; No good thing will He withhold From those who walk uprightly. *(Psalm 84:11)*

The LORD shall preserve you from all evil; He shall preserve your soul. The LORD shall preserve your going out and your coming in From this time forth, and even forevermore. *(Psalm 121:7–8)*

How beautiful upon the mountains Are the feet of him who brings good news, Who proclaims peace, Who brings glad tidings of good things, Who proclaims salvation, Who says to Zion, “Your God reigns!” *(Isaiah 52:7)*

“The mountains shall depart And the hills be removed, But My kindness shall not depart from you, Nor shall My covenant of peace be removed,” Says the LORD, who has mercy on you. *(Isaiah 54:10)*

Those who are wise shall shine Like the brightness of the firmament, And those who turn many to righteousness Like the stars forever and ever. *(Daniel 12:3)*

Jesus said: “Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.” *(Matthew 5:14–16)*

Jesus said: “As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.” *(John 15:4–5)*

[Be] not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. *(Romans 1:16)*

[Be] fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer. *(Romans 12:11b-12)*

Be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord. *(1 Corinthians 15:58)*

Now thanks be to God who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and through us diffuses the fragrance of His knowledge in every place. For we are to God the fragrance of Christ among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing. *(2 Corinthians 2:14-15)*

For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us. *(2 Corinthians 4:6-7)*

But “he who glories, let him glory in the LORD.” For not he who commends himself is approved, but whom the Lord commends. *(2 Corinthians 10:17-18)*

If you instruct the brethren in these things, you will be a good minister of Jesus Christ, nourished in the words of faith and of the good doctrine which you have carefully followed. But reject profane and old wives’ fables, and exercise yourself toward godliness. *(1 Timothy 4:6-7)*

Hold fast the pattern of sound words which you have heard from me, in faith and love which are in Christ Jesus. That good thing which was committed to you, keep by the Holy Spirit who dwells in us. *(2 Timothy 1:13-14)*

But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them, and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. *(2 Timothy 3:14-15)*

All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work. *(2 Timothy 3:16-17)*

The Officiant shall turn to the newly installed Pastor and taking his right hand, shall say:

P: Go, then, and shepherd the flock of God which is among you, serving as an overseer, not by compulsion but willingly, not for dishonest gain but eagerly; nor as being a lord over those entrusted to you, but being an example to the flock; and when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that does not fade away. *(1 Peter 5:2-4)*

The Lord bless you from on high, and make you a blessing to many, that you may bring forth fruit, and that your fruit may remain to ☩ eternal life. Amen.

The hymn “We Now Implore God the Holy Ghost” (ELH 33) or another hymn is sung.

The service continues with the Offering (typically designated for the new Pastor). For the remainder of the service, the newly installed Pastor shall serve as liturgist.