

Installation Service

L: Pastor _____ has received a letter of call to serve _____. I therefore present him for installation to the public ministry of Word and Sacrament at _____.

C: Thanks be to God.

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

R: A reading from Scripture: 2 Cor 4:1, 5-7.

“Therefore, we have this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart....For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus’ sake. For it is the God who said, ‘Let light 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 Christ.”

L: Let us pray.
Create in me a clean heart, O God,

C: And renew a right spirit within me.

L: O God, who enlightened the hearts of your people by sending the Holy Spirit, grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things and to rejoice in His comfort and power, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

C: Amen.

L: Their sound went forth into all the earth,

C: And his Word to the ends of the world.

R: A reading from Scripture: Romans 10:13-17.

“But how are men to call upon him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without a preacher? And how can men preach unless they are sent? As it is written, ‘How beautiful are the feet of those who preach good news!’ But they have not all obeyed the gospel; for Isaiah says, ‘Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?’ So faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes by the preaching of Christ.”

L: Will you proclaim the gospel that salvation is by faith alone in Christ alone as the heart and center of Holy Scripture?

P: Yes, by the help of God.

L: Will you preach the gospel and administer the sacraments according to the Holy Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions?

P: Yes, by the help of God.

L: Will you love and serve this congregation, lifting them up in prayer and teaching the Word of God?

P: Yes, by the help of God.

L: May Almighty God, who has entrusted you with this public ministry, enable you to fulfill by his help what you have begun by his favor. Amen.

Are you ready to serve as pastor of _____?

P: Yes, by the help of God.

L: Pastor _____ is called and ready to serve. Let us bow our hearts, asking for our Lord's blessing:

Lord, the Giver of every good and perfect gift, we ask you to bless your servant, _____. Strengthen him with your Spirit that he may preach your Word in season and out. Guide him, forgive him, guard him, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

L: Dear friends, do you welcome and accept Pastor _____ as the pastor of _____?

C: We, as those who have called you to this public ministry, promise to welcome you, pray for you, and work with you as you serve as shepherd and preacher of the Gospel among us.

L: Members of _____, I invite you to welcome Pastor _____.

(The congregation may applaud.)

L: Benediction: "Now to him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you without blemish before the presence of his glory with rejoicing, to the only God, our Savior through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen." (Jude 24)