

Sample Call Worship Service

The Hymn "With The Lord Begin Your Task" Verses 1, 2, 5 (LSB 869)

P: In the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: Loving Father, You taught the hearts of Your faithful people by sending them the light of Your Spirit. Lead us by that same Spirit to the man you want to serve among us as our pastor, that we might serve You and give You all glory. In Jesus most precious name we come.

C: **Amen.**

The Old Testament Lesson Numbers 27:15-17

Moses responded to GOD: "Let GOD, the God of the spirits of everyone living, set a man over this congregation to lead them, to show the way ahead and bring them back home so GOD's community will not be like sheep without a shepherd." (The Message)

The Epistle Lesson Romans 10:14-17

How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!" But not all the Israelites accepted the good news. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed our message?" Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ. (NIV)

The Gospel Lesson Matthew 9:35-38

Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field." (NIV)

The Meditation "A Holy Calling"

The Prayers

P Loving Father, in Holy Baptism You called us to Yourself and gathered us together into the family of Your church. You have reconciled us to Yourself in Your Son on the cross. You have called and ordained each of us to ministry and without You we can do nothing. Grant us Your gracious presence at this service, praying that what we do will not be self-serving, but will build up Your church for the sake of Your Kingdom. Let Your Holy Spirit govern and direct us in this important decision, that we may consult together, pleasing You in all we do and say. We trust Your promise to be with us during this time of transition and to give us the resources we need to accomplish that to which You have called us. Point us to the man You want to serve among us. Make us of one heart and mind according to Your will through Jesus, who is ready to hear and answer our prayers. In His name we humbly come before your throne of grace.

C **Amen.**

Silence for Meditation

The Election Of Our Pastor

The First Vote (to be taken by paper ballot)

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The Hymns (as needed)

“Seek Ye First” (LSB 712)

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness” (LSB 809)

The Report of the Election (President or Call Committee Chair)

Second Vote Process (If Needed)

The Word of God Romans 10:14-17

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!” So faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes by the preaching of Christ.

Numbers 27:15-17

Moses said to the Lord, “Let the Lord, the God of the Spirits of all flesh, appoint a man over the congregation, who shall go out before them and come in before them, who shall lead them out and bring them in; that the congregation of the Lord may not be as sheep which have no shepherd.”

Prayer

Silence

The Second Vote (to be taken by paper ballot)

The Hymns (as needed)

“How Great Thou Art” (LSB 801)

“Children Of The Heavenly Father” (LSB 725)

The Report of the Election (President or Call Committee Chair)

The Announcement and Extension of the Divine Call

The Hymn “Amazing Grace” Verses 1 & 2 (LSB 744)

The Blessing

P The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the +Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.

C **Amen.**