



In Nomine Jesu

*In the name of the Father, and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

*Having called upon the Lord our God for guidance, and exercising
the authority which he vested in his church on earth, we,*

*The members of _____ Evangelical Lutheran Church
of _____*

on this _____ day of _____,

*Call you _____, with confidence in
your faithfulness, to serve as our _____.*

We trust that you will recognize in this Call the voice of your Lord Jesus Christ and we pray that he, the Head of the church, may give you willingness and strength to joyfully follow it. As you seek God's direction for your ministry, we will pray for you and your family. May he lead you to joyful service to the glory of his name for the salvation of souls.

In extending this Call to you we solemnly charge you:

- To proclaim among us the inspired Word of God and the Confessions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, as incorporated in the Book of Concord of 1580, and to maintain sound Lutheran practice at all times;
- To endeavor earnestly to live and serve your Lord in brotherly unity with your fellow called workers and congregational members;
- To support our pastor(s) and submit to his(their) authority as shepherd(s) of the congregation out of reverence for Christ;
- To conduct yourself at all times as it becomes a minister of Christ (1 Timothy 3:2-7; Titus 1:7-9), so that by your Christian life you may be an example to all people (Matthew 5:16); and to devote your time, strength and ability to the general advancement of the kingdom of Christ and to the gathering in of his harvest;

- To assist the pastor when called upon with proclaiming the Gospel of our Lord in its truth and purity and administering the Sacraments;
- To discharge toward all the members of our congregation the functions of a staff minister, that is, to watch over their souls in an evangelical manner (Acts 20:28); in particular to visit the sick and the dying, to admonish indifferent and erring members (2 Timothy 4:2) to train them for works of Christian service (Ephesians 4:12); and to be ever zealous for the winning of souls for Christ's kingdom;
- To promote spiritual growth by assisting us in a vibrant ministry to and by all generations of our church family, noting especially the primary role of parents in faith nurture (Deut. 6:4-9);
- To work with parents so that our catechumens are instructed in the word of God, as it is taught in the Small Catechism of Doctor Martin Luther, and in general to be diligent in fostering and furthering the educational agencies of our congregation; and
- Other duties to include: _____

Should the Lord in his grace and mercy bring you to us, we obligate ourselves:

- To receive, honor and love you as a servant of the Word;
- To support your work among us with our prayers and personal assistance;
- To cooperate and participate with you in the gospel ministry (Matthew 28:18-21) using our spiritual gifts to edify and build up the body of the Christ (1 Corinthians 12:27-28); and
- To provide for your proper maintenance according to our ability, being mindful of our Lord's injunction that those in vocational Christian service should be paid for their labors (1 Corinthians 9:10), and to pay you promptly and regularly a salary of \$_____ per _____, and

May our gracious God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, bless you as you hear his voice in this Call.

Signed in behalf and by the authority of:

_____ Evangelical Lutheran Church of _____

_____, Chairman

_____, Secretary

Given and signed this _____ day of _____,