



# In the Name of Jesus

**W**ith full confidence in your faithfulness to our Lord Jesus Christ and in your desire to feed his sheep and lambs

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**Evangelical Lutheran Church**

of \_\_\_\_\_

herewith, in the name of the Triune God, calls you,

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to be our pastor.

**W**e 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 joyfully to follow it, and faithfully to labor among us, to the glory of his most holy name and the salvation of immortal souls.

In extending this call to you we solemnly charge you

To preach the gospel of our Lord among us in its truth and purity, to administer the sacraments in accordance with the inspired Word of God and the Confessions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church as incorporated in the Book of Concord of 1580, and to establish and maintain sound Lutheran practice at all times;

To discharge toward all the members of our congregation the functions of a pastor, 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) and to be ever zealous for the winning of souls for Christ's kingdom;

To be faithful in the spiritual care of the young, in particular to instruct our catechumens 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;

To walk and 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 men (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.

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Should the Lord in his grace and mercy bring you to us

We will receive, honor and love you as our pastor.

We will support your work among us with our prayers and personal assistance.

We will provide your proper maintenance according to our ability, being mindful of our Lord's injunction that they who preach the gospel should live of the gospel (1 Corinthians 9:10; Galatians 6:6), and will for the present pay you promptly and regularly a salary of

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Signed in behalf and by authority of

\_\_\_\_\_ Ev. Lutheran Church of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_, Chairman

\_\_\_\_\_, Secretary

Given and signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, A.D. \_\_\_\_\_