

**INSTALLATION SERVICE
FOR AN INTENTIONAL INTERIM PASTOR**

L: Hear the Word of God about the Pastoral Office

John 20:21-23

Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

I Timothy 4:13-16

Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to preaching and to teaching. Do not neglect your gift, which was given you through prophecy when the body of elders laid their hands on you. Be diligent in these matters; give yourself wholly to them, so that everyone may see your progress. Watch your life and doctrine closely. Persevere in them, because if you do, you will save both yourself and your hearers.

The representative questions the pastor.

L: _____ (NAME) _____, in the presence of this congregation, will you commit yourself to being the Intentional Interim Pastor and discharge your duties in harmony with the Scriptures, Lutheran Confession, and constitutions of the church?

R: I will, and I ask God to help me.

L: Will you love, serve, and pray for the people of God at _____ Lutheran Church, _____, MI as the under-shepherd of the Good Shepherd by nourishing them with the Word and Holy Sacraments, and leading them in the use of the means of grace?

R: I will, and I ask God to help me.

L: Will you lead these people of God in giving faithful witness to the world and making known the love of God through loving service in this congregation?

R: I will, and I ask God to help me.

L: Almighty God, who has given you the will to do these things, give you the power of His Spirit so that you may perform them with strength and compassion. All God's people said AMEN.

The representative addresses the congregation.

L: You, the people of God at _____ Lutheran Church, _____, MI, will you receive this called minister of the gospel as the under-shepherd of Jesus Christ, who continues the work of bringing the Gospel of hope and salvation? Will you regard him as a called and ordained servant of Christ and a steward of the mysteries of God?
If so, answer WE WILL.

C: WE WILL.

L: Will you pray for him and honor him and the office that he fills for his work's sake, and in all things strive to live together in the peace and unity of Christ?
If so, answer WE WILL.

C: WE WILL.

The representative addresses the pastor being recognized.

L: By your statements of commitment and the affirmation of this congregation, I install you as the called Interim Pastor of this congregation, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Let us pray for Pastor _____ and the work of this congregation:

Merciful God and Father, You have graciously promised that, through the preaching of the crucified Christ, those who believe in Him will be saved. By Your Holy Spirit grant grace to Pastor _____, whom you have given to be Pastor of this congregation. Grant him readiness and steadfastness in this ministry, patience, understanding, and great zeal. Support and strengthen him in Your service that by Your Word Your Church may be built and increased; through Your Son, our Great Shepherd and Lord. Amen.

The newly recognized interim pastor continues as presiding minister.