

Appendix T

Sample Call Worship Services

Sample A

Hymn: *O Holy Spirit*, Enter In vs. 1,2,3 (TLH 235, LBW 459, LW 160) Versicles page 41 (TLH), 131 (LBW), 208 (LW)

Message from Pastor _____

Prayer

Silence for Meditation

First Vote

Hymn: *With the Lord Begin Thy Task* vs. 1,2,5 (TLH 540, LBW 444, LW 483)

Hymn: *Come, Oh, Come, thou Quickening Spirit* vs. 1,2,5 (TLH 226, LBW 478, LW 165)

(If any additional count hymns are needed to fill the time, select one from the list on the last page.)

First Reading

“How then will they call on 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 someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the 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 hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ” (Romans 10:14–17).

“Moses spoke to the Lord, saying, ‘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 that have no shepherd’” (Numbers 27:15–17).

Prayer

Silence

Second Vote

Hymn: *What God Ordains Is Always Good* vs. 1,2,5 (TLH 521, LBW 446, LW 422,) Choir Anthem: *God Be in My Head*

Results of count

Second Reading

“I will gather the remnant of my flock ... and I will bring them back to their fold, and ... I will set shepherds over them who will care for them, and they shall fear no more” (Jeremiah 23:3–4).

When Jesus handed over to Simon Peter the charge of the Christian church, he was careful to use the possessive pronoun “my:” “Simon, son of Jonas, feed my lambs. They are not yours, they are mine, but I wish you to look after them for a little while. Guard them, feed them, guide them, be good to them for my sake. Remember my goodness, watchfulness, considerateness, patience, compassion, readiness to help, swiftness to heal, and gladness to sacrifice. Be the kind of shepherd to my lambs and sheep that I have been to you. Follow me!” – *Charles E. Jefferson, 1912*

Prayer

Silence

Third Vote

Hymn 436 (TLH) *The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want* (TLH 436, LBW 451, LW 416) Hymn: *All Depends on Our Possessing* vs. 1,2,5 (TLH 425, LBW 447, LW 415)

Numbers 27:15–17

Results of count

Third Reading

If the church is called a flock, the minister is the shepherd to seek the lost, to comfort the sick, to tend the flock in exercises of tenderness, consideration, and care. If the church is a household, the minister is the steward faithful and wise, dispensing the provision of the house according to the needs of its members. If the church of God is a city, he is the watchman to wake and warn slumberers of their peril. If it is a garden, he is the gardener to plant and water the soil, cleanse the earth, watch the plant's growth, and bring forth the harvest. If it is a building, he is the master-builder, building the sure foundation with living stones on Christ, creating a spiritual house, a dwelling place of God through the Spirit.

Prayer

Silence

Fourth Vote

Hymn: *Send, O Lord, Thy Holy Spirit* (TLH 491, LW 263)

Hymn: *If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee* vs. 1,7 (TLH 518, LBW 453, LW 420) Results of Count

Fourth Reading

There is no dearer treasure, nor any more precious thing on earth or in this life than an honest and faithful pastor or preacher. He does great and mighty works. He seeks to inform and instruct those in his care, comfort and advise those troubled, help maintain peace and settle differences, teach obedience, morals, discipline, and honor. By his work and by his word, the kingdom of God is maintained in the world; so, too, are kept the name and the honor and the glory of God, the true knowledge of God, the good faith and understanding of Christ, the fruits of the suffering, blood and death of Christ, the gifts and works and power of the Holy Spirit, the true and saving use of baptism and the sacrament, and the right and pure doctrine of the gospel.

Prayer

Silence

Fifth Vote

Choir Anthem: *O God, Send Heralds* (LBW 283)

Hymn: *May We Thy Precepts, Lord, Fulfill* (TLH 412, LBW 353,186, LH 389,327) Results of Count

Closing Hymn: *On What has Now been Sown* vs. 1,2 (TLH 46, LBW 261, LW 217)

Extra Hymns: TLH 36,39, 234, 416, 514 LBW 257, 480, 483, 533, 543, 545 LW 166, 392, 426, 443, 444, 460

Hymn listings are suggestions only.

Sample B

Welcome (Congregational President) and Opening Prayer

Song: *Be Thou My Vision*

Scripture Reading: Romans 10:14–17

Prayer

Scripture Reading: Numbers 27:15–17

Call Committee Report – Call Committee Chairperson

Discussion of Voting Procedure – Congregational President or Board Secretary

Song: Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling (LSB 650)

Voting

Request motion for unanimous vote

Explain Next Steps (Including immediate phone call to pastor elect, a few weeks for him and his family to seek the Holy Spirit's will, etc.)

Closing Prayer