



In Domine Jesu

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

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

of _____

having released our pastor from his Divine Call,
herewith calls you,

to serve as our Vacancy Pastor

effective this date: _____

In extending this call we solemnly charge you

To preach the gospel of our Lord among us in its truth and purity, and 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 make the necessary arrangements for our weekly and special festival worship services, including the installation service of our next resident pastor; and to secure Guest Preachers when you are unable to preach here yourself.

To instruct our catechumens in the chief doctrines of God's Word as outlined in the Small Catechism of Dr. Martin Luther;

To assist us in our work of winning souls for Christ's kingdom, admonishing erring members and visiting the sick and shut-in;

To attend, when possible, meetings of the congregation and its societies;

To function in whatever manner your service as Shepherd of our souls may be required.

Should you accept this call, we solemnly promise

To receive, honor and love you as our vacancy pastor;

To receive your instruction in the Word of God and obey you as our vacancy pastor;

To support your work among us with our prayers and personal assistance;

To pay you \$_____ per _____ during the vacancy.

To have our treasurer reimburse guest preachers (from your compensation) when you schedule them to preach for you during the vacancy.

To reimburse you for mileage incurred while serving our congregation at the rate of \$_____ per mile (and to reimburse guest preachers at that same rate).

Signed in behalf and by authority of

Evangelical Lutheran Church of _____

on this date: _____

_____ President

_____ Secretary