Installation Order of Serivce

P – In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

People – Amen

P – Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, wherever the church exists the right to administer the Gospel exists. The baptized in Christ, who is the royal priesthood, have been given the office of the keys and participate in the mission of God. Therefore, the church has the right of calling pastors and other ministers, who are gifts of God given exclusively to the church.

P: Brothers and sisters, as participants in Christ’s mission and as immediate possessors of the ministry of the Gospel, the Reverend Ted Benson has been called by God according to the church’s usual order to be Senior pastor of Resurrection Lutheran Church.

P: Hear now what Holy Scripture says concerning the mission of God and the office of the public ministry.

**GOD’S MISSION, THE SENDING OF CHRIST AND HIS CHURCH**

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 his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.” (John 20:21-23)

**THE DIVINE CREATION OF THE OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC MINISTRY**

It was He who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God’s people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up. (Eph. 4:11-12)

**THE RESPONSIBILBITIES OF THE OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC MINISTRY**

We do not preach ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus’ sake. For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ. (2 Cor. 4:5-6)

**THE STRENGTH AND PROMISE IN THE OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC MINISTRY**

Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that our labor in the Lord is not in vain. (1 Cor. 15:58)

**THE RITE OF INSTALLATION**

P: Dear brother in Christ, the Lord grant that you receive and keep these words in your heart, that you

may be strengthened and encouraged in your labors. Our God invites us on His Mission and by His Word grants growth and increase. He established the Ministry of the Baptized – His people – and the office of the public ministry – pastors- in order that we would live out His mission as His sent-ones.

In the presence of God and of this congregation I now ask you:

P: Do you believe the canonical books of the Old and New Testaments to be the inspired Word of God and the only infallible rule of faith and practice?

Pastor Ted: I do

P: Do you accept the three Ecumenical Creeds, namely, the Apostles’, the Nicene, and the Athanasian Creeds, as faithful testimonies to the truth of the Holy Scriptures, and reject all errors which they condemn?

Pastor Ted: I do

P: Do you believe and accept that the Lutheran Confessions – as contained in the Book of Concord – are also in agreement with this one scriptural faith?

Pastor Ted: I do

P: Do you promise that you will perform the duties of your office in accordance of God’s Word and as supported by our Confessions?

Pastor Ted: I do

P: Will you support and participate in God’s Sending by enabling, encouraging and training the people of God to live out God’s Sending. Will you support and participate in the mission and work of our God alongside the mission of the baptized people of God, in order that the lost be saved, the Christian faith taught in order that others “may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing…may have life in His name” (John 20:31). Will you “prepare God’s people for works of service” (Ephesians 4:12), that we all together as the body of Christ be built up and have a vibrant confidence and life in Christ and through God’s people that needs of those in this congregation and this community are met?

Pastor \_\_\_\_\_\_: I will

P: Do you promise to take up and adorn your roles as husband and father, not neglecting Sarah, Carter, Abby, Hailey and Lucas. Do you promise to serve joyfully with them as an example to the family of Resurrection and its families in their various vocations and callings?

Pastor Ted: I do

P: Finally, will you adorn the office of the public ministry with a holy life?

Pastor Ted: I will, by the power and grace of the Holy Spirit.

THE COMMITMENT OF THE CONGREGATION

P: Will you, as members of the body of Christ at Resurrection continue to participate fully in God’s mission, be a church that, with Christ, exists “to seek and save what was lost” (Luke 19:10), be sent into the world as Christ was sent into the world (John 17:18) and live out your ministry as a baptized child of God, sent by Christ Himself to daily live out the mission of Christ? If so, answer: We will with the help of God?

Congregation: We will with the help of God.

P: Having heard the solemn promise of Pastor Ted, do you, as members of the body of Christ at Resurrection, promise to serve with Pastor Ted in Christ’s mission, as you show him the love, honor and respect that is due to one serving in this office? Do you promise to support the work of the Lord with your gifts and abilities and to pray for him that he may retain a cheerful spirit and that his ministry among you may be abundantly blessed? Finally, do you promise to support, help and encourage his family? If so, answer: We do so promise by the power and grace of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: We do so promise by the power and grace of the Holy Spirit.

P: May the almighty and most merciful God strengthen and encourage you in that commitment –

P: Pastor Ted are you willing and ready to assume this trust and responsibility?

Pastor Ted: I am

Pastor Ted kneels…

P: Pastor Ted, I install you as Senior pastor of Resurrection Lutheran Church in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. And all God’s people say:

Congregation: AMEN

May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back form the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in you what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. (Heb. 13:20-21)

Laying on of hands over by clergy

Prayer for his ministry as the one called

Joined at his side, Pastor’s family and addressed by the chairman of elders/congregation?

Prayer for the family led by chairman/lay leader (with hands extended over family)?

Lord’s Prayer by the clergy and lay leaders “over” the family