
Installation of Church Council Members

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P The following people have been elected to positions of leadership as members of the Church Council. We give thanks for their willingness to serve. In baptism we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God; we rejoice now that these sisters and brothers will lead us in our common life and our mutual mission as a congregation.

The newly elected persons are invited to come forward and be introduced to the congregation.

P *A reading from 1st Corinthians:* There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. *(1 Corinthians 12:4-7)*

P You have been elected to positions of leadership and trust in this congregation. You are to see that the words and deeds of this household of faith bear witness to God, who gathers us into one together with the whole church. You are to seek to involve all members of this congregation in worship, learning, witness, service, and support, so that the mission of Christ is carried out in this congregation, in the wider church, in this community, and in the whole world. You are to be faithful in your specific area of serving, that the Spirit who empowers you may be glorified. You are to be examples of faith active in love, fostering peace, harmony, and mutual understanding in this congregation.

To Council:

P On behalf of your sisters and brothers in Christ, I ask you: Are you ready to accept and faithfully to perform the duties of the office to which you have been elected?

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

Congregation, please stand as you are able.

P People of God, I ask you: Will you support these, your elected leaders, and will you share in the mutual ministry that Christ has given to all who are baptized? If so answer in unison:

C We will, and we ask God to help us.

P I now declare you installed as members of the Church Council of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church. Almighty God bless you, and direct your days and your deeds in peace, that you may be faithful servants of Christ.

C Amen.

Council members may return to their seats.