

Council Installation (Jan. 26, 2025)

The assembly is seated. The presiding minister addresses the assembly.

P: The following people have been appointed to positions of leadership on our church council;

Nancy Bowman – President/Secretary/Music and Worship

Holly deBenedictis – Vice President/Personnel

John Novak – Treasurer

Wende Peters – Financial Secretary/Technology

Laura Blum - Youth & Education

Bill Dodson – Fellowship

Michele Olson – Social Ministry.

Danielle Grimmelli – New Council Member

Mitch Kallemyn - Stewardship

P: 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.

P: A reading from First 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)*

The presiding minister continues.

P: You have been appointed to positions of leadership and trust in this congregation.

P: You are to see that the words and deeds of this household of faith bear witness to God, who gathers us into one body 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.

P: You are to be faithful in your specific area of serving, that the Spirit who empowers you may be glorified.

P: You are to be examples of faith; active in love, fostering peace, harmony, and mutual understanding in this congregation.

The presiding minister addresses those being installed.

P: On behalf of your sisters and brothers in Christ, I ask you: Will you accept and faithfully carry out the duties of the offices to which you have been appointed? If so, respond; "I will, and I ask God to help me."

The assembly stands. Those being installed face the assembly. The presiding minister addresses the assembly.

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, respond, "We will, and we ask God to help us."

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

Those being installed face the presiding minister, who addresses them.

P: I now declare you installed as *council members* of Holy Spirit Lutheran Church.
Almighty God bless you, and direct your days and deeds in peace,
that you may be faithful servants of Christ,
in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit,

C: Amen.