



### **Commissioning of the Congregational Leadership Team**

Our congregation has applied and been accepted to be part of the Nebraska Synod's Vitality Initiative for Congregations. Together we'll embark on an 18-month journey that will include reflecting on who we are as a congregation and how we are part of a larger community, listening for God's call toward our congregation's next faithful steps, and taking those steps to live out God's call.

The Congregational Leadership Team members who will help lead this process include the following people. As their names are read, I would invite them to stand as they are able for the Affirmation of Christian Vocation.

*Read the names of the Congregational Leadership Team.*

*The presiding minister addresses those affirming Christian vocation.*

*Siblings in Christ/[names], both your work and your rest are in God. Will you endeavor to pattern your life on the Lord Jesus Christ, in gratitude to God and in service to others, at morning and evening, at work and at play, all the days of your life?*

*Response:* I will, and I ask God to help me.

*The presiding minister continues:*

Almighty God, by the power of the Spirit you have knit these your servants into the one body of your Son, Jesus Christ. Look with favor upon them in their commitment to serve in Christ's name. Give them courage, patience, and vision; and strengthen us all in our Christian vocation of witness to the world and of service to others; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*The service concludes with the blessing and dismissal.*