**Ordination of an Elder/Pastor Liturgy**

**At Ordination of an Elder/Pastor**

(Name), as the current pastors of Pillar Church of \_\_\_\_\_, we believe you have the character, calling, confession, capacity, and conviction for a ministry of shepherding here at Pillar Church of \_\_\_\_\_\_, as do our members as evidenced by their vote of affirmation from our last member’s meeting.

The Church is the family of God, the body of Christ, and the temple of the Holy Spirit. All baptized people are called to make Christ known as Savior and Lord, and to share in the renewing of His world. You are now called deeper into this to serve as an elder, a pastor, and a shepherd together with the rest of the pastoral team here at Pillar Church of \_\_\_\_\_\_.

As an elder/a pastor, it will be your task to proclaim, by word and deed, the Gospel of Jesus Christ and to fashion your life in accordance with its precepts. You are to love, serve, and shepherd the people among whom you are called, caring alike for young and old, strong and weak, rich and poor. You are to preach, to declare God’s forgiveness to penitent sinners, to pronounce God’s blessing, to share in the administration of Baptism and in the celebration of the mysteries of Christ’s Body and Blood, and to perform other ministries as entrusted to you.

In all that you do, you are to shepherd the body here at Pillar Church of \_\_\_\_\_\_ toward Jesus and to nourish them from the riches of His grace and strengthen them to glorify God in all of life.

(Name), do you believe you are called by God and His church to the life and work of a shepherd?

**I/We do.**

Do you now, in the presence of this church family, commit yourself to this responsibility, following Christ’s example as the Good Shepherd?

**I/We do.**

Will you strive to be a faithful shepherd here at Pillar Church of \_\_\_\_\_\_, laboring together with the family and with your fellow shepherds for the building up of Christ’s Kingdom?

**I/We do.**

Will you, in all things, seek not your glory, but the glory of Jesus Christ?

**I/We do.**

(Name), we ordain you now as an elder, a pastor, a shepherd here at Pillar Church of \_\_\_\_\_. Just as Jesus Christ, the good shepherd, laid down His life for the sheep, may you give of yourself for the good of this body and the glory of Christ.

**[Pray with the laying on of hands by the elders/pastors present.]**