

Ordination Guidelines

La Crosse Area Synod, ELCA

- Please schedule your ordination for a time after you receive a call, before you start serving, and at a time when the Bishop can be present
- The service follows the order for Holy Communion in the LBW or WOV, with the order for Ordination on page 192 of the Occasional Services book
- The Bishop is the Presiding Minister of the worship service. This includes the opening of the worship service, the Ordination, the Eucharist, and the Benediction
 - You are welcome to invite other pastors or lay persons to serve in the role of Assisting Minister
 - It would be good to invite a pastor to be the preacher. (Expenses for those guest pastors, worship bulletins, reception at the church are the responsibility of the ordinand)
- Please furnish the synod office a first draft of your ordination service a month in advance, if at all possible