



**An Order of Blessing for
Delegates to the Eastern Synod Assembly**

*This service can be used one Sunday prior to the Eastern Synod Assembly.
If the pastor is a delegate, someone else should lead this order of service.*

Following the hymn of the day, the delegate(s) are called forward.

Leader: *Delegate name(s)*, you have been chosen as a delegate to the Eastern Synod Assembly. We join with you and with the whole church in confession of our faith.

The Apostles' Creed Follows

Leader: You are sent to this gathering to serve the whole church. Will you seek the guidance of God as you join others in making decisions for the church? Will you bear the reconciliation of Christ as you work with others to determine the will of God for the future of the church?

Delegate(s): Yes, and I pray that God will help and direct me.

Leader: People of God.
Will you support *Delegate name(s)*, in prayer? Will you pray for the Eastern Synod?

Congregation: We will.

The Congregation extends their hands in blessing

Leader: *Delegate name(s)*, we bless you as you go forth in the name of God to serve us and all the people of God in the work of this assembly. May the light of Christ shine in you. May the Spirit of Christ guide you. May God bless you in your travel, this work and in your homecoming.

Congregation: *Amen.*

The prayers of the church follow.