

# THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

## THE CONFESSION

P: We begin our worship in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen**

P: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all.

C: **If we walk in the light as God himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son, cleanses us from all sin.**

P: The voice of the Lord speaks with authority, commanding evil to depart.

*(Silence for meditation and self-examinations)*

P: Almighty God,

C: **You dwell in light unapproachable. Unprotected, we perish in your presence. For our hearts are darkened, our minds beclouded; we call for night to cover our deeds; we have loved darkness rather than the light.**

P: Jesus Christ is the light of the world, the light no darkness can overcome.

C: **For his sake we beg forgiveness.**

P: For his sake God hears your prayer. The Holy One of God speaks with divine authority; even the unclean spirits obey him.

C: **We have seen the Lord's glory; we have heard the Lord's voice.**

P: Walk, then, as children of light; in the name of the Father and of the +Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen**

## THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you

People: **And also with you**

THE HYMN: - "I Want to Walk as a Child of Light"

## THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God,  
you know that we cannot withstand  
the dangers which surround us.  
Strengthen us in body and spirit so that,  
with your help,  
we may be able to overcome the weakness that our sin has brought  
upon us;  
through Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord. Amen.

## THE FIRST AND SECOND LESSONS

## THE READING OF THE HOLY GOSPEL

## THE OFFICE HYMN – "God Loved The World So That He Gave"

## THE SERMON: "No Pastor – New Pastor – Same Church"

## THE APOSTLES CREED

*LEADER: We confess our faith in the words of the Apostolic Creed:*

**CONG: I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,**

the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen

#### THE PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION

Pastor: Lord, in your mercy,


**People: Hear our prayer.**

#### THE OFFERTORY AND THE PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

#### THE BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine upon you  
and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and  give you peace.

**People: Amen.**

#### THE RECESSIONAL HYMN – “My Life Is In You, Lord”

Pastor: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God. Amen**