THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

THE HYMN: - "Holy, Holy, Holy"

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: We begin our worship in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen

- Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- People: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.)

- Pastor: Let us confess our sins to God our Father.
- People: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.
- Pastor: Almighty God in his mercy has given his Son to die for you and for his sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

Pastor: The Peace of the Lord be with you, Cong: **and also with you.**

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and everlasting God, You have given us grace to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity by the confession of a true faith and to worship the Unity in the power of the Divine Majesty. Keep us steadfast in this faith and defend us from all adversities; for You, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, live and reign, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE FIRST AND SECOND LESSONS

THE READING OF THE HOLY GOSPEL (The Gospel response is "Thanks be to God.")

THE OFFICE HYMN – "Father, I Adore You"

THE SERMON: "Nicodemus"

THE PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION

Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord. **People: Lord, have mercy.**

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 - "We Believe"

Pastor: Go in peace. Love and serve the Lord. Cong." Thanks be to God.