


# THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

## THE HYMN – “Lift High The Cross”

## 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 God,  
You know we live in the midst of so many dangers  
that in our frailty we cannot stand upright.  
Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers  
and carry us through temptations;  
through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.

## THE FIRST AND SECOND LESSONS

## THE READING OF THE HOLY GOSPEL

(The Gospel response is “Thanks be to God.”)

## THE HYMN – “Bind Us Together”

## THE SERMON – “Unity in Spirit”

## THE APOSTLES 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 – “We Believe”

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