## ✠ THE ORDER OF SERVICE ✠

**PRELUDE**

**SONG** #1 Make Us One

**As we gather together in Your Son,**
**Let us know the joy of being one!**
**Let the time we share in this place**
**Be a time of love and friendship in Your grace.**
**By Your Spirit help us be**
**One in faith and unity.**
**Bless us here are we gather in Your Son.**
**Give us joy. Grant us peace. Make us one!**

**SONG** #14 Awesome God

**Our God is an awesome God;**
**He reigns from heaven above**
**With wisdom, power and love,**
**Our God is an awesome God!**
**Our God is an awesome God;**
**He reigns from heaven above**
**With wisdom, power and love,**
**Our God is an awesome God!**

**INVOCATION**

L In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
**C Amen.**

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION** (1 John 1:8-9)

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

L Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for self-examination and personal reflection.

L Holy and gracious God,
**C I confess that I have sinned against You. Some of my sin I know – the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed – but some is known only to You. In the name of Jesus Christ I ask forgiveness. Deliver and restore me that I may rest in peace.**

P God be gracious to you and strengthen your faith.

**C Amen.**

P As you believe, so let it be. As a called and ordained servant 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.
**C Amen.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P The Lord be with you.
**C And also with you.**

P Let us pray. Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that, by patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
**C Amen.**

**THE SCRIPTURE READINGS**

L This is the Word of the Lord.
**C Thanks be to God.**

**CREED** *Apostles' Creed*

**C 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.**

**SONG #5** Thy Word

**Refrain: Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path**
**Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path**

**1 When I feel afraid, Think I've lost my way,**
**Still you're there right beside me**
**And nothing will I fear As long as you are near**
**Please be near me to the end.** (refrain)

**2 I will not forget Your love for me and yet**
**My heart forever is wandering**
**Jesus be my guide And hold me to your side**
**I will love you to the end.** (refrain)

**SERMON**

**OFFERINGS**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

[Each petition will be followed by a moment of silence for unspoken words to the Lord.]

P Almighty God, You have made Your mercy known to us in the Person of Your Son, our Lord. Bless Your Church on earth, that Your Word may have free course to open hearts and grant faith… Lord, in Your mercy,
**C hear our prayer.**

P Bless our homes and families, especially those families who are dealing with conflict. Restore peace to their relationships for Christ's sake. Lord, in Your mercy,
**C hear our prayer.**

P Lord, we lift up to You those who have special needs, especially those who are ill and are under the care of doctors… those in pain … those who mourn… as well as those who are dealing with emotional troubles… Lord, in Your mercy,
**C hear our prayer.**

P We pray for those who are struggling financially…those who have wandered away from Your Word and Sacraments… Lord, in Your mercy,
**C hear our prayer.**

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
C **Amen.**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**C Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

**THE BENEDICTION**

P The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you always.
**C Amen.**

**SONG 32 Jesus Loves Me**

**Jesus loves me! This I know,**
**For the Bible Tells me so.**
**Littke ones to Him belong;**
**They are weak, but He is strong.**

**Refrain: Yes, Jesus loves me!**
**Yes, Jesus loves me!**
**Yes, Jesus loves me!**
**The Bible tells me so.**

**Jesus loves me! He who died**
**Heaven's gates to open wide.**
**He has washed away my sin,**
**Lets His little child come in.** (refrain)

**SONG #22** Sanctuary

**Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,**
**Pure and holy, tried and true;**
**With thanksgiving, I'll be a living**
**Sanctuary for You.**

**POSTLUDE**