

Service for the Lord's Day

GATHERING

Instrumental music, congregational song, or contemplative silence may precede the service.

OPENING SENTENCES

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
maker of heaven and earth.

Ps. 124:8

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you all. **And also with you.**

2 Thess. 3:18

HYMN, PSALM, OR SPIRITUAL SONG

GATHERING PRAYER

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Following silent personal examination, all pray together.

**Merciful God,
we confess that 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 and mind and strength.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**In your mercy, forgive what we have been,
help us amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be,
that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways
to the glory of your holy name.**

The presider may lift water from the font, declaring the good news of God's grace.

I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ,
we are forgiven! **Amen. or Thanks be to God.**

Worshippers may share signs of Christ's peace and reconciling love.

WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

1 The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

2 Holy wisdom, holy word.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

HYMN, PSALM, OR SPIRITUAL SONG

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

1 Lord, in your mercy:
hear our prayer.

2 God of grace,
hear our prayer.

OFFERING

The earth is the Lord's, and all that is in it,
the world, and those who live in it.

Ps. 24:1

As offerings are gathered, an anthem may be sung or other appropriate music may be offered.

Heaven and earth are yours, O Lord,
and of your own we give you.

1 Chr. 29:11, 14

LORD'S PRAYER

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

SENDING

Brief announcements related to the church's mission may be mentioned here.

HYMN, PSALM, OR SPIRITUAL SONG

BLESSING AND CHARGE

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with you all. **Alleluia! or Amen.**

2 Cor. 13:13

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Amen. or Thanks be to God.

Instrumental music or congregational song may follow the charge.