

*After the service please join us for  
refreshments, and remember there are  
people willing to pray with you in confidence.*

*Welcome*

*Opening Prayer*

Lord, direct our thoughts, and teach us to pray.  
Lift up our hearts to worship you in spirit and in truth,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Let everything be said and done in the name of the  
Lord Jesus,

**giving thanks to God through Jesus Christ.**

Sing psalms, hymns and sacred songs:

**let us sing to God with thankful hearts.**

Open our lips, Lord:

**and we shall praise your name.**

Song **Light of the world**  
**Teach me to abide**

*Introduction to the theme*

*Confession*

The gospel calls us to turn away from sin  
and be faithful to Christ.

As we offer ourselves to him in penitence and faith,  
we renew our confidence and trust in his mercy.

Let us return to the Lord our God and say to him:

**Father,**

**we have sinned against heaven and against you.**

**We are not worthy to be called your children.**

**We turn to you again.**

**Have mercy on us,**

**bring us back to yourself**

**as those who once were dead**

**but now have life through Christ our Lord.**

**Amen**

*Absolution*

May almighty God have mercy on us,  
forgive us our sins,  
and bring us to everlasting life,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

*Affirmation of faith*

Let us declare our faith in God.  
**We believe in God the Father, from whom every family  
in heaven and on earth is named.  
We believe in God the Son,  
who lives in our hearts through faith,  
and fills us with his love.  
We believe in God the Holy Spirit,  
who strengthens us  
with power from on high.  
We believe in one God;  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
Amen.**

*Cf Ephesians 3*

New Song **Bigger table**

*Children and youth leave for their groups*

Reading Acts 7: 55-end

This is the word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

Reading John 14: 1-14

This is the word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

*Talk*

Song **I cast my mind to Calvary**

*Prayers*

*The Lord's Prayer*

As our saviour taught us so we 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.  
lead us not in to temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom,  
the power and the glory are yours  
now and for ever.  
Amen.**

*Church family news*

Song **Living hope**

*Blessing*

The love of the Lord Jesus  
draw you to himself,  
the power of the Lord Jesus  
strengthen you in his service,  
the joy of the Lord Jesus fill your hearts;  
And the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among us and remain with us always.