***Service of Word and Sacrament  
adapted from the CRC’s 1981 liturgy***

**\**Call to Worship: Psalm 46****Minister:* God is our refuge and our strength,  
 an ever-present help in trouble . . .

*People:* The Lord Almighty is with us;  
 The God of Jacob is our fortress.

**\**A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*** Psalter #444

***The Call to Confession****Minister:* God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin. If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves  and the truth is not in us. (1 John 1:5b-8)

***The Confession****All:* Most holy and merciful Father,  
We confess to you and to one another,  
 that we have sinned against you 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 fully loved our neighbors as ourselves.   
We have not always had in us the mind of Christ.   
You alone know how often we have grieved you   
 by wasting your gifts,   
 by wandering from your ways,  
 by forgetting your love.   
Forgive us, we pray you, most merciful Father,   
 and free us from our sin.  
Renew in us the grace and strength of your Holy Spirit,  
 for the sake of Jesus Christ your Son, our Savior. Amen.

***The Declaration of Pardon****Minister:* To all who confess themselves to be sinners, humbling themselves before God and believing in the Lord Jesus Christ for their salvation, I declare this sure promise: "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9).

***The Law****Minister:* Let us, God's forgiven people, now listen to his law for our lives summarized in the New Testament:

Leader: What is the great and first commandment?

People: Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.

Leader: What is the second commandment like it?

People: Love your neighbor as yourself.

Leader: What does this mean?

People: Love is the fulfilling of the law.

Leader: To what does this call us?

People: To a life of faith working through love.

*Leader:*  Paul, in Romans 13, summarizes the law this way:

8 Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for he who loves his fellowman has fulfilled the law. 9 The commandments, “Do not commit adultery,” “Do not murder,” “Do not steal,” “Do not covet,” and whatever other commandment there may be, are summed up in this one rule: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” 10 Love does no harm to its neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.

***Our Response****All:* Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom   
 and knowledge of God!   
Who has ever given to God, that God should repay him?  
 For from him and through him and to him are all things.  
To him be the glory forever! Amen.

***Proclamation of the Word****Scripture:* Psalm 118

*Minister:* Let us pray: Almighty God, grant us your Spirit, that we may rightly understand and truly obey your Word of truth.

Open our hearts that we may love what you command and desire what you promise. Set us free from private distractions that we may hear and from selfish pride that we may receive the promise of your grace. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Message: “Luther’s Favorite Psalm”*

***\*Jesus, Name Above All Names***

***\*The Creed*** *Minister:* Let us together confess the faith of the church at all times and in all places:

*All:* I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
      creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
      who was conceived by the Holy Spirit  
      and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
      was crucified, died, and was buried;  
      he descended to hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.  
      He ascended to heaven  
      and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
      the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,  
      the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,  
      and the life everlasting. Amen.

***The Offertory****Minister:* Let us present our gifts to God.

*All sing:* Praise God from whom all blessings flow.   
Praise him all creatures here below.   
Praise him above ye heavenly host.  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Joining the saints at the Lord’s Supper****Minister:* Brothers and sisters in Christ, the gospels tell us that on the first day of the week, the day on which our Lord rose from the dead, he appeared to some of his disciples and was made known to them in the breaking of bread. Come, then, to the joyful feast of our Lord.

***The Thanksgiving****Minister:* Lift up your hearts.

*People:* We lift them up to the Lord.

*Minister:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People:* It is right for us to give thanks.  
It is our joy and our peace, at all times and in all places  
 to give thanks to you, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God,  
 through Christ our Lord.

*Minister:* We bless you for your continual love   
 and care for every creature.  
We praise you for forming us in your image   
 and calling us to be your people.  
We thank you that you did not abandon us   
 in our rebellion against your love,   
but sent prophets and teachers   
 to lead us into the way of salvation.  
Above all we thank you for sending Jesus, your Son,   
 to deliver us from the way of sin and death   
 by the obedience of his life, by his suffering upon the cross,   
 and by his resurrection from the dead.   
We praise you that he now reigns with you in glory   
 and ever lives to pray for us.

We thank you for the Holy Spirit,   
 who leads us into truth, defends us in adversity,   
 and out of every people unites us into one holy church.  
Therefore with the whole company of saints in heaven and on earth we worship and glorify you, God most holy, and we sing with joy.

*All sing:* Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
 All thy works shall praise thy name,  
 in earth and sky and sea.  
 Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!  
 God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

***The Institution****Minister:* We give thanks to God the Father that our Savior, Jesus Christ, before he suffered, gave us this memorial of this sacrifice, until he comes again. "The Lord Jesus, on the night when he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, 'This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.' In the same way, he took the cup, after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.' For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes." (1 Cor. 11:23-26)

***The Memorial****All:* We shall do as our Lord commands.

We proclaim that our Lord Jesus was sent by the Father into the world,  
 that he took upon himself our flesh and blood,  
 and bore the wrath of God against our sin.

We confess that he was condemned to die   
 that we might be pardoned,   
and suffered death   
 that we might live.

We proclaim that he is risen to make us right with God,  
 and that he shall come again in the glory of his new creation.

This we do now, and until he comes again.

***Prayer of Consecration****Minister:* Heavenly Father, show forth among us the presence of your life-giving Word and Holy Spirit, to sanctify us and your whole church through this sacrament. Grant that all who share the body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ may be one in him and may remain faithful in love and hope. And as this grain has been gathered from many fields into one loaf and these grapes from many hills into one cup, grant, O Lord, that your whole church may soon be gathered from the ends of the earth into your kingdom. Now, as our Savior has taught us, we pray:

*All:* Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.  
Your kingdom come. Your will be done,  
 on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our debts,  
 as we also have forgiven our debtors.

And do not bring us to the time of trial,  
 but rescue us from the evil one.

For the kingdom and the power  
 and the glory are yours forever. Amen.

***The Invitation****Minister:* Congregation in the Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord has prepared his table for all who love him and trust in him alone for their salvation. All who are truly sorry for their sins, who sincerely believe in the Lord Jesus as their Savior, and who desire to live in obedience to him, are now invited to come with gladness to the table of the Lord.

***The Dedication****All:* Holy Father,   
 in thanks for the sacrifice of Jesus Christ,  
 in the joy of his resurrection,  
 in the hope of his coming again,  
we present ourselves a living sacrifice  
and come to the table of our Lord.

*Minister:* The gifts of God for the people of God.

***The Communion****Minister:* Take, eat, remember and believe that the body of our Lord Jesus Christ was given for the complete forgiveness of all our sins.

*Minister:* Take, drink, remember and believe that the precious blood of our Lord Jesus Christ was shed for the complete forgiveness of all our sins.

***The Thanksgiving****Minister:* Congregation in Christ, since the Lord has fed us at his table, let us praise his holy name with thanksgiving.

\**All:* Praise the Lord, O my soul;  
 all my inmost being, praise his holy name.  
Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.

He forgives all my sins and heals all my diseases;  
 he redeems my life from the pit  
 and crowns me with love and compassion.

He satisfies my desires with good things,  
 so that my youth is renewed like the eagle's (Ps. 103:1-5).

***\*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*** Psalter #350

**\**The Dismissal***

*Minister:* The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ, our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

*People:* Amen.

*Minister:* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

\**All:*

He is Lord, He is Lord!  
He is risen from the dead and he is Lord!  
Ev'ry knee shall bow, ev'ry tongue confess  
That Jesus Christ is Lord.

*\*indicates congregation stands if able*

*Notes*

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