

+ Order of Worship # 2 +

+ *God Gathers Us in His Presence* +

+ **Invocation**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked on us at our baptism.*

Leader: God has gathered us together today.

**People: He has called us here, to this place to worship Him.**

Leader: In the Name of the Father who created us.

**People: In the Name of the Son who  
Redeemed us.**

Leader: In the Name of the Spirit who sanctifies us.

**People: Amen.**

+ **Confession and Forgiveness**

Leader: Create in us a clean heart, O God.

**People: and renew in us a right Spirit. (Psalm 51)**

Leader: We have sinned; we've made wrong choices.

**People: We are so sorry for our sins. Have mercy  
on us, O God.**

Leader: By the power of Your Spirit, turn our hearts  
to You,

**People: So that we may live and serve You,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and  
Lord. Amen.**

Leader: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even

when we were sinners,  
and made us alive together with Christ.  
By grace we have been saved, through faith.  
Our sins are forgiven.

**People: Thank you, Jesus. Amen.**

+ *God Gives Us the Gift of His Word* +

+ **A Song of Praise May Be Sung-** *Your Everlasting Love*

+ **The Scripture Reading(s)**

+ **The Message**

+ *We Respond to God's Word  
with Thankful Hearts* +

+ **A Song of Praise May Be Sung-** *God So Loved the World*

+**Luther's Morning Prayer**

**All:** I thank You, my heavenly Father,  
Through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son,  
That You have kept me this night from all harm and danger;  
And I pray that You would keep me this day also,  
From sin and every evil,  
That all my doings and life may please You.  
For into Your hands I commend myself,  
my body and soul, and all things.  
Let Your holy angel be with me,  
that the evil foe may have no power over me.

**Leader:** Into Your hands, gracious God, we commend all for  
whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus  
Christ, our Savior and joining in the prayer He taught  
us to pray...*Our Father...*

+ *God Blesses Us and Sends Us Out to Serve Him* +

+ **The Blessing**

**Leader:** The peace of God, which passes all understanding,  
keep your heart and your mind in Christ Jesus.

**People:** **Amen.**

+ **A Song of Praise May Be Sung-** *Soon and Very Soon*

**Leader:** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**