

WE CONFESS AND RECEIVE FORGIVENESS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Lord, have mercy on us.
We talk about love, but our actions betray us.
We talk about love, but we neglect the poor.
We talk about love, but we fail to love one another.
Lord, have mercy on us.*

*Forgive us and abide in us by the power of your Spirit
so that our lives may show our love for Jesus Christ,
in whose body we live and in whose name we pray.*

(We silently confess our sins.)

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

We seek God's grace with boldness because we trust in Jesus Christ,
the one who loves us and laid down his life for us.

This is the good news of the gospel:
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

*GLORIA Glory to God Jacques Berthier

Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! (repeat)

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

ANTHEM The King of Love My Shepherd Is Robert E. Lee

SCRIPTURE READING 1 John 3:16-24

SERMON Truth and Action Rev. Anette Rihovsky

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*We believe that the church must together
come to know the height and the breadth
and the depth of the love of Christ.
We believe that together we are built up
to the stature of Christ, the new humanity.
We believe that we must together
know and bear one another's burdens,
thereby fulfilling the law of Christ.
We believe that we are called
to admonish and comfort one another;
to suffer with one another
for the sake of righteousness;
to pray together;
and together serve God in this world.
Adapted from the Confession of Belhar*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*You may find the text of The Lord's Prayer
on page 35 of the hymnal.*