**✠The Invocation:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**✠The Confession:** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

**✠The Absolution:** In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ, He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

**✠The Old Testament Lesson for the….**

This is the Word of the Lord: Thanks be to God!

**✠The Epistle Reading is written in …**

This is the Word of the Lord: Thanks be to God!

**✠The Holy Gospel is according to St. ...**

This is the Gospel of the Lord: Praise to You, O Christ!

**✠We confess our Christian Faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed:** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**✠The Sermon:** Grace to You and Peace, from God the Father, and from our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen. The text for my message today is …

The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Amen

**✠Prayer:** *(Optional)*

**✠The Lord’s Prayer:** Let us pray the prayer Jesus has taught us to pray:

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

**✠The Benediction:** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look on You with His favor and give you peace. Amen.