

Sample Pro-Life Sunday Service Outline

OPENING HYMN: *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* CW 375, vs. 1,3,6

INVOCATION: *(congregation rises)*

Pastor: In the name of the Father,

Cong.: **Who has made us and all people;**

P: And of the Son,

C: **Who lived and died that all people might live;**

P: And of the Holy Spirit,

C: **Who has given us a second birth.**

Sing: **Thrice holy! Father, Spirit, Son,
Mysterious Godhead, Three in One,
Before Thy throne we sinners bend;
Grace, pardon, life, to us extend.** (TLH 242, v.4)

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: Out of the depths I cry to You, O LORD;

C: **O Lord, hear my voice. Let your ears be attentive to my
cry for mercy.**

P: If you, O LORD, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could
stand?

C: **But with you there is forgiveness; therefore you are feared.**

P: O Israel, put your hope in the LORD for with the LORD is
unfailing love and with him is full redemption.

C: **He himself will redeem Israel from all their sins.**

LIFE RESPONSES

P: O LORD, I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully
made;

C: **your works are wonderful, I know that full well.**

P: My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the
secret place.

C: **When I was woven together in the depths of the earth, your
eyes saw my unformed body.**

P: Search me, O God, and know my heart;

C: **and lead me in the way everlasting.**

Sing:

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!

O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!

Let all who hear Now to his temple draw near,

Joining in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore him!

All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him!

Let the Amen, Sound from his people again;

Gladly forever adore him.

(CW 234, vs. 1,5)

(Congregation may be seated)

OLD TESTAMENT READING:

2 Chronicles 20:1-20

RESPONSIVE PSALM:

Psalm 119a

All Sing Refrain: **Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my
path.**

Choir: Blessed are they whose ways are blameless,

Congregation: **who walk according to the law of the LORD.**

Choir: Blessed are they who keep his statutes

C: **and seek him with all their heart.**

Choir: You have laid down precepts

C: **that are to be fully obeyed.**

Refrain (All Sing)

Choir: Oh, that my ways were steadfast

C: **in obeying your decrees!**

Choir: Then I would not be put to shame

C: **when I consider all your commands.**

Choir: I will praise you with an upright heart

C: **as I learn your righteous laws.**

All Sing: **Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Refrain (All Sing)

EPISTLE READING: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

GOSPEL READING: John 15:1-12

SERMON HYMN: *If God Himself Be for Me* CW 419, vs. 1,3,7

SERMON: Matthew 17:14-20

You Make the Difference

I. The Reason is Faith

II. The Difference Touches Others

**Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

BLESSING SPOKEN BY THE PASTOR

Assembly responds by singing: *Amen, Amen, Amen.*

CLOSING HYMN: *Glorious in Majesty*

CW 496

RESPONSIVE PRAYER (*Assembly Rises*)

- P: Dear Father in heaven, we come to you as the Creator of all life and the Author of all that is good and right
- C: **Accept our petitions as we appeal to you in the name of Jesus Christ, whose life, death and resurrection brought us eternal life.**
- P: Guide us to make the difference in the lives of others that we might accomplish your will to show love to others and to share the message of eternal life.
- C: **Forgive us for those times when we allowed the forces of evil to discourage us or silence our voices in apathy.**
- P: Help us to remember that our struggle in the cause for life is not with flesh and blood but that this is a spiritual battle rooted in the soul.
- C: **Keep your Word always before and with us that we might be well-equipped to fight this battle with those tools which bring the victory.**
- P: We pray that the threats to life in this world be ended. Give those who lead us in government the wisdom to make God-pleasing decisions. Give those who work in medicine a high regard for all human life, regardless of its state of quality. Give all people an appreciation that life is your gift to be cared for by us.
- C: **Use us as your servants to uphold the high value of human life. Use us to tell others the path to eternal life.**
- P: And we now offer the prayer that our Savior taught us:

**ALL: 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.**