

The Divine Service of Covenant Renewal

on the Lord's Day
September 10, 2017

Prelude

But the Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before Him.
Habakkuk 2:20

Welcome

God Calls Us to Worship Him

† **Call to Worship** Psalm 67:1-5

Pastor: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, that your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations.

People: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!

Pastor: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

People: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!

Δ† **Hymn of Adoration**

53 *Praise to the Lord the Almighty*

† **Salutation and Responsive Scriptures**

Pastor: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit!

People: Amen!

Pastor: The Lord be with you!

People: And also with you!

Pastor: Our help is in the Name of the Lord!

People: Who made heaven and earth!

Pastor: The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit;

People: A broken and contrite heart, O God, You will not despise.

† **Prayer of Thanksgiving and Praise**

† **The Lord's Prayer** Together as God's People

Our Father which 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

† **Affirmation of Faith** Elder Mike Dykstra

The Apostles' Creed (p. 845, together as God's people)

Δ† **Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

God Graciously Renews Us in Christ

§ **We Confess Our Sin**

O God, who are of purer eyes than to behold iniquity; But who despises not the sorrow of the contrite; Have mercy upon us, we ask You, according to Your loving-kindness. You alone know how often we have sinned; In wandering from your ways; In wasting your gifts; In forgetting your love. O pure searcher of hearts, help us to acknowledge with deep contrition the multitude of our transgressions; and especially those which are the present burden of our conscience. Cleanse us, we ask You, from all iniquity; And let Your mercy bring us healing; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

§ **Individual Silent Confession of Sin**

§ **God Forgives Us in Christ** Micah 7:18-19

Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love. He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities underfoot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea. *In Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven!*

Interlude for Meditation

Δ† **Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs**

111 *This Is My Father's World*

† **The Passing of the Peace**

Pastor: May the peace of Christ be with you!

People: And also with you!

Pastor: Let us offer one another a sign of peace!

(Members of the congregation greet one another with a sign of friendship such as the ancient words which the church has used over the centuries, "The peace of Christ be with you," and the response, "And also with you.")

§ **Pastoral Prayer** Elder Mike Dykstra

We Give Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

† **Doxology**

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.

God Instructs Us With His Word

Scripture Reading The Rev. Dr. Anthony J. Felich

Luke 3:1-20

Prayer for Illumination

Preaching of the Word

An Exposition of the Gospel of Luke

"Boldly Proclaiming Truth"

† **Hymn of Response** (as the Elders prepare the Table)

353 *I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord* (1-3)

God Meets and Feeds Us at His Table

Invitation and the Words of Institution Rev. Felich

Prayer of Consecration

Distribution of the Elements The Elders

(Partake of the Bread individually and the Cup together. Wine is used for communion with a limited amount of grape juice in the center rings.

Please note the bread in the center of the plate is gluten free.)

God Blesses Us and Sends Us Out

† **Hymn of Dedication**

353 *I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord* (4-6)

† **Benediction** Rev. Felich

† **Hymn of Dismissal**

353 *I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord* (1-2)

I love thy kingdom, Lord, the house of thine abode, the church our blest Redeemer saved with his own precious blood.

I love thy church, O God: her walls before thee stand, dear as the apple of thine eye, and graven on thy hand.

Postlude

The Order of Divine Worship
concludes with your silent prayer of praise and thanksgiving.

† Indicates the congregation standing

§ Indicates the congregation kneeling (if able)

Δ Ushers may seat latecomers