

# The Divine Service of Covenant Renewal

on the Lord's Day  
December 12, 2021

## 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

#### Choral Introit (11:00)

*To us a Child of hope is born, to us a Son is given, and on His shoulder ever rests all power in earth and heaven. Lord Jesus, reign in us, we pray, and make us Thine alone, who with the Father ever art and Holy Spirit, one.*

#### † Call to Worship Luke 2:8-14

Pastor: And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.

**People: For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.**

Pastor: And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

**People: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"**

#### Δ† Hymn of Adoration

# 214 *Angels We Have Heard on High*

#### † 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 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 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 The Rev. Nathan E. Currey

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

***Merciful Lord, we confess that with us there is an abundance of sin, but in you there is the fullness of righteousness and abundance of mercy. We are spiritually poor, but you are rich and in Jesus Christ came to be merciful to the poor. Strengthen our faith and trust in you. We are empty vessels that need to be filled; fill us. We are weak in faith; strengthen us. We are cold in love; warm us, and make our hearts fervent for you that our love may go out to one another and to our neighbors. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

#### § Individual Silent Confession of Sin

#### § God Forgives Us in Christ Ephesians 2:8-10

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. *In Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven!*

#### Interlude for Meditation

#### Lighting of the Third Advent Candle

Josh Rose Family (8:30 a.m.), John Hunter Family (11:00 a.m.)

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

# 215 *While by the Sheep We watched By Night*

(11:00) Children ages 3 to Kdg. to Children's Church (look for the flag bearer)

#### † 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.")

#### § Morning Prayer Elder Joel Thomas

#### 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

Genesis 3, Romans 8

#### Prayer for Illumination

#### Preaching of the Word

Joy to the World!

**"Sin, No More!"**

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

# 196 *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* (1-2)

### God Meets and Feeds Us at His Table

#### Invitation and the Words of Institution Rev. Currey

#### 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

# 196 *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* (3-4)

#### † Benediction Rev. Felich

#### † Hymn of Dismissal

# 162 *Of the Father's Love Begotten* (5)

*Christ, to thee, with God the Father, and, O Holy Ghost to thee, hymn and chant, and high thanksgiving, and unwearied praises be, honor, glory, and dominion, and eternal victory, evermore and evermore!*

#### 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