

The Divine Service of Covenant Renewal

on the Lord's Day
January 8, 2023

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)

Father, oh, hear me, pardon and spare me. calm all my terrors, blot out my errors, that by thine eyes they may no more be scanned. Order my goings, direct all my doings; as it may please thee, retain or release me; all I commit to thy fatherly hand. Grievs of God's sending soon have an ending; clouds may be pouring, wind and wave roaring. sunshine will come when the tempest has past. Joys still increasing, and peace never ceasing, fountains that dry not, and roses that die not, blooming in Eden, await me at last.

† Call to Worship

Psalm 145:10-13

Pastor: All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD, and all your saints shall bless you!

People: They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom and tell of your power, to make known to the children of man your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

Pastor: Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations.

People: The LORD is faithful in all his words and kind in all his works.

Δ† Hymn of Adoration

1 (inside cover of hymnal) *Give Praise to God*

† 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

Almighty, merciful God, we acknowledge for ourselves and we confess before you that which is the truth, namely, that if you decided to consider our merits and worthiness, we would not be worthy to lift our eyes to heaven and bring our prayers before you. For our consciences accuse us and our sins testify against us. We also know that you are a righteous Judge, who punishes the sins of those who transgress your commandments. But, O Lord, since you commanded us to call upon you in every affliction, and promised in your unspeakable mercy to hear our prayers, not for the sake of our merits- of which there are none- but for the sake of the merits of our Lord Jesus Christ, whom you have set forth as our Mediator and Advocate, so we forsake all other help and take our refuge in your mercy alone. Amen.

§ Individual Silent Confession of Sin

§ God Forgives Us in Christ

2 Corinthians 5:17-19, 21

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. *In Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven!*

Interlude for Meditation

The Sacrament of Covenant Baptism (8:30 a.m.)

Amanda Kothmann

Δ† Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

411 *Shine Thou upon Us, Lord*

(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 Bruce Hoffman

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 22

Prayer for Illumination

Preaching of the Word

Promises and Patriarchs

"Where is the Lamb?"

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

420 *At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing* (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 is gluten free.)

God Blesses Us and Sends Us Out

† Hymn of Dedication

420 *At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing* (3)

† Benediction

Rev. Felich

† Hymn of Dismissal

243 *Praise the Savior Now and Ever* (4)

For his favor, praise forever unto God the Father sing; Praise the Savior, praise him ever, Son of God, our Lord and King. Praise the Spirit; through Christ's merit he doth us salvation bring.

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