

# The Divine Service of Covenant Renewal

on the Lord's Day  
March 12, 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)

*Triune God be thou our stay; Oh, let us perish never! Cleanse us from our sins, we pray, and grant us life forever. Keep us from the evil one; uphold our faith most holy, grant us to trust Thee solely with humble hearts and lowly. Let us put God's armor on, with all true Christians running our heavenly race and shunning the devil's wiles and cunning. Amen this be done; so sing we, alleluia!*

## † Call to Worship Psalm 111:1-4

Pastor: Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

**People: Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them.**

Pastor: Full of splendor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever.

**People: He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered; the LORD is gracious and merciful.**

## Δ† Hymn of Adoration

# 75 O Father, You Are Sovereign

## † 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 Psalm 103:11-13

For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him. *In Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven!*

## Interlude for Meditation

## Δ† Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

# 498 Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!

(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 Rev. Currey

James 2:20-26

## Prayer for Illumination

## Preaching of the Word

Living Faith for Trying Times

**"How Do Works Justify?"**

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

# 628 Come, My Soul, Thy Suit Prepare (1-4)

God Meets and Feeds Us at His Table

## Invitation and the Words of Institution

The Rev. Dr. Anthony J. 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 is gluten free.)

God Blesses Us and Sends Us Out

## † Hymn of Dedication

# 628 Come, My Soul, Thy Suit Prepare (5-6)

## † Benediction Rev. Currey

## † Hymn of Dismissal

# 369 Shout, for the Blessed Jesus Reigns (4)

*O may his holy church increase, his Word and Spirit still prevail, while angels celebrate his praise, and saints his growing glories hail.*

## 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