

The Divine Service of Covenant Renewal

on the Lord's Day
March 26, 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)

Have mercy on me, O Lord, after thy great goodness, according to the multitude of thy mercies, wash away my offenses.

† Call to Worship

Psalm 138:1-5

Pastor: I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise;

People: I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness, for you have exalted above all things your name and your word.

Pastor: On the day I called, you answered me; my strength of soul you increased.

People: All the kings of the earth shall give you thanks, O LORD, for they have heard the words of your mouth, and they shall sing of the ways of the LORD, for great is the glory of the LORD.

Δ† Hymn of Adoration

660 *O God beyond All Praising*

† 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

Mr. Bennet Zeller

Psalm 111 (p. 826, responsively 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

Lord, Almighty God, do not allow your holy honor to be blasphemed because of our sins. For we have sinned in so many ways against you, by not obeying your eternal Word and by daily provoking your anger through ignorance, ingratitude, and grumbling. Therefore, our sins rightly deserve your punishment. But O Lord, remember your holy mercy and have compassion toward us through Christ. Grant us understanding, repentance, and correction for our sins by your Spirit. Strengthen your people, their servants and authorities, that they may faithfully and steadfastly preach your Word and administer your sacraments. O Lord, do not withdraw your Spirit and Word from us, but give us true faith, patience, and endurance. Come and help your Church. Deliver it from all oppression, mockery, and tyranny. Strengthen, also, all who are of a weak and distressed spirit, and send us your peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

§ Individual Silent Confession of Sin

§ God Forgives Us in Christ

1 Peter 2:24-25

He Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By His wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls. *In Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven!*

Interlude for Meditation

The Sacrament of Covenant Baptism (11:00 a.m.)

Andrew James Burwell

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. Anthony J. Felich

Genesis 29:1-30

Prayer for Illumination

Preaching of the Word

Promises and Patriarchs

“The Hard Road to Spiritual Maturity”

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

149 *Teach Me, O Lord, Your Way of Truth* (1-2)

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 is gluten free.)

God Blesses Us and Sends Us Out

† Hymn of Dedication

149 *Teach Me, O Lord, Your Way of Truth* (3-4)

† Benediction

Rev. Felich

† 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