

# The Divine Service of Covenant Renewal

on Easter Sunday

April 9, 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)

*Today arose our Christ and Lord, hath conquered death, its sting removed, hath routed Satan and broken his sword; Alleluia! We praise Christ Jesus, our risen Lord. So let us make a joyful noise, sing alleluias with gladsome voice and laud the Victor, who saved us by grace: Alleluia! We praise Christ Jesus, our risen Lord.*

## † Call to Worship 1 Corinthians 15

Pastor: Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

**People: Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?**

Pastor: Death has been swallowed up in victory.

**People: Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

## Δ† Hymn of Adoration

# 277 *Christ the Lord is Risen Today*

## † 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: Christ is risen!

**People: Christ is risen indeed!**

Pastor: This is the day that the Lord has made.

**People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

## † 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

Heidelberg Catechism #1 and #45

Pastor: What is your only comfort in life and death?

**People: That I, with body and soul, both in life and death, am not my own, but belong unto my faithful Savior Jesus Christ; who with His precious blood has fully satisfied for all my sins, and delivered me from all the power of the devil; and so preserves me that without the will of my heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head; yea, that all things must be subservient to my salvation, wherefore by His Holy Spirit he also assures me of eternal life, and makes me heartily willing and ready, henceforth, to live unto Him.**

Pastor: How does Christ's resurrection benefit us?

**People: First, by his resurrection he has overcome death, so that he might make us share in the righteousness he won for us by his death. Second, by his power we too are already now resurrected to a new life. Third, Christ's resurrection is a guarantee of our glorious resurrection.**

## Δ† Ascription of Praise 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

**Most holy and merciful Father; We acknowledge and confess before You; Our sinful nature prone to evil and slothful in good; And all our shortcomings and offenses. You alone know how often we have sinned; In wandering from Your ways; In wasting Your gifts; In forgetting Your love. But You, O Lord, have mercy upon us; Who are ashamed and sorry for all the ways we have displeased You. Teach us to hate our errors; Cleanse us from our secret faults; And forgive our sins; For the sake of Your dear Son. And O most holy and loving Father; Help us, we pray; To live in Your light and walk in Your ways; According to the commandments of Jesus Christ our Lord. With the same resurrection power that raised Jesus from the grave, Lord, refresh us and raise up within us a right spirit. A spirit of humility and a compelling passion to worship, honor and glorify you. Amen.**

## § Individual Silent Confession of Sin

## § God Forgives Us in Christ 1 Corinthians 15:56-58

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain. *In Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven!*

## Interlude for Meditation

## Δ† Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

*In Christ Alone* (see insert)

(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: Christ is risen!

**People: He is risen indeed!**

(Members of the congregation greet one another with a sign of friendship such as the ancient reminder of Jesus' resurrection, "Christ is Risen!" and the response, "He is risen indeed!")

## § Morning Prayer Elder Patrick Berch

## 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

Matthew 28:1-10

## Prayer for Illumination

## Preaching of the Word

### **"Come and See. Go and Tell"**

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

# 311 *Hail to the Lord's Anointed* (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

# 311 *Hail to the Lord's Anointed* (3)

## † Benediction Rev. Felich

## † Hymn of Dismissal

# 311 *Hail to the Lord's Anointed* (4)

*O'er every foe victorious, he on his throne shall rest, from age to age more glorious, all blessing and all blessed; the tide of time shall never his covenant remove, his name shall stand forever - that name to us is love.*

## 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