

The Divine Service of Covenant Renewal

on the Lord's Day
August 20, 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)

The Holy Spirit, we believe, our hearts true hope and peace he gives; the Christian's heart to sanctify, the Triune God to glorify. In God the Father, God the Son, the Holy Spirit Three in One, we all believe and we confess. May God our faith forever bless.

† 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

115 *All Creatures of Our God and King*

† 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 Nicene Creed (p. 846, 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

O Lord, forgive us for our failure to keep your commandments. We confess that we often cleanse the outside of our lives, yet do nothing about the inside of our hearts. Outside we look righteous, moral and upright, yet inside we are filled with anger, lust, greed, lies, and idolatry. Outwardly we go to church, give money and read your Bible, yet inwardly we neglect justice, purity, love, encouraging speech and mercy. Lord, we should have done the latter without neglecting the others. We have thrust ourselves into the best positions, because we thought we deserved them, yet the truth is we are unworthy of any blessing. Have mercy on us for being like the Pharisees. May you cleanse us- all of us and all of who we are- from the inside out. 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

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

Eva Steel

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

Rev. Currey

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 40

Prayer for Illumination

Preaching of the Word

Promises and Patriarchs

“Interpretations Belong to God”

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

144 *Father of Mercies, in Your Word* (1-3)

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

144 *Father of Mercies, in Your Word* (4-5)

† Benediction

Rev. Felich

† Hymn of Dismissal

103 *Holy God, We Praise Your Name* (4)

Holy Father, Holy Son, Holy Spirit, Three we name you; while in essence only One, undivided God we claim you, and adoring bend the knee, while we sing this mystery.

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