

# The Divine Service of Covenant Renewal

on the Lord's Day  
September 24, 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)

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation! O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation! Come, all who hear; now to His temple draw near, join me in glad adoration. Praise to the Lord above all things so wondrously reigning; sheltering you under His wings and so gently sustaining! Hast thou not seen all thy hath needed hath been sent by His gracious ordaining? Praise to the Lord! Amen.*

#### † Call to Worship

Psalm 103:1-5

Pastor: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name!

**People: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits,**

Pastor: who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit,

**People: who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.**

#### Δ† Hymn of Adoration

# 53 *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

#### † 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

***We confess, our Father, that we do not live up to the family name. We are more ready to resent than to forgive, more ready to manipulate than to serve, more ready to fear than to love, more ready to keep our distance than to welcome, more ready to compete than to help. At the root of this behavior is mistrust. We do not love one another as we should, because we do not believe that you love us as you do. Forgive us our cold unbelief. And make more vivid to us the meaning and depth of your love at the cross. Show us what it cost you to give up your Son that we might become your sons and daughters. We ask this in the name of Jesus our righteousness. Amen.***

#### § Individual Silent Confession of Sin

#### § God Forgives Us in Christ

Zephaniah 3:17

The Lord your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; He will rejoice over you with gladness; He will quiet you by His love; He will exult over you with loud singing. *In Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven!*

#### Interlude for Meditation

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

Coen Bodine

#### Δ† Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

# 521 *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*

(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 Todd Phillips

#### 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 43

#### Prayer for Illumination

#### Preaching of the Word

Promises and Patriarchs

**"A Day of Mercy"**

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

# 631 *From Every Stormy Wind That Blows* (1-4)

### 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

# 631 *From Every Stormy Wind That Blows* (5-6)

#### † 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