

The Divine Service of Covenant Renewal

on the Lord's Day
October 29, 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 Lord has spoken, God of gods, He calls the earth from east to west; from Zion, perfect in its grace, He makes His glory manifest. "Assemble all my followers who sealed the bond with sacrifice;" For God the Lord Himself is judge; let heaven declare His cause is right.

† Call to Worship

Psalm 46

Pastor: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
People: Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling.
Pastor: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns.

People: The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; He utters His voice, the earth melts. The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Δ† Hymn of Adoration

92 *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

† 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 Westminster Shorter Catechism Q/A's 33-36 (pp. 871-872, 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

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

Romans 8:1-2

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. *In Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven!*

Interlude for Meditation

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

Dahlia Grace Ilgenfritz

Δ† Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

343 *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*

(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

The Rev. Dr. Anthony J. Felich

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. Benjamin L. Gladd

Matthew 1:1-17

Prayer for Illumination

Preaching of the Word

"King Jesus and the People of God"

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

336 *Spirit, Strength of All the Weak* (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

336 *Spirit, Strength of All the Weak* (5-6)

† Benediction

Rev. Gladd

† Hymn of Dismissal

162 *Of the Father's Love Begotten* (5)

Christ, to thee, with God the Father, and O Holy Ghost, to thee, hymn, and chant, and high thanksgiving, and unwearied praises be, honor, glory, and dominion, and eternal victory, evermore and evermore!

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