

The Divine Service of Covenant Renewal

on the Lord's Day

December 3, 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)

Then cleansed be every life from sin; make straight the way; our hearts prepare for Christ to come and enter there. Stretch forth your hand our health restore, make us to rise; your face now shine and fill the world with love divine.

† Call to Worship

Jeremiah 33:14-16

Pastor: Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah.

People: In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.

Pastor: In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will dwell securely.

People: And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'

Δ† Hymn of Adoration

218 *Angels, from the Realms of Glory*

† 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.

God Graciously Renews Us in Christ

§ We Confess Our Sin and Affirm Our Faith

The Rev. Nathan E. Currey

Leader: God spake these words, and said: I am the Lord thy God who brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

All: Thou shalt have no other gods before Me.

Thou shalt not make to thee any graven image.

Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain.

Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy.

Honor thy father and thy mother.

Thou shalt do no murder.

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

Thou shalt not steal.

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

Thou shalt not covet.

Leader: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

People: Lord, have mercy upon us, and write these Thy laws in our hearts, we beseech Thee.

§ Individual Silent Confession of Sin

§ God Forgives Us in Christ

John 3:16

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. *In Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven!*

Interlude for Meditation

Lighting of the First Advent Candle

Clint Anderson Family (8:30 a.m.), Friederich Family (11:00 a.m.)

Δ† Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

194 *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

(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 Mike Pent

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 50

Prayer for Illumination

Preaching of the Word

Promises and Patriarchs

"God Will Visit You"

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

196 *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus* (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 in the center of the plate is gluten free.)

God Blesses Us and Sends Us Out

† Hymn of Dedication – Deacons' Fund Offering

196 *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus* (3-4)

† Benediction

Rev. Felich

† Hymn of Dismissal

218 *Angels From the Realms of Glory* (5)

All creation join in praising, God the Father, Spirit, Son; Ever more your voices raising to th'eternal Three in One. Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King!

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