

# The Divine Service of Covenant Renewal

on the Lord's Day  
January 14, 2024

## 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)

*He shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth; and love, joy, hope, like flowers, spring in His path to birth. Before Him on the mountains shall peace, the herald go; and righteousness, in fountains, from hill to valley flow.*

## † Call to Worship

Psalm 145:3-6

Pastor: Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and His greatness is unsearchable.

**People: One generation shall commend Your works to another, and shall declare Your mighty acts.**

Pastor: On the glorious splendor of Your majesty, and on Your wondrous works, I will meditate.

**People: They shall speak of the might of Your awesome deeds, and I will declare Your greatness.**

## Δ† Hymn of Adoration

# 2 *O Worship the 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 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

**Lord, we come to You this morning to confess our sin. We acknowledge that we are sinners, without hope apart from Your grace to us in Jesus Christ. We confess that we have transgressed Your Law and have sinned against You. Forgive us Lord, for neglecting Your Word and prayer. Forgive us for our spiritual lukewarmness and lack of passion for the interests of Jesus. Our Father, we pray that You would cleanse us from our iniquity, and fill us with the love, joy, and peace, that comes from believing Your promises to us in the Gospel. This we ask in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.**

## § Individual Silent Confession of Sin

## § God Forgives Us in Christ

Colossians 1:19-22

For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of His cross. And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, He has now reconciled in His body of flesh by His death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before Him. *In Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven!*

## Interlude for Meditation

## Δ† Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

# 460 *Amazing Grace!*

(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 Steve Baker

## 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 2:1-12

## Prayer for Illumination

## Preaching of the Word

The Messiah King

**“Eager to See Christ”**

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

# 501 *Just As I Am, Without One Plea* (1-4)

## God Meets and Feeds Us at His Table

## Invitation and the Words of Institution

Rev. Felich

## 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

# 501 *Just As I Am, Without One Plea* (5-6)

## † Benediction

Rev. Currey

## † Hymn of Dismissal

# 469 *How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place* (6)

*We long to see your churches full, that with all the chosen race, may, with one voice and heart and soul, sing your redeeming grace.*

## 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