

# The Divine Service of Covenant Renewal

on the Lord's Day  
January 28, 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)

*Soul, adorn thyself with gladness, leave behind all gloom and sadness; come into the daylight's splendor, there with joy thy praises render unto Him whose grace unbounded hath the wondrous supper founded, high o'er all the heaven's He reigneth, yet to dwell with thee He deigneth. Lord, by love and mercy driven thou hast left thy throne in heaven on the cross for me to languish and to die in bitter anguish, to forgo all joy and gladness and to shed thy blood in sadness. By this blood redeemed and living, Lord, I praise thee with thanksgiving.*

#### † Call to Worship

Psalm 24:7-10

Pastor: Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory?

**People: The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!**

Pastor: Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory?

**People: The LORD of hosts, He is the King of glory!**

#### Δ† Hymn of Adoration

# 235 *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

#### † 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 23-26 (page 871, 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

Psalm 103:11-13

For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does He remove our transgressions from us. As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear Him. *In Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven!*

#### Interlude for Meditation

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

# 308 *Jesus Paid it All*

(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 Bruce Hoffman

## 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 3:1-12

#### Prayer for Illumination

#### Preaching of the Word

The Messiah King

### “Announcing the Messiah King”

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

# 301 *Join All the Glorious Names* (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

# 301 *Join All the Glorious Names* (4-5)

#### † Benediction

Rev. Felich

#### † 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