

# The Divine Service of Covenant Renewal

on the Lord's Day  
April 21, 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)

*O praise the Lord, all ye people praise Him, for He is good, Alleluia! With all the saints and angels join now and sing to God a joyful song.*

## † Call to Worship

Psalm 96:1-4

Pastor: Oh sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth!

**People: Sing to the LORD, bless His name; tell of His salvation from day to day.**

Pastor: Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous works among all the peoples!

**People: For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; He is to be feared above all gods.**

## Δ† Hymn of Adoration

# 243 *Praise the Savior Now and Ever*

## † 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 Nicene Creed (p. 846, 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

***O my Savior, help me. I am slow to learn, prone to forget, and weak to climb; I am in the foothills when I should be on the heights; I am pained by my graceless heart, my prayerless days, my poverty of love, my sloth in the heavenly race, my sullied conscience, my wasted hours, my unspent opportunities. I am blind while the light shines around me: take the scales from my eyes, grind to dust my heart of unbelief. Make it my highest joy to study you, meditate on you, gaze on you, sit like Mary at your feet, lean like John on your breast, appeal like Peter to your love, count like Paul all things but dung. I believe, help my unbelief. 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

# 162 *Of the Father's Love Begotten*

(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 5:1-12

## Prayer for Illumination

## Preaching of the Word

The Messiah King

***"The Beatitudes (Part 4)"***

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

# 457 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* (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 is gluten free.)

## God Blesses Us and Sends Us Out

## † Hymn of Dedication

# 457 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* (3)

## † Benediction

Rev. Felich

## † Hymn of Dismissal

# 311 *Hail to the Lord's Anointed* (4)

*O'er every foe victorious, he on his throne shall rest, from age to age more glorious, all blessing and all blessed; the tide of time shall never his covenant remove, his name shall stand forever- that name to us is love.*

## 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