

# The Divine Service of Covenant Renewal

on the Lord's Day  
December 21, 2025

## 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)

*Hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Son of Righteousness! Light and life to all He brings, risen with healing in His wings. Mild He lays His glory by, born that we no more may die, born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth. Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."*

## † Call to Worship

Psalm 95:6-7

Pastor: Oh come, let us worship and bow down;

**People: let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker! For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand.**

## Δ† Hymn of Adoration

# 208 *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

## † 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

***Gracious and faithful God, as we await the celebration of Christ's coming, we confess that our hearts are often distracted and divided. We have spoken of hope, yet lived for lesser things. We have welcomed the story of the incarnation, while resisting the obedience it demands. Forgive us for our pride, our impatience, and our complacency toward sin. Cleanse us by Your mercy, and prepare our hearts to receive our King. Let this season of anticipation and reflection deepen our humility and kindle in us a renewed passion for Christ, leading us to pursue holiness with joy and faithfulness in the days ahead. We confess our sins in the name of Jesus Christ, who came in humility and will come again in glory. Amen.***

## § Individual Silent Confession of Sin

## § God Forgives Us in Christ

1 John 1:8-9

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *In Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven!*

## Interlude for Meditation

## Lighting of the Fourth Advent Candle

Lang Family (8:30 AM), Parnell Family (11:00 AM)

## Δ† Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

# 196 *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

(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 Dykstra

## 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

1 Peter 1:3-5

## Prayer for Illumination

## Preaching of the Word

Christ Our Redeemer

**“Christ our Hope: The Word Returning”**

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

# 195 *Joy to the World!* (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

# 195 *Joy to the World!* (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; evermore 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