

The Divine Service of Covenant Renewal

on Easter Sunday
April 5, 2026

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 sons and daughters, let us sing! The king of heaven the glorious king, o'er death today rose triumphing. That Easter morn, at break of day, the faithful women on their way to seek the tomb where Jesus lay. On this most holy day of days, to God your hearts and voices raise, in laud and jubilee and praise, Alleluia.

† Call to Worship

1 Corinthians 15

Pastor: Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

People: Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?

Pastor: Death has been swallowed up in victory.

People: Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Δ† Hymn of Adoration

277 *Christ the Lord is Risen Today*

† 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: Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen indeed!

Pastor: This is the day that the Lord has made.

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

† 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

Heidelberg Catechism #1 and #45

Pastor: What is your only comfort in life and death?

People: That I, with body and soul, both in life and death, am not my own, but belong unto my faithful Savior Jesus Christ; who with His precious blood has fully satisfied for all my sins, and delivered me from all the power of the devil; and so preserves me that without the will of my heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head; yea, that all things must be subservient to my salvation, wherefore by His Holy Spirit He also assures me of eternal life, and makes me heartily willing and ready, henceforth, to live unto Him.

Pastor: How does Christ's resurrection benefit us?

People: First, by His resurrection He has overcome death, so that He might make us share in the righteousness He won for us by His death. Second, by His power we too are already now resurrected to a new life. Third Christ's resurrection is a guarantee of our glorious resurrection.

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 and most merciful God, on this resurrection morning, we come before You with humble hearts, confessing our sins. Though Christ is risen, we confess that we have not lived as those raised with Him. We have set our minds on earthly things, loved our own comfort more than Your kingdom, and failed to walk in the newness of life He has secured for us. We have been cold in our love for You, weak in faith, and careless in our obedience. We have also sinned against one another in thought, word, and deed. Gracious Father, we acknowledge that apart from Christ we deserve Your judgment. Yet we thank You that He who died for our sins has been raised for our justification. For the sake of our risen Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us. Cleanse us, renew us by Your Spirit, and raise us to walk in new obedience, that we may live to Your glory. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. Amen.

§ Individual Silent Confession of Sin

§ God Forgives Us in Christ

Romans 8:1-2

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. *In Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven!*

Interlude for Meditation

Δ† Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

268 *Welcome, Happy Morning!*

(11:00) Children ages 3 to Kdg. to Children's Church (look for the flag bearer)

† The Passing of the Peace

Pastor: Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed!

(Members of the congregation greet one another with a sign of friendship such as the ancient reminder of Jesus' resurrection, "Christ is Risen!" and the response, "He is risen indeed!")

§ Morning Prayer

Elder Bob Reymond

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 28:1-10

Prayer for Illumination

Preaching of the Word

"Because He is Risen"

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

311 *Hail to the Lord's Anointed* (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 – Deacons' Fund Offering

311 *Hail to the Lord's Anointed* (3)

† Benediction

Rev. Felich

† Hymn of Dismissal

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

Over 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