

The Divine Service of Covenant Renewal

on the Lord's Day
May 17, 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)

Let thy grace, like morning dew falling soft on barren places, comfort, quicken and renew our dry souls and dying graces, bless thy flock from thy rich store evermore.

† Call to Worship

Psalm 93:1-2

Pastor: The LORD reigns; He is robed in majesty;

People: The LORD is robed; He has put on strength as His belt.

Pastor: Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved.

People: Your throne is established from of old; you are from everlasting.

Δ† Hymn of Adoration

64 *God, the Lord, a King Remaineth*

† 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

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

Titus 2:11-14

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for Himself a people for His own possession who are zealous for good works. *In Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven!*

Interlude for Meditation

Reception of New Members

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 Scott Creecy

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 13:1-23

Prayer for Illumination

Preaching of the Word

The Messiah King

“Do You Have Ears to Hear?”

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

332 *Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove* (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

332 *Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove* (3-4)

† Benediction

Rev. Felich

† Hymn of Dismissal

469 *How Sweet and Awesome is the Place* (6)

We long to see your churches full, that 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