The Divine Service of Covenant Renewal

on the Lord's Day
October 18, 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)

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voices, let us sing. Bright burning sun with golden beams, soft, silver moon that gently gleams, Alleluia.

† Call to Worship Psalm 148:1-5, 13

Pastor: Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights!
People: Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his hosts!
Pastor: Praise him, sun and moon, praise him, all you shining stars!
People: Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!
Pastor: Let them praise the name of the LORD! For he commanded and they were created.
People: Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his majesty is above earth and heaven.

∆† Hymn of Adoration

 # 115 *All Creatures of Our God and King*

† 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)

∆† 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 God, we confess that we have longed too much for the comforts of this world. We have loved the gifts more than the giver. In your mercy, help us to see that all the things we pine for are shadows, but you are substance; that they are quicksands, but you are mountain; that they are shifting, but you are anchor. We plead your forgiveness on the merits of Jesus Christ. Accept his worthiness for our unworthiness, his sinlessness for our transgressions, his fullness for our emptiness, his glory for our shame, his righteousness for our dead works, his death for our life. We pray in Jesus name. Amen.

§ Individual Silent Confession of Sin

§ God Forgives Us in Christ Ephesians 2:14-16

For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. *In Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven!*

Interlude for Meditation

∆† Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

 # 528 *My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

(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 Rev. Currey

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 16:1-12

Prayer for Illumination

Preaching of the Word

The Messiah King

"The Danger of Spiritual Immaturity"

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

 # 677 *Praise the Savior, Ye Who Know Him!* (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

 # 677 *Praise the Savior, Ye Who Know Him!* (4-5)

† Benediction Rev. Felich

† Hymn of Dismissal

 # 243 *Praise the Savior Now and Ever* (4)

For His Favor, praise forever, unto God the Father sing; praise the Savior, praise Him ever, Son of God, our Lord and King. Praise the Spirit; through Christ's merit, he doth us salvation bring.

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)
∆ Ushers may seat latecomers