

# The Divine Service of Covenant Renewal

on the Lord's Day

March 27, 2016

## Prelude

*But the Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before Him*  
Habakkuk 2:20

## Welcome

### Δ Hymn of Preparation

# 260 *Were You There?*

## God Calls Us to Worship Him

### Choral Introit (11:00)

*Christ is risen from the dead, the first fruits of those who slumber. As in Adam all are dying, so in Christ are all alive, Alleluia, to God be glory! Death shall be destroyed at last: Where, O Death, is now your terror? Where, O Grave, is now your triumph? Thanks belong to God alone, Alleluia, to God be glory! Alleluia!*

### † Call to Worship

The Rev. Dr. Anthony J. Felich

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* (1-5)

### † Salutation and Responsive Scriptures

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

**People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Pastor: Christ is risen!

**People: Christ is risen indeed!**

### † Prayer of Thanksgiving and Praise

### † The Lord's Prayer Together as God's People

*Our Father which 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

***Jesus Christ, risen Master and triumphant Lord, we come to you in sorrow for our sins, and confess to you our weakness and unbelief. We have lived by our own strength, and not by the power of your resurrection. We have lived by the light of our own eyes, as faithless and not believing. We have lived for this world alone, and doubted our home in heaven. Lord, hear us and help us. In your mercy, forgive us, Amen.***

### § Individual Silent Confession of Sin

### § God Forgives Us in Christ

1 Corinthians 15:56-58

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain. *In Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven!*

### Interlude for Meditation

### Δ† Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

# 267 *The Day of Resurrection!*

(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: 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 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

Rev. Felich

Luke 24:1-49

### Prayer for Illumination

### Preaching of the Word

***“He is Sovereign Over Spiritual Sight”***

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

# 286 *Worship Christ, the Risen King!* (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 in the center of the plate is gluten free.)

## God Blesses Us and Sends Us Out

### † Hymn of Dedication

# 286 *Worship Christ, the Risen King!* (4-5)

### † 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 - the 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