

The Divine Service of Covenant Renewal

on the Lord's Day
January 7, 2024

Prelude

Ephesians 1:3–4a

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him.

Welcome

God Calls Us to Worship Him

† Call to Worship

Psalm 1:1–4

Pastor: Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers

People: But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night.

Pastor: He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yield its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers.

People: Not so the wicked! They are like chaff that the wind blows away.

Δ† Hymn of Adoration

80 Lord, with Glowing Heart I'd Praise Thee

† 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.

God Graciously Renews Us in Christ

We Confess Our Sin and Affirm Our Faith

Rev. Billy Hastings

Leader: God spake these words, and said: I am the Lord thy God who brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

All: Thou shalt have no other gods before Me.

Thou shalt not make to thee any graven image.

Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain.

Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy.

Honor thy father and thy mother.

Thou shalt do no murder.

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

Thou shalt not steal.

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

Thou shalt not covet.

Leader: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

People: Lord, have mercy upon us, and write these Thy laws in our hearts, we beseech Thee.

Individual Silent Confession of Sin

God Forgives Us in Christ

John 3:16

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. *In Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven!*

Interlude for Meditation

Δ† Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

499 Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

† 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. Wegener

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

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 1:1-2

Rev. Jason Wegener

Preaching of the Word

“Dear Ephesians”

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

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God Meets and Feeds Us at His Table

Invitation and the Words of Institution

Rev. Wegener

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

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† Benediction

Rev. Wegener

† Hymn of Dismissal

30 Our God, Our Help in Ages Past (1)

*Our God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home.*

The Order of Divine Worship concludes with your silent prayer of praise and thanksgiving.

† Indicates the congregation standing

Δ Ushers may seat latecomers