The Divine Service of Covenant Renewal

on the Lord's Day March 16, 2025

Prelude

Remember this and stand firm, recall it to mind, you transgressors, remember the former things of old; for I am God, and there is no other; I am God and there is none like me, declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times things not yet done, saying, 'My counsel shall stand, and I will accomplish all my purpose,'

— Isaiah 46:8–10

Welcome

God Calls Us to Worship Him

† Call to Worship

Psalm 50:1-4

Pastor: The Mighty One, God the LORD, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

People: Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.Pastor: Our God comes; he does not keep silence; before him is a devouring fire, around him a tempest.

People: He calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that he may judge his people:

Δ† Hymn of Adoration

295 Crown Him with Many Crowns

† 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

Rev. Billy Hastings

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 Westminster Shorter Catechism Q/A's :33–34 (p. 871, responsively 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

Rev. Billy Hastings

Our loving, heavenly Father, we plead the blood of Christ to pay for our debts of sin. We accept His worthiness for our unworthiness, His sinlessness for our transgressions, His purity for our uncleanness, His sincerity for our guile, His truth for our deceits, His meekness for our pride, His constancy for our backslidings, His love for our enmity, His fullness for our emptiness, His faithfulness for our treachery, His obedience for our lawlessness, His glory for our shame, His devotedness for our waywardness, His holy life for our unchaste ways, His righteousness for our dead works, His death for our life. Amen.

Individual Silent Confession of Sin

God Forgives Us in Christ

Micah 7:18–19

Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love. He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities underfoot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea. *In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven!*

Interlude for Meditation

Δ† Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

707 Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken

† 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 Matthew Rankin

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

Rev. Jason Wegener

Genesis 42:1–38

Preaching of the Word

Exposition from The Book of Genesis

"A Reckoning for His Blood"

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

#299 Look, Ye Saints, the Sight Is Glorious (1-2)

God Meets and Feeds Us at His Table

Invitation and the Words of Institution

Rev. Jason 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

299 Look, Ye Saints, the Sight Is Glorious (3–4)

* Benediction

Rev. Jason Wegener

† Hymn of Dismissal

#30 Our God, Our Help in Ages Past (7)

Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come; O be our guard while troubles last, and our eternal home.

Postlude

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

† Indicates the congregation standing Δ Ushers may seat latecomers