The Divine Service of Covenant Renewal

on the Lord's Day
December 21, 2025

Prelude Matthew 1:23

"Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall call his name Immanuel"

Welcome

God Calls Us to Worship Him

† Call to Worship John 1:14–18

Pastor: And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us,
People: and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.
Pastor: John bore witness about him, and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.'"
People: For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

∆† Hymn of Adoration

 # 214 Angels We Have Heard on High

† 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 Elder Steve Campbell

Westminster Confession of Faith, Chapter 8 Paragraph 2
(p. 853, 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 Elder Steve Campbell

God of love, it is your will that we should love you with heart, soul, mind, strength, and our neighbor as ourselves, but we are not sufficient for these things. We confess that our affections continually turn away from you: from purity to lust, from freedom to slavery, from compassion to indifference, from fullness to emptiness. Have mercy on us. Order our lives by your holy Word, and make your commandments the joy of our hearts. Conform us to the image of your loving Son, Jesus, that we may shine before the world to your glory. Amen.

Individual Silent Confession of Sin

God Forgives Us in Christ Romans 8:1–2

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. *In Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven!*

Interlude for Meditation

Lighting of the Fourth Advent Candle The Ewens Family

∆† Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

 # 195 Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come

Children ages 3 to Kdg. to Covenant Kids (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. Billy Hastings

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

Isaiah 7:1–17

Preaching of the Word

Exposition from the Book of Isaiah

"Immanuel"

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

 # 194 O Come, O Come Emmanuel (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

 # 194 O Come, O Come Emmanuel (3–5)

† Benediction Rev. Jason Wegener

† Hymn of Dismissal

 # 195 Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come (3)

No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground; he comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.

Postlude

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

† Indicates the congregation standing
∆ Ushers may seat latecomers