



# LORD'S DAY | January 4, 2026

## A Service of Covenant Renewal

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### PRELUDE

*Habakkuk 2:20: But the LORD is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him.*  
We encourage you to use the prelude as a time to prepare your heart and mind for worship.

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## THE LORD CALLS US INTO HIS PRESENCE

CALL TO WORSHIP: [Psalm 117](#)

*Lift up your hearts!*

***We lift them up to the Lord!***

*Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

***It is right to give our thanks and praise.***

*Let us worship the Triune God.*

OPENING HYMN: No. 320, "[Rejoice, All Ye Believers](#)"

### GREETING

HYMN: No. 35, "[My God, How Wonderful Thou Art](#)"

### PRAYER/INVOCATION

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## THE LORD CLEANSSES US IN HIS SON

CALL TO REPENTANCE: [1 John 1:8-9](#)

### CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN:

*We, poor sinners, acknowledge before You, our God and Creator, that we have terribly and in many ways sinned against You, not only outwardly, but much more with inward blindness, unbelief, doubts, despondency, impatience, pride, covetousness, envy, hatred, malice, and other sinful affections, as You, our Lord and God, know well, and we cannot deeply enough deplore. But we repent of these things and heartily ask You for mercy, for the sake of Your beloved Son Jesus Christ. Amen.*

### SILENT PERSONAL CONFESSION

PROMISE OF COMFORT AND FORGIVENESS: [1 John 2:1-2](#)

HYMN OF THANKSGIVING: No. 331, "[Come, O Come, Thou Quickening Spirit](#)"

**PROFESSION OF FAITH: The Apostles' Creed**  
(page 845 in red Trinity Hymnal)

*I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.*

*I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.*

*I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.*

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**THE LORD CONSECRATES US WITH HIS WORD**

**THE GRACE OF GOD'S LAW:** [Exodus 20:1-17](#)

**GLORIA PATRI:** [No. 734](#)

**COLLECTION OF GOD'S TITHE AND OUR OFFERINGS**

**CONGREGATIONAL PETITIONS**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**OLD TESTAMENT:** [Exodus 19:1-6](#)

**NEW TESTAMENT:** [1 Peter 1:13-21](#)

**SERMON:** *The Necessity of Holiness*

**CLOSING HYMN:** No. 226, "[As with Gladness Men of Old](#)"

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**THE LORD COMMISSIONS US WITH HIS BLESSING**

**CLOSING PRAYER**

**DOXOLOGY:** [No. 731](#)

**POSTLUDE**