



LORD'S DAY | November 17, 2024

A Service of Covenant Renewal

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

THE LORD CALLS US INTO HIS PRESENCE

CALL TO WORSHIP: based on Psalms 36 & 145
(Responsive - **Congregation in bold**)

*Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens,
your faithfulness to the skies.
Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains,
your justice like the great deep.*

**O Lord, you preserve both man and beast.
How priceless is your unfailing love!**

Both high and low among men find refuge in the shadow of your wings. For in you is the fountain of life.

**All you have made will praise you, O Lord;
your saints will extol you.
They will tell of the glory of your kingdom
and speak of your might,
so that all men may know of your mighty acts
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.**

*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. 66, "[God Is Known among His People](#)"

GREETING:

From where does our help come?
From the LORD, the creator of the heavens and the earth.

PRAYER/INVOCATION

THE LORD CLEANSSES US IN HIS SON

CALL TO REPENTANCE: based on Isaiah 55

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN:

Gracious and Sovereign God,

We come before You today acknowledging our sin and the brokenness of our hearts. We confess that we have not always honored those whom You have appointed to lead and shepherd us. In our pride, we have been quick to criticize, slow to listen, and unwilling to submit to the authority You have established in the church and in our lives.

Forgive us, O Lord, for the times we have disrespected our leaders, whether through harsh words, ungrateful attitudes, or rebellious actions. We recognize that all authority is ultimately from You, and that when we dishonor those in leadership, we are dishonoring You, the One who ordains authority for our good and Your glory.

We have failed to recognize the weight of responsibility that rests upon the shoulders of those You have called to serve in leadership. We confess our impatience, our lack of trust, and our failure to support them in prayer and in love. Instead of submitting to their God-given authority, we have been tempted to exalt our own opinions and desires.

Father, we ask for Your forgiveness through the merits of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, who humbled Himself in perfect obedience to You. By His grace, we seek to learn humility, to grow in patience, and to submit to Your will in all things, especially in the way we treat those whom You have called to lead us.

We pray that You would give our leaders wisdom, strength, and courage to lead according to Your Word. May they shepherd us with integrity, faithfulness, and love. And may we, as Your people, respect them, encourage them, and follow them as they follow Christ.

We ask all of this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and King. Amen.

SILENT PERSONAL CONFESSION

PROMISE OF COMFORT AND FORGIVENESS: based on 2 Corinthians 5 and Zephaniah 3

HYMN OF THANKSGIVING: No. 351, "[Built on the Rock the Church Doth Stand](#)"

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.

THE LORD CONSECRATES US WITH HIS WORD

THE GRACE OF GOD'S LAW: [Matthew 7:15-27](#)

GLORIA PATRI: [No. 734](#)

COLLECTION OF GOD'S TITHE AND OUR OFFERINGS

CONGREGATIONAL PETITIONS

OLD TESTAMENT: [Psalm 101](#)

NEW TESTAMENT: [Hebrews 13:7-17](#)

SERMON: *A Better Way*

THE LORD COMMUNES WITH US AT HIS TABLE

MEANING AND FENCING OF THE TABLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

INSTITUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

BREAD: No. 161, "[O Christ, Our Hope, Our Heart's Desire](#)"

WINE: No. 655, "[O Safe to the Rock That Is Higher Than I](#)"

***CLOSING HYMN:** No. 322, "[O Quickly Come, Dread Judge of All](#)"

THE LORD COMMISSIONS US WITH HIS BLESSING

***BENEDICTION**

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

POSTLUDE