

LORD'S DAY | April 14, 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: Psalm 103:17-22

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. 125, "Let All Things Now Living"

*GREETING:

From where does our help come?

From the LORD, the creator of the heavens and the earth.

Receive God's Greeting. "To all who are loved by God and called to be his holy people: Grace and peace to you from God our Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Amen."

*PRAYER/INVOCATION

THE LORD CLEANSES US IN HIS SON

CALL TO REPENTANCE: Proverbs 16:5

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN:

Our Father in Heaven, we come to you confessing that often we rejoice in our own wisdom rather than submitting to yours. We celebrate our own accomplishments rather than holding fast to Jesus' work on our behalf. We build our own kingdoms without regard for your kingdom and glory. We speak of our own motives as righteous and the motives of others as wicked. Forgive us for these and countless other ways that we have failed to honor you with our lives. We pray in Jesus' name, Amen.

SILENT PERSONAL CONFESSION

*PROMISE OF COMFORT AND FORGIVENESS: Colossians 1:19-22

*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING:

No. 319, "Day of Judgment! Day of Wonders!"

INSTITUTION OF BAPTISM

*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.

CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM

*HYMN: No. 600, "He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought!"

THE LORD CONSECRATES US WITH HIS WORD

*THE GRACE OF GOD'S LAW: Zechariah 7:8-10

*GLORIA PATRI: No. 734

COLLECTION OF GOD'S TITHE AND OUR OFFERINGS

CONGREGATIONAL PETITIONS

OLD TESTAMENT: Proverbs 17:1-10

NEW TESTAMENT: James 4:4-12

SERMON: *Grace Runs Downhill*

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. 251, "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

WINE: No. 426, "Till He Come'!"

*CLOSING HYMN: No. 699, "Like a River Glorious"

THE LORD COMMISSIONS US WITH HIS BLESSING

*BENEDICTION

*DOXOLOGY: No. 731

POSTLUDE