



LORD'S DAY | May 18, 2025

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 145:1-7](#)

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. 382, "[God Himself Is with Us](#)"

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: [Matthew 22:34-40](#)

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN:

Almighty God, we acknowledge and confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed; we have not loved You with all of our heart, soul, and strength; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. Deepen within us our sorrow for the wrong we have done, and the good we have left undone. Lord, You are full of compassion and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy; there is always forgiveness with You! Restore to us the joy of Your salvation; bind up that which is broken, give light to our minds, strength to our wills, and rest to our souls. Speak to each of us, and let Your word abide with us until it has wrought in us Your holy will. Amen.

SILENT PERSONAL CONFESSION

PROMISE OF COMFORT AND FORGIVENESS: [Romans 8:1-4](#)

HYMN OF THANKSGIVING: No. 105, "[O God, We Praise Thee](#)"

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: [Isaiah 61:1-4](#)

NEW TESTAMENT: [Galatians 5:1-6](#)

SERMON: *Freedom in Christ*

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. 463, "[A Debtor to Mercy Alone](#)"

WINE: No. 649, "[More Love to Thee, O Christ](#)"

CLOSING HYMN: No. 369, "[Shout, for the Blessed Jesus Reigns](#)"

THE LORD COMMISSIONS US WITH HIS BLESSING

BENEDICTION

DOXOLOGY: [No. 731](#)

POSTLUDE