



LORD'S DAY | August 17, 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 146:1-2](#)

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. 76, "[Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven](#)"

GREETING

PRAYER/INVOCATION

THE LORD CLEANSSES US IN HIS SON

CALL TO REPENTANCE: [Joel 2:12-13](#)

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN:

Almighty God, we are unworthy to come into Your presence, because of our many sins. We do not deserve any grace or mercy from You, if You dealt with us as we deserve. We have sinned against You, O Lord, and we have offended You. And yet, O Lord, as we acknowledge our sins and offenses, so also do we acknowledge You to be a merciful God, a loving and favorable Father, to all who turn to You. And so we humbly ask You, for the sake of Christ Your Son, to show mercy to us, and forgive us all our offenses. Forgive the sins of our youth, and the sins of our old age. By Your Spirit, O God, take possession of our hearts, so that, not only the actions of our lives, but also the words of our mouths, and the smallest thought of our minds, may be guided and governed by You. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with You and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

SILENT PERSONAL CONFESSION

PROMISE OF COMFORT AND FORGIVENESS: [Psalm 103:8-12](#)

HYMN OF THANKSGIVING: No. 599, "[Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us](#)"

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: [1 Samuel 4:1-22](#)

NEW TESTAMENT: [2 Corinthians 4:5-6](#)

SERMON: *The Loss of the Ark*

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. 259, "[Hark! the Voice of Love and Mercy](#)"

WINE: No. 305, "[Arise, My Soul, Arise](#)"

CLOSING HYMN: No. 644, "[May the Mind of Christ My Savior](#)"

THE LORD COMMISSIONS US WITH HIS BLESSING

BENEDICTION

DOXOLOGY: [No. 731](#)

POSTLUDE