

LORD'S DAY | August 25, 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 9:1-4, 7-11 (Responsive - Congregation in bold)

I will praise you, O Lord, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonders.

I will be glad and rejoice in you; I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

> My enemies turn back; they stumble and perish before you.

For you have upheld my right and my cause; you have sat on your throne, judging righteously.

The LORD reigns forever; he has established his throne for judgment. He will judge the world in righteousness; he will govern the peoples with justice.

The Lord is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble.

Those who know your name will trust in you, for you, Lord, have never forsaken those who seek you.

Sing praises to the Lord, enthroned in Zion; proclaim among the nations what he has done.

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. 75, "O Father, You Are Sovereign"

*GREETING:

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

*PRAYER/INVOCATION

THE LORD CLEANSES US IN HIS SON

CALL TO REPENTANCE: 1 John 2:1-2

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN:

Our God in heaven, if you should mark iniquities, who could stand? We know that if we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. Not one of us does good, no, not one. We have stiffened our necks against your will, hardened our hearts to your Word, refused to hear your voice, pulled away from your loving embrace, despised correction, and forgotten you in our thoughts. Yes, we have sinned against you. Father, we repent. We come to Christ, who has promised rest for our souls. We take his yoke upon us. We desire to learn from him. Grant that we may bring forth the fruits of repentance from sincere hearts, which are precious in your sight. In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.

SILENT PERSONAL CONFESSION

*PROMISE OF COMFORT AND FORGIVENESS: Ezekiel 36:25-26

*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING: No. 267, "The Day of Resurrection!"

*PROFESSION OF FAITH: The Nicene Creed (page 846 in red Trinity Hymnal)

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

THE LORD CONSECRATES US WITH HIS WORD

*THE GRACE OF GOD'S LAW: Galatians 5:16-26 *GLORIA PATRI: No. 734 COLLECTION OF GOD'S TITHE AND OUR OFFERINGS CONGREGATIONAL PETITIONS **OLD TESTAMENT: Daniel 5** NEW TESTAMENT: 1 Peter 1:16-21

SERMON: The Writing on the Wall of the Cultural Hall

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. 256, "There Is a Green Hill Far Away" WINE: No. 461, "Not What My Hands Have Done" *CLOSING HYMN: No. 302, "Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

THE LORD COMMISSIONS US WITH HIS BLESSING

*BENEDICTION *DOXOLOGY: <u>No. 731</u> POSTLUDE