

LORD'S DAY | August 4, 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 118:28-29

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 CLEANSES US IN HIS SON

CALL TO REPENTANCE: Psalm 51:1-4

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN:

O Merciful God, the fountain of all goodness, who knows the thoughts of our hearts: we confess to You that we have sinned against You, and done evil in Your sight. Wash us, we ask, from the stains of our past sins, and give us grace and power to put away all sin; that being delivered from its bondage, we may walk in the path of Your commandments; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SILENT PERSONAL CONFESSION

*PROMISE OF COMFORT AND FORGIVENESS: Ephesians 2:1-10

*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING: No. 183, "Awake, My Soul, in Joyful Lays"

*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: Exodus 20:1-17

*GLORIA PATRI: No. 734

COLLECTION OF GOD'S TITHE AND OUR OFFERINGS

CONGREGATIONAL PETITIONS

OLD TESTAMENT: Isaiah 8:11-18

GOSPEL: <u>Mark 16:1-8</u>

EPISTLE: 1 Peter 1:3-9

SERMON: The End?: The Haunting Conclusion of the Gospel According to St. Mark

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. 372, "Praise Waits for Thee in Zion" (vv. 1-3)
WINE: No. 372, "Praise Waits for Thee in Zion" (vv. 4-6)
*CLOSING HYMN: No. 598, "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

THE LORD COMMISSIONS US WITH HIS BLESSING

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