



LORD'S DAY | September 1, 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:** Romans 11:33-36
(Responsive - **Congregation in bold**)

*Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!
How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!*

**"For who has known the mind of the Lord,
or who has been his counselor?"**

"Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?"

**For from him and through him and to him are all things.
To him be glory forever. Amen.**

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. 65, "[Before Jehovah's Awesome Throne](#)"

*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:

(Responsive - **Congregation in bold**)

What does the law of God require?

Personal, perfect, and perpetual obedience; that we love God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength; and love our neighbor as ourselves.

Given this truth, can anyone keep the law of God perfectly?

Since the fall, no mere human has been able to keep the law of God perfectly, but consistently breaks it in thought, word, and deed.

Did God create us unable to keep his law?

No, but because of the disobedience of our first parents, Adam and Eve, all of creation is fallen; we are all born in sin and guilt, corrupt in our nature and unable to keep God's law.

Since no one can keep the law, what is its purpose?

That we may know the holy nature and will of God, and the sinful nature and disobedience of our hearts; and thus our need of a Savior. The law also teaches and exhorts us to live a life worthy of our Savior.

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN:

Our Father in Heaven, we have transgressed your law in thought, word, and in deed. Please forgive us and hear our prayers of repentance as we bring them to you.

SILENT PERSONAL CONFESSION

***PROMISE OF COMFORT AND FORGIVENESS:** John 3:16

***HYMN OF THANKSGIVING:** No. 368, "[The Ends of All the Earth Shall Hear](#)"

***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: [Psalm 1](#)

NEW TESTAMENT: [2 Timothy 3:10-17](#)

SERMON: *Choose Life*

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. 252, "[When I Survey the Wondrous Cross](#)"

WINE: No. 308, "[Jesus Paid It All](#)"

*CLOSING HYMN: No. 580, "[Lead On, O King Eternal](#)"

THE LORD COMMISSIONS US WITH HIS BLESSING

*BENEDICTION

*DOXOLOGY: [No. 731](#)

POSTLUDE