

LORD'S DAY | September 8, 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 147:1-7

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. 101, "Come, Thou Almighty King"

*GREETING:

From where does our help come?

From the LORD, the creator of the heavens and the earth.

*HYMN: No. 438, "All Lands, to God in Joyful Sounds"

*PRAYER/INVOCATION

THE LORD CLEANSES US IN HIS SON

CALL TO REPENTANCE: 1 John 1:8-9

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN:

We, poor sinners, acknowledge before You, our God and Creator, that we have terribly and in many ways sinned against You, not only outwardly, but much more with inward blindness, unbelief, doubts, despondency, impatience, pride, covetousness, envy, hatred, malice, and other sinful affections, as You, our Lord and God, know well, and we cannot deeply enough deplore. But we repent of these things, and are sorry for them, and heartily ask You for mercy, for the sake of Your beloved Son Jesus Christ. Amen.

(From the 1585 Reformed Liturgy of the Palatinate)

SILENT PERSONAL CONFESSION

*PROMISE OF COMFORT AND FORGIVENESS: 1 John 2:1-2

*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING: No. 282, "Lift Up, Lift Up Your Voices Now"

*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: Jeremiah 9:23-24

*GLORIA PATRI: No. 734

COLLECTION OF GOD'S TITHE AND OUR OFFERINGS

CONGREGATIONAL PETITIONS

OLD TESTAMENT: Nehemiah 5:1-19

NEW TESTAMENT: Matthew 19:16-30

SERMON: Fighting Injustice With Fear

*CLOSING HYMN: No. 650, "I Will Sing of My Redeemer"

THE LORD COMMISSIONS US WITH HIS BLESSING

*BENEDICTION

*DOXOLOGY: No. 731

POSTLUDE