

# Christ Church

*Worshiping Christ and equipping God's people  
to extend His Lordship  
down through our generations  
and out into the world.*

**The Lord's Day  
Covenant Renewal Service  
January 24, 2016**

*O Lord, enable me this morning to worship You sincerely and in truth. Help me, Father, to receive again Your gracious service to me in the Word and Sacraments. Assist me also so that I can give to You the kind of praise and adoration appropriate to the One who loves me, sent His Son to die for me, and continues to provide all things for me.*

**Prelude and Silent Prayer**

**God Calls Us to Worship:**

Psalm 100:4-5

*Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name. For the Lord is good; His mercy is everlasting, and His truth endures to all generations. AMEN*

**Come Thou Almighty King**

(Hymn 101)

**Come, Thou Almighty King, help us Thy name to  
sing;**

**Help us to praise, Father, all glorious, o'er all victorious,  
Come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.**

Come, Thou Incarnate Word, gird on Thy mighty sword,  
Our prayer attend, come, and Thy people bless  
And give Thy Word success, Spirit of holiness, on us descend.

Come, Holy Comforter, Thy sacred witness bear  
In this glad hour. Thou who almighty art, now rule in every heart,  
And ne'er from us depart, Spirit of pow'r.

To the great One in Three, eternal praises be,  
Hence evermore, His sovereign majesty may we in glory see,  
And to eternity love and adore. AMEN

Responsive Reading

Psalm 98

*Leader:* Oh, sing to the Lord a new song! For He has done marvelous things; His right hand and His holy arm have gained Him the victory. The Lord has made known His salvation; His righteousness He has revealed in the sight of the nations.

**Congregation:** He has remembered His mercy and His faithfulness to the house of Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout joyfully to the Lord, all the earth; break forth in song, rejoice, and sing praises.

*Leader:* Sing to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and the sound of a psalm, with trumpets and the sound of a horn; shout joyfully before the Lord, the King. Let the sea roar, and all its fullness, the world and those who dwell in it;

**Congregation:** Let the rivers clap their hands; let the hills be joyful together before the Lord, for He is coming to judge the earth. With righteousness He shall judge the world, and the peoples with equity. AMEN

Psalm 98A

Book of Psalms for Singing

Confession of Sin:

Psalm 32:1-4

*Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man to whom the Lord does not impute iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. When I kept silent, my bones grew old through my groaning all the day long. For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me; my vitality was turned into the drought of summer. AMEN*

### **Silent Confession followed by Corporate Confession**

*Leader: Let us confess our sins to Almighty God.*

**Congregation:** Lord, we confess that there is no one righteous, no, not one. No one understands, no one seeks for God. We all have turned aside; together we have become worthless; no one does good, not even one. So to You, O Lord, do we lift up our souls. O Lord God, in You do we trust. Make us to know Your ways, O Lord; teach us Your paths. Lead us in Your truth, and teach us, for You are the God of our salvation; for You we do wait all the day long. Remember Your mercy, O Lord, and Your steadfast love. Remember not our sins and transgressions; according to Your steadfast love, remember us, for the sake of Your goodness, O Lord! AMEN

### **Assurance of Pardon**

Psalm 32:5

*I acknowledged my sin to You, and my iniquity I have not hidden. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and You forgave the iniquity of my sin. AMEN*

*Leader: Our sins are forgiven!*

**Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

**Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!**

Hymn 498

### **Luther's Commentary on the Second Article of the Apostles Creed**

**We believe that Jesus Christ  
—true God, Son of the Father from eternity,  
and true Man, born of the Virgin Mary—is our Lord. He has redeemed us,  
lost and condemned persons,  
saved us at great cost from sin, death,  
and the power of the devil,  
not with silver or gold, but with His holy and precious blood and His innocent  
suffering and death.**

**All this He has done that we may be His own,  
live under Him in His kingdom,  
and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness,  
just as He is risen from the dead and lives and rules eternally. This is most  
certainly true. AMEN**

## **Intercessory Prayer**

Philippians 4:6-7

*Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. AMEN*

**Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come.  
Your will be done on earth as *it is* in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors. And do not lead us  
into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory forever. AMEN**

**Tithes and Offerings**

**Doxology**

## **God Consecrates Us with His Word**

The Reading of the Scriptures:

Hebrews 11:10

***Leader:* The Word of the Lord. *Congregation:* Thanks be to God!**

The Sermon: “Building Christian Culture – Foundations”

**Christ Shall Have Dominion**

**Hymn 439**

## God Communes with Us

*Elder: God is good!*

*Congregation: All the time!*

*Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. Let us pray.*

Corporate Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Congregation:*

Merciful Father, we lift our eyes from the visible elements even as we lift up our hearts to heaven itself, where Jesus Christ is, seated on the right hand of the Father, from where He shall come again to complete our redemption, in whom all the promises of God are fulfilled, and all spiritual blessings are to be found. In joy of heart, in brotherly union, in Christian love we come to partake of Your table, giving thanks for the great love which You have shown to us through Christ our Lord. AMEN

## The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Let All Things Now Living

Hymn 125

## God Commissions Us

Ephesians 4:1b-3

*Elder: ...Walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. AMEN*

**Benediction**

**Christ, We Do All Adore Thee**

**Hymn 737**