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The Covenant Renewal Service

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Easter Sunday

April 12, 2009

Welcome

If you are **visiting** our church today, we welcome you to our worship service and Christian community. Please find the black registration folder at the end of the pew and help us serve you better by leaving your name and contact information. We promise to keep this information confidential and only use it for personal contact with you and your family. Please join us downstairs for coffee after the service.

We have **Christian education** classes for all ages which meet after the service at 11:00 AM. The “visitor’s card” on the table in the foyer will help you find the meeting place for your child’s class. We will not have an evening service tonight, but encourage the congregation to feast and fellowship with family and friends today.

If you are unfamiliar with **our form of worship**, please feel free to speak with one of the Pastors. We have resources that will help you understand the biblical rationale for why we worship the way we do. Pastor Meyers’s book *The Lord’s Service: The Grace of Covenant Renewal Worship* (Canon Press, 2003) is also available on our book table. Visit our website for articles, essays, and other helpful information on our worship and life at Providence: www.providencestlouis.com

The **Lord’s Supper** is observed every Sunday as the climax of covenant renewal worship. We invite to the Lord’s Table all those who are baptized disciples of Jesus Christ, under the authority of Christ and his body, the Church. By eating the bread and wine with us as a visitor, you are acknowledging to the elders of this local church that you are in covenant with God as an active member of a congregation in which the Gospel is faithfully confessed, taught, and believed. You also acknowledge that you are a sinner, without hope except in the sovereign mercy of God, and that you are trusting in Jesus Christ alone for salvation. If you have any doubt about your participation, please speak to one of the elders or the pastor before or after the service. **Note:** The middle circle of cups in each tray contains grape juice, the larger outer ring contains wine. (The grape juice has a darker color than the wine.)

Jesus Christ - Conqueror (Front Cover)



The traditional monograms **IC** and **XC** are ancient Latin abbreviations for **Jesus** (*IHCOYC*, a Latinized form of his Greek name) and **Christ** (*XRICTOC*). **NIKA** means Victor or Conqueror. Jesus Christ was born to conquer sin, death, and the Devil. The cross in the center of the world reminds us that Jesus has conquered by means of his suffering, death, and resurrection. Jesus now reigns *because* he died for us.

Today our Pulpit and Table paraments are **white**. White symbolizes the promise of the glorious transfiguration of our flesh because of the glorification of Jesus in his resurrection from the dead.

The Lord’s Service at Home

Easter Season

In the early, post-apostolic Church it was the feast of Easter that established the starting point of the development of the liturgical church year. The year as a whole receives its “Sunday” at Easter. Just as the first day of the week gives meaning and purpose to the weekly pattern of human life, so also the celebration of Easter in the Spring orients the entire year around the victorious resurrection of Christ for the life of the world. The early Church did not intend for this yearly pattern to replace or weaken the weekly Sunday worship of the church. Rather, the annual pattern was intended to enable the church to understand even better the mystery of Christ’s sanctification of all of life, time included.

Early on in the Church’s development of the Easter feast, following the weekly pattern, the annual celebration was set within a framework of six weeks of preparation and repentance (called Lent), ending with the rest of Easter. Then, following Easter Sunday, seven weeks of exultation and feasting were decreed, ending in Pentecost and the beginning of an “eighth week.” The church, therefore, celebrates a “week of weeks” during the Easter season as a reminder of Christ’s comprehensive redemption of all of life, a time of feasting, giving thanks, and praise to the Risen Christ. Easter season ends with the festival of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit (Pentecost) which ends the seven weeks and ushers in the world to come (symbolically, the eighth day or week). Use these seven weeks of Easter season not just to meditate and reflect upon the resurrection of our Lord, but also to rejoice, give thanks, and sing about the comprehensive victory that he has accomplished for you.

The color for Easter is white. White symbolises purity, light, and life. It is the bright “color” of Jesus’ glorified humanity after his resurrection and therefore will also be the “color” of our new “clothing” when we are resurrected. Easter hymns can be found in the *Trinity Hymnal* #197-209, and also #596-609.

An Easter Prayer: O almighty and eternal God, now that you have assured us of the completion of our redemption through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus, give us the will to show forth in our lives what we profess with our lips; through Jesus Christ, you Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, age after age. Amen.

The Westminster Shorter Catechism

Question #38

Q. What benefits do believers receive from Christ at the resurrection?

A. At the resurrection, believers being raised up in glory, shall be openly acknowledged and acquitted in the day of judgment, and made perfectly blessed in the full enjoying of God to all eternity.

Announcements

Session Meeting—The session will be meeting on Wed., April 15 at 7 PM.

Baby Shower—Dawn Salyer is expecting a baby boy. Please join us for a baby shower on Thursday, April 23rd at 7:30 PM. Dawn is registered at Target and Babies R Us (or another great gift idea would be a gift certificate to Cotton Babies). Debbie Keane will be hosting this shower. If you would like to contribute to a group gift see to Alicia Donathan. An attendance sign up sheet can be found on the WIC table.

Men of the Covenant—There will be a Men of the Covenant meeting at Pastor Meyer's house on April 30th at 7:30 PM. All men in the church are invited to come and share a beverage, good discussion and fellowship. Pastor Meyers will lead a discussion on the doctrine of election. Questions? Call Josh at 314-814-5213.

Men's Bible Study—Josh Anderson is hoping to begin a new Men's Bible Study on Tuesday mornings (before work) at the church to study and discuss Ecclesiastes, using Pastor Meyers' commentary, "A Table in the Mist." For more details, see Josh.

Youth Fellowship Event—Mark your calendars for a youth fellowship event on Sunday afternoon (before the evening service) on April 19th. More details to come.

Jason Carter's Retirement Party—Jason and Donna Carter would like to invite all of you to an open house reception at their house from 1-6 PM Saturday, April 18th, to celebrate Jason's retirement from the U.S. Navy after 20 years of service. Please RSVP to jdnpae@gmail.com, but don't let a lack thereof keep you from coming! Maps to the Carter's house will be made available upon request.

Memory Recitation—We are coming to the close of another Sunday School year and to the important annual recitation. The children will be preparing for the occasion to demonstrate the retention of what they have learned this year. Each child should have been given a new booklet by his or her Sunday School teacher. The booklet contains all of the work to be recited. **The annual recitation schedule will be on: Sunday, May 10 - first half and Sunday, May 17 - second half.** Our annual promotion program will be during the Sunday School hour on May 31st. At that time, students promoted into new classes will be recognized. In addition, all students who have given a good recitation will receive their rewards.

The Morning Service

The Lord's Day — April 12, 2009

Easter Sunday

Preparation For Worship: Luke 24:1-12

Organ - Mr. Bill Hoover

Welcome & Announcements - Pastor Jeffrey J. Meyers

The Entrance

Silent Preparation

Call to Worship: *1 Corinthians 15:20-21*

Pastor Jeffrey J. Meyers

Choral Introit "Up, up! my heart, with gladness"

Up, up! my heart, with gladness,
This day, behold, how bright!
Chasing away our sadness,
There comes how great a light!
Once did the Saviour rest
Lapped in the earth's dark breast,
Where we ourselves shall be
Whene'er we come to die.

When in the grave men laid Him,
The foe looked on with glee;
There they would fain have stayed Him,
Yet Christ full soon was free!
Rent was the binding tomb,
Death and its powers o'ercome;
Eternal triumph won
By David's hero Son!

Text: Paul Gerhardt (1607-1676) Engl. text by Rev. John Troutbeck (1832-1899) Music: J. S. Bach (1685-1750) Ed. by H. Clough-Leigher (1874-1956)

†Easter Victory

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Congregation: **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

†Hymn #198 "Jesus Christ is risen today"

Trinity Hymnal

†Salutation & Responsive Scripture

Pastor: In the Name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit!

Congregation: **Amen!**

Matthew 28:19

The Lord be with you!
And also with you!

Ruth 2:4

Thanks be to God!

1 Corinthians 15:57

Who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!

†Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord:

Almighty God, our Father, grant, we ask, that we who celebrate the glorious feast of Easter, may honor and praise you, who through your only-begotten Son has overcome death, and opened to us the gate of everlasting life; in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, age after age. Amen!

Purification

†Pastor: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart, and confess our sins unto God our Father, asking him, in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry, and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to your call to peace. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. *Silent Prayer. Amen.*

†Declaration of Forgiveness

Ascension

†Pastor: Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up to the Lord!

†Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

It is proper and right to do so.

†It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, eternal God, creator and ruler of the universe. At your word the earth was made a glorious home for mankind. Your hand formed us from the dust of the earth and set us over all your creatures to love and serve you. When we were unfaithful to you, you kept faith with us, your love remained steadfast. When we were slaves in Egypt, you broke the bonds of our oppression, brought us through the sea to freedom,

TODAY AT PROVIDENCE

Nursery Volunteers, Thank You!

Today's Volunteers:

Morning Service—Coller, Shaffer

Sunday School—Coller, Horne, Inion

Evening Service—No Evening Service

Next Sunday's Volunteers:

Morning Service—Svezia, Tageson, McDonnell

Sunday School—Gerstung, Inion, Schmidt

Evening Service—Steve and Angie Anderson

Adult Sunday School—We are pleased to welcome Lian and Clara Tombing this morning. During Sunday School, Lian will report on his work in Manipur, India. Join us downstairs in the fellowship hall after morning worship.

The College & Career Class will continue their series, *It was Good: Thinking Christianly about the Arts*. The class meets at Pastor Smith's home immediately after worship. Directions are available in the narthex.

Memory Listening Today—Today, during Sunday School, memory listeners will hear the children recite their memory work.

The Youth Choir is scheduled to sing "In Christ Alone" during morning worship on Sunday, April 26. This will be a very special anthem. Parents, please make sure your middle- and high-schoolers attend practice today and next Sunday from 11:30-12:00; these are our last two rehearsals before the 26th.

Special note: On April 26, the students must be at church at **8:25 AM** for final rehearsal and line up.

Church Calendar

Sun, April 19

Thurs, April 23

Sun, April 26

Sun, April 26

Sun, May 3

Sun, May 10 & 17

Sun, May 31

Mondays

Wednesdays

Thursdays

1st & 3rd Wednesdays

Youth Fellowship

7:30 PM Baby Shower for Dawn Salyer

Youth Choir sings during morning worship

No PM Service

Congregational Meeting

Memory Recitation During Sunday School

Graduation Reception/Promotion Sunday

6:30 PM Financial Peace University

7 PM Weekly Choir Rehearsal

9:30-11 AM Weekly WIC Bible Study

7:30 PM High School Guys' Small Group

Pastoral Prayer: Almighty and everlasting God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Congregation: **Amen!**

Benediction

†Closing Hymn "Christ the Lord is ris'n today"

1 Cor. 15: 57
Charles Wesley, 1739, cento

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Orientis partibus
French melody, c. 1200, ad.

1 "Christ the Lord is ris'n to-day," Sons of men and an-gels say.
2 Love's re-deem-ing work is done, Fought the fight, the bat-tle won.
3 Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Christ has burst the gates of hell.
4 Lives a-gain our glo-rious King; Where, O Death, is now thy sting?

Raise your joys and tri-umphs high; Sing, ye heav'ns, and, earth, reply.
Lo, our Sun's e-clipse is o'er; Lo, He sets in blood no more.
Death in vain for-bids His rise; Christ has o-pened Par-a-dise.
Once He died our souls to save; Where thy vic-to-ry, O Grave? A-men.

5 Soar we now where Christ has led,
Following our exalted Head.
Made like Him, like Him we rise;
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies.

6 Hail the Lord of earth and heaven!
Praise to Thee by both be given!
Thee we greet triumphant now:
Hail, the Resurrection Thou!

†Benediction: *Numbers 6:24-26*

†Three-fold Amen

†Postlude

and graciously covenanted to be our God. By a pillar of fire you led us through the desert to a land flowing with milk and honey, and set before us the way of life. You gave your Word to take on our flesh and in him you lived among us, manifesting your glory. He died that we might live, and has risen to raise us to new life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your Name. . .

†Hymn #204 "Alleluia! Alleluia!"

Trinity Hymnal

The Old Testament Reading: *Psalm 16*

Pastor Joshua Anderson

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

The Epistle Reading: *1 Corinthians 15:1-19*

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

Hymn #202 "Lift up, lift up your voices now"

TH (TUNE OF #56)

†The Gospel Reading: *Luke 23:50—24:12*

This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Praise be to you, O Christ!

†We Confess our Faith: *The Nicene Creed*

**I believe in one God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and 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 men 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 sits on 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 I 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 worshipped and glorified;
who spoke by the prophets.**

**And I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
I acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
And I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen!**

†The *Gloria Patri*

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world with-
out end. Amen!**

Sermon Text: *Luke 24:36-53*

Pastor Jeffrey J. Meyers

Sermon: **THE RESURRECTION IS EVERYTHING**

†Hymn #200 "Come, ye faithful, raise the strain" *Trinity Hymnal*

Tribute Offering

We Offer Ourselves Through Tithes and Offerings
Choir Anthem "Hallelujah Chorus" (Please remain seated)

Hallelujah: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.
The kingdom of this world is become the kingdom
of our Lord and of his Christ;
and he shall reign for ever and ever.
KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.

Text: Rev. 19:6; 11:15; 19:16
Music: Handel's *Messiah*
Joanie Harris, piano

†Presentation of the Offering

†[Hands Raised] The Doxology

†An Easter Litany

O Christ, after your resurrection you appeared to your disciples;
you breathed on them, that they might receive the Holy Spirit.
You gave joy and exultation to the whole creation. Through your
victory, we pray to you:

Hear us, Lord of glory!

O Christ, after your resurrection you sent out your disciples to
baptize and teach the nations in the Name of the Father and of the
Son and of the Holy Spirit; you promised to be with them and us

until the end of the world. Through your victory, we pray to you:

Hear us, Lord of glory!

O Christ, through your resurrection you lifted us up, and filled us
with rejoicing. Through your salvation you enrich us with your
gifts. Renew our lives and fill our hearts with joy. Through your
victory, we pray to you:

Hear us, Lord of glory!

O Christ, you are glorified by angels and redeemed saints in
heaven, and you are worshiped by your church on earth. On the
glorious feast of your resurrection, we pray to you:

Hear us, Lord of glory!

Save us, O Christ our Lord, in your goodness, extend your mercy
to your people who await the resurrection at the end of history,
and have mercy on us.

Hear us, Lord of glory!

Heavenly Father, we rejoice that the grave could not hold your
Son, and that he has conquered death, risen to rule over the pow-
ers of this earth. We praise you that he summons us into new life,
to follow him with joy and gladness. By your Spirit, lift us from
doubt and despair, and set our feet in Christ's holy way, that our
lives may be signs of his life, and that all we are and do may show
forth his love. Praise, glory, and thanksgiving to you, our God,
now and forever more.

Hear our prayer, O Lord. Amen!

The Sacrifice of Peace

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Memorial

The Words of Institution & Distribution

Communion Hymn: #207 "Christ Jesus lay in death's strong bands"

†The Song of Simeon (*Nunc Dimittis*): *Luke 2:30-32*

**Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to
thy Word; for mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou has
prepared before the face of all people; A light to lighten the Gen-
tiles, and the glory of thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the begin-
ning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

†Pastor: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

Congregation: **And his mercy endures forever!**