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The Covenant Renewal Service

Providence Reformed Presbyterian Church

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The Second Sunday After Easter

April 26, 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 Explained

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 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 symbolizes 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.

Catechism of the Week

The Heidelberg Catechism – Q. 45

Q. How does Christ’s Resurrection benefit us?

A. First, by his resurrection he has overcome death, so that he might make us share in the righteousness he won for us by his death. Second, by his power we too are already now resurrected to a new life. Third, Christ’s resurrection is a guarantee of our glorious resurrection.

Announcements

Congregational Meeting—On Sunday, May 5, during the Sunday school hour the congregation will hold it's annual meeting. At that meeting we will elect new officers and present and explain the 2009-10 budget.

The 2009-10 Proposed Budget—The Session has provisionally approved the new budget for the coming year. Copies will be on the table in the narthex for your review. Members of the session will gladly take questions, comments, or suggestions regarding the proposed budget for the next week. The session plans to meet just before the congregational meeting on May 3 to formally adopt it. Until then you are free to suggest changes.

WIC Luncheon—Ladies, join in the fun for a special luncheon honoring our seminary wives on Saturday, May 9th at 10 AM. The luncheon will be held in the fellowship hall. Sign up at the WIC table or speak to Barb Hoover.

Cookies/Bars for Covenant Seminary Graduation—Covenant Seminary has asked us to provide cookies/bars for their graduation ceremony on May 15th. If you can help, sign up, bring your cookies to PRPC by May 10th and give them to Joanie Harris.

Wedding Shower—Please join us on Saturday, May 16th for a wedding shower for Arielle Murrell as she prepares to be wed. Hannah Shields will host Arielle's shower at 3 PM in her home (11731 Parkshire Dr., St. Louis, MO 63126). Arielle and Justin are registered at Macy's and Target. See Hannah if you would like to contribute to a group gift.

Guys' Camp Out—This year's annual camping trip will be on May 29-30 at the Keane's property in Mt. Sterling. The campout will last from Friday afternoon through Saturday at 2 PM. If you have questions contact John Keane.

Memory Recitation—Parents, please work with your children to prepare them for the annual recitation to be held over two Sundays (5/10 & 5/17).

National Day of Prayer, Thursday, May 7th—Christians throughout our country are encouraged to meet at their local city hall from 12-1 PM to pray for our government leaders, our soldiers, and for our country. Those who live in the Crestwood are invited to attend the meeting at the Crestwood Government Center on Sappington Road just north of Watson. In the evening, four regional event will be held from 7-9 PM. For more information go to the website: www.gatewayndp.org or call 314-253-4075.

The Morning Service

The Lord's Day — April 26, 2009
The Second Sunday After Easter

Preparation For Worship: Colossian 3:1-4
Organ - Mr. Bill Hoover
Welcome & Announcements - Pastor Jeffrey J. Meyers

The Entrance

Silent Preparation

Call to Worship: *Colossians 3:1-4*

†Hymn #127 "Let us love, and sing, and wonder"

†Salutation & Responsive Scripture

Pastor Jeff Meyers

Trinity Hymnal

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

Congregation: **Amen!**

Matthew 28:19

The Lord be with you!

Ruth 2:4

And also with you!

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 and eternal God, you have, through the resurrection of your Son sealed the covenant of man's reconciliation; grant to us who rejoice in your faithfulness grace to show forth in our lives what we profess with our lips; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, age after age. Amen!

Purification

†Pastor: If we say we have no sin,

1 John 1:8-9

We deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us

But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and righteous,

Will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Let us then confess our sins to God our Father:

Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. We justly deserve your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and

lead us, so that we may delight in your ways to the glory of your holy name. *Silent prayer. Amen!*

†Pastor: Now lift up your heads and hear the good news . . . !

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.

†Truly it is fitting, right, and beneficial to give thanks to you at all times and in every place, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God; but chiefly we are bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord; for he is the very Paschal lamb, which was offered for us and has taken away the sins of the world. By his death he has destroyed death and by his rising to life he has restored us to everlasting life. Therefore, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven and with the church on earth, we praise and magnify your glorious Name, evermore praising you and singing...

†Hymn "Like the golden sun ascending"

1 Like the gold - en sun as - cend - ing, Break - ing thro' the
2 Thanks to Thee, O Christ vic - to - rious! Thanks to Thee, O

gloom of night, On the earth his glo - ry spend - ing So that
Lord of Life! Death hath now no pow - er o'er us, Thou hast

dark - ness takes to flight, Thus my Je - sus from the grave
con - quered in the strife. Thanks be - cause Thou didst a - rise

And Death's dis - mal, dread - ful cave Rose tri - um - phant Eas - ter
And hast o - pened Par - a - dise! None can ful - ly sing the

TODAY AT PROVIDENCE

Nursery Volunteers, Thank You!

Today's Volunteers:

Morning Service—Shields, Barlow
Sunday School—Boeve, Pitts, M. Carter
Evening Service—No Evening Service

Next Sunday's Volunteers:

Morning Service—Svezia, Tageson, McDonnell
Sunday School—Wamsley, D. Carter, C. & G. Keane
Evening Service—Hiers

Adult Sunday School Class "Medieval Retrieval"—Please join us downstairs while we explore the lives of Christians during the "Medieval" age (AD 500-1500). Our classes are simple, interesting, and useful to members of the congregation. This morning Jason Carter will be teaching on Medieval feudalism and it's relation to Western political freedom.

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.

This Week at Providence

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.

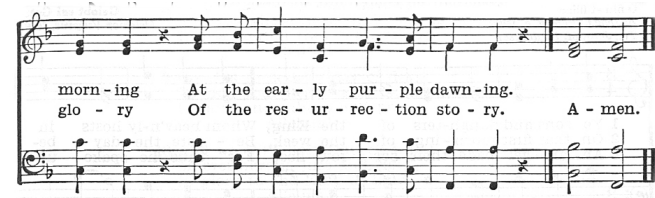
Church Calendar

Thurs, April 3	7:30 PM Men of the Covenant Meeting
Sun, May 3	Congregational Meeting/Deacons' Fund Collection
Sat, May 9	10 AM WIC Luncheon
Sun, May 10 & 17	Memory Recitation During Sunday School
Sat, May 16	3 PM Arielle Murrell's Wedding Shower
May 22-23	Guys' Annual Campout
Sun, May 31	Graduation Reception/Promotion Sunday
June-Aug (Summer Schedule)	Sunday School Suspended/5 PM Evening Worship
June 6-13	Restore St. Louis Mission Trip
Thurs, June 25	7 PM Erin Linton's Wedding Shower

Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home—
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

† [HANDS RAISED] The *Doxology*
† [HANDS RAISED] The Lord's Prayer

Trinity Hymnal, p. xvi



The Sacrifice of Peace

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Memorial
Hymn: #364 "Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless" *Trinity Hymnal*
Bread & Wine for the People of God
Pastoral Benediction

†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 hast prepared before the face of all people; A light to lighten the Gentiles, 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 beginning, 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!**

Pastoral Prayer: Grant, we ask you, Almighty God, that we who have today celebrated the glorious feast of our Lord's resurrection may, with the help of your grace, bring forth fruit in accordance with our new life in Christ; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, age after age.

Congregation: **Amen!**

Benediction

†Hymn #202 "Lift up, lift up your voices now" *Trinity Hymnal*
†The Lord's Commission: *Matthew 28:18-20*
†Benediction: *Numbers 6:24-26*
†Three-fold Amen
†Postlude

Welcome to Providence Reformed Presbyterian Church, especially those who are visiting with us for the first time today. If you have any questions, please feel free to speak with one of the pastors or elders. There will be no evening service tonight. Enjoy the Lord's Day with feasting and rest as is appropriate on this day when we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus.

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| <p>3 Though I be by sin o'ertaken,
Though I lie in helplessness,
Though I be by friends forsaken
And must suffer sore distress,
Though I be despised, contemned,
And by all the world condemned,
Though the dark grave yawn before me,
Yet the light of hope shines o'er me.</p> | <p>4 Thou hast died for my transgression,
All my sins on Thee were laid;
Thou hast won for me salvation,
On the cross my debt was paid.
From the grave I shall arise
And shall meet Thee in the skies.
Death itself is transitory;
I shall lift my head in glory.</p> |
| <p>5 Grant me grace, O blessed Savior,
And Thy Holy Spirit send
That my walk and my behavior
May be pleasing to the end;
That I may not fall again
Into Death's grim pit and pain,
Whence by grace Thou hast retrieved me
And from which Thou hast relieved me.</p> | <p>6 For the joy Thine advent gave me,
For Thy holy, precious Word;
For Thy Baptism, which doth save me,
For Thy blest Communion board;
For Thy death, the bitter scorn,
For Thy resurrection morn,
Lord, I thank Thee and extol Thee,
And in heaven I shall behold Thee.</p> |

The Old Testament Reading: *Malachi 3:6-18*

Pastor Chris Smith

This is the Word of the Lord!
Thanks be to God!

The New Testament Reading: *Acts 6:8-7:2 & 7:51-60*

This is the Word of the Lord!
Thanks be to God!

†The Gospel Reading: *Luke 12:1-12*

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*

Sermon Text: *Luke 12:4-12*

Sermon: **FEAR & FAITH**

Pastor Jeffrey J. Meyers

XL. EXPOSITION OF THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. LUKE

†Responsive Reading for Easter Season: *Colossians 3:1-17*

(Youth choir may now move to the loft.)

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above,
where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

Set your minds on things that are above,
not on things that are on earth.

For you have died,
and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

When Christ who is your life appears,
then you also will appear with him in glory.

Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity,
 passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry.

On account of these the wrath of God is coming.

In these you too once walked,
when you were living in them.

But now you must put them all away:
anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth.

Do not lie to one another,
seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices

And have put on the new self,
which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its Creator.

Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian,
 Scythian, slave, free;

but Christ is all, and in all.

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassion, kindness,
humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another

And, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other;
as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.

And above all these put on love,
which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,
to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly,
teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom,

Singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs,
with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

And whatever you do, in word or deed,
**do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the
 Father through him.**

Tribute Offering

We Offer Ourselves Through Tithes and Offerings

Offertory "In Christ Alone"

Providence Youth Choir

In Christ alone my hope is found;
 He is my light, my strength, my song;
 This cornerstone, this solid ground,
 Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
 What heights of love, what depths of peace,
 When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
 My comforter, my all in all—
 Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, Who took on flesh,
 Fullness of God in helpless babe!
 This gift of love and righteousness,
 Scorned by the ones He came to save.
 Till on that cross as Jesus died,
 The wrath of God was satisfied;
 For ev'ry sin on Him was laid—
 Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,
 Light of the world by darkness slain;
 Then bursting forth in glorious day,
 Up from the grave He rose again!
 And as He stands in victory,
 Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
 For I am His and He is mine—
 Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death—
 This is the pow'r of Christ in me;
 From life's first cry to final breath,

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