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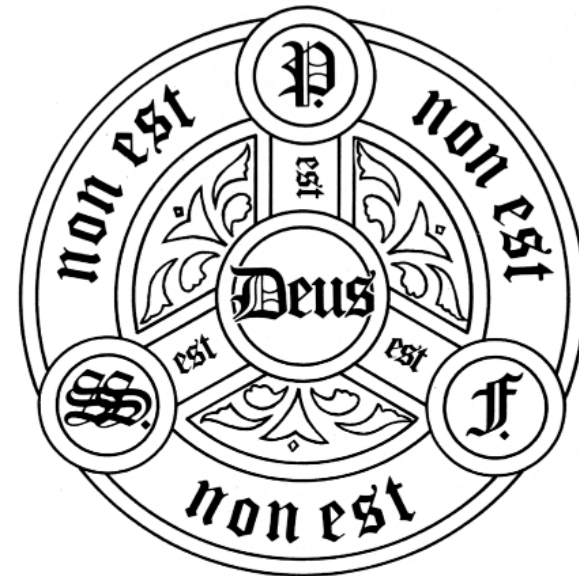
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The Covenant Renewal Service

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Trinity Season

August 23, 2009

Welcome

If you are **visiting** our church today, we welcome you to our worship service and Christian community. Please find the registration book in the foyer of the church 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.

Sunday School classes have been suspended for the summer months. Please use the rest of the Lord's Day to show hospitality and enjoy the day of rest the Lord has provided. Join us tonight at 5 PM for a special service of ordination for Mr. Timothy LeCroy officiated by the Missouri Presbytery.

If you are unfamiliar with **our form of worship**, please feel free to speak with one of the Pastors or Elders. 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 more information on our worship and life at Providence: www.providencestlouis.com.

The Lord's Supper at Providence

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. The Lord's Table is not for Presbyterians alone. Rather, it is for all professing Christians.

You do not have to speak to the elders before the service. By eating the bread and wine with us as a visitor, you are acknowledging 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 questions about your participation at the Lord's Table, please speak to one of the elders or a pastor before or after the service.

Note: We use wine for communion, according to our Lord's example and instruction. But if you require a non-alcoholic drink, the middle circle of cups in each tray contains grape juice.

The Lord's Service Explained

Hearing the Word of God

When it comes time for the reading of Scripture, the Lord has prepared us to hear his Word as it is read aloud by the pastor. We have been called into his presence, forgiven, and praise him as we have been ushered his heavenly court. Now we pause in silence to prepare to listen while God speaks. The pastor announces, "This is the Word of God. Pay careful attention!" The call to hear God's word can take several forms, but it always includes the solemn reminder that what the congregation now hears is the very voice of God speaking to them. Nothing we say or do during the service can compare in importance with our thoughtful, open-hearted reception of God's spoken Word. This is why at the close of each reading the congregation should respond loudly with "Thanks be to God!" when the pastor announces the end of the reading with "This is the Word of the Lord!"

The modern church has often failed to appreciate the centrality of the public reading and hearing of the Word of God. One might sit through an entire worship service (even in "Bible-believing" churches) and only hear a verse or two of the Bible read before the sermon. This is inexcusable. Among other things, it will insure that the next generation will be biblically illiterate. Most of the Bible was written to be *read aloud* in the congregation. Private Bible reading and study must certainly be encouraged, but such an individualistic appropriation of the Word is not the Spirit's primary way of illuminating and sanctifying the minds of Christians. The Spirit uses the oral reading and preaching combined with the congregation's hearing of the Word in church to bring life to his people. The biblical command is "hear the Word of God" (Amos 4:1; Luke 11:28, etc.).

"Hearing" the Word of God creates an orderly community of love and mutual submission. The Bible comes to us audibly as we are gathered in community, most notably when read by the pastor in the corporate worship service. We don't choose what part of the Bible comes to us. We are commanded to "hear" that which is read to us. By means of the public reading of Scripture every week the whole Word of God is brought to bear upon us, and we are called to submit ourselves by faith to the authority of the Word of God. God speaks; we listen. Speaking and hearing God's Word is the most fundamental ritual activity in the church. When the pastor reads the lessons everyone should hold their head up and listen intently to the reading.

Holy Trinity Diagram (Front Cover)

No symbol can adequately comprehend the richness of the reality and abundant life of our Triune God. The shield on the front cover depicts something of the Unity in Trinity and Trinity in Unity that is the living and true God in whom we trust. At the center of the circle is *Deus* (Latin for "God"). **Reading out from the center along the three spokes the unity of the Godhead is represented:** *Deus est Pater* = God is the Father and the Father is God, *Deus est Filius* = God is the Son and the Son is God, *Deus est Spiritus Sanctus* = God is the Holy Spirit and the Holy Spirit is God. **Reading around the circumference of the circle the distinctions between the Persons are noted:** *Pater non est Filius* = The Father is not the Son, *Filius non est Spiritus Sanctus* = The Son is not the Holy Spirit, *Spiritus Sanctus non est Pater* = The Holy Spirit is not the Father.

Announcements Continued

Sunday School Registration – Thank you to those who filled out the Sunday School registration form and gave it to Lori Shaffer or Jason Carter. For those of you who didn't have the chance to do that yet, please send either Lori (lorishaf@sbcglobal.net) and/or Jason (carter.jwc@gmail.com) an email with the names, birthdates, and rising grades of each of your children who will be attending Sunday School this fall. Sunday school will begin on September 13.

College & Careers Float Trip – A float trip for the College & Career group will be held on Saturday, August 29. See Hannah Shields for more details.

Ladies' Bible Study – Ladies, please plan to join us on Thursday mornings from 9:30-11:00 a.m. beginning September 10 as Pastor Meyers leads us. Childcare is provided. Please sign up today at the WIC table in the narthex, and consider bringing a friend! For more information, see Barb Hoover.

Choir – The fall Choir season is coming, and we'd love to have you join us! We rehearse on Wednesday evenings from 7:00-8:15 P.M. during the school year (September-May). Our first rehearsal will be September 16. We sing during morning worship several times a month and also during special evening services for Reformation Sunday (Oct. 25), Christmas Lessons and Carols (Dec. 20), and Good Friday. The choir is open to all adults (including college-age; please come!) and high school juniors and seniors. We always have room for new members, so come and give it a try! For more information, contact Bill Hoover (314-966-3523, billhoover@fastmail.net). P.S. - If you are an accomplished instrumentalist, please let Bill know; several of our pieces have instrumental accompaniment.

Ladies Prayer Partners – Ladies, please consider becoming a prayer partner with a woman who will be a part of our new church plant. Our hope is to pair a PRPC woman to partner in prayer with every woman planning to join with the work begun in South St. Louis with Pastor Smith. Please see the signup in the narthex. For more information, see Barb Hoover.

Secret Sisters for Teenage Girls – Once again the teen girls will have the opportunity to bless one another through the Secret Sister program that runs from September to December! Please sign up and fill out an information sheet at the WIC table. For more information, see Barb Hoover.

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The Morning Service

The Lord's Day — August 23, 2009

Pentecost Season

Preparation For Worship: Psalm 25

Organ - Mr. Bill Hoover

Welcome & Announcements - Pastor Jeff Meyers

The Entrance

Silent Preparation

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

Pastor Jeff Meyers

†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!

Ruth 2:4

And also with you!

Our help is in the name of the Lord!

Psalm 124:8

Who made heaven and earth!

This is the day the Lord has made!

Psalm 118:24

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

†Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord:

Almighty God, our Father, grant, we ask, that we who celebrate today the glorious feast of our Lord's resurrection, may honor and praise you, because 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!

The 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.

If we say we have no sin,

1 John 1:8-9

we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins,
**he is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to
cleanse us from all unrighteousness..**

Let us pray:

**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 over-
look 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. 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 good, right, and beneficial that we should at all times and in
all places give thanks to you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and ever-
lasting God. Therefore, with angels and archangels and all the com-
pany of heaven, and with the church on earth, we praise and magnify
your glorious Name, evermore praising you and singing . . .

†Hymn: "Holy, Holy, Holy Lord" (Tune of *Trinity Hymnal* #154)

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts, eternal King,
By the heavens and earth adored! Angels and archangels sing,
Chanting everlastingly To the blessed Trinity.**

**Since by Thee were all things made, and in Thee do all things live,
Be to Thee all honor paid; Praise to Thee let all things give;
Singing everlastingly To the blessed Trinity.**

**Thousands, tens of thousands, stand, Spirits blest, before Thy throne,
Speeding thence at Thy command, and, when Thy behests are done,
Singing everlastingly To the blessed Trinity.**

**Cherubim and seraphim veil their faces with their wings;
Eyes of angels are too dim to behold the King of kings,
While they sing eternally to the blessed Trinity.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nursery Volunteers, Thank You!

Today's Volunteers:

Morning Service—Stern, Melanie Carter, Divine

Evening Service—Barlow

Next Sunday's Volunteers:

Morning Service—Greeno, Hoegemann

Evening Service—Melanie Carter, Ami Anderson

Over the past several months the session has considered some changes to
our current Shepherding groups structure at Providence. We have decided
after careful consideration on implementing several changes to our current
system:

- 1.) To change the name from "Shepherding Groups" to "Parish Groups."
- 2.) To increase the number of groups, thus making them smaller.
- 3.) To restructure groups according to geographical parishes, so that each
group is now made up (generally speaking) of neighbors.

The departure of a significant portion of our congregation to inaugurate our
new church plant this fall has created the necessity of rearranging our groups as
they currently stand. The session feels that moving toward a parish model where
groups are based on geographic affinity will foster increased fellowship within
the groups and may also create more organic opportunities for community
outreach and discipleship as we as a congregation consider more explicitly what
it means to be neighbors to one another as well as to the world around us. You
can find more details about the new arrangements in the bulletin insert.

The first parish group meeting is scheduled for Sunday, September 13. Please
look for an email or phone call from your parish elder with more details.

Parish Group scheduled meetings for the next seven months – Sept 13, Nov 8,
Jan 10, Mar 7, & May 2.

Church Calendar

Tuesdays

August 29

September 10

September 13

September 16

September 22

October 1

October 10

Men's Bible Study

College & Career Float Trip

Ladies Bible Study Begins

Sunday School Resumes/Parish Groups Meet

First Choir Rehearsal

Deacons' Meeting

Ladies Night Out

Harvest Party

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: 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!**

Charge & Benediction

†Hymn #268 "Christ is made the sure Foundation" *Trinity Hymnal*

†The Lord's Commission: *Matthew 28:18-20*

†Benediction: *Numbers 6:24-26*

†Three-fold Amen

†Postlude

The Evening Service

5:00 PM – August 23, 2009

Tonight a commission of Missouri Presbytery will conduct a special service here at Providence to ordain Mr. Timothy LeCroy to the Gospel ministry. The service will begin at 5:00 PM.

Presbyters participating in the service include Rev. Joshua Anderson, Rev. Nelson Jennings, Rev. Shane Gibson, Rev. Daniel McKinney, Rev. Chris Smith, Rev. Jeff Meyers, Elder Les Prouty, Elder Monte Shields, Elder John Keane, and Elder Jason Carter.

Please join us for this important milestone in Tim's life and the life of Providence Church.

Tim & Rachel invite everyone to join them for a BBQ meal and fellowship immediately after the service on the church parking lot. The LeCroys will be generously providing drinks and meat. If you plan on attending, bring a dish to share. (A-K bring a side; L-Z bring a dessert.)

**Thee apostles, prophets thee, Thee the noble martyr band,
Praise with solemn jubilee; Thee, the church in every land;
Singing everlastingly to the blessed Trinity.**

**Hallelujah! Lord, to Thee Father, Son and Holy Ghost,
Godhead one, and Persons three, join we with the heavenly host,
Singing everlastingly to the blessed Trinity.**

The Old Testament Reading: *Jeremiah 2:1-13*

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

The New Testament Reading: *1 Corinthians 10:1-17*

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

†Hymn #583 (*Psalm 25*) "Lord, I lift my soul" *Trinity Hymnal* (Tune of #492)

†The Gospel Reading: *John 6:22-35*

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 acknowl-
edge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. And I look for the resur-
rection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen!**

†The *Gloria Patri*

Sermon Text: *John 6:24-35*

Sermon: **GIVE US THIS BREAD ALWAYS**

Mr. Brian Steadman

Pastoral Prayer

Tribute Offering

We Offer Ourselves Through Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

† [HANDS RAISED] The *Doxology*

Trinity Hymnal, p. xvi

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heav'nly hosts: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

† [HANDS RAISED] The Prayer of the Church

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: We give You praise and hearty thanks for all Your goodness and tender mercies. We bless You for the love which has created us and sustains us from day to day. We praise You for the gift of Your Son, our Savior, through whom You have made known to us Your will and grace. We thank You for the Holy Spirit, the Comforter; for Your holy church, for the means of grace, for the lives of all faithful and godly men, and for the hope of the life to come. Help us to treasure in our hearts all that our Lord Jesus has done for us; and enable us to show our thankfulness by lives that are given wholly to Your service;

We ask You to hear us, good Lord.

Save and defend Your Church Universal, purchased with the precious Blood of Christ. Give it pastors and ministers according to Your Spirit, and strengthen it through the Word and the sacraments. Make it perfect in love and in good works, and establish it in the faith once delivered to the saints. Sanctify and unite Your people in all the world, that one holy Church may bear witness to You, the God and Father of all;

We ask You to hear us, good Lord.

Send Forth Your light and Your truth into all the earth, O Lord. Raise up, we pray, faithful servants of Christ to labor in the Gospel at home and in distant lands. Grant strength and perseverance to the missionaries we support in Canada, Russia, India, Egypt, Peru, and Mexico. Grant that all of our missionaries may rejoice in a rich

harvest of men and women for Your kingdom. Support them in times of trial and weakness, and make them steadfast, abounding in the work of the Lord;

We ask You to hear us, good Lord.

Preserve our Nation in righteousness and honor, and continue Your blessings to us as a people, that we may lead quiet and peaceable lives, in all godliness and honesty. Grant health and favor to all who bear office in our land, especially the President and Congress, the Governors and Legislators of Missouri and Illinois, and help them to acknowledge and obey Your holy will;

We ask You to hear us, good Lord.

God of mercies, we pray that You would comfort with the grace of Your Holy Spirit all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity. Remember those who suffer persecution for the faith. Have mercy upon those to whom death draws near. Bring consolation to those in sorrow or mourning. And to all grant a message of Your love, taking them into Your tender care;

We ask You to hear us, good Lord.

We remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served You in Your church on earth, who now rest from their labors (especially those most dear to us, whom we name in our hearts before You). Keep us in fellowship with all Your saints, and bring us at length to the joy of Your heavenly kingdom;

We ask You to hear us, good Lord.

All these things, and whatever else you see that we need, grant us, O Father, for his sake who died and rose again, and now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, world without end.

Amen.

The Sacrifice of Peace

The Words of Institution for the Bread & Prayer of Thanksgiving

†Hymn #549 "Jesus, thou Joy of loving hearts" *Trinity Hymnal*

Words of Institution for the Cup & Prayer of Memorial and Thanksgiving

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 has 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,