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The Covenant Renewal Service

Providence Reformed Presbyterian Church

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Pentecost Season

October 4, 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 for all ages will meet after the service at 10:50 AM. We'd love to have you return tonight at 6:00 PM for singing, prayer, Bible teaching, and fellowship in a more informal setting. Tonight immediately after the service we will have our last cookout fellowship of the season. Bring meat and drinks!

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

Only the Lover Sings

Ideally we should sing most of the service. After all, why *say* it when you can *sing* it? James Hastings Nichols describes the typical Reformation service in the 16th century: "In classical Reformed worship the 'liturgy' in the strict sense, the people's part, was all sung. It is not the spoken prayers, taken by the minister, but the sung liturgy of the people which must be studied in the first instance to comprehend the meaning of early Reformed worship." That may come as a surprise to modern Protestants. We typically *say* everything but the hymns. Colossians 2:15-17, however, commends us to let the word of Christ dwell in us "richly" by singing "psalms, hymns, and Spiritual songs." The Word dwells in our midst richly or gloriously when it is sung. Singing glorifies and beautifies speech. When you love someone you use heightened, glorified poetic speech and you sing those words to your lover! Somewhere Augustine sloganizes this fact: *Cantare amantis est* ("only the lover sings"). Lovers don't merely talk, they sing. Love beautifies. We sing to those we love. We sing about that which we love. Just as poetry is glorified written communication, singing is appropriate whenever plain talk is not enough.

The Lord's Day service is the context where we express our gratitude and love for God. Here we are called to glorify God with our speech. Adoration is a state of the soul that only singing can appropriately express. Follow the progression. Poetry is glorified words. Glorified words are glorified still more when they are sung. The union of many voices makes singing even more glorious. Still again, complex harmonies glorify congregational singing. Finally, the sung word is made yet more glorious when accompanied by instrumental music.

Such a rich conception of congregational participation is true to the best in Reformation theology and practice. For example, a steady stream of men were trained in Calvin's Geneva and sent out as missionaries into all of Europe to establish the Gospel. The Reformation was *not* simply an intellectual, doctrinal movement—a mere attempt to propagate ideas or doctrines. The Reformation, whether led by Luther or Calvin, was a full-fledged liturgical reformation. You didn't just come to Geneva in the 1500's to learn doctrine; you came to learn how to worship God. You came to be formed into a worshipping community. You were trained to sing. To sing your faith! To sing the Apostles' and Nicene Creeds. To sing the Word of God. To sing your prayers. To sing the Lord's Prayer. Especially, to sing the inspired hymnbook of the Church, the Psalter! You were trained in a new manner of living fitting for the Gospel. You were trained to be incorporated into a Christian army of Psalm-singing worshipers! *This* is what it means to be a Reformation Christian. You are a singing Christian, a participant in a congregation of singing, justified believers! The bottom line is that we should learn to sing more of the Divine Service!

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

Men's Bible Study - The men at Providence are beginning a new study this Tuesday. For the next several months, we'll be reading and discussing Dietrich Bonhoeffer's book, "Life Together." We meet every Tuesday morning at 7 AM in the fellowship hall at church. If you need a copy of the book, or have any questions, see Josh. Anyone is welcome!

Rachel Keane's Bridal Shower - Ladies, please join us in the celebration of Rachel Keane and Phillip Bozarth's engagement. Maggie Montgomery will be hosting a bridal shower on October 19 at 7 PM. The happy couple is registered at Target. If you would like to contribute to a group gift, see Deborah Shields or Maggie.

Church Work Day - Join us on Saturday, October 17 for one of two work shifts: 8-10 AM or 10-12 PM. Please help us with some important work that needs to be done around the church. Donuts and coffee will be served as a light breakfast. A sign up sheet can be found on one of the tables in the narthex.

New Members & Inquirers Class - Next Sunday, we will begin a new adult Sunday school class for all those interested in finding out more about membership. The class will meet during the Sunday school hour after the morning service in the home of Pastor Meyers. Please speak with Pastor Meyers if you have any questions about the class.

Special Concert - Next Sunday evening, the Missouri Baptist University Choirs and Ringers will minister to us in music and song. MBU's 60-voice Chorale, 25-voice Chamber Singers, and five-octave bell choir will present a variety of sacred music -- three excellent groups on the same night! Come and encourage local Christian college students (including two PRPC members) as they share their talents, and be blessed in the process. An offering will be taken to help support the MBU music ministry. In addition, we would like to provide a light meal for the musicians, since they will be here at 4:00 PM to setup and rehearse. If you can bring some hors d'oeuvres or sandwiches that morning, please let Bill Hoover know. Thank you!

Church Calendar

<i>Tuesdays</i>	Men's Bible Study
<i>Thursdays</i>	Ladies' Bible Study
<i>Fridays</i>	High School Guys' Bible Study
October 8	Session Meeting
October 10	Harvest Party
October 11	Inquires Class Begins/Special Evening Concert
October 17	Church Work Day
October 19	Bridal Shower for Rachel Keane

The Morning Service

Preparation For Worship: Psalm 47

Pentecost Season

Organ - Mr. Bill Hoover

Welcome & Announcements - Pastor Jeff Meyers

The Entrance

Silent Preparation

†Call to Worship: *Psalm 47:1-4*

Pastor Joshua Anderson

Clap your hands, all peoples!

Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

For Yahweh, the Most High, is to be feared,
a great king over all the earth.

He subdued peoples under us,
and nations under our feet.

He chose our heritage for us,
the pride of Jacob whom he loves.

God has gone up with a shout,

Yahweh with the sound of a trumpet.

Sing praises to God, sing praises!

Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

For God is the King of all the earth;

sing praises with a psalm!

God reigns over the nations;

God sits on his holy throne.

The princes of the peoples gather

as the people of the God of Abraham.

For the shields of the earth belong to God;

he is highly exalted!

†Hymn #204 "Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to heav'n" *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!

†Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord:

Almighty God, our Father, grant, we ask, that we who celebrate this glorious resurrection feast today, 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: If we say we have no sin,

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 purify us from all unrighteousness**

Let us therefore humbly confess our sins to God our Father:

O most merciful God, since you have given your only-begotten Son to die for me, have mercy on me, and for his sake grant me remission of all my sins; and by your Holy Spirit increase in me true knowledge of you and of your will, and true obedience to your Word, that by your grace I may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ my Lord. *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.

†It is good, right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who after his resurrection appeared openly to all his disciples and in their sight was taken up into heaven that he might make us partakers of your divine fellowship, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you and singing . . .

†Hymn #87 "Holy, Holy, Holy"

Trinity Hymnal

The Old Testament Reading: *Joel 2:28-32*

Pastor Jeffrey J. Meyers

TODAY AT PROVIDENCE

Nursery Volunteers, Thank You!

Today's Volunteers:

Morning Service – Brad Woods, Gibbs

Sunday School – John Halsey Woods, Dawson, Inion

Evening Service – Meyers

Next Sunday's Volunteers:

Morning Service – Svezia, Tageson, Wooldridge

Sunday School – Edema, Hiers

Evening Service – Shields

Adult Sunday School Class "The Reformation" – Our adult Sunday school class continues this morning in the fellowship hall. Audio mp3s of the previous classes are available online at www.providencestlouis.com. Our class today is "The Theology & Influence of Luther" taught by Pastor Meyers.

The **College and Career Class** will meet after the service at Pastor Anderson's home, which is located about a mile north of the church, at 1009 Ferndale Avenue. Directions are available. This fall, the class will be discussing the place of wisdom in the life of a believer, using Pastor Meyers' book, "A Table in the Mist."

The **Greater St. Louis Life Chain** will be held this afternoon from 1:30-2:30. We will hold our pro life signs in front of our church on Sappington Rd to show our commitment to sanctity of life. Please stay for lunch or come back at 1:30 PM to stand with us.

Deacons' Fund Offering - The deacons' fund offering will be collected tonight. Please consider supporting this ministry. 100% of your donation goes directly to families within our church and community who need extra assistance.

Thank You

To our beloved brothers and sisters at Providence, my family and I sincerely thank you for your generous comfort and support while we grieved the loss of my mom. Your cards, visits, dinners, and words of consolation genuinely expressed to us the love God has for His people. Thank you for reminding us of His love and the gracious plan He has for those who put their trust in Him. Daryl Hoegemann and family

2009 Fall Harvest Party

Saturday, October 10th

Hosted by John and Debbie Keane

4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Festivities Include:

Costume Contest—Adults, dress up too!

Chicken Chase
(for small children only)

Pie Dessert Contest

Traditional Chili Contest

Face Painting

4:00 Enter Chili/Pie/Costume Contests

4:15 Chili/Pie Judging Begins (no more entries)

4:30 Costume Contest Begins (no more entries)

Chicken Chase will follow the costume contest.

5:15 Winners of all the contests are announced.

5:30 Dinner

Please sign up to clean up and bring food.

Seating is limited so bring lawn chairs.

You may bring chili or dessert without entering the contests.

Bring your own beverage of choice to share.

Parking is limited. Please carpool if possible.

In the event of rain, check the church's answering machine.

Directions:

-Take I-44 West to the first Eureka exit

-Make a Left (South) off the exit ramp onto Hwy W/109

-Follow this road until it comes to a "T" intersection

-Make a Right onto Hwy FF

-Follow Hwy FF for 1.5 miles

-Make a Left into Tall Oaks Subdivision

-John and Debbie's house is the 4th driveway on the left. (They have a barn mailbox.) 130 Tall Oaks, Eureka, MO 63025

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

The Epistle Reading: *2 Peter 3:1-18*

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

Hymn #239 (*Psalm 50:1-6*) "The might God, the Lord" *Trinity Hymnal*

†The Gospel Reading: *Luke 17:20-37*

This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Praise be to you, O Christ!

†The *Te Deum* "O God, we praise Thee" *Anglo-Genevan Psalter*

O God, we praise Thee, we acknowledge Thee as Lord.

Eternal Father, Thou art everywhere adored.

The cherubim and seraphim their homage show Thee:

"O Thou Lord God of hosts are holy, holy, holy!

Both heav'n and earth are filled with Thy majestic splendor."

To Thee all angels loud and ceaseless praises render.

Thy prophets' and apostles' glorious company,

The martyrs robed in white—all sing their praise to Thee.

Thy holy catholic Church in worship stands before Thee,

Confessing Thee: the Father, infinite in glory;

Thy true and only Son, worthy of veneration;

The Holy Spirit, source of strength and consolation.

Thou, Christ, art King of glory, radiant is Thy throne;

Thou art the heav'nly Father's everlasting Son.

Yet Thou didst not despise the virgin's womb, O Saviour,

When Thou didst take upon Thee mankind to deliver.

Thou has defeated death and Satan's power infernal,

That all believers might inherit life eternal.

Thou art enthroned in glory at God's own right hand

Till Thou shalt come as judge and we before Thee stand.

We therefore pray Thee, grant Thy help to those who serve Thee,

Whom Thou hast with Thy blood redeemed in Thy great mercy.

With all Thy saints, O Lord, wilt Thou Thy servant number;

O save Thy people, Thy inheritance remember!

We bless Thee day by day, we praise thy holy Name;

Thy power and glory we from age to age acclaim.

Keep us from sin and lead us not into temptation.
Have mercy on us, Lord; hear Thou our supplication.
Let us be with Thy grace and steadfast love surrounded.
In Thee we've trusted; we shall never be confounded.

Sermon Text: *Luke 17:20-37*

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon: **THE DAYS OF THE SON OF MAN** Pastor Jeffrey J. Meyers

III. EXPOSITION OF THE GOSPEL OF ST. LUKE

†The *Gloria Patri*

Tribute Offering

We Offer Ourselves Through Tithes and Offerings

Choir Anthe "Guide me, O thou great Jehovah" *Trinity Hymnal* #501
arr. Hal H. Hopson, 1990

1. Guide me... (choir)

2. Open now... (choir)

(Interlude - please stand and join on verse 3)

3. **When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's destruction,
Land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to thee; I will ever give to thee.**

† [HANDS RAISED] The *Doxology* *Trinity Hymnal*, p. xvi

† [HANDS RAISED] The Lord's Prayer

The Sacrifice of Peace

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Memorial

The Bread of Life

Hymn: #422 "As when the Hebrew prophet raised" *Trinity Hymnal*

Prayer & The Wine of Gladness

Pastoral Benediction: "Now may the body and blood of our Lord. . ."

Congregation: **Amen!**

†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. *Psalm 136:1-3*

And his mercy endures forever!

Give thanks to the God of gods!

For his steadfast love endures forever!

Give thanks to the Lord of lords!

For his steadfast love endures forever!

Pastoral Prayer: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, we take refuge in you; let us never be put to shame! In your righteousness deliver and rescue us; incline your ear to us and save us! Be to us a rock of refuge, to which we may continually come, for you are our Rock and our Fortress; hear our prayer in Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, age after age. (from *Psalm 71:1-3*)

Congregation: **Amen!**

Benediction

†Hymn #319 "Lord, dismiss us" *Trinity Hymnal* (Tune of #30)

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

†Benediction: *Numbers 6:24-26*

†Three-fold Amen & Greet One Another

The Evening Service

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Preparation For Worship: *Psalm 140*

Organ - Mr. Bill Hoover

Scripture Reading: *Psalm 140*

Pastor Jeffrey Meyers

†Psalm 140 "LORD, rescue me from foes"

Anglo-Genevan Psalter

Prayer Requests & Prayer

Deacons' Fund Collection

Psalm 45 (*Cantus Christi*) "My heart has found"

(see handout)

Scripture Reading: Jude 1-25

Message: **CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH: EXPOSITION OF JUDE**

Rev. Tim LeCroy

†Hymn "Rise Again, Ye Lion-Hearted"

(see handout)

†Benediction

†Postlude