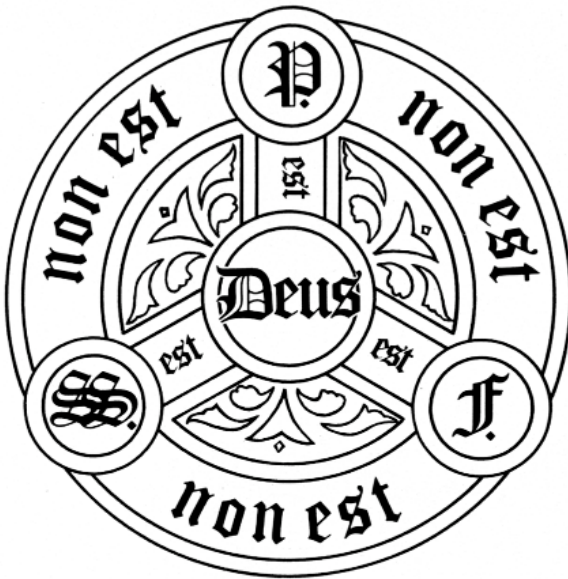


# The Covenant Renewal Service

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## Pentecost Season

*August 8, 2010*

# 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 this morning's 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 this evening at 5 PM for a service of praise, prayer, and Bible teaching. Afterwards bring some meat and drinks for a cookout on the church parking lot.

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. Visit our website for articles, essays, and other helpful information on our worship and life at Providence: [www.providencestl.com](http://www.providencestl.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. 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.)

## 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 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.

# The Morning Service

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The Lord's Day — August 8, 2010  
*Pentecost Season*

**Preparation For Worship:** *Psalm 117*

Organ - Mr. Bill Hoover

Welcome & Announcements - Pastor Jeffrey Meyers

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## The Entrance

Silent Preparation

†Call to Worship

Pastor Joshua Anderson

Pastor: Let us rise and worship God, in the Name of the Father,  
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: **Amen!**

†Hymn #3 "From all that dwell below the skies"

*Trinity Hymnal*

†Salutation & Responsive Scripture

The Lord be with you!

*Ruth 2:4*

**And also with you!**

Our help is in the Name of Yahweh!

*Psalm 124:8*

**Who made heaven and earth!**

†Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord:

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father, you are slow to anger,  
and full of mercy, welcoming sinners who return to you with  
penitent hearts, receiving in your loving embrace all who come  
home to you; seat us at your bountiful table of grace, that, with  
all your children, we may feast with delight on all that satisfies  
our hunger and thirst for righteousness; through your Son, our  
Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one  
God, age after age. Amen!**

## Purification

†Let us confess our sins before God our Father.

Pastor: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess to you that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against you by thought, word, and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**O most merciful God, you who have given your only-begotten**

Son to die for me, have mercy on me and for Jesus' 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, to the end that by your grace I may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right

spir - it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from Thy pres-ence, and

take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re-store un-to me the joy of

Thy sal - va - tion; and up-hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

†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 everlast-

ing God. 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 . . .

### †The Sanctus

with vigor  
fff Ho - ly! Ho - ly! Ho - ly! Lord, God of Hosts! Hea-ven and earth are  
full of Your glo-ry! Ho - san-na in the High - est! Bless-ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the High - est.

The image shows a musical score for 'The Sanctus' in G major, 3/4 time. It consists of three staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 3/4 time signature. The tempo/mood is marked 'with vigor' and the dynamics are 'fff'. The lyrics are: 'Ho - ly! Ho - ly! Ho - ly! Lord, God of Hosts! Hea-ven and earth are'. The second staff continues the lyrics: 'full of Your glo-ry! Ho - san-na in the High - est! Bless-ed is he who'. The third staff concludes the lyrics: 'comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the High - est.' There are triplets of eighth notes in the first and second staves.

### †Hymn #13 “O worship the King”

*Trinity Hymnal*

The Hebrew Scriptures: *Exodus 3:7-18*

Pastor Jeff Meyers

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

The Epistle Reading: *Acts 4:1-22*

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

Hymn #107 (*Psalms 8*) “Lord [Yahweh], our Lord”

*Trinity Hymnal*

†The Gospel Reading: *Matthew 11:25-30*

This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ!

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

†The Law of God (The Ten Commandments and Psalms)

And God spoke all these words: I am the Lord your God. . . You shall have no other god’s before me.

**The Fool has said in his heart, “There is no God.”**

You shall not make for yourself a carved image. . . . You shall not bow down to them or worship them.

**Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker; for He is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under His care.**

You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.

**O Lord, open my lips and my mouth will declare Your praise.**

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath of the

Lord your God.

**How lovely is Your dwelling place, O Lord Almighty! Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere.**

Honor your father and your mother.

**Remember not the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways; according to Your love remember me, for You are good, O Lord.**

You shall not murder.

**Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me.**

You shall not commit adultery.

**You have set our iniquities before You, our secret sins in the light of Your presence.**

You shall not steal.

**Have mercy on me, O God, blot out my transgressions.**

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

**Keep me from deceitful ways; be gracious to me through Your law.**

You shall not covet.

**Turn my heart toward Your statutes and not toward selfish gain. Save me from all my transgressions.**

The Lord is near to all who call on Him, to all who call on Him in truth. He fulfills the desire of those who fear him; he hears their cry and saves them.

**My mouth will speak in praise of the Lord. Let every creature praise his holy Name forever!**

†We Confess our Faith: *The Nicene Creed* (Luther's Sung Version)



1 We all be - lieve in one true God, Who cre - at - ed  
2 We all be - lieve in Je - sus Christ, His own Son, our  
3 We all con - fess the Ho - ly Ghost, Who, in high - est  
earth and heav - en, The Fa - ther, who to us in love  
Lord, pos - sess - ing An e - qual God - head, throne, and might,  
heav - en dwell - ing With God the Fa - ther and the Son,

Has the right of chil - dren giv - en. He in soul and  
 Source of ev - 'ry grace and bless - ing; Born of Mar - y,  
 Com - forts us be - yond all tell - ing; Who the Church, His

bod - y feeds us; All we need His hand pro - vides us;  
 vir - gin moth - er, By the pow - er of the Spir - it,  
 own cre - a - tion, Keeps in u - ni - ty of spir - it.

Through all snares and per - ils leads us, Watch - ing that no  
 Word made flesh, our el - der broth - er; That the lost might  
 Here for - give - ness and sal - va - tion Dai - ly come through

harm be - tide us. He cares for us by  
 life in - her - it, Was cru - ci - fied for  
 Je - sus' mer - it. All flesh shall rise, and

day and night; All things are gov - erned by His might.  
 all our sin And raised by God to life a - gain.  
 we shall be In bliss with God e - ter - nal - ly.

Sermon Text: *Acts 4:1-22*

Pastor Jeffrey J. Meyers

Sermon: **THE NAME OF JESUS**

**X. EXPOSITION OF THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES**

## **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 Lord's Prayer*

## **The Sacrifice of Peace**

Prayer of Thanksgiving & the Words of Institution

Hymn: #18 "Thee we adore, eternal Lord"

*Trinity Hymnal*

Prayer of Thanksgiving for the Cup & The Words of Institution

†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, 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!**

**Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen!**

## **Benediction**

†Hymn #124 "At the Name of Jesus"

*Trinity Hymnal*

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

†Benediction: *Numbers 6:24-26*

†Three-fold Amen

†Postlude

## **The Evening Service**

Scripture Reading: *Deuteronomy 18:9-22*

Pastor Jeffrey Meyers

†Hymn #7 "Hear how the LORD"

*Anglo-Genevan Psalter*

Psalm Sing

Prayer Requests & Prayer

†Hymn #53 "The hope of faith"

*Anglo-Genevan Psalter*

Scripture Reading: *1 Samuel 30:1-31*

Pastor Joshua Anderson

Sermon: **David: King of the New Israel**

**XI. Exposition of the Life of David**

†Hymn #567 "If thou but suffer God to guide thee"

*Trinity Hymnal*

†Benediction & Postlude

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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*Nursery Volunteers, Thank You!*

**Today's Volunteers:**

Morning Service – Jenny Linton, Mary Hoegemann

Evening Service – Chris Meyers

**Next Sunday's Volunteers:**

Morning Service – Moore

Evening Service – Moore

**Deacon's Offering Today** — This evening we will receive the monthly offering for the Deacon's Fund. If you cannot be here tonight, we would encourage you to use the envelope in the bulletin this morning to contribute to the Deacons' Fund which helps the widows and needy people in our community. Thank you!

**Church Rummage Sale** — This Saturday, August 14, PRPC will host a garage sale. Donate anything that you think would sell! Volunteers are needed to help set up, sell, and/or haul leftovers to Goodwill. You may bring items tonight or anytime the church is open this week. Set up will be Friday at 7 PM. If you can come out Friday or Saturday, any help would be welcomed. Proceeds will go to the Covenant Children's Home in Manipur. See Amanda Cone at aechfb@mail.umsl.edu or (314) 497-7950 for more details.

**Providence Fall Men's Retreat** — On September 10th and 11th, Providence will hold a retreat for men in the church. The speaker will be Luke Brouwer. Luke is a Covenant seminary graduate and Ministry Director for Sanctuary St. Louis, a local Christian ministry. The topic for the retreat, which will be held at the church building, will be "True Masculinity." There will be a session on Friday evening and several sessions on Saturday morning and early afternoon. Look for details on how to sign up for the retreat very soon. All men are welcome, including non-Providence members!

## Thank You

Jennifer, Ned and I would like to express our appreciation for the beautiful cards, thoughtful notes, delicious food and the many beautiful bouquets sent to our family during this most difficult time.

To the choir, a very special thank you for the outstanding music you provided for Bill's Memorial.

We are truly blessed by our Providence Family. In His Name, Jean Blome

## Church Calendar

August 14

August 24

September 10-11

Church Rummage Sale

Deacons' Meeting

Men's Retreat

# **Sermon Notes & Prayer Requests**

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# The Lord's Service Explained

## The *Sursum Corda*

After we receive the forgiveness of sins, God's purified people are invited to come nearer. Just as the sacrificial animal is brought near the altar in preparation for his being drawn into the fire as food for God and, likewise, just as the Ascension follows the Purification, so now the Christian worshiper ascends into heaven to praise Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and to hear the Lord's verbal instruction in preparation for his fellowship meal with God. Appropriately, therefore, the *sursum corda* (Latin: "lift up your hearts") comes at this point in the service.

The "heart" here stands for the center of the whole man. The purpose of the *sursum corda*, therefore, is not to elicit an "emotional" response. We are not being summoned to work up "feelings" about the Lord. We may experience certain emotions at this point in the service or not. But how we feel must be transcended by what we know *by faith* is happening in the liturgy. When the pastor calls out, "Lift up your hearts," the congregation is being summoned to accept by faith our heavenly positioning in Christ. The Lord has forgiven us and now invites us "in close" to praise him and hear his life-giving Word. This is objectively true whether we feel like it or not. Although everything may still "look" the same, by faith we understand that the roof of the church has been rolled back not only to expose the heavenly service in progress but also to incorporate us into it. Cherubim and seraphim, angels and archangels, together with the church triumphant are now "visible" to the eye of faith. Heaven and earth are now joined and we have been ushered into the festal assembly gathered around the throne of the Lamb (Heb. 12:22-24; Rev. 4-5). We lift up our hearts to the Lord!

Following the *sursum corda*, the people give thanks to God the Father for his glorious grace. This prayer, led by the pastor, reminds them that they are now joining in the chorus of praise before the throne of God. When one makes the ascent into God's presence one starts singing. Singing is a means of ascent. This is when the music and singing began in the temple liturgy—when the Ascension begins (see 2 Chron. 29:27-28). Now is when we sing the *Sanctus* ("Holy, Holy, Holy") and another hymn that provides the congregation with the opportunity to participate in the praise offered around the throne of God and the Lamb in heaven. Hymns of praise based on the Rev. 4:8 ("Holy, Holy, Holy, is the Lord God Almighty"), Rev. 4:11 ("Worthy are you, our Lord and God"), or Rev. 5:9 ("Worthy is the Lamb who was slain") are particularly appropriate.

## Catechism of the Week

### The Hiedelberg Catechism — Q. 20. *What is true faith?*

- A. True faith is not only a knowledge and conviction that everything God reveals in his Word is true; it is also a deep-rooted assurance, created in me by the Holy Spirit through the Gospel, that, out of sheer grace earned for us by Christ, not only others, but I too, have had my sins forgiven, have been made forever right with God, and have been granted salvation.

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