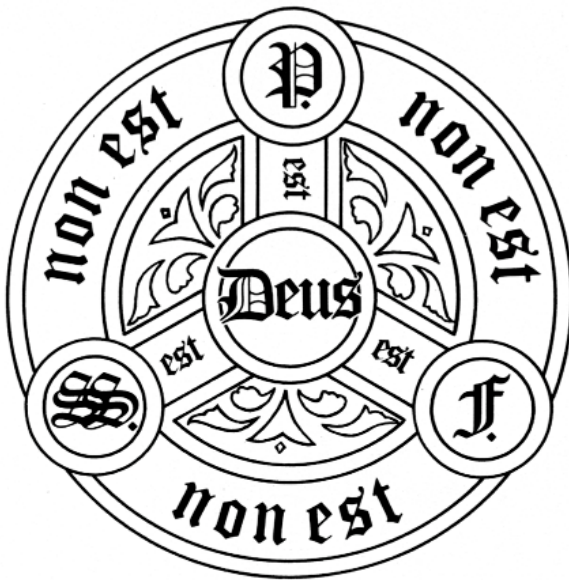


# The Covenant Renewal Service

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## Pentecost Season

*August 29, 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 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.

# The Morning Service

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The Lord's Day — August 29, 2010  
*Pentecost Season*

**Preparation For Worship:** *Psalm 103*  
Piano - Miss Chelsea Stockton

Welcome & Announcements - Pastor Jeffrey Meyers

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## The Entrance

Silent Preparation

Call to Worship: *Psalm 103:1-5*

Pastor Joshua Anderson

†Hymn #10 "O Come, My Soul, Bless Thou The Lord" *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!**

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 heavenly Father, in your great mercy you adopted us for your own. Quicken your Spirit within us, that we, being renewed both in body and mind, may worship you in sincerity and truth and serve you with thankfulness of heart; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen!**

## The Purification

†Pastor: Dearly beloved brethren, if we say we have no sin, 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. Accordingly, the Scriptures move us in many places to acknowledge and confess our many transgressions and sins. Therefore I exhort all who are here today, to accompany me with a pure heart and humble voice, to the throne of heavenly grace.

†Let us pray:

**Most merciful God, I confess to you  
that I am by nature sinful and unclean,  
and that I have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed;  
not only in outward transgressions,  
but also in secret thoughts and desires  
that I am not able to understand,  
but which are all known to you.  
For this reason, I flee for refuge to your infinite mercy,  
seeking and imploring your grace,  
through my Lord Jesus Christ. *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 good, right, and beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting 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.

†Hymn #42 "Round the Lord in glory seated"

*Trinity Hymnal*

The OT Reading: *Deuteronomy 15:1-11*

Pastor Jeffrey Meyers

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

The New Testament Reading: *Acts 4:32-37*

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

How blessed is the man whose walk is not  
 In evil counsel which the wicked plot,  
 Who does not stand where sin its pleasure offers  
 And will not take his seat among the scoffers;  
 But his delight is in God's covenant law:  
 By night and day he ponders it with awe.

Behold, the righteous man is like a tree  
 Which by the streams yields fruit abundantly,  
 Whose leaves are green and shall not fade or perish;  
 In all he does the righteous one shall flourish.  
 But wicked men are not like him, for they  
 Resemble chaff that winds will drive away.

Their downfall and destruction is at hand:  
 The wicked shall not in the judgment stand,  
 Nor sinners in the righteous congregation.  
 The LORD our God shall judge their generation;  
 He watches o'er the way of righteous men,  
 But doomed forever is the way of sin.

†The Gospel Reading: *Matthew 24:32-51*

This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ!  
 Praise be to you, O Christ!

†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.

†The *Gloria Patri*

**Glorify be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.  
 As it was in the beginning, is now, and every shall be, world  
 without end. Amen. Amen.**

Sermon Text: *Acts 4:32-37*

Sermon: **GREAT GRACE**

Pastor Jeffrey J. Meyers

**XII. 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

† [HANDS RAISED] The Lord's Prayer

## **The Sacrifice of Peace**

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Memorial

The Words of Institution

Hymn #361 "Zion, to thy S avior singing"

*Trinity Hymnal*

†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!**

Pastoral Prayer: O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto your servants that peace which the world cannot give; that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments, and also that we, being defended by you from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, age after age.

Congregation: **Amen!**

## **Charge & Benediction**

†Hymn #36 (Psalm 29) "Now unto Jehovah"

*Trinity Hymnal*

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

†Benediction: *Numbers 6:24-26*

†Three-fold Amen

†Postlude

## **The Evening Service**

August 29, 2010 — Pentecost Season  
Preparation For Worship: Psalm 136  
Piano - Mrs. Joanie Harris

Scripture Reading: *Matthew 4:1-11*

Pastor Jeffrey Meyers

†Hymn #224 "Hail to the Lord's Anointed"

*Trinity Hymnal*

Psalm Sing, Prayer Requests, & Prayer

†Psalm 95 "The LORD be Praised"

*Anglo-Genevan Psalter*

Scripture Reading: *1 Samuel 1*

Pastor Tim LeCroy

Sermon: **The Last Temptation of the Christ**

**XIII. Exposition of the Life of David**

†Hymn #305 (Psalm 84) "O Lord of Hosts"

*Trinity Hymnal*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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*Nursery Volunteers, Thank You!*

**Today's Volunteers:**

Morning Service – Bryan Carter Family

Evening Service – Shaffers

**Next Sunday's Volunteers:**

Morning Service – Wood

Evening Service – No Evening Worship

**Parking Lot Barbecue** – Join us tonight at 5 PM for our evening service and cook out afterwards on the church parking lot. Bring your meat to grill, sides, and lawnchairs.

**Sunday School** — It's that time again! We look forward to another year of God's blessing on the Christian education of our children, and thank again our teachers who have graciously volunteered to undertake this important task. Here are some dates to keep in mind:

Today – Brief teacher's orientation immediately following the worship service  
9/12 – Sunday School resumes following the worship service

Our memory booklets are in draft for this year and will be ready for distribution the first week of Sunday School, along with the recitation schedule.

**Welcome Baby Charlotte Greeno!** — Congratulations to the Greeno Family on their newest addition of Charlotte Renae Greeno. Charlotte was born on August 23rd. She weighed 9 lbs, 6 oz and measured 21 inches.

**Welcome Baby Everett Schmidt!** — Congratulations to the Schmidt Family on their newest addition of Everett Gideon Schmidt. Everett was born on Monday, August 23rd. He weighed 8 lbs, 5 oz and measured 20.5 inches.

**Women's Fall Bible Study** — Ladies! Mark your calendars for Thursday, September 9th, from 9:30 -11 AM and plan to join us as we continue studying the Book of Acts with Pastor Meyers. Please sign up at the WIC Table in the Narthex if you are interested and especially if you need childcare (which is provided). Questions? Contact Judy Linton.

**Parish Groups** — On Sunday, September 12, our regular evening service and cookout time will be suspended so that our parish groups can meet together after the morning service for a meal, fellowship and prayer. Please plan on eating with your parish group that day!

## **Announcements**

**Providence Fall Men's Retreat** — On September 10th, starting at 7 PM, and 11th, from 9 AM - 1:30 PM, Providence will hold a retreat for men in the church. The cost is \$10, and 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." All men are welcome, including non-Providence members!

**Choir** — The fall Choir season is coming, and we'd love to have you join us! We rehearse on Wednesday evenings from 7:00-8:30 P.M. during the school year (September-May). Our first rehearsal will be September 15. We sing during morning worship several times a month and also during three special evening services: Reformation Sunday (Oct. 31), Christmas Lessons and Carols (Dec. 19), and Good Friday (Apr. 22). 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 (314-540-2427, billhoover@fastmail.net). P.S. - If you are an accomplished instrumentalist, please let Bill know; several of our pieces have instrumental accompaniment.

## **Church Calendar**

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|-----------------|--|
| September 5     | No evening Service (Labor Day weekend)   |
| September 9     | Women's Fall Bible Study Begins          |
| September 10-11 | Men's Retreat                            |
| September 12    | Sunday School Resumes/Parish Groups Meet |

# **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. 61. *How are you right with God?*

- A. Only by true faith in Jesus Christ. Even though my conscience accuses me of having grievously sinned against all God's commandments and of never having kept any of them perfectly, and even though I am still inclined toward all evil, nevertheless, without my deserving it at all, out of sheer grace, God grants and credits to me the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ, as if I had never sinned nor been a sinner, as if I had been as perfectly obedient as Christ was obedient for me. All I need to do is accept this gift of God with a believing heart.

# Officers and Resource People

## The Session (Pastors & Elders)

|                            |                  |                   |              |
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| Rev. Jeffrey J. Meyers     | 314-842-9329 (O) | John Moore        | 314-984-9869 |
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| Jason Carter               | 636-257-2441     | Brad Wood (Clerk) | 636-587-9211 |
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## The Deacons

|                       |              |                |              |
|-----------------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|
| Jack Boeve (Chairman) | 636-461-1398 | Steve Shaffer  | 314-843-1964 |
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| Rick Gibbs            | 636-451-3463 | Rodney Weedman | 314-846-0210 |
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| Daryl Hoegemann       | 314-962-4874 |                |              |

## Women in the Church Officers

|                             |                      |                          |              |
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| President: Denise Gerstung  | 314-821-9324         | Nursery: Kathy Pratt     | 314-416-1176 |
| Vice President: Judy Linton | 636-349-9028         | Anne Hiers               | 314-543-3010 |
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| Lori Shaffer                | 314-843-1964         | Kitchen: Rosamma Weston  | 314-205-2018 |
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| Rev. Jeffrey J. Meyers | 314-842-9329 (O)      | Rev. Tim Weston                   | 314-205-2018 (Home) |
| Senior Pastor          | 314-842-9309 (H)      | Pastor to International Students  | 814-2019 (Cell)     |
| Rev. Joshua Anderson   | 314-814-5213 (Home)   | Rev. Timothy LeCroy (Ast. Pastor) | 314-604-2088        |
| Associate Pastor       | 314-814-5213 (Cell)   | Bill Hoover (Music Dir.)          | 314-966-3523        |
| Paul Jaeggi, Sr.       | 314-843-7994 (Church) | Melanie Carter (Secretary)        | 636-271-7288        |
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## Pastoral Interns

|                 |              |             |              |
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| Phillip Bozarth | 270-313-6245 | Scott Pitts | 314-974-1364 |
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## Home and Foreign Ministries

|                             |                       |                         |                 |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|
| Ross Dixon                  | RUF Ministry (Mizzou) | Blake & Cathy Purcell   | Russia          |
| Garrett & Michelle Crow     | Santa Clarita, CA     | John & Cathy Rug        | Chile           |
| Jamison & Laura Galt        | New York City         | Brian & Jessie Steadman | New York City   |
| Shane & Kim Gibson          | New Orleans, LA       | Lian & Clara Tombing    | India           |
| Bryan Walker                | US Army Chaplain      | Marcus Toole            | Canada          |
| Daniel & Stephanie McKinney | Salt Lake City        | Tim & Rosamma Weston    | ISI (St. Louis) |
| Emad & Michelle Mikhail     | Middle East           | Dan & Becky Young       | Mexico          |