

# The Covenant Renewal Service

## Providence Reformed Presbyterian Church

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**Pentecost Season**

*July 3, 2011*

# 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. 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. There will be no evening service tonight.

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.providencelouis.com](http://www.providencelouis.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 — July 3, 2011

*Pentecost Season*

**Preparation For Worship:** *Psalm 97*

Organ - Mr. Bill Hoover

Welcome & Announcements - Pastor Jeffrey Meyers

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## The Entrance

Prelude

Mr. Bill Hoover, organ

Welcome & Announcements

[Kneeling] Silent Preparation for Worship

Call to Worship: *Psalm 97:6-9*

Pastor Joshua Anderson

†Hymn #4 "All praise to God"

*Trinity Hymnal*

†Salutation & Responsive Scripture

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

Congregation: **Amen!**

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!**

†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

†Pastor: Brothers and sisters in Christ, let us kneel and humbly confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of Christ our Savior to grant us forgiveness: 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, since you have given your one and only Son to die for me, have mercy on me and for his sake grant me forgiveness for 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, so that by your grace I may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our 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 salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, who with your only-begotten Son and the Holy Spirit are one God, one Lord. We praise you Father, Son, and Holy Spirit and we worship your triune fullness of life and glory. 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 #305 (*Psalm 84*) "O Lord of Hosts, how lovely" *Trinity Hymnal*  
The OT Reading: *Jeremiah 10:1-15* Pastor Jeff Meyers

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

The New Testament Reading: *1 Thessalonians 1:1-10*

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**


†Hymn #449 "The law of God is good and wise" *Trinity Hymnal*

†The Gospel Reading: *Matthew 11:20-30*


This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ!

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

†We Confess our Faith: *Luther's Sung Nicene Creed*




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

Sermon: GOD'S PLAN FOR HUMANITY

XLIV. EXPOSITION OF THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

Hymn of Response "Worthy is the Lamb"

### The Tribute Offering

We Offer Ourselves Through Tithes and Offerings

†[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.**

†Prayer for the Church and World

Let us now pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayers. Heavenly Father, we pray that our civil leaders

would govern wisely and competently, and in submission to King Jesus and his word; and we pray especially today for our national leaders. Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayers.**

We continue to pray for the people of Joplin, Missouri, that you would be merciful to them in their distress and bring many there to faith in Jesus Christ. Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayers.**

We pray that you would be with those in our congregation who are out of work and searching for a means to provide for themselves and their families. Use these difficult times to remind them and us of our absolute dependence on you and our need for continual repentance. Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayers.**

We pray that the ongoing political unrest in the Middle East would result in greater liberty for your people there and for the advancement of the gospel and kingdom of Christ in those lands. Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayers.**

We pray that our nation's troops in harm's way would wage war justly and to a just end, and that military chaplains would faithfully minister Christ to them and to all of our nation's armed forces. O God, cause the reign of Christ, the Prince of Peace, to bring peace between all peoples of the earth. Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayers.**

We pray that you would be with the persecuted Church around the world, granting her faithfulness unto death, blessing her witness, and subduing her enemies; we remember especially today persecuted Christians in Libya. Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayers.**

We pray that the Church in Saint Louis, America, and throughout the world would be united in the truth of your word and Christian love. Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayers.**

## **The Sacrifice of Peace**

Prayer of Thanksgiving for the Bread  
Communion in the Body of Christ

Communion Hymn: #129      “Fairest Lord Jesus”      *Trinity Hymnal*

Prayer of Thanksgiving & the Wine of Gladness

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

†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, through the humble service of your Son you raised up the fallen world. Grant to your people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Congregation: **Amen!**

## **Benediction**

†Hymn #124      “At the Name of Jesus”

*Trinity Hymnal*

†Commission: *Matthew 28:18-20*

†Benediction: *Numbers 6:24-26*

†Three-fold Amen

†Postlude

## **Sermon Notes and Prayer Requests**

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# Announcements

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## *Woman of the Week:*

Carolyn Van Heest

### **Nursery Volunteers for Today:**

Morning Service – Melanie Greeno & Christine Greeno

### **Nursery Volunteers for Next Sunday:**

Morning Service – Pratt

Evening – Mary Hoegemann & Jenny Linton

**VBS Volunteers Still Needed!** — The following positions are open and waiting to be filled quickly.

- Refreshments helpers
- Nursery Workers
- Memory Listeners
- Teacher's Aid for 3's/4's
- Teacher's Aid for 1st/2nd grade
- Teacher for 5th/6th
- Teacher's Aid for 7th grade

Not all of these positions require attendance every day of the week. If you are able and willing to help with at least one day of the week, please contact Anna Hoegemann. Also consider helping to provide snacks for our children and workers during VBS week. A sign-up is located on the VBS table. See Ami Anderson with questions.

**Session Meeting** — The elders will have their next session meeting on Thursday, July 7th. Please pray for your pastors and elders as they meet.

**Church Rummage Sale** — If you were waiting for a great reason to clean out your closets, that time has come! The church will be hosting a rummage sale on July 23. You may begin bringing your items now. Proceeds will benefit the Tombings and their ministry. If you have any questions, see Anna Hoegemann or Amanda Cone.

**Food Pantry Donations** — Many thanks to all who donated to Resurrection Food Pantry last month! The workers were pleasantly surprised at how much toilet paper we collected for them. The item needed for the month of June is CANNED TUNA.

# **Announcements Continued**

**Directory Update** — Please update your directory with the Woodward's new address: 3840 Rock Creek Terrace Drive, High Ridge, MO 63025

**Men's Summer Book Study** — Pastor Anderson is leading a summer book study for men in the church. The study meets on Wednesday mornings at 7 AM in the fellowship hall and includes prayer, scripture reading, fellowship and a discussion of Doug Wilson's book "Fidelity". All are welcome!

## **Church Calendar**

July 7	Session Meeting
July 10	5 PM Service and Cookout
July 11-15	VBS
July 17	5 PM Service and Cookout
July 23	Church Rummage Sale
July 24	5 PM Service and Cookout

## **Sermon Notes and Prayer Requests**

# **The Lord's Service Explained**

## ***Pentecost Season***

The Spring & Summer months of June, July, August, and September are considered part of a much longer period covering roughly half of the Christian year. This longer period may be called Pentecost Season (after Pentecost Sunday) or Trinity Season (from Trinity Sunday). This year we will call it Pentecost Season. The season and readings generally focus on the discipleship and unity of the Church as she follows in the footsteps of her Lord. During this period the New Testament lessons are, in the main, taken one after another in sequence from the Gospel ministry of our Lord and the Acts of the Apostles. The early church father John Chrysostom (A.D. 407) comments on the significance of Pentecost:

“Pentecost is the reverse of the destruction of Babel. The tongues of fire from heaven are the living language which the Spirit teaches the saints, and which expresses the new life in their hearts; and this life is the life in the fellowship of love, fellowship with God in Christ, mutual fellowship with one another. When the Holy Spirit cleanses our hearts, he robs none of us of the individuality which God has given to each; but he sanctifies it, brings us into harmony with one another, and unites us as one in God. . . . All peoples shall hear the word of life in their own tongue, and all languages shall be filled with everlasting truth. This was foretold in the miracles of Pentecost day, when men of all nations heard the apostles speak to them in their own tongue. When the church shall have been made mature the saved of all different nations shall together be one blessed and holy family; and all tongues shall unite in one grand harmony in the celestial language of love, in which the church shall sing the son of God and the Lamb.”

**Red**, the color for Pentecost symbolizes the fire of the Spirit and the new life we have in Christ.

**IHS**, the monogram on our pulpit scarf and table cloth for Trinity season simply stands for Jesus Christ. It is one of a number of ways to abbreviate or symbolize the name of “Jesus” and the title “Christ” ( IH and XP, IC and XC, IHS and XPS) from the original Greek and Latin language.

## **Catechism of the Week**

### **A Short Explanation of Luther's Small Catechism**

*Q. 153. What do the Scriptures teach of Christ's ascension into heaven?*

- A. The Scriptures teach that, according to his human nature, Christ visibly ascended into heaven and entered into the glory of his Father, as our Forerunner.

# Officers and Resource People

## The Session (Pastors & Elders)

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Shane & Kim Gibson	New Orleans, LA	Lian & Clara Tombing	India
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