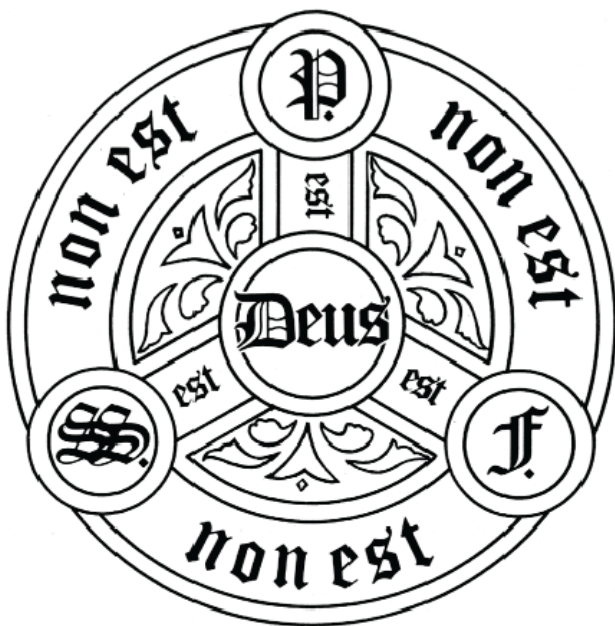


# The Covenant Renewal Service

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**Pentecost Season**

*July 31, 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. Join us this evening at 5 PM for our evening service and a cookout fellowship immediately following 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.providencestlouis.com](http://www.providencestlouis.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

The Lord's Day — July 31, 2011

*Pentecost Season*

**Preparation For Worship:** *John 1:1-18*

Organ - Mrs. Joanie Harris

Welcome & Announcements - Pastor Jeffrey Meyers

## The Entrance

Prelude

Mrs. Joanie Harris, organ

Welcome & Announcements

[Kneeling] Silent Preparation for Worship

Call to Worship: *John 1:14,18*

Pastor Timothy LeCroy

†Hymn "Let all mortal flesh keep silence"



1. Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence,  
2. King of Kings, yet born of Mar - y,  
3. Rank on rank the host of heav - en  
4. At His feet the six - winged ser - aph;



and with fear and trem - bling stand;  
As of old on earth He stood,  
Spreads its van - guard on the way,  
Cher - u - bim, with sleep - less eye,



Pon - der noth - ing earth - ly mind - ed,  
Lord of Lords, in hu - man ves - ture--  
As the Light of light de - scend - eth  
Veil their fa - ces to the pres - ence,



For with bless - ing in His hand,  
In the bod - y and the blood--  
From the realms of end - less day,  
As with cease - less voice they cry,

Christ our God to earth de - scend - eth,  
 He will give to all the faith - ful  
 That the powers of hell may van - ish  
 Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia,

Our full hom - age to de - mand.  
 His own self for heav'n - ly food.  
 As the dark - ness clears a - way.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!

†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!**

Bless the Lord, O my soul,

*Psalms 103:1, 4*

**And all that is within me, bless his holy name!**

He redeems your life from the pit,

**And crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.**

†Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord:

**Gathered in the Name of Jesus, we ask you, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with your Word and Spirit. Be gracious to us according to your promise. Give us an increase of faith, hope, and love, that, receiving what you have promised, we may love what you have commanded; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen!**

## 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 a humble voice, unto the throne of heavenly grace.  
Come let us worship and bow down.

**And kneel before the Lord our Maker [Kneel]**

**Most merciful God,**

**I confess to you that I am by nature sinful and unclean, and that I am miserably helpless before my adversaries. 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 forgiveness and deliverance, through my Lord Jesus Christ. *Silent Prayer. Amen!***

†Pastor: Now arise and hear the good news!

Brothers and sisters, your sins are forgiven and your lives are rescued in our Lord Jesus Christ. Believe this and rejoice!

1. The hope of faith shall not de-ceive us;  
The Sav-our's words are true and sure.  
Our friends on earth may fail and leave us,  
But Je-sus' faith-ful-ness en-dures.  
Who lim-its His do-min-ion ev-er?  
He rules cre-a-tion from on high;  
All that His love and grace en-deav-our  
Shall Him His pow-er not de-ny.

2. That hope must soften all our sorrow.  
Come, fellow-pilgrims, heads then high;  
For those who bide salvation's morrow  
The hills are level, seas are dry.  
O blessedness above all measure,  
O joy when once all grief is banned.  
There is our heart, there is our treasure,  
When we are in the Promised Land.

# 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. 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 . . .

*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 OT Reading: *Joshua 5:1-15*

Pastor Jeff Meyers

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

The New Testament Reading: *Acts 19:1-10*

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

†The Gospel Reading: *Mark 1:1-15*

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 acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
And I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen!

†The *Gloria Patri*

Sermon Text: *Acts 19:1-10*

Pastor Jeff Meyers

Sermon: **BAPTISM INTO THE LORD JESUS - A WHOLE NEW WORLD**

**XLVII. EXPOSITION OF THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES**

## **The Tribute Offering**

We Offer Ourselves Through Tithes and Offerings

†[Hands Raised] The *Doxology*

*Trinity Hymnal*, p. xvi

†[Hands Raised] The Lord's Prayer

Pastor Timothy LeCroy

## **The Sacrifice of Peace**

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Communion in the Body of Christ

Hymn: #364 "Shepherd of souls"

*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.      Pastor Jeff Meyers  
Congregation: **And his mercy endures forever!**

Pastoral Prayer: O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near. Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the fulness of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, age after age. **Amen!**

## **Benediction**

†Hymn #385    “O God, to us show mercy”      *Trinity Hymnal*  
†Commission: *Matthew 28:18-20*  
†Benediction: *Numbers 6:24-26*  
†Three-fold Amen  
†Postlude

## **The Evening Service**

Sunday, July 31, 2011 – Pentecost Season

Scripture Reading: *Romans 5:1-11*      Pastor Jeffrey Meyers  
†Hymn #118    “O Savior, precious Savior”      *Trinity Hymnal*  
Prayer Requests & Prayer [kneeling]  
†Hymn #186    “When I survey the wondrous cross”      *Trinity Hymnal*  
Scripture Reading      Pastor Jeff Meyers  
Sermon: **CRUCIFIED, DEAD, & BURIED; HE DESCENDED INTO HADES.**  
**IV. EXPLANATION OF THE APOSTLES’ CREED**  
†Closing Hymn #174    “Praise the Savior”      *Trinity Hymnal*  
†Benediction  
†Cookout and Fellowship on the Church Parking Lot & Lawn

**Join us this evening as we continue to explain the basics of the Christian faith using the Apostles’ Creed. We welcome friends and neighbors to join us. Afterwards stay and we will enjoy a parking lot cookout.**

# Announcements

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## *Woman of the Week:*

Samantha Schlepphorst

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

Morning Service – Woods

Evening – Cassie Linton

### **Nursery Volunteers for Next Week:**

Morning Service – Lu Greeno, Melanie Carter

Evening – Schmidt

**Cookout Tonight** — Join us tonight at 5 PM for our evening service. Bring your lawn chair and some meat for the grill and fellowship with us on the parking lot after the service.

**Baby Shower** — A baby shower will be held for Rachel LeCroy on Tuesday evening, August 9 at 7 PM, at PRPC. Rachel is registered at Target. Please see Lori Shaffer for questions. See Crystal Schmidt for group gift donations.

**Financial Peace University** — Beginning September 6, at 6:30 PM, a Financial Peace University class will start. The course meets for 13 weeks and will cost a little over \$100 per family. This is a great outreach tool, so please invite your friends. See Richard Hiers or Bryan Carter if you would like to participate.

**Directory Update** — Lane and Christine Greeno 2103 Rued Place, High Ridge, MO 63049.

**Baby Shower for Erin Joslyn** — Ladies, please join us in celebration of Davy Joslyn at a shower on August 29 at 7 PM. Tracy Boeve will be hosting the shower. Erin is registered at Target, but if you use the registry, take note that the "due date" is listed as August 29th (the date of the shower) since Davy has already been born and Target does not understand showers that come after birth. Also, since Erin's sister-in-law is also named Erin Joslyn and is expecting, make sure that the registry you are looking for is Erin and Peter Joslyn, not Erin and Nate Joslyn.

**Food Pantry Donations** — Many thanks to all who donated to Resurrection Food Pantry last month! The item needed for this month is peanut butter (any size, any brand).

# **Church Calendar**

July 31	5 PM Service and Cookout
August 7	5 PM Service and Cookout
August 9	Baby Shower for Rachel LeCroy
August 14	No Evening Service
September 6	FPU

# **The Lord's Service Explained**

## ***Our Common Table***

The unity of the church is not merely something we claim by faith every week when we sit at the common Table, it is also something we *become* every week as we eat the bread and drink the wine together. When we join our voices together with the gathered assembly in prayer, confession, singing, eating, and drinking we are weekly reconstituted by the Spirit as the Body of Christ, the very visible, even tangible public presence of God's saving activity in the world.

Sadly, we often reduce the Lord's Supper to a means of providing mental stimulus for individual religious meditation. It is thought by many to be just another opportunity to exercise personal, private devotions at church. To some extent, the way we have traditionally practiced the Supper encourages this. Everyone closes their eyes, turns inward, and mediates privately. The corporate, communal dimension of the Sacrament gets smothered beneath what in effect becomes an opportunity for personal quiet time in church. There is, of course, room for silence during the rite of Communion, but there is so much more going on than merely private devotions with the visual aids of bread and wine. Surely the food on the Table is not merely God's flannel graph for adults.

What we do at the Lord's Table ought to form us into a particular kind of community—a community of sacrificial love united to one another in Jesus our Savior. The Scriptures, for example, teach the necessity of reconciling any fellow Christians who might be at variance with each other before they could eat the Lord's Supper together. The unity of the church as the Body of Christ, symbolized in the one loaf, must not be violated by personal disputes among the members of the local body as well as formal ecclesiastical schisms in the larger communion of the saints.

The Apostle Paul says that we assemble "as the church" and we "come together" precisely to eat the Lord's Supper and that in an openly unified way (1 Cor. 11:18, 20, 33, 34). The more we faithfully *do* the Lord's Supper, the more we will experience the communal dimensions of the Sacrament, indeed, the community-forming nature of the ritual meal. Only then will the concrete oneness that our Lord petitioned the Father for be realized in the Church "in order that the world may believe" (John 17:23).

## **Catechism of the Week**

### **Martin Luther's Small Catechism**

#### ***The Second Article of the Apostles' Creed***

- A. What does this mean? I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with his holy, precious blood and with his innocent suffering and death, that I may be his own and live under him in his kingdom, and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, even as he is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.

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