

# The Covenant Renewal Service

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**Pentecost Season**

*September 4, 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. There is no evening service or cookout tonight. Please use the rest of the Lord's Day to show hospitality and enjoy the day of rest the Lord has provided.

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

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The Lord's Day — September 4, 2011

*Pentecost Season*

**Preparation For Worship: Psalm 80**

Organ - Mrs. Joanie Harris

Welcome & Announcements - Pastor Jeffrey Meyers

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## The Entrance

Prelude

Mrs. Joanie Harris, organ

Welcome & Announcements

[Kneeling] Silent Preparation for Worship

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 #131 "When morning gilds the skies"

*Trinity Hymnal*

†Salutation & Responsive Scripture

The Lord be with you!

*Ruth 2:4*

**And also with you!**

O give thanks to Yahweh; call upon his Name!

*Psalm 105:1-5*

**Make known his deeds among the peoples!**

Sing to him, sing praises to him;

**Tell of all his wondrous works!**

Glory in his holy Name,

**Let the hearts of those who see Yahweh rejoice!**

Seek Yahweh and his strength;

**Seek his presence continually!**

Remember the wondrous works he has done,

**The miracles and the judgments he uttered.**

†Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord:

**Father, you have knit together your chosen people in one  
communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son,**

**Christ the Lord. Give us grace to follow your blessed saints in Christ-like living that we may come to the unspeakable and eternal joy that you have prepared for those who love you; through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, age after age. Amen!**

## **Purification**

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart, and confess our sins unto God our Father, asking him, in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, 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.

Come let us worship and bow down.

*Psalm 95:6*

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

Let us confess our sins:

**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 arise 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. 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 and 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 common time signature (C). The tempo/mood is marked 'with vigor' and the dynamics are 'fff'. The lyrics are written below the notes. The second and third staves continue the melody and lyrics. There are triplets of eighth notes in the first and third staves. The piece ends with a double bar line.

The OT Reading: *Malachi 2:1-9*

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

The New Testament Reading: *Acts 20:17-38*

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

Hymn #279 (*Psalms 80*) "The Shepherd of Israel"

*Trinity Hymnal*

†The Gospel Reading: *John 20:1-19*

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 20:17-38*

Pastor Jeffrey Meyers

Sermon: **UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT**

**LI. 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

†Prayer of the Church

O God, in mercy remember your inheritance, and do not forget your beloved church. You are our Redeemer and the one who lifts up our head, and under the shadow of your wings we shall find our shelter and our rest.

**Have mercy upon us, O God, and hear our petitions.**

Preserve, O God, your church in holiness and truth, in unity and peace. May she ever advance the honor of her Lord, forever represent His sacrifice, glorify His Person, and advance His kingdom, that being accepted by you, and filled with the Spirit, she may partake of her Lord's glory.

**Have mercy upon us, O God, and hear our petitions.**

Give the spirit of justice and righteousness to all Christian rulers and magistrates; grant that people may obey them, and that they may obey you. Especially we pray for our President and Congress, that they might conform their judgments more and more to your holy law, and further your kingdom in this world, the kingdom of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Have mercy upon us, O God, and hear our petitions.**

Give to your servants, pastors, elders and deacons, the spirit of patience and humility, of holiness and diligence, of prudence and courage, to declare your will by a pure life and wise words, that they may minister to the good of souls, and find the reward of the Master's approval at His coming.

**Have mercy upon us, O God, and hear our petitions.**

Give protection to all widows and orphans, patience and submission to the sick, consolation to the afflicted, that they may be rewarded by your comforts for the days wherein they have suffered adversity [*here the congregation may offer sentence prayers for friends and loved ones*].

**Have mercy upon us, O God, and hear our petitions.**

Give unto our enemies your forgiveness, charity towards us, and love for Thee. Bring the nations to repentance, and all your saints to perfect love and holiness; bring the world to the knowledge of the Lord Jesus, and all the benefits of His passion; to the glory of His name.

**Lord Jesus Christ, hear our prayers.**

## **The Sacrifice of Peace**

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Communion in the Body of Christ

†Psalm 120 "I cried in trouble to the LORD"

*Trinity Psalter*

**I cried in trouble to the LORD,  
And he has answered me.  
From lying lips and crafty tongue  
O LORD, my soul set free.**

**What shall be given you, false tongue?  
What added to your doom?  
Sharp arrows of a mighty man,  
And redhot coals of broom.**

**Alas for me, that I sojourn  
So long in Meshech's land,  
That I have made my dwelling where  
The tents of Kedar stand!**

**Too long my soul has made its home**

**With those who peace abhor.  
I am for peace, but when I speak  
They ready are for war.**

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, you prepare for those that love you such good things as surpass human understanding: Pour into our hearts such love toward you, that we, loving you above all things, may obtain the promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, age after age.

Congregation: **Amen!**

## **Benediction**

†Hymn #278 "Jesus, with thy church abide" *Trinity Hymnal* (Tune: #165)

†Commission: *Matthew 28:18-20*

†Benediction: *Numbers 6:24-26*

†Three-fold Amen & Postlude

# Announcements

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*Woman of the Week:*

Joyce Tageson

**Nursery Volunteers for Today:**

Morning Service – Shaffer

**Nursery Volunteers for Next Week:**

Morning Service – Boeve

Sunday School – Crystal Schmidt

Evening – Volunteers needed!

**Attention Sunday School Teachers** — There will be a teacher orientation in immediately after the morning service. Please come to the last classroom on the right on the main floor as soon as you are able for a 20 minute meeting.

**Baby Shower for Erin VanHorn** — Ladies, plan to attend a baby shower for Erin VanHorn on Friday, September 9, at 7 PM in the fellowship hall. Erin is registered at Babies R Us, Target, and Cotton Babies. If you would like to help with the shower, please contact Ami Anderson. If you would like to contribute to a group gift, please see Crystal Schmidt.

**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, however there is no charge for those who would like to repeat the course. This is a great outreach tool, so please invite your friends. See Richard Hiers or Bryan Carter for more info.

**Ladies Night Out** — Ladies, please join us at 7 pm Thursday evening, September 29th for our Back-to-School WIC get-together. We will meet at the Eureka Elementary School library for an evening of treats, togetherness and technology. There will be a demonstration on easy-to-use digital scrapbooking and time afterwards to work on your own project, if you wish. The library is spacious, so if technology is not your thing, there's plenty of room to just sit and visit. More information will follow.

**Ladies Bible Study** — Fall Bible Study will begin on Thursday, September 15, at 9:30 AM. We plan to start on time, so arrive early if you can! Pastor Meyers will be continuing our study in Acts. We have had to make a major change in childcare this year. Due to this change, we would like to have you sign the sign-up sheet on the WIC table if you plan to attend and please take the opportunity to pick your own childcare dates in the rotation. If you have any questions, talk to Judy Linton or Lori Shaffer.

**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 PM during the school year. We sing during morning worship several times a month and also during special seasonal evening services. Our first rehearsal is September 14. That night, right after practice, we'll have a season kick-off party for singers and their families, at the Hoover home (8654 Otto Westway, 63127). The choir is open to everyone from high school juniors and older. We always have room for new members, so come give it a try! For more information, contact Bill Hoover (314-540-2427, [billhoover@fastmail.net](mailto:billhoover@fastmail.net)). And if you are an accomplished instrumentalist, please let Bill know that too.

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

**Food Pantry Donations** — Many thanks to all who have donated to Resurrection Food Pantry! This month they desperately need anything you can donate. Their shelves are empty! Here are some suggestions for donations: canned fruit, canned vegetables, canned meals (ravioli, chili, soup, stew, etc.), pasta, and cereal.

**Nursery Sign Up** — Volunteers are needed for nursery duty. The sign up sheet is on the WIC table. Your service to these little ones is greatly appreciated.

## **Church Calendar**

September 6	Financial Peace University Classes Begin
September 9	Baby Shower for Erin VanHorn
September 11	Sunday School Resumes
September 14	Choir Resumes
September 15	WIC Bible Study Begins
September 29	Ladies Night Out

# **The Lord's Service Explained**

## **The Importance of the Body in Worship**

Sadly, our tradition has largely failed to guard and pass on the traditional Christian teaching and practice regarding the importance of bodily posture throughout the entire worship service. I have heard people say that God is not interested in the posture of our bodies, but only the attitude of our hearts. Well, that's not exactly what the Bible says. There are too many references in the Bible to outward bodily postures in worship to dismiss standing, kneeling, and hand-lifting as mere formalism. Even the Hebrew and Greek words that we translate as "worship" (*shacha, proskuneo*) mean "to bow down" or "to prostrate oneself" before another (Gen. 22:5; Ex. 32:10; Ps. 22:27, 29; Matt. 2:2; 4:9; John 4:20-24; Heb. 11:21; Rev. 4:10).

What many people fail to recognize is that one's bodily posture will both express, as well as help establish, the posture of one's heart. When we are humbled, we hang our heads. When we are joyful, our arms and head fly up and we begin to move. More often than not, the reason most American Protestants don't kneel in worship is not because they are too humble, but too proud. It is all too convenient for us to keep to ourselves and not reveal our true selves in such bodily postures. Many mistakenly think that avoiding rituals like kneeling is evidence of simple faith and humility. C. S. Lewis, however, disagrees: "The modern habit of doing ceremonial things unceremoniously is no proof of humility; rather it proves the worshiper's inability to forget himself in the rite, and his readiness to spoil for everyone else the proper place of ritual."

After citing numerous biblical references, Pastor Robert S. Rayburn has this to say about "offering our bodies as living sacrifices" (Rom. 12:1):

The position of the body is itself an act of worship. When you kneel or stand because you are in the presence of the Almighty and are to speak to him, you are honoring him with your entire self, with your soul and body together expressing reverence. In Holy Scripture, whenever men or women came face to face with God, they always immediately and instinctively assumed postures which were appropriate for a creature and a sinner before the living God . . . If we are really worshiping God as his children, then we are to worship him not with half ourselves but with our whole selves and our bodies ought to be as involved as our souls . . . This was the feeling of the church in the days of the Reformation. A failure to take proper positions of body in the church was regarded as an act of irreverence.

## **Catechism of the Week**

### **The Heidelberg Catechism**

Q. 94 What does the Lord require in the first commandment?

- A. That I, not wanting to endanger my very salvation, avoid and shun all idolatry, magic, superstitious rites, and prayer to the saints or to other creatures. That I sincerely acknowledge the only true God, trust him alone, look to him for every good thing humbly and patiently, love him, fear him, and honor him with all my heart. In short, that I give up anything rather than go against his will in any way.

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