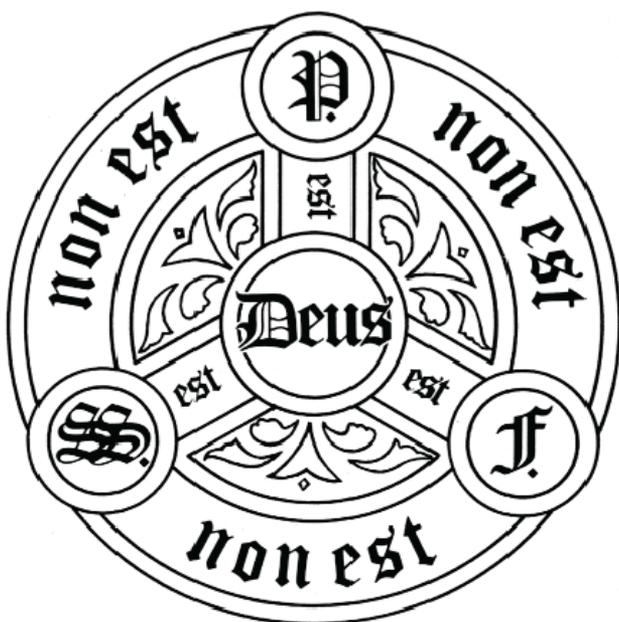


# The Covenant Renewal Service

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**Pentecost Season**

*July 22, 2012*

# 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 tonight for our evening Prayer Service at 5 PM, followed by 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.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 — July 22, 2012

*Pentecost Season*

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

Organ - Mr. Bill Hoover

Welcome & Announcements - Pastor Joshua Anderson

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## The Entrance

Prelude

Mr. Bill Hoover, organ

Welcome & Announcements

[Kneeling] Silent Preparation for Worship

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

Pastor Joshua Anderson

†Hymn #56 "O Splendor of God's glory bright" *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!**

I rejoiced when they said to me,

*Psalms 122:1*

"Let us go into the house of the Lord"

**Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem!**

This is the day the Lord has made!

*Psalms 118:24*

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

†Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord:

**Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the wise steps of his mature life; through Jesus Christ your Son and 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 join me now in kneeling before the Lord. [Kneel]

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 stand up and hear the good news ...!

Our heavenly Father, in his great mercy, has given his only Son to die for you, and for his sake pardons and looses you from all your sins in order to present you spotless before his glory with great joy; therefore as Christ's minister and by his authority, I declare to you that all of your sins are forgiven, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

## 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 . . .

*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 #70 "Praise my soul, the King of Heaven" *Trinity Hymnal*  
The OT Reading: *Leviticus 19:9-18, 33-34* Intern Matt Teeselink

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

The New Testament Reading: *1 John 3:7-21*

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

†The Gospel Reading: *Luke 6:20-38*

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: *Ruth 2:1-23*

Sermon: **THE STEADFAST LOVE OF THE LORD** Pastor Joshua Anderson

## II. EXPOSITION OF THE BOOK OF RUTH

Silent Meditation on the Preaching of God's Word

†We Recite God's Holy Standard for Living

*Luke 6:20-23*

Jesus lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and taught them saying,  
Blessed are you who are poor,

**for yours is the kingdom of God.**

Blessed are you who are hungry now,

**for you shall be satisfied.**

Blessed are you who weep now,

**for you shall laugh.**

Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you  
and revile you,

**and spurn your name as evil, on account of the Son of Man!**

Rejoice in that day,

**and leap for joy!**

For behold your reward is great in heaven;

**for so their fathers did to the prophets.**

## 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.**

†Lord's Prayer

## The Sacrifice of Peace

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Communion in the Body of Christ

Hymn: #512 "Give thanks unto the Lord"

*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: Almighty and everlasting God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, age after age. **Amen!**

## **Benediction**

†Hymn #604 “Jerusalem the Golden” *Trinity Hymnal*

†Commission: *Matthew 28:18-20*

†Benediction: *Numbers 6:24-26*

†Three-fold Amen & Postlude

# **The Evening Service**

July 22, 2012 – 5:00 PM

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Scripture Reading: *Psalm 27* Pastor Joshua Anderson

†Hymn #304 “Open now thy gates of beauty” *Trinity Hymnal*

Opening Prayer

Scripture Reading: *1 Peter 3:1-12*

Sermon: **THE GOSPEL CHANGES EVERYTHING** Intern Ryan Van Horn

†Hymn #133 “O for a thousand tongues to sing” *Trinity Hymnal*

Prayer Requests & Prayer

†Hymn #109 “O Word of God Incarnate” *Trinity Hymnal*

†Benediction

†Postlude

Cookout Following the Service

# **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.

# **Announcements**

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## **Today's Nursery Volunteers:**

Morning Service – Abigail Gross & Lu Greeno

Evening Prayer Service – Ami Anderson & Denise Gerstung

## **Next Week's Nursery Volunteers**

Morning Service –Wooldridge

Evening Prayer Service – Grove

**VBS** — This year's VBS, Olympion, begins tomorrow! Classes will be offered for children ages 3 through grade 7. We will be learning about Joshua, the great champion of the Bible who points us to Jesus. Be sure to register your children on the church website.

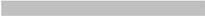
**VBS Refreshments Needed** — Please see the sign up sheet on the WIC table to see what you could provide for VBS. Talk to Christine Greeno if you would like to donate money for snacks or have any questions.

**Rummage Sale** — Clean out those closets and declutter your life! Bring your gently used, unwanted items to church to store here until our rummage sale August 3-4. See Amanda Cone if you would like to help with the sale.

## **Church Calendar**

July 23-27	VBS
July 29	5 PM Evening Prayer Service with Cookout
August 3-4	Rummage Sale
August 5	No Evening Service

# **Sermon Notes and Prayer Requests**



# The Lord's Service Explained

## *The Special Presence of God?*

God has promised to be present with his people in a special manner when they gather on the appointed day of worship. The one who skips church for the golf course or shopping mall or State park may not argue from God's omnipresence to justify his not being in church. Sure, God is present on the golf course, just as he is present in hell. But this general presence of God doesn't do the people in hell much good. They suffer "torment. . . in the presence of the Lamb" (Rev. 14:10). This means that God is present in heaven and hell, but he is not present *in the same way* in each of these locations. There is a huge difference. His presence means torment for one, life and blessing for the other. What does this teach us about God's presence on the Lord's Day?

Even if we cannot define it precisely, God is nonetheless present in a heightened special sense when his people gather as the church on the Lord's Day. For one thing, he is present there "for us." This is the place and time where he gathers his people around the Word and Sacraments. He has promised to be there for us when his people gather. It is not so much that God was not present in, say, China, when the pillar and fire led the people of Israel out of Egypt or when his presence filled the Tabernacle upon its completion; rather, the Lord was at these appointed places in a special, life-giving way.

The people of Israel were given singular signs of God's special presence as they gathered around Mt. Sinai and the Tabernacle. Similarly, it is not that God is absent from the food court in the mall on Sunday; rather, he has promised to be present in a special way, the way of salvation and blessing, at the Communion Table in church. The bread and wine are singular signs designed to assure us of his special, gracious presence with us. To make this personal, God has not promised to be in the mall on Sunday morning for you. Actually, if you refuse to heed the Lord's summons to gather with his church, he may be present there against you so that you could very well experience his judgment and curse, rather than his promise of blessing, life, and salvation.

Moreover, when we are in God's special presence every week, receiving from him his promise through his Word and Sacrament, we can go forth out of church into the world with the full assurance that God will be with us and for us wherever we may be during the week. Without being in the Lord's special presence we have no assurance of his omnipresent help in every situation and location (see Gen. 3:8; 4:16; Exod. 33:14-15; Deut. 4:37; Deut. 12:7, 18; 14:23, 26; 15:20; Judges 18:6; 2 Kings 13:23; 17:18-23; Matt. 18:20; 1 Cor. 5:4; 11:18ff.; etc.).

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