

The Covenant Renewal Service

**Providence Reformed
Presbyterian Church**

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The Lord's Day
August 6, 2017

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.

All Sunday School classes are suspended for the summer months. You are invited to stay after the service for a bit and enjoy coffee and conversation down in the Fellowship Hall. We will gather again tonight for our Evening Prayer Service at 6 PM. Afterwards there will be cookout on the church parking lot, so bring chairs, some meat to grill, drinks, and maybe a side dish to share.

If you are unfamiliar with **our form of worship**, please feel free to speak with one of the pastors or elders. Additionally, 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.

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).

The Anchor (Front Cover)



The anchor is one of the earliest Christian symbols. Because of its great importance in navigation, the anchor was regarded in ancient times as a symbol of safety. The church, therefore, in adopting the anchor as a symbol of hope, merely gave a new and higher signification to a familiar emblem. For us, the virtue of hope occupies a place of great importance. Jesus is the unfailing hope of all who trust in Him. The Epistle to the Hebrews connects hope with the symbol of the anchor. We have "hope" set before us "as an anchor

of the soul, sure and firm" (Hebrews 9:19-20).

This is Trinity Season, so the color of the Table cloth and pulpit scarf is **green**, symbolizing life, growth, and the maturation of Jesus kingdom.

The Morning Service

The Lord's Day — August 6, 2017
Trinity Season

Preparation For Worship: Psalm 135
Organ - Mr. Bill Hoover

The Entrance

Prelude Mr. Bill Hoover, organ
Welcome & Announcements Pastor Jeff Meyers
[*Kneeling*] Silent Preparation for Worship
Call to Worship Pastor Jeff Meyers

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 #12 (*Psalm 135*) "Exalt the Lord" *Trinity Hymnal*
†Salutation & Responsive Scripture

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!

Our help is in the Name of Yahweh *Psalm 124:8*
Who made heaven and earth!

†Pastor: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near to God our Father with a honest heart and confess our sins, asking him to forgive us for Christ's sake:

For you are not a God who delights in wickedness; *Psalm 5:4-8*
Evil may not dwell with you.

The boastful shall not stand before your eyes;
You hate all evildoers.

You destroy those who speak lies;
The Lord abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful man.

But I, through the abundance of your steadfast love,
Will enter your house.

I will bow down toward your holy temple;
In the fear of you.

Lead me, O Lord, in your righteousness;

Because of my enemies, make your way straight before me.

Come, let us worship and bow down,

Psalm 95:6

And kneel before the Lord our Maker.

[*Kneeling*] 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 boundless 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. *Silent Prayer. Amen!*

†Pastor: Now lift up your heads, arise, and hear the good news. . . !

Ascension

†Leader: Lift up your hearts!

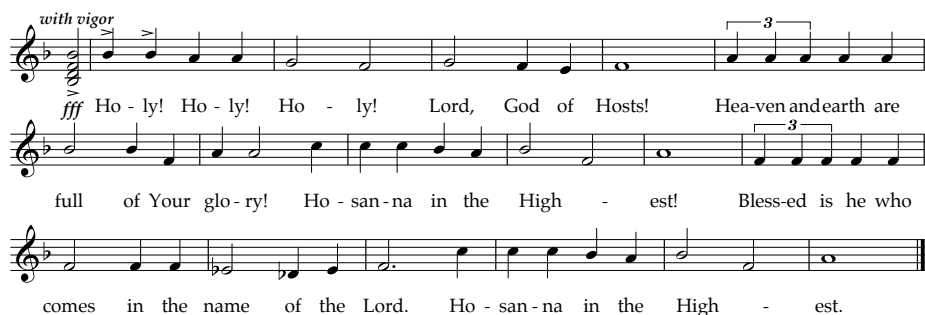
We lift them up to the Lord!

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

It is proper and right to do so.

Truly it is fitting and our greatest joy to give thanks to you at all times and in every place, 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 #132 "Wondrous King, all glorious"

Trinity Hymnal

The Scripture Readings for the Eighth Sunday in Trinity Season

The Hebrew Scripture Reading: Hosea 2:14-20

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

Psalm 36 "He who in evil does rejoice"

Anglo-Genevan Psalter

1543/Geneva,1551

1. He who in e-vil does re-joice
Hears in his heart a wick-ed voice;
It whis-pers and it flat-ters.
It lures him on, and he o-beys
Till from Thy fear, O LORD, he strays
And him Thy an-ger shat-ters.
His words are lies, his wis-dom gone;
All his trans-gres-sions urge him on,
He does their will with pleas-ure.
Up-on his bed he plans de-ceit,
On ways of sin he sets his feet,
His e-vil is his treas-ure.

2. *Thy love and faithfulness extend
Wherever Thou to heaven's end
Thy righteous sceptre wieldest.
Thy judgment is a secret deep,
Thy justice like God's mountains steep,
And man and beast Thou shieldest.
Of Thy great mercy heaven sings
For in the shadow of Thy wings
No son of man shall perish.
Thou shalt them to Thy feasts invite,
They drink from streams of Thy delight,
Thy precious love they cherish.*

3. *Life's fountain is, O LORD, with Thee,
And in Thy light the light we see;
Let right and mercy tarry
With them who fear Thy faithful Name;
Put Thou the enemies to shame,
Let all their schemes miscarry.
Save Thou me for Thy mercy's sake,
Let not the proud me overtake,
Nor from Thy covenant sever.
O people, praise your God and see
The workers of iniquity
Who are cast down forever!*

The Epistle Reading: *Revelation 19:6-9 & 21:1-3*

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

†The Gospel Reading: *John 17:18-26*

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: *Ezekiel 34:11-16*

Rev. Tim Weston

Sermon: ON PURSUING AND BEING PURSUED

Prayer

The Tribute Offering

We Offer Ourselves Through Tithes and Offerings Pastor Jeff Meyers
Offertory "O great God of highest heav'n" Choir

Based on the prayer "Regeneration" from
The Valley of Vision: A Collection of Puritan Prayers & Devotions
Text and Music by Bob Kauflin, arr. Dave Forrest
Dan Hayes, organ; Bob Wooldridge, guitar; Tim Weston, djembe

†Offertory Prayer & Congregation: **Amen!**

†The Lord's Prayer

The Sacrifice of Peace

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Memorial

Communion in the Body & Blood of Our Lord

Hymn #400 "Come, thou Fount of every blessing" *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: Almighty and everlasting God, You fulfilled Your promise by sending the gift of the Holy Spirit to unite disciples of all nations in the cross and resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ. By the preaching of the Gospel spread this gift to the ends of the earth; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, age after age.

Congregation: **Amen!**

Benediction

†Hymn #269 “Glorious things of thee are spoken” *Trinity Hymnal*

†Commission: *Matthew 28:18-20*

†Benediction: *Numbers 6:24-26*

†Three-fold Amen & Postlude

Evening Prayer

Sunday, August 6, 2017 - 6 PM

Scripture Reading: *Matthew 13:53–14:12*

Pastor Jeff Meyers

†Psalm 348 “O bless our God with one accord”

Trinity Hymnal

Opening Prayer

Scripture Reading: *Matthew 14:13-21*

Sermon: **A TALE OF TWO KINGS?**

Pastor Jeff Meyers

†Psalm 346 “Sun of my soul”

Trinity Hymnal

Prayer Requests & Prayer

†Hymn “Gracious God, again is ended”

See handout

†Benediction & Dismissal

Announcements

Nursery Volunteers Today:

Morning Service – Luz Wooldridge

Evening Service- Volunteers Needed

Nursery Volunteers Next Week:

Morning Service – Emily Spear

Evening Prayer Service Tonight — We will meet at 6 PM for our Evening Prayer Service tonight. The weather forecast is for very mild temperatures, so come out and enjoy the evening. Bring chairs, some meat for grilling, drinks, and a side to share if you like.

Deacons Fund Offering — The Deacons Fund offering will be received today in the morning and evening services. The Deacon's Fund helps people inside and outside of our congregation—widows and others with special needs.

Going-Away Party for the Weston's — This is Tim and Rosamma's last Sunday before they move to Washington State. We are having a refreshments fellowship down stairs after the service. Join us as we pray for the Weston's. Here is their new address:

3916 Cottage Place
Anacortes WA 98221

Rooted Meeting on Thursday — Join Caleb Skogen for the next Rooted meeting at church in the youth room — 7 PM, Thursday, August 3.

Session Meeting — The elders and pastor will meet for their monthly session meeting next Monday, August 14, at 7 PM.

Men's Summer Book Study — The men's summer Bible study/fellowship will meet for the last time this Wednesday at 7 PM, at Pastor Meyer's home (9229 Lawndale Drive, Crestwood, MO 63126). Press 6" on the keypad, accessible from the driver side window, to open the gate. We will be reading and discussing last chapters in Rod Dreher's book [The Benedict Option](#). Please contact Pastor Meyers if you are interested or have any suggestions.

Parental Alert — For the next two to three weeks the hallways in the Educational wing will be crowded with tables, chairs, file cabinets, curriculum, etc. as we prepare for the classroom floors to be refinished. The Deacons are asking parents to keep their children out of the Educational wing, with the one exception being an emergency trip to the bathroom, until this project is over. Thank you!

Donate to HOPE — Do you have a few boxes or bags of clothing, linens, household goods, or books laying around to give away? Pledge them to HOPE Chest to raise money for the Hope Community Project serving the greatest needs in Haiti! Donations can be brought to the PRPC during the week of VBS, 7/24-28. Contact Debbie Keane if you have any questions.

New Denney Baby! — Congratulations to the Denney family! Thomas Andrew Denney was born on Monday, July 31. He weighs 7lbs 8oz and is 19-3/4 inches long. Give thanks to God for this gift of new life!

New Church Secretary — Jennifer Vermeer is our new secretary. You can reach Jennifer at vermeerjennifer@gmail.com.

The Groves are Moving — Below is their new address. Matt and Lisa would appreciate anyone available on their moving day Saturday, August 12. Please reach out to Matt or Lisa if you are available to help!

New Address:
1735 Flamm Rd
Imperial, MO 63052

Current Address:
7145 Dartmouth Ave
St. Louis MO 63130

Church Calendar

Today	Evening Prayer Service with Cookout
Wednesday, Aug 9	Men's Bible Study/Fellowship, 7 PM
Thursday, Aug 10	Rooted Meeting at Church, 7 PM
Monday, Aug 14	Session Meeting at Church, 7 PM

The Lord's Service Explained

Pentecost/Trinity 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.”

Green, the color for Pentecost/Trinity Season symbolizes new life and the growth of the kingdom.

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

Luther's Small Catechism — The 8th Commandment

You shall not steal – What does this mean?

- A. We should fear and love God that we may not take our neighbor's money or goods, not get them by false pretenses or dealing, but help him to improve and protect his property and business.

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