

COVENANT RENEWAL WORSHIP



The Morning Service

The Lord's Day — August 3, 2003

The Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

Preparation For Worship: Matthew 11:25-30

Organ - Mr. Bill Hoover

Welcome & Announcements - Pastor Jeffrey J. Meyers



The Entrance

Silent Preparation

Call to Worship: *Matthew 11:25-30*

Pastor Jeffrey J. Meyers

†Hymn #135 "I greet thee, who my sure Redeemer art" *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!

Man shall not live by bread alone,

Matthew 4:4

But by every word that comes from the mouth of God!

†Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord:

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, you make the minds of your faithful to be of one will; therefore grant to your people that they may love what you command and desire what you promise, that among the manifold changes of this age our hearts may be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, age after age. Amen!

The Purification Offering

†Pastor: Blessed are the poor in spirit,

Matthew 5:3-6

For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn,

For they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek,

For they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,

For they shall be satisfied.

Beloved in Christ! Let us humbly confess our sins unto God our Father:

Heavenly Father, you have solemnly stated that you take no pleasure in the death of a sinner, but rather you desire that he turn from his evil

way and live. Knowing this, I humbly approach you confessing that I am indeed a sinner. Although I have wilfully broken your commandments and deserve only your wrath and punishment, I come to you now seeking mercy. Grant me the grace to turn from my sin and live, to receive from you the promise of forgiveness and eternal life through Jesus Christ my Savior and Lord. In your great mercy, Heavenly Father, help me to turn from my evil way and walk in your way of life and peace. Silent prayer. Amen!

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

The Ascension Offering

†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 proper, right, and salutary, that we should at all times, and in all places, give praise to you O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting King. 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 . . .

†Hymn #136 "Ye servants of God"

Trinity Hymnal

The Old Testament Lesson: *Deuteronomy 30:11-20*

Pastor Chris Smith

The New Testament Reading: *1 John 4:15—5:5*

†The Gospel Reading: *Matthew 5:17-20*

†We Confess Our Faith: *The Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen!

Sermon: THE STANDARD FOR LIFE IN JESUS' KINGDOM

XIII. AN EXPOSITION OF THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. MATTHEW

The Tribute Offering

†Hymn #451 (*Psalms 119:33-40*) "Teach me, O Lord, thy way of truth"

We Offer Ourselves Through Tithes and Offerings

†Prayer of Dedication

†The Lord's Prayer

†*Gloria Patri*

