

# COVENANT RENEWAL WORSHIP

## The Morning Service

The Lord's Day — January 25, 2004

*Epiphany Season*

**Preparation For Worship: Psalm 92**

\*Organ - Mr. Bill Hoover

Welcome & Announcements - Pastor Jeffrey J. Meyers

### The Lord Graciously Calls Us

Silent Meditation & Prayer

Call to Worship: *Psalm 92:1-3*

†Hymn #535 (*Psalm 92*) "How good it is to thank the Lord" *Trinity Hymnal*

†Salutation & Responsive Scriptures

†Pastor: In the Name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit!

Congregation: **Amen!**

The Lord be with you!

**And also with you!**

You, O Yahweh, have made me glad by your work;

**At the works of your hands I sing for joy!**

†Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord:

**Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully receive the praise of your people, and grant us thy peace all the days of our life; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen!**

### The Lord Cleanses Us in Christ

†Call to Confession

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.

How great are your works, O Yahweh!

**Your thoughts are very deep.**

The stupid man cannot know,

**The fool cannot understand this:**

That though the wicked sprout like grass

**And all evildoers flourish,**

They are doomed to destruction forever;

**But you, O Yahweh, are on high forever!**

**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 forgiveness 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, to the end that by your grace I may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Silent Prayer. Amen!***

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

### The Lord Consecrates Us By His Word

†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 #42 "Round the Lord in glory seated" *Trinity Hymnal*

The Old Testament Reading: *1 Samuel 21:1-9* Pastor Chris Smith

The Epistle Reading: *Hebrews 3:1-4:1*

†The Gospel Reading: *Matthew 12:1-8*

†We Confess Our Faith: *The Nicene Creed*

Sermon: **THE LORD OF THE SABBATH**

Pastor Jeffrey J. Meyers

**XXXIV. EXPOSITION OF THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. MATTHEW**

We Offer Ourselves Through Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

†Prayer of Dedication & Prayer for the Church

Pastor: Teach us, good Lord, to serve you as you deserve; to give and not to count the cost; to fight and not heed the wounds; to toil and not to seek for rest; to labor and not to ask for any reward, save that of knowing that we do your will:

Congregation: **Through Jesus Christ our Lord, we pray.**

Almighty God, who has taught us to pray not only for ourselves but for all men: Hear us as we pray for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. For your Holy Church upon earth; for her ministers and teachers, that all who love the Savior may love Him more truly and cherish His bride, the Church.

**We ask you to hear us, O Lord.**

For all who do not know the Gospel of your love in Jesus Christ, that you would gather them into your fold:

**We ask you to hear us, merciful Lord.**

For your missionaries, especially those known to us, that they may cause your light to shine in the dark places of the earth.

**Hear our prayer, Lord of heaven and earth.**

For our country, for our President and others in authority, that you would guide them in your wisdom:

**Hear our prayer, King of kings.**

For those whom we love, our parents, our brothers and sisters, and our friends, that you would bring those that do not know you to the knowledge of your truth and salvation, that you would bless them, and protect them from all evil:

**Hear our prayer, O Lord.**

For all who are in sickness, sorrow, and trouble, for those that mourn the death of a loved one, that you would comfort and sustain them:

**We praise you, O Lord. Hear and accept our prayers, through Jesus Christ our Lord and Redeemer. Amen.**

†The *Gloria Patri*

## The Lord Feeds Us at His Table

†Prayer of Thanksgiving & Memorial

The Covenant Meal

†Communion Hymn "I heard the voice of Jesus say" (see insert)

Pastoral Benediction

†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!**

Pastor: Almighty God, you know that we are set in the midst of so many and great dangers, and that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright: Grant to us such strength and protection as may support us in all dangers, and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus, our Lord.

Congregation: **Amen!**

## The Lord Blesses Us and Sends Us Out

†Hymn: #136 "Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim" *Trinity Hymnal*

†Benediction: *Numbers 6:24-26*

†Three-fold Amen, Postlude, & Greet One Another!