
COVENANT RENEWAL WORSHIP

The Morning Service

The Lord's Day — May 9, 2004

Fourth Sunday After Easter

Preparation For Worship: *Psalm 104*

Organ - Mr. Bill Hoover

Welcome & Announcements - Pastor Jeffrey J. Meyers

The Entrance

Call to Worship *Psalm 149:1-2*

Pastor Jeffrey J. Meyers

†Hymn #110 "My soul, bless the Lord!" (Tune of #301; *Trinity Hymnal*)

†Salutation & Responsive Scripture

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

Congregation: **Amen!**

The Lord be with you!

Ruth 2:4

And also with you!

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God!

1 Corinthians 15:57

Who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!

†Pastor: Let us pray:

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your glorious Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen!

The Purification

†Call to Confession

God is light

1 John 1:5-7

And in him is no darkness at all.

If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness,

We lie and do not practice the truth.

But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light,

We have fellowship with one another and the blood of Jesus his

Son cleanses us from all sin.

O Almighty God, heavenly Father, I have sinned against you and against my neighbor, in thought word and deed, in the evil I have done

† Congregation Stands

and in the good I have not done, through ignorance, through weakness, and through my own deliberate fault. I am truly sorry and repent of all my sins. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, who died for me, forgive me all that is past; and grant that I may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your Name. *Silent Prayer. Amen!*

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

The Ascension

The Rite of Holy Baptism

Pastor Chris Smith

Parental Vows: *Jack & Tracy Boeve*

(see insert)

Congregational Vows & Admonition

Holy Baptism: *Megan Elizabeth Boeve*

Prayer of Thanksgiving: *Elder John McGowan*

†We Confess Our Faith: *The Lorica*

(see insert)

The Old Testament Reading: *Proverbs 2:1-22*

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

†The Gospel Reading: *Matthew 13:44-52*

Sermon: **FIND, SELL, BUY—ENTERING THE KINGDOM**

Jeffrey J. Meyers

XLII. EXPOSITION OF THE GOSPEL OF ST. MATTHEW

The Tribute Offering

We Offer Ourselves Through Tithes and Offerings

Offertory "The earth adorned"

(see insert)

†Prayer of Dedication & Gloria Patri

The Sacrifice of Peace

Prayer of Thanksgiving, Memorial, & The Words of Institution

Communion Hymn: #310 "Here, O my Lord"

Trinity Hymnal

Pastoral Benediction

The body and blood of our Lord strengthen and preserve you steadfast in the true faith to life everlasting. In the Name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Congregation: **Amen!**

†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: We give thanks to you, Almighty God, that you have here

refreshed your people with such wonderful gifts; we ask now as we prepare to leave your house that you would graciously strengthen us in the use of these gifts, increasing our love for you and for one another; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Congregation: **Amen!**

The Benediction

†Hymn #488 "Lead on, O King eternal"

Trinity Hymnal

†Benediction: *Numbers 6:24-26*

†Postlude

†Greet One Another!

For Easter Season we have **white** on our Table and Pulpit, which symbolizes joy, celebration, gladness, light, and purity. The traditional monograms **IC** and **XC** are ancient Latin abbreviations for Jesus Christ (IHCOYC XRICTOC). **NIKA** means Victor. Jesus Christ was born to conquer sin, death, and the Devil. The cross in the center of the world reminds us that Jesus has conquered by means of his suffering, death, and resurrection.

The Lord's Supper

The Lord's Supper is observed every Lord's Day 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 and an active member of a congregation in which the gospel is faithfully confessed, taught, and believed. You also acknowledge that you are a sinner, without hope except in the sovereign mercy of God, and that you are trusting in Jesus Christ alone for salvation. 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.

Our Evening Sacrifice of Praise

May 9, 2004 — 6:00 PM

Tonight Pastor Meyers picks up where he left off in his exposition and application of the Gospel According to Samuel (Ruth). Tonight we begin to reflect on the redemption God provides through Boaz.