

COVENANT RENEWAL WORSHIP

The Morning Service

The Lord's Day — May 16, 2004

Fifth Sunday After Easter

Preparation For Worship: Psalm 100

Organ - Mr. Bill Hoover

Welcome & Announcements - Pastor Jeffrey J. Meyers

The Entrance

Call to Worship *Psalm 100*

†Hymn #1 "All people that on earth do dwell"

†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!

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, our Father, grant, we ask, that we who celebrate the glorious resurrection of Jesus, may honor and praise you, who through your only-begotten Son has overcome death, and opened to us the gate of everlasting life; in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, age after age. Amen!

The Purification

†Call to Confession

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,

Psalm 32:1-2, 5

Whose sin is covered.

Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts not iniquity,

In whose spirit there is no deceit.

I will acknowledge my sin to you,

I will not cover my iniquity.

I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,

And you will forgive the iniquity of my sin.

O Almighty God, heavenly Father, I have sinned against you and

† Congregation Stands

against my neighbor, in thought word and deed, in the evil I have done 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

Parental Vows: *Shane & Kim Gibson*

Congregational Vows & Admonition

Holy Baptism: *Adison Kay Gibson*

Prayer of Thanksgiving: *Elder John Moore*

†We Confess Our Faith: *The Lorica*

The Old Testament Reading: *Nahum 1:1-8*

The Epistle Reading: *2 Thessalonians 1:1-12*

†The Gospel Reading: *Luke 21:1-38*

Sermon: **STAY AWAKE**

The Tribute Offering

We Offer Ourselves Through Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: *Psalm 23*

Music by F. Schubert; Sarah Dionne, soprano

Tim Werkema, text adaptation and clarinet

†Prayer of Dedication & Gloria Patri

Mr. Ben Shoemaker

(see insert)

Pastor Jeffrey J. Meyers

The Sacrifice of Peace

Prayer of Thanksgiving, Memorial, & The Words of Institution

Communion Hymn: #596 "Jesus lives, and so shall I"

Pastoral Benediction

Trinity Hymnal

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!**

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 Benediction

†Hymn #502 “Rejoice, ye pure in heart”

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 16, 2004 — 5:00 PM

Tonight Pastor Meyers continues with his exposition and application of the Gospel According to Samuel (Ruth). We will continue to reflect on the redemption God provides through Boaz in the second chapter of Ruth. **Our Monthly Fellowship Dinner will follow the service.**