
COVENANT RENEWAL WORSHIP

The Morning Service

The Lord's Day — July 11, 2004

Trinity Season

Preparation For Worship: Revelation 1:1-20

Organ - Mr. Bill Hoover

Welcome & Announcements - Pastor Jeffrey J. Meyers

The Lord Calls Us

Silent Preparation

Call to Worship: *Revelation 1:4b-6*

Pastor Jeffrey J. Meyers

†Hymn #122 "Of the Father's love begotten"

Trinity Hymnal

†Salutation & Responsive Scripture

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

Congregation: **Amen!**

Matthew 28:19

The Lord be with you!

Ruth 2:4

And also with you!

Our help is in the Name of Yahweh,

Psalms 124:8

Who made heaven and earth!

†Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord:

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass man's understanding; Pour into our hearts such love toward you, that we, loving you above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, age after age. Amen!

The Lord Purifies Us

†Confession of Sins

Hebrews 4:14-16

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses,

But one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.

Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace,

That we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

†Congregation Stands

Almighty God, my heavenly Father, you do not desire the death of a sinner, but rather that he should turn from his evil way and live: I pray that you would be gracious to me and turn from me those punishments which I by my sins have deserved, and to grant me grace this day forward to serve you in holiness and pureness of living; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. *Silent Prayer. Amen!*

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

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy on us, and for the sake of the sufferings, death, and resurrection of his dear Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, forgives us all our sins. As a Minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you who do truly repent and believe in him, the entire forgiveness of all your sins: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen!**

The Lord Consecrates Us

†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 fitting, right, wholesome, and beneficial 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 . . .

†Hymn of Praise: #5 "Mighty God, while angels bless thee" *Trinity Hymnal*

The Old Testament Reading: *1 Kings 10:1-13*

The Epistle Reading: *Ephesians 3:1-21*

†The Gospel Reading: *Matthew 15:21-39*

This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Praise be to you, O Christ!

†We Confess Our Faith: *The Nicene Creed*

(see insert)

Sermon: **THE TENACITY OF TRIED FAITH**

Pastor Jeffrey J. Meyers

XLVIII. EXPOSITION OF THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. MATTHEW

†Hymn #385 (*Psalms 67*) "O God, to us show mercy"

Trinity Hymnal

The Lord Call Us to Give

We Offer Ourselves Through Tithes and Offerings

†Prayer of Dedication, the Lord's Prayer, & the *Gloria Patri*

The Lord Communes With Us

†Prayer of Thanksgiving & Memorial

The Words of Institution & Invitation

Communion Hymn: #550 "Jesus, priceless treasure"

Trinity Hymnal

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!**

Pastoral Prayer: Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities, and in all our dangers and necessities stretch forth the right hand of your Majesty to help and defend us; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, age after age.

Congregation: **Amen!**

The Lord Blesses Us & Sends Us Out

†Hymn #488 "Lead on, O King eternal"

Trinity Hymnal

†Benediction: *Numbers 6:24-26*

†Three-fold Amen

†Postlude

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. (The grape juice has a darker color than the wine.)

Our Evening Sacrifice of Praise

July 11, 2004 — 6:00 PM

This evening Pastor Chris Smith begins a new sermon series Second Thessalonians