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# COVENANT RENEWAL WORSHIP

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## The Morning Service

The Lord's Day — July 18, 2004

*Trinity Season*

**Preparation For Worship: Psalm 24**

Organ - Mrs. Joanie Harris

Welcome & Announcements - Pastor Jeffrey J. Meyers

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### The Entrance

Silent Preparation

Call to Worship: *Psalm 24:1-2, 7*

Pastor Jeffrey J. Meyers

†Hymn #304 "Open now thy gates of beauty"

*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,

*Psalm 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!**

### Purification

†Confession of Sins

*Psalm 24:3-5*

Who shall ascend the hill of Yahweh?

**And who shall stand in his holy place?**

He who has clean hands and a pure heart,

**Who does not lift up his soul to what is false, and does not swear deceitfully.**

He will receive blessing from Yahweh,

**And righteousness from the God of his salvation.**

**Almighty God, my heavenly Father, you do not desire the death of**

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†Congregation Stands

**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 . . . !

Our heavenly Father, in his great mercy, has given his only Son to die for you, and for his sake forgives you all your sins; wherefore as Christ's minister and in his authority, I declare to you that all of your sins are forgiven, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: **Amen!**

### Ascension

†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 #218 "All hail the power of Jesus' Name!" *Trinity Hymnal* (First Tune)

The Old Testament Reading: *Exodus 24:1-18*

Pastor Chris Smith

The Epistle Reading: *2 Corinthians 3:7-18*

†The Gospel Reading: *Matthew 15:29-39*

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: **LIFE FROM THE MOUNTAIN, BREAD FOR THE WORLD**

Pastor Jeff Meyers

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

†Hymn #83 "We praise thee, O God"

*Trinity Hymnal*

### Tribute Offering

We Offer Ourselves Through Tithes and Offerings

†Prayer of Dedication & the Lord's Prayer

†The *Gloria Patri*

### Communion

†Prayer of Thanksgiving & Memorial

The Words of Institution & Invitation

Communion Hymn: #361 "Zion, to thy Saviour singing"

*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!**

### **Benediction**

†Hymn #365 “At the Lamb’s high feast we sing”

*Trinity Hymnal*

†Benediction: *Numbers 6:24-26*

†Three-fold Amen

†Postlude

†Greet One Another

## **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 18, 2004 — 6:00 PM*

This evening Pastor Meyers continues his sermon series on the book of Ruth.