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# COVENANT RENEWAL WORSHIP

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## The Morning Service

The Lord's Day — August 15, 2004

*Trinity Season*

**Preparation For Worship: Matthew 11:25-30**

Organ - Mr. Bill Hoover

Welcome & Announcements - Pastor Jeffrey J. Meyers

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### The Entrance

Silent Preparation

Call to Worship: *Matthew 11:28-30*

Pastor Jeffrey J. Meyers

†Hymn #391 "Come, for the feast is spread"

*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 and everlasting God, in whom we live and move and have our being, you have made us for yourself, so that our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: Grant us purity of heart and strength of purpose, that no selfish passion may hinder us from receiving your good gifts, and no weakness keep us from experiencing the perfect freedom that only comes from serving you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen!**

### Purification

†Confession of Sins

*Psalms 32:1-2*

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,  
**Whose sin is covered.**

Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity,  
**And in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

**Eternal God, in whom I live and move and have my being, my heavenly Father, your face is hidden from me because of my sins. Cleanse me, I pray, from all my offenses, and deliver me from proud thoughts and vain desires. Grant that I may, in lowliness and meekness, draw near**

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†Congregation Stands

**to you. Confessing my faults and confiding in your grace, I look for your grace and mercy through Christ, your Son, our Lord. *Silent Prayer.***  
**Amen!**

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

### 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, 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 "And can it be"

(see insert)

The Old Testament Reading: *Proverbs 24:1-22*

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

The Epistle Reading: *Acts 20:17-38*

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

†The Gospel Reading: *Matthew 16:21-35*

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 THINGS OF GOD**

Pastor Jeff Meyers

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

### Tribute Offering

We Offer Ourselves Through Tithes and Offerings

†Prayer of Dedication & Petition

(see insert)

†The Lord's Prayer

†The *Gloria Patri*

### The Sacrifice of Fellowship

†Prayer of Thanksgiving & Memorial

The Words of Institution & Invitation

Communion Hymn "I heard the voice of Jesus say"

(see insert)

†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: Grant, O Lord, we pray, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by your governance, that your church may joyfully serve you in all godliness and peace; 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 #124 “At the Name of Jesus”

*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.)

## **No Evening Worship Service Tonight**

*Shepherding Groups Meet Today*

Shepherding groups will meet this afternoon and evening. Please check with your shepherding elder for the time and place of your fellowship.