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# COVENANT RENEWAL WORSHIP

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## The Morning Service

The Lord's Day — August 22, 2004

*Trinity Season*

**Preparation For Worship: Psalm 146**

Organ - Mr. Bill Hoover

Welcome & Announcements - Pastor Jeffrey J. Meyers

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### The Entrance

Silent Preparation

Call to Worship: *Psalm 146:1-4*

Pastor Jeffrey J. Meyers

†Hymn #53 "Hallelujah, praise Jehovah"

*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!**

Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob;

*Psalm 53:5-7a*

**Whose hope is in Yahweh his God.**

Who made heaven and earth;

**The sea and all that is in them.**

†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

Yahweh sets the prisoners free;

*Psalm 53:7a-8*

**Yahweh opens the eyes of the blind.**

Yahweh lifts up those who are bowed down;

**Yahweh loves the righteous.**

Let us humbly confess our sins to God our Father:

**Eternal God, my heavenly Father, I am heartily sorry for having offended you, and I detest all my sins, not only because I dread**

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†Congregation Stands

**the loss of heaven and the pains of hell, but most of all because I have offended you, my Father. Accept my confession, O God, for you have promised to be gracious and compassionate with your erring children. With the help of your grace, I humbly confess my sins and resolve to repent and amend my life. 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: #42 "Round the Lord in glory seated"

The Old Testament Reading: *Exodus 34:1-10, 29-35*

Pastor Chris Smith

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

The Epistle Reading: 2 *Corinthians 3:1-18*

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

†The Gospel Reading: *Matthew 17:1-13*

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 TRANSFIGURATION OF JESUS**

Pastor Jeff Meyers

**LIII. 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 Peace

†Prayer of Thanksgiving & Memorial

The Words of Institution & Invitation

Communion Hymn: #56 "O Splendor of God's glory bright"

†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: O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, age after age.

Congregation: **Amen!**

### **Benediction**

†Hymn #238 "Christ is coming!"

*Trinity Hymnal*

†Benediction: *Numbers 6:24-26*

## **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.)

## **Evening Worship**

*August 22, 2004 – 6:00 PM*

Join us tonight for our evening sacrifice of prayer and praise. Tonight Pastor Chris Smith will teach on 2 Thessalonians chapter 2. This evening we will also hear from RUF minister Daryl Madi about his work with the students at Washington University in St. Louis.