
COVENANT RENEWAL WORSHIP

The Morning Service

The Lord's Day — September 19, 2004

Trinity Season

Preparation For Worship: Psalm 149

Organ - Mr. Bill Hoover

Welcome & Announcements - Pastor Jeffrey J. Meyers

The Entrance

Silent Preparation

Call to Worship: *Psalm 103*

Pastor Jeffrey J. Meyers

†Hymn #288 (*Psalm 149*) "O praise ye the Lord"

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!

Yahweh works righteousness.

Psalm 103:6-7

And justice for all who are oppressed,

He made known his ways to Moses,

His acts to the people of Israel.

†Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord:

Almighty God, your glory is above the heavens, but you have promised to dwell with us your people this day. In your great mercy you have worked righteousness and justice for us by calling and enabling us to gather before you. Now receive the adoration of our hearts and lips, and grant that we may so honor you in this service, that your Name may be glorified in our worship; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen!

Purification

†Confession of Sins

Yahweh is merciful and gracious

Psalm 103:8-10

Slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

He will not always chide,

Nor will he keep his anger forever.

He does not deal with us according to our sins,

Nor repay us according to our iniquities,

Let us humbly confess our sins to God, our Father.

O Lord, eternal and almighty Father; I acknowledge and confess

†Congregation Stands

before your holy majesty that I am a poor, miserable sinner; I was conceived and born in guilt and in corruption, prone to do evil, and unable of myself to do any good; and I continually transgress your holy commandments. Because of this I deserve your just condemnation, eternal death and hell. But, O Lord, with a humble heart I repent and confess my rebellious behavior. I condemn myself and my evil ways and ask you to be gracious to me and hear my prayer. Have compassion on me, merciful Lord, for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, my Savior and 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: #89 "Come, thou Almighty King"

Trinity Hymnal

†We Recite God's Holy Standard for Life

(see insert)

The Old Testament Reading: *Nehemiah 10:28-39*

Pastor Chris Smith

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

The Epistle Reading: *1 Peter 2:4-10*

†The Gospel Reading: *Matthew 17:24-27*

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 FATHER, SON, AND THE HALF-SHEKEL TAX**

Jeffrey J. Meyers

Hymn #83 "We praise thee, O God, our Redeemer, Creator

Trinity Hymnal

Tribute Offering

We Offer Ourselves Through Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

†Prayer of Dedication & The Lord's Prayer

†The *Gloria Patri*

The Sacrifice of Peace

†Prayer of Thanksgiving & Memorial

The Words of Institution & Invitation

Hymn #272 "Behold! the mountain of the Lord"
†The Song of Simeon (*Nunc Dimittis*): Luke 2:30-32

Trinity Hymnal

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 Father, who has given your only Son to die for our sins, and to rise again for our justification; grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness, that we may always trust and serve you in pureness of living and truth; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, age after age.

Congregation: **Amen!**

Benediction

†Hymn #269 "Glorious things of thee are spoken"

Trinity Hymnal

†Benediction: *Numbers 6:24-26*

†Three-fold Amen & 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.