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# COVENANT RENEWAL WORSHIP

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## The Morning Service

The Lord's Day — November 7, 2004

*Trinity Sunday*

**Preparation For Worship: Psalm 145**

Organ - Mr. Bill Hoover

Welcome & Announcements - Pastor Jeffrey J. Meyers

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### The Lord Calls Us

Silent Preparation

Call to Worship: *Psalm 145:17-19*

Pastor Jeffrey J. Meyers

†Hymn #89 "Come, thou Almighty King"

*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!**

The eyes of all look to you,

*Psalm 145:15-16*

**And you give them their food in due season.**

You open your hand;

**You satisfy the desire of every living thing!**

†Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord:

**Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ and Father of glory, give us, we ask you, the Spirit of wisdom and insight that we might increase in our knowledge of and our love for you. Enlighten the eyes of our hearts so that we may know what is the hope to which you have called us, even the riches of Christ's glorious inheritance for the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe. Amen!**

### The Lord Purifies Us

†Pastor: Let us humbly bow our heads before the Lord and confess our sins.

Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity!

**And in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

*Psalm 32:2*

I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,

**And you forgave the guilt of my sin.**

*Psalm 32:5*

**Almighty God, you are rich in mercy to all those who call upon you;**

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†Congregation Stands

hear me as I come to you humbly confessing my sins, and imploring your mercy and forgiveness. I have broken your holy laws by my deeds and by my words, and by the sinful affections of my heart. I confess before you my disobedience and ingratitude, my pride and willfulness, and all my failures and shortcomings toward you and toward my family and friends. Have mercy upon me, most merciful Father; and of your great goodness grant that I may hereafter serve and please you in newness of life; grant me this, I pray, through the mediation of Jesus Christ my Savior and Lord. *Silent Prayer. Amen!*

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

### 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 proper, right, and beneficial to give thanks to you at all times and in every place, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting King. 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: #219 "Blessing and honor"

*Trinity Hymnal*

The Old Testament Reading: *Malachi 2:10-17*

Pastor Chris Smith

The Epistle Reading: *Ephesians 5:15-33*

†The Gospel Reading: *Matthew 19:1-12*

†We Confess Our Faith: *The Nicene Creed*

(see insert)

Sermon: **HAVE YOU NOT READ? GOD'S WORD ON MARRIAGE & DIVORCE**

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

†Hymn #626 (*Psalm 128*) "Blest the man that fears Jehovah" *Trinity Hymnal*

### The Lord Call Us to Give

We Offer Ourselves Through Tithes and Offerings

†Prayer of Dedication & the Lord's Prayer

†*Gloria Patri*

### The Lord Communes With Us

†Prayer of Thanksgiving & Memorial

The Words of Institution & Invitation

Communion Hymn: #596 "Jesus lives, and so shall I"

*Trinity Hymnal*

Pastoral Benediction

The body and blood of our Lord strengthen and preserve you steadfast in the true faith to life everlasting. In the Name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Congregation: **Amen!**

†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 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.

Congregation: **Amen!**

### **The Lord Blesses Us & Sends Us Out**

†Hymn #86 “Now thank we all our God”

*Trinity Hymnal*

†Benediction: *Numbers 6:24-26*

†Three-fold Amen

†Postlude

## **The Lord’s Table**

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 pastors 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**

*November 7, 2004 — 6:00 PM*

Join us this evening for prayer, fellowship, and Bible teaching. Tonight Pastor Meyers will expand on the morning sermon, examining other passages in the Scriptures and in our confessional standards which address the question of divorce and remarriage.