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Ages 2 & 3	Kathy Hoegemann	Grade 4	Bryan Walker
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# The Covenant Renewal Service

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## The Season of Lent

*February 20, 2005*

## Welcome

If you are **visiting** our church today, we welcome you to our worship service and Christian community. Please find the black registration folder at the end of the pew and help us serve you better by leaving your name and contact information. We promise to keep this information confidential and only use it for personal contact with you and your family. Please join us downstairs for coffee after the service.

We have **Christian education** classes for all ages which meet after the service at 11:00 AM. The “visitor’s card” on the table in the foyer will help you find the meeting place for your child’s class. We’d love to have you return tonight at 6:00 PM for singing, prayer, Bible teaching, and fellowship in a more informal setting.

If you are unfamiliar with **our form of worship**, please feel free to speak with one of the Pastors or Elders. We have resources that will help you understand the biblical rationale for why we worship the way we do. Pastor Meyers’s book *The Lord’s Service: The Grace of Covenant Renewal Worship* (Canon Press, 2003) is also available on our book table. Visit our website for articles, essays, and other helpful information on our worship and life at Providence: [www.prpc-stl.org](http://www.prpc-stl.org)

The **Lord’s Supper** is observed every Sunday 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 as 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.)

## Jesus Christ - Conqueror (Front Cover)



The traditional monograms **IC** and **XC** are ancient Latin abbreviations for **Jesus** (*IHCŌYC*, a Latinized form of his Greek name) and **Christ** (*XRICTOC*). **NIKA** means Victor or Conqueror. Jesus Christ was born to conquer sin, death, and the Devil. The cross in the center of the world reminds us that Jesus has conquered by means of his suffering, death, and resurrection. Jesus now reigns *because* he died for us.

Today our Pulpit and Table paraments are purple or violet—a rich color made with the costliest dyes in the ancient world. It appropriately symbolizes deep, heartfelt, and therefore costly repentance.

## The Lord’s Service at Home

### Lenten Season

**What does Lent mean?** The word “Lent” comes from the Middle English *lente* (“spring”) and from the Old English *lengten* (“to lengthen”), referring to the time of lengthening daylight from Christmas (around the Winter solstice) to Easter (Spring equinox). The Lenten season lasts 40 days, beginning with Ash Wednesday (February 9). In anticipation of the great Paschal mystery (the resurrection of Jesus celebrated on Easter Sunday), we are encouraged to examine ourselves anew in the person and work of Jesus Christ. We follow his example and seek for forty days to wage a more earnest struggle against the world, the flesh, and the devil. Our desire in this is increased sanctification and growth in Christian maturity and obedience.

At the heart of any worthy Lenten observance is a cultivated attitude of repentance. A true repentance means a genuine change in heart and mind, a change of disposition where ever in our lives we need to return to God. That is why true repentance and a true Lent can never be satisfied by mere external observances, no matter how rigorous they are. But repentance is no morbid introspection or “guilt trip” in which we become bound up in ourselves, turned inward to the point of unhealthy despair. Rather, it has to do with God, who is both holy and compassionate. Therefore, Christian repentance always means faith in God, trusting him, responding to his grace. That is why whatever guilt or sorrow we may feel does not crush us. For we know and trust his goodness toward us.

The color for Lent is purple or violet—a rich color made with the costliest dyes in the ancient world. It appropriately symbolizes deep, heartfelt, and therefore costly repentance. Lent is not merely a time to remember and think about the history of our Lord’s suffering and death, but is intended primarily as an opportunity for intense self-examination and repentance, even fasting (Luke 5:34-35). The high point of Lent is reached on Good Friday, when we remember that our sins crucified Christ. In the words of Johann Heermann’s great hymn, “Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee? Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee. ’Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee: I crucified thee” (*Trinity Hymnal* #179). Lenten hymns can be found in the *Trinity Hymnal* #171-196.

## Scripture Readings for Lent – This Week

Mon, Feb 21	1 Sam. 19:1-10	Psalm 61	Luke 9:1-6	Romans 13:1-7
Tues, Feb 22	1 Sam. 19:11-24	Psalm 62	Luke 9:7-17	Romans 13:8-14
Wed, Feb 23	1 Sam. 20:1-11	Psalm 63	Luke 9:18-27	Romans 14:1-12
Thurs, Feb 24	1 Sam. 20:12-17	Psalm 64	Luke 9:28-36	Romans 14:13-23
Fri, Feb. 25	1 Sam. 20:18-29	Psalm 65	Luke 9:37-45	Romans 15:1-7
Sat, Feb. 26	1 Sam. 20:30-42	Psalm 66	Luke 9:46-50	Romans 15:8-13

## Biblical Perspectives on Homosexuality

The Bible has some definite things to say about sexuality, sexual ethics, and the sexual roles of men and women. Yet we live in a time where, perhaps as never before, the world seems unable to even hear what the Bible is saying. There are competing voices on every side, in popular entertainment, in medicine and psychology, in politics and law, and in education. We can each attempt to resist these voices and remain faithful to the word of God, but with so much pressure and confusion, the collective wisdom of the Church applying the Scriptures is needed for God's people to make progress. What should we think when someone confesses to have feelings that he or she shouldn't have? How do we help a struggling Christian pursue holiness and God's will? How do we explain to non-Christian unbelievers what the Bible has to say about desire and decision?

The Apostle Paul does not simply tell us to be moral, but rather "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect." Our minds require renewal for us to determine what the will of God is for our time and circumstances.

A six week Sunday School course will be devoted to giving Christians the tools they need to think, speak, and help in the matter of homosexuality. Through both Bible study and the testimony of Christians with different areas of expertise in dealing with homosexual issues, Pastor Smith will be leading a study to equip the saints in this area. This is an issue that some of us are already dealing with or will very likely deal with in the future in our involvement with friends, neighbors or family members.

## Sunday School Schedule

### February

- 20 Exegetical Perspective Pt. 1: What does the Bible say? - Pastor Chris Smith
- 27 Exegetical Perspective Pt. 2: What does the Bible say? - Pastor Chris Smith

### March

- 6 Therapeutic Perspective - Ben Bhasme, Licensed Counselor, Kaizen Counseling
- 13 Ministry Perspective - Luke Brouwer, FirstLight Ministry
- 20 Biological/Genetic Perspective - Dr. Richard Winter, Covenant Seminary
- 27 Overall Perspective - Pastor Chris Smith

# The Morning Service

The Lord's Day — February 20, 2005

*The Second Sunday in Lent*

**Preparation For Worship: Isaiah 6:1-7**

Organ - Mrs. Janice Koch

Welcome & Announcements - Pastor Jeffrey J. Meyers

## The Entrance

Silent Preparation

Call to Worship: *Isaiah 6:1-3*

*Pastor Jeffrey J. Meyers*

†Hymn #42 "Round the Lord in glory seated"

*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!**

Holy, Holy, Holy is Yahweh of Hosts!

*Isaiah 6:3*

**May the whole earth be filled with his glory!**

†Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord:

**Almighty and everlasting God, Lord of heaven and earth, mercifully hear our prayer, and graciously draw us into your holy presence, through your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, age after age. Amen!**

## Purification

†Pastor: Beloved in the Lord! The foundations of the thresholds of heaven shake with the voice of him who calls us into his presence and his house is filled with his glory (*Isaiah 6:4*):

Woe is me!

*Isaiah 6:5*

**For I am lost.**

For I am a man of unclean lips,

**And I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips.**

For my eyes have seen the King,

**The Lord of Hosts!**

†The congregation stands

O Almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor miserable sinner, confess to you all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended you. I justly deserve your punishment now and forever. But I am heartily sorry for my sins, and sincerely repent of them, and I pray you of your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious to me, a poor sinful being. Forgive me all my sins and grant me the power of your Holy Spirit that I may genuinely amend my sinful life and earnestly persevere in doing your will. Lord, be gracious to me, for Jesus sake I pray. *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 proper, right, and salutary, that we should at all times, and in all places, give praise to you 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: "Holy, Holy, Holy Lord" (Tune of *Trinity Hymnal* #154)

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord  
God of Hosts, eternal King,  
By the heavens and earth adored!  
Angels and archangels sing,  
Chanting everlastingly  
To the blessed Trinity.**

**Since by Thee were all things made,  
And in Thee do all things live,  
Be to Thee all honor paid;  
Praise to Thee let all things give;  
Singing everlastingly  
To the blessed Trinity.**

**Thousands, tens of thousands, stand,  
Spirits blest, before Thy throne,**

Christopher Wordsworth, 1862,  
Arr. from Conrad Kocher, 1838  
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## *Providence's 2005 Spring Banquet*

### *~ General Information ~*

The banquet will be held Friday, March 4th.  
It will be located at Andre's South County location.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$10 per person and are on sale today.

For general questions about the banquet,  
contact Steve Sterner.

### *~ Entertainment ~*

Do you have an idea for a funny skit or song?

"Talent" is not necessarily required.

Please see Tim Werkema today with your ideas.

### *~ Childcare ~*

Please feel welcome to use the childcare that Providence will provide for your children while you attend the banquet.

This service is provided on a donation basis.

Sign your child up when you purchase your ticket.

See Kathy Hoegemann if you have any questions.

tiles, 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, you who know we have no strength: keep us both outwardly and inwardly; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and trouble the soul; 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 #501 "Guide me, O thou great Jehovah" *Trinity Hymnal*

†Benediction: *Numbers 6:24-26*

†Three-fold Amen

†Postlude

Welcome to Providence Reformed Presbyterian Church, especially those who are visiting with us for the first time today. Please fill out the visitor's registration before the service begins. Join us again this evening as we conclude the Lord's day with prayer, singing, Bible teaching, and fellowship.

## **The Evening Service**

*February 20, 2005 — 6:00 PM*

Meditate on *Ephesians 5:1-21*

Prelude

Scripture Reading: *Ephesians 5:1-12*

Lenten Hymns: #409, 415, & 186

Prayer Requests & Prayer

Scripture Reading: 1 Samuel 2:11-26

Sermon: **WHOSE SON ARE YOU?**

**IV. EXPOSITION OF FIRST SAMUEL**

Hymn #581 (*Psalms 16*) "To thee, O Lord, I fly"

Benediction

Postlude

Rebecca Donaldson

Pastor Jeffrey J. Meyers

*Trinity Hymnal*

Pastor Jeff Meyers

*Trinity Hymnal*

Speeding thence at Thy command,  
And, when Thy behests are done,  
Singing everlastingly  
To the blessed Trinity.

**Cherubim and seraphim  
Veil their faces with their wings;  
Eyes of angels are too dim  
To behold the King of kings,  
While they sing eternally  
To the blessed Trinity.**

**Thee apostles, prophets thee, Thee the noble martyr band,  
Praise with solemn jubilee; Thee, the church in every land;  
Singing everlastingly to the blessed Trinity.**

**Hallelujah! Lord, to Thee Father, Son and Holy Ghost,  
Godhead one, and Persons three, join we with the heavenly host,  
Singing everlastingly to the blessed Trinity.**

The Reading from the Law: *Exodus 23:1-9*

Pastor Chris Smith

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

The Epistle Reading: *1 Timothy 1:1-11*

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

†The Gospel Reading: *Matthew 21:23-32*

This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ!

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

†We Confess our Faith: *The Nicene Creed*

**I believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds: God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made; being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made:**

**Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.**

He suffered and was buried;  
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,  
and ascended into heaven,  
and sits on the right hand of the Father.

And he shall come again with glory  
to judge both the living and the dead  
whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
The Lord, and Giver of Life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together  
is worshipped and glorified;  
who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
I acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
And I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen!

Sermon: **QUESTIONS & ANSWERS** Pastor Jeffrey J. Meyers  
**LXV. EXPOSITION OF THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. MATTHEW**

†We Recite God's Holy Standard for Living *Matthew 5:2-12*

Jesus opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
**For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

Blessed are those who mourn,  
**For they shall be comforted.**

Blessed are the meek,  
**For they shall inherit the earth.**

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,  
**For they shall be satisfied.**

Blessed are the merciful,  
**For they shall receive mercy.**

Blessed are the pure in heart,  
**For they shall see God.**

Blessed are the peacemakers,  
**For they shall be called sons of God.**

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness sake,  
**For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you

And utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.  
Rejoice and be glad for your reward is great in heaven,  
**For so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.**

†A Lenten Prayer (Tune of *Trinity Hymnal* #7)

Lord, who throughout these forty days  
For us did fast and pray,  
Teach us with you to mourn our sins,  
And close by you to stay.

As you with Satan did contend  
And did the vict'ry win,  
O give us strength in you to fight,  
In you to conquer sin.

As you did hunger and did thirst,  
So teach us, gracious Lord,  
To die to self and so to live  
By your most Holy Word.

Abide with us, that through this life  
Of suff'ring and of pain  
An Easter of unending joy  
We may at last attain.

## Tribute Offering

We Offer Ourselves Through Tithes and Offerings  
Offertory "Fairest Lord Jesus" (see *Trinity Hymnal* #129)  
Tim Werkema, Guitar & Arrangement

†The *Gloria Patri*

**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 with-  
out end. Amen!**

## The Sacrifice of Peace

†Prayer of Thanksgiving & Memorial  
The Words of Institution  
Hymn #174 "Praise the Saviour" *Trinity Hymnal*  
†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 hast  
prepared before the face of all people; A light to lighten the Gen-