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The Season of Lent

February 27, 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 5:00 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

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** (*IHCOYC*, 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 28	1 Sam. 21:1-9	Psalms 67	Luke 9:51-56	Romans 15:14-21
Tues, March 1	1 Sam. 21:10-15	Psalms 68	Luke 9:57-62	Romans 15:22-33
Wed, March 2	1 Sam. 22:1-5	Psalms 69	Luke 10:1-12	Romans 16:1-16
Thurs, March 3	1 Sam. 22:6-10	Psalms 70	Luke 10:13-16	Romans 16:17-23
Fri, March 4	1 Sam. 22:11-23	Psalms 71	Luke 10:17-20	Romans 16:24-27
Sat, March 5	1 Sam. 23:1-5	Psalms 72	Luke 10:221-24	Acts 1:1-5

I Will Sing My Maker's Praises

1. I will sing my Maker's praises
And in Him most joyful be,
For in all things I see traces
Of His tender love to me.
Nothing else than love could move Him
With such sweet and tender care
Evermore to raise and bear
All who try to serve and love Him.
All things else have but their day,
God's great love abides for aye.
2. Yea, so dear did He esteem me
That His Son He loved so well
He hath given to redeem me
From the quenchless flames of hell.
O Thou Spring of boundless blessing,
How could e'er my feeble mind
Of Thy depth the bottom find
Tho' my efforts were unceasing?
All things else have but their day,
God's great love abides for aye.
3. All that for my soul is needful
He with loving care provides,
Nor of that is He unheedful
Which my body needs besides.
When my strength cannot avail me,
When my powers can do no more,
Doth my God His strength outpour;
In my need He doth not fail me.
All things else have but their day,
God's great love abides for aye.
4. When I sleep, He still is near me,
O'er me rests His guardian eye;
And new gifts and blessings cheer me
When the morning streaks the sky.
Were it not for God's protection,
Had His countenance not been
Here my guide, I had not seen
E'er the end of my affliction.
All things else have but their day,
God's great love abides for aye.
5. As a father never turneth
Wholly from a wayward child,
For the prodigal still yearneth,
Longing to be reconciled,
So my many sins and errors
Find a tender, pardoning God,
Chastening frailty with His rod,
Not, in vengeance, with His terrors.
All things else have but their day,
God's great love abides for aye.
6. Since, then, neither change nor coldness,
In my Father's love can be,
Lo! I lift my hands with boldness,
As Thy child I come to Thee.
Grant me grace, O God, I pray Thee,
That I may with all my might,
All my lifetime, day and night,
Love and trust Thee and obey Thee
And, when this brief life is o'er,
Praise and love Thee evermore.

Eph. 5:19,20
Sollt' ich meinem Gott nicht singen
Paul Gerhardt, 1659, cento
Tr., composite

Sollt' ich meinem Gott
Johann Schop, 1641

The Morning Service

The Lord's Day — February 27, 2005
The Third Sunday in Lent

Preparation For Worship: Isaiah 6:1-7

Organ - Mr. Bill Hoover

Welcome & Announcements - Pastor Jeffrey J. Meyers

The Entrance

Silent Preparation

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

Pastor Jeffrey J. Meyers

†Hymn #11 "O that I had a thousand voices" *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 God, our heavenly Father, you are slow to anger, and full of mercy, welcoming sinners who return to you with penitent hearts; receive in your loving embrace all who come home to you; seat them at your bountiful table of grace, that, with all your children, they may feast with delight on all that satisfies their hunger and thirst for righteousness; 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! Let us draw near to God our Father with a honest heart and confess our sins, asking him to forgive us for Christ's sake:

Search me, O God, and know my heart;

Psalms 139:23-24

Test me and know my thoughts!

†The congregation stands

See if there is any wicked way in me,

And lead me in the way everlasting.

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

The Rite of Holy Baptism

Pastor Jeffrey Meyers

Scripture Readings *Matthew 28:18-20 & Acts 2:38-39*

Parental Vows: *April & Clay Phillips*

Congregational Vows & Admonition

Holy Baptism: *Levi Samuel Phillips*

Prayer of Thanksgiving: *Elder John Keane*

†We Confess our Faith & Renew Covenant: *The Lorica* (see insert)

The Reading from the Psalms: *Psalms 118*

Pastor Chris Smith

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

The New Testament Reading: *Acts 4:1-22*

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

†The Gospel Reading: *Matthew 21:33-46*

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

†Hymn #304 “Open now thy gates of beauty”

Trinity Hymnal

†Prayer

Pastor Tommy Lee

†An Evening Psalm of Praise: *Psalms 134*

Come bless Yahweh, all you servants of Yahweh,

Who stand by night in the house of Yahweh!

Lift up your hands to the holy place

And bless Yahweh!

May Yahweh bless you from Zion,

He who made heaven and earth!

†Psalm 134

“Come, bless the LORD with one accord”

Hymn & Psalm Requests

Prayer Requests & Prayer

†Hymn “I will sing my Maker’s praises”

(see next page)

The Scripture Reading: *1 Corinthians 13:1-13*

Sermon: **THAT THERE BE NO DIVISIONS IN THE BODY, PART II**

Pastor Jeffrey J. Meyers

†Prayer for the Church

Most gracious Father, we humbly pray on behalf of your holy catholic Church. Fill it with all truth, in all peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where anything is amiss, reform it; where it is right, strengthen and confirm it; where it is in want, provide for it; where it is divided and rent asunder, heal the divisions. All this we ask through Jesus Christ, the Lord and Head of the Church. Amen!

†Closing Hymn: #268 “Christ is made the sure Foundation”

†Benediction

Fellowship dinner

Ephesians 4:11-16

And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

grant us grace to renounce all evil and cling to Christ, that in every way we may prove to be your loving children; 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 — 5:00 PM

Joint Worship Service

**Providence Reformed & Cornerstone
Presbyterian Churches**

Preparation for Worship - *1 Corinthians 13:1-13*

Prelude

Mr. Bill Hoover

†Call to Worship

Pastor Jeffrey J. Meyers

Pastor: The Lord be with you!

Ruth 2:4

People: **And also with you!**

One thing I have asked of Yahweh,

Psalms 27:4

One thing I will seek after:

That I may dwell in the house of Yahweh,

All the days of my life,

To gaze upon the beauty of Yahweh.

And to meditate in his palace!

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: **DEATH TO THE SON**

Pastor Jeffrey J. Meyers

LXVI. 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 "Holy God, we praise Thy name"

Te Deum laudamus (O God, we laud Thee)

Te Dominum confetemur (O Lord, we confess Thee)

Holy God, we praise Thy Name;

Lord of all, we bow before Thee!

Infinite Thy vast domain,

Everlasting is Thy reign.

Hark! the loud celestial hymn

Angel choirs above are raising,

Cherubim and seraphim,

In unceasing chorus praising;

Fill the heavens with sweet accord:

"Holy, holy, holy, Lord!"

Lo! the apostolic train

Joins the sacred Name to hallow;

Prophets swell the glad refrain,

And the white-robed martyrs follow;

And from morn to set of sun,

Through the Church the song goes on.

Holy Father, Holy Son,

Holy Spirit, Three we name Thee;

While in essence only One,

Undivided God we claim Thee;

And, adoring, bend the knee,

While we own the mystery.

<p>Text: <i>Grösser Gott, wir loben dich</i> ("Great God, we praise Thee"), ascribed to Ignaz Franz (1719-1790), translated by Clarence Walworth (1820-1900)</p> <p>Music: GRÖSSER GOTT, <i>Catholic Songbook</i>, Vienna, ca. 1774 arranged by John Ferguson, 1988</p>

†Prayer of Dedication & the Lord's Prayer

†The *Gloria Patri*

Glorify 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!

The Sacrifice of Peace

†Prayer of Thanksgiving & Memorial

The Words of Institution

Hymn #124 "At the Name of Jesus"

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 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: God of mercy, you are full of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in mercy, and always ready to forgive;