

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WELCOME TO CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER!** We welcome all who are visiting with us this morning. We are delighted to have you with us. Please fill out one of our visitor cards so that we can get to know you. If you have any questions about COTR, feel free to ask one of our elders, our ministers, or members. We're glad you're here!

**Today-PLEASE PRAY:** This morning, Pastor Wilkins is preaching in the services of the Church of the King Meridian, Idaho. Please pray for God's blessing upon His Word. In Pastor Steve's absence, Assistant Pastor Zach Parker will be leading our services this morning and again this evening. May the Lord bless His Word and our worship today.

**Tonight-HIGH SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP:** This evening, following our evening worship service, the high school students are invited to the fellowship hall where we will eat pizza and watch a movie together.

**Next Sunday-PENTECOST CELEBRATION:** Pentecost Sunday is next Sunday, May 24, and we will again have our Pentecost celebration in the afternoon, beginning at 4:00 in the fellowship hall. It's going to be another great time of food and fellowship together, so plan to come! Because of our Pentecost celebration, we will not have our evening service on May 24.

**NO EVENING SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY**

**GENERAL:**

**CONGRATULATIONS!** We rejoice in the birth of Ezekiel Noah Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Noah Smith last Sunday. Please pray that Ezekiel will continue to grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus.

**UPCOMING:**

**IMAGO DEI ART CAMP:** The first annual Imago Dei Art Camp will be held the last week in July (July 27-31). All high school aged students (13-18) will be able to participate in a variety of visual art projects (which will include painting, drawing, print making, calligraphy, and more!), culminating in the Imago Market and the Collective Showcase. Registration fee is \$200, which includes supplies, and is limited to 50 students – so register today!

**ATHANASIUS PRESS BOOKSTORE:** Don't forget that the AP bookstore offers you the best in theological reading and study – including Jeff Meyers' latest Answers in a Hour book, *What Did God Promise to the Jews?* This amazing book can be yours for only \$8.00. Come to the church office to get your copy and to see all the other books you need in your library!

## CALENDAR

May 24 – Pentecost Sunday  
Pentecost Celebration  
No evening worship  
30 – Trisler-Plyter Wedding  
31 – Ordination and Installation Service for new officers

June 6 – Lizenby-Durham Wedding  
8-11 – Summer Sanctus 2026  
14 – Second Sunday  
Pizza afterwards  
15-20 – 2026 Jubilate Deo Music Camp  
21 – Happy Father's Day!

July 4 – Independence Day.  
10 – Moreau-Clarke Wedding  
12 – Second Sunday  
Pizza afterwards  
27-31 – Imago Dei Art Camp

August 1 – Imago Market and Showcase

### NURSERY WORKERS FOR TODAY:

**Infant:** AM: Stephanie Gulette, AnnaBeth Haisty  
Floater: Hayes Merritt

**Toddler:** AM: Jonathan Cross, Ashton Clark  
Floater: Calhoun Trisler

### NEXT WEEK:

Mercy Cross, Jenni Maney  
Madeleine Cross

Amy Hanson, Maddie Cassidy  
Eli Cychosz

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## THE LORD'S SERVICE

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THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**MAY 17, 2026**

10:00AM MORNING SERVICE

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## THE LORD CALLS US TO DRAW NEAR

MINISTER: “In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, let us worship God.”

† HYMN #212 *“A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing”*

† SALUTATION:

Minister: “Grace to you and peace, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. The Lord be with you.”

**Cong: “And with your spirit”**

Minister: “The LORD has sworn and will not repent,”

**Cong: “You shall be a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.”**

Minister: *“The oracle of Yahweh to my Master: Sit at My Right Hand, until I place your enemies the stool of your feet. The scepter of your strength Yahweh will send out of Zion, Rule in the midst of your enemies. Your people are most willing on your day of force, in the splendor of holiness from the womb of the dawn comes the dew of your young men.” Amen.*

## THE LORD CLEANSSES US

CONFESSION OF SINS:

Minister: “Let us humbly kneel and confess our sins to Almighty God”

**Cong: Almighty God, who has brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ; we confess that we are unworthy of Your redeeming grace. We have not believed Your promises, nor heeded Your Word. We have forgotten the glad tidings of our Savior’s victory over death and have neglected the things that belong to our peace. Forgive us and cleanse us from all our sins, and restore unto us the joy of Your salvation. For the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Redeemer. Amen.**

†ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

Minister: “Arise and hear the good news of God’s forgiveness: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.”

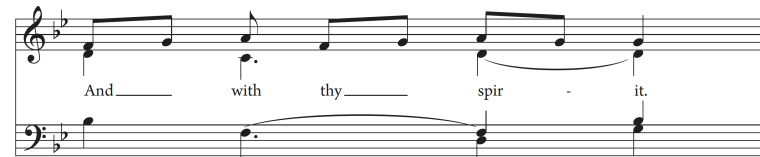
†OPENING ACCLAMATION



†ASCENSION (Sung Preface & Sursum Corda):

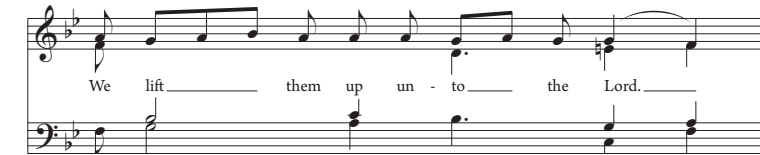
Minister: The Lord be with You.

**Congregation:**



Minister: Lift up your hearts.

**Congregation:**



Minister: Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

**Congregation:**



†The Congregation will please stand

Minister: “It is truly meet, right, and salutary, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee. O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty Everlasting God: Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying:”

† SANCTUS (p. vii, SH)

† PRAYER OF ADORATION

† CANTICLE #4 (SH) *“Gloria in Excelsis”*

## THE LORD INSTRUCTS US

THE LESSON

Acts 1:12-26

Minister: “The Word of the Lord.”

**Cong: “Thanks be to God.”**

CONGREGATIONAL PSALM

Psalms 118:1, 19-29

THE EPISTLE

1 Peter 4:12-19

Minister: “The Word of the Lord.”

**Cong: “Thanks be to God.”**

† HYMN

*“Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise”*

† READING OF THE GOSPEL

John 17:1-11

Minister: “The Gospel of our Lord.

**Cong: “Praise be to You, O Christ.”**

† THREE-FOLD ALLELUIA



SERMON

*“What He Creates For You”*

Pastor Zach Parker

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY #216

*“Crown Him with Many Crowns”*

(the congregation will sing this hymn)

† DOXOLOGY

(We lift our hearts, voices, and hands in praise to God)

† PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

†The Congregation will please stand

## THE LORD COMMUNES WITH US

HYMN #134 (SH)

*“All Peoples, Clap Your Hands for Joy”*

† PRAYER OF INTERCESSION:

Minister: Lord, in your mercy,

**Congregation: Hear our prayer.**

† THE LORD’S PRAYER: page ix (SH)

† NICENE CREED:

**WE 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 the 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 Ghost 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 quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

**AND WE BELIEVE IN THE HOLY GHOST;** the Lord and Giver of life; who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets and in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And we look for the resurrection of the dead; And the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE LORD’S SUPPER:

Words of Institution

Thanksgiving for the Bread

Communion Hymn #30 (SH)

*“At the Name of Jesus”*

Thanksgiving for the Wine

Passing the peace of Christ

Minister: “The Body and Blood of our Lord strengthen and preserve you steadfast in the true faith unto life everlasting; in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.” **Amen.**

## THE LORD COMMISSIONS US

† HYMN

*“Nunc Dimittis” (Vickers)*

† BENEDICTION

† THREE-FOLD AMEN

† HYMN #139 (SH)

*“O All Ye Kingdoms of the Earth”*

†The Congregation will please stand