

## 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–THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:** We rejoice this morning to have the baptism of Jacob Thomas Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Braden Smith. Please pray that Jacob will continue to grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus.

**HOSPITALITY MEAL TODAY:** If you don't have plans for lunch today, you are welcome to join some of our families for a meal in the fellowship hall. It's going to be a great time to enjoy some good food and great fellowship!

**HIGH SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP:** We will have our next High School Fellowship tonight after evening worship, beginning at 7:15 p.m. All high schoolers are invited – so plan to hang around after worship and enjoy a great time of food and fellowship together.

**Friday–RENEWAL CENTER LUNCH:** We will again be serving lunch at the Renewal Center this coming Friday. If you would like to help prepare the food, please contact Jackie in the church office or through Realm.

**FRIDAYS WITH FLANNERY:** “Fridays With Flannery” resumes this coming Friday evening, April 12, at 7:00 p.m. We will be meeting in the home of Mrs. Jackie Peacock (503 Hilton) and discussing the story, “The Artificial Nigger.” Fellowship begins at 7:00 p.m. and our discussion begins at 7:15. Make plans to come and join in the fun!

**Next Sunday–SECOND SUNDAY SERVICE:** Next Sunday evening we will have our special “Second Sunday” service with a time of learning some new hymns, prayer, and a brief study on the history of the Church. And afterwards, we'll have pizza! So plan to come!

**PIZZA FELLOWSHIP:** We will be serving pizza after our “Second Sunday” service next Sunday evening. The cost is \$2.00 per person or \$10 per family. Please let the Deacons know if you're coming and how many you'll be bringing – and please do that by this coming Friday!

**COLLEGE & CAREER FELLOWSHIP:** Next Sunday after pizza, we'll have our College & Career group fellowship. Make plans to enjoy some pizza and have a great time of fellowship afterwards!

### UPCOMING:

**DYC SPRING CONCERT & GENEVA ACADEMY ART SHOW:** The Delta Youth Chorale's Spring concert will be held on Thursday, May 2, at 7:00 p.m. here in the sanctuary. The concert will be preceded by the annual Geneva Academy Art Show (at 5:00). You will not want to miss these two outstanding events!

**DALE ELLISON SPEAKING:** We will have the privilege of having Dale Ellison (from the Peru Mission) give a report on the mission, Sunday morning, May 5, in the Adult Sunday School class. Plan to come!

**PENTECOST SUNDAY:** This year, Pentecost falls on Sunday, May 19. We will have our annual Pentecost feast in the afternoon so plan accordingly!

## CALENDAR

April 7 – High School fellowship, 7:15 p.m.  
12 – Renewal Center Lunch, 11:30 a.m.  
Fridays with Flannery, 7:00 p.m.  
14 – Second Sunday service, 6:00 p.m.  
Pizza fellowship, 7:00 p.m.  
College & Career fellowship, 7:30 p.m.  
21 – High School fellowship, 7:15 p.m.  
26 – Fridays with Flannery, 7:00 p.m.  
28 – College & Career fellowship, 7:15 p.m.

May 2 – DYC Spring concert and the Geneva Art Show  
5 – Dale Ellison speaking in Adult Sunday School  
High School fellowship, 7:15 p.m.  
10 – Renewal Center lunch, 11:30 a.m.  
Fridays with Flannery, 7:00 p.m.  
12 – Second Sunday service, 6:00 p.m.  
Pizza fellowship, 7:00 p.m.  
College & Career fellowship, 7:30 p.m.  
17 – Geneva Academy Graduation ceremony, 7:00 p.m.  
19 – Pentecost Sunday  
Pentecost feast, 5:00 p.m., no evening service  
26 – Trinity Sunday  
College & Career fellowship, 7:15 p.m.

June 9 – Second Sunday service, 6:00 p.m.  
Pizza fellowship, 7:00 p.m.  
College & Career fellowship, 7:15 p.m.  
14 – Renewal Center Lunch, 11:30 a.m.  
Fridays with Flannery, 7:00 p.m.

### NURSERY WORKERS FOR TODAY:

**Infant:** AM: Savannah Riley, Joanna Gunter  
Floater: Emmalyne Eley

**Toddler:** AM: Kaitlyn Rockett, Amy Booth  
Floater: Parker Hanson

### NEXT WEEK:

Jordan Myers, Abby McCarty  
Molly Nash

Micah McCoy, Amity Eley  
Owen Myers

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## THE LORD'S SERVICE

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

**APRIL 7, 2024**

10:00AM MORNING SERVICE

## THE LORD CALLS US TO DRAW NEAR

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

† HYMN #198

*“Jesus Christ is Risen Today”*

† 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: “Christ our Passover lamb has been sacrificed for us;”

**Cong: “Therefore, let us celebrate the feast!”**

Minister: “For I know that my Redeemer lives, And He shall stand at last on the earth; and after my skin is destroyed, this I know, That in my flesh I shall see God” **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.”

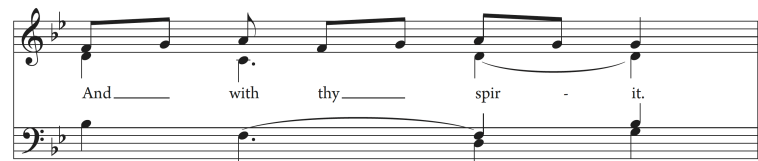


† OPENING ACCLAMATION:

† 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:**



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 singing:”

†The Congregation will please stand

† SANCTUS (p. vii, SH)

† PRAYER OF ADORATION

† CANTICLE #4 (SH)

*“Gloria in Excelsis”*

## THE LORD INSTRUCTS US

THE LESSON

Acts 4:32-35

Minister: “The Word of the Lord.”

**Cong: “Thanks be to God.”**

CONGREGATIONAL PSALM

Psalm 118:1,19-29

THE EPISTLE

1 John 1:1-2:2

Minister: “The Word of the Lord.”

**Cong: “Thanks be to God.”**

† HYMN #201

*“The Strife is O’er”*

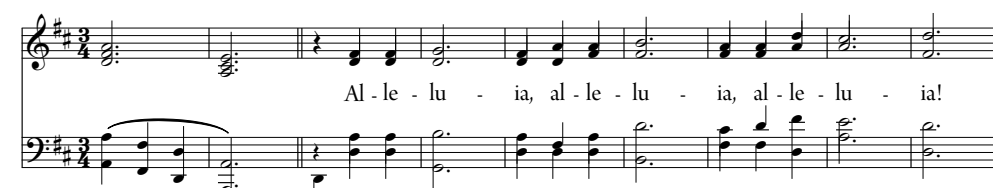
† READING OF THE GOSPEL

John 20:19-31

Minister: “The Gospel of our Lord.”

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

† THREE-FOLD ALLELUIA:



† PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

*“Fellowship and Life”*

Pastor Steve Wilkins

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY #197

*“The Day of Resurrection”*

(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 #596

*“Jesus Lives and So Shall I”*

† 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 #207 *“Christ Jesus Lay in Death’s Strong Bands”*

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 #5 (SH)

*“Nunc Dimittis”*

† BENEDICTION

† THREE-FOLD AMEN

†The Congregation will please stand