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 Una daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Luke Mason. Please pray for Ana that she will continue to grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus.

HOSPITALITY SUNDAY: Once again we encourage you to show hospitality to one another and take advantage of the day to spend time with other families and individuals in the afternoon and evening. In order to give us more time for fellowship, we will not be having our regular evening service this evening.

Wednesday–JOINT OFFICERS MEETING: This Wednesday the elders and deacons will have their annual joint meeting beginning at 6:30 p.m. Please pray that the Lord will bless our officers as they meet together.

Saturday–CHURCH WORK DAY: This coming Saturday we will be having a church "work-day" to do some clean-up and fix-up around our building. We'll begin at 8:00 and finish up by noon. If you are able to help out, please text one of the following men so we can plan crews and supplies: Jeremy Bennett – (713) 819-3605; Bart Lizenby – (318) 237-9610; Alex Moreau – 318-237-6484.

Next Sunday–PASTOR CALEB SKOGEN PREACHING: We will be welcoming Pastor Caleb Skogen to preach in both of our services next Sunday morning and evening. Pastor Skogen is an Associate Pastor in the Providence Reformed Presbyterian Church of St. Louis, Missouri. Caleb is a graduate of Lee University, and Covenant Theological Seminary. He and his wife Catie have two daughters. Please pray for Pastor Skogen as he brings the Word of God to us next Sunday.

PLEASE PRAY: In addition to praying for Pastor Skogen, please pray for our own Pastor Zach, as he will be preaching next Sunday in the services of Immanuel Reformed Church, of Birmingham, Alabama.

BABY BOTTLES FOR LIFE CHOICES: It's time again to assist our crisis Pregnancy Center with their annual fund raising, "Baby Bottles for Life." There are empty baby bottles in the foyer for you to take home and fill up with loose change. So, please take a bottle and fill it up with change! It's a great way for you and your children to participate in a vital ministry.

THE SEASON OF ADVENT: Remember, Advent begins Sunday, November 29, and since that is the fifth Sunday of November, we will not have evening service that evening.

DECORATING FOR ADVENT: Saturday, November 28, we'll be decorating the sanctuary and fellowship hall for Advent. Lots of help will be needed, so if you are able to help, please plan to come – the more hands, the better! We'll begin at 10:00 a.m. See you then!

BRIDAL SHOWER: There will be a Bridal Shower in honor of Kathryn Cross in the home of Mrs. Jackie Peacock (503 Hilton) on Thursday, December 3, from 6-8 p.m. All ladies are invited.

MESSIAH "SING-A-LONG": On Sunday evening, December 13, we will be having a sing-along performance of Part One of Handel's beloved oratorio, accompanied by small orchestra and featured soloists. It's going to be a great time to rejoice in commemoration of the coming and victorious work of Jesus. It will free of charge (donations appreciated) and promises to be a memorable time of music and song so make plans to be here!

2027 CHRISTENDOM LECTURES: Our 2027 Christendom Lectures will be held Monday through Wednesday, January 4-6, 2027. Our speakers this year are Pastor Rich Lusk, Dr. Warren Gage, and Dr. Michael Collender. Mark your calendar and make plans to attend!

CALENDAR

November 15 – Hospitality Sunday, no evening service
18 – Joint Officers Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
21 – Church work day, 8-noon
22 – Pastor Caleb Skogen preaching in both services
26 – Happy Thanksgiving!
28 – Decorating sanctuary and fellowship hall, 10:00 a.m.
29 – First Sunday of Advent
Fifth Sunday, no evening worship

December 3 – Bridal Shower for Kathryn Cross
6 – Second Sunday of Advent
10 – DYC Fall Concert
11 – DeSiard Street Shelter lunch, 11:30 a.m.
13 – Third Sunday of Advent
Messiah "Sing-A-Long", 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary
20 – Last Sunday of Advent
Hospitality Sunday, no evening worship
24 – Christmas Eve Service, 6:00 p.m.
27 – First Sunday of Christmas

January 1 – Feast of Christ's Circumcision, Happy New Year!
4-6 – Christendom Lectures
6 – Feast of Epiphany
10 – Second Sunday
Pizza fellowship afterwards
17 – Hospitality Sunday, no evening service
31 – Fifth Sunday, no evening service

February 5-6 – RSA "Preview" Weekend

NURSERY WORKERS FOR TODAY:

Infant: *AM:* Bethany Wilkins, Amelia Nash
Floater: Samatha Richey

Toddler: *AM:*Ed Lang, Jeremy Bennett
Floater: Charlie McBroom

NEXT WEEK:

Shannon Trisler, Abby McCarty
Evie Lizenby

Joshua Mayfield, Carson McBroom
Tyler Moreau

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THE LORD'S SERVICE

The 25th Sunday after Pentecost

NOVEMBER 15, 2026

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 #9 *"Hallelujah! Hallelujah!"*

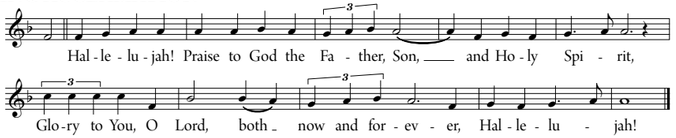
† SALUTATION:
Minister: "Grace to you and peace, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. The Lord be with you."
Cong: "And with your spirit"
Minister: "Master, You have been a dwelling for us,"
Cong: "Generation after generation."
Minister: *"Satisfy us in the morning with your kindevotion, and we will sing for joy and rejoice all our days. Make us glad according to the days you afflicted us, the years we saw evil. May your deed be seen to your servants, and your majesty to their sons. And may the beauty of the Master our God rest upon us, and the work of our hands establish for us—yes, the work of our hands, establish it!"* ***Amen.***

THE LORD CLEANSES US

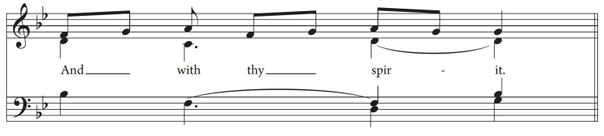
CONFESSION OF SINS:
Minister: "Let us humbly kneel and confess our sins to Almighty God"
Cong: Most holy and merciful Father, we confess before You our sinful natures and all our shortcomings and offenses against You. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from Your ways, in wasting Your gifts, & in forgetting Your love. O Lord, have mercy on us. Teach us to hate our errors, cleanse us from our secret faults, and forgive our sins, and for the sake of Your dear Son, grant that we may henceforth live in Your light and walk in Your ways, according to the commandments of Jesus Christ our Lord. 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."
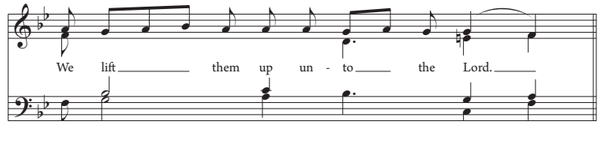
†OPENING ACCLAMATION
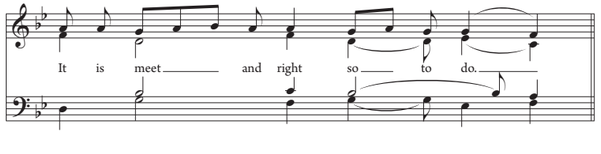


†ASCENSION (Sung Preface & Sursum Corda):
Minister: The Lord be with You.
Congregation:



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 #10 (SH) *"God Be Merciful"*

THE LORD INSTRUCTS US

THE LESSON Zephaniah 1:7-16
Minister: "The Word of the Lord."
Cong: "Thanks be to God."
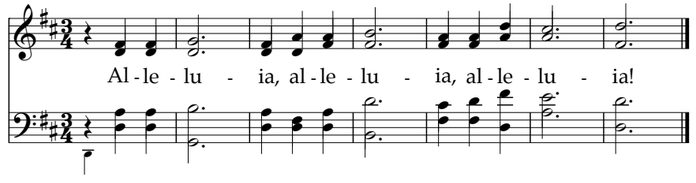
CONGREGATIONAL PSALM Psalm 93

THE EPISTLE 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Minister: "The Word of the Lord."
Cong: "Thanks be to God."

† HYMN #83 *"We Praise Thee, O God, Our Redeemer"*

† READING OF THE GOSPEL Matthew 25:14-30
Minister: "The Gospel of our Lord.
Cong: "Praise be to You, O Christ."

† THREE-FOLD ALLELUIA



SERMON TEXT: Acts 5:33-42

SERMON *"Trajectories and Future Tripping"*
Pastor Zach Parker

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION.

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY #226 *"Rejoice, the Lord is King"*
(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 #120 *"O Christ, Our Hope, Our Heart's Desire"*

† 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 #427 (1st) *"Jesus, Love of My Soul"*
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