

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–HOSPITALITY MEAL: We will again have our hospitality meal today after our morning service in the fellowship hall. Everyone is invited to stay and eat with some of our COTR families.

WILL GUNTER PREACHING: Tonight in our evening service, we will have the privilege of having Mr. Will Gunter preaching God's Word. Please pray for God's blessing upon His word.

HIGH SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP: Tonight, after our evening service, there will be bowling at Bayou Bowl on U.S. Hwy 165 North. Plan to be there between 7:45 to 8 p.m.

Monday–MEN'S BI-MONTHLY BOOK STUDY: Our Men's book study will continue tomorrow evening, at 7:00 p.m. Plan to come!

Thursday–Geneva Academy Art Show & DYC Spring concert: The annual Geneva Academy Art Show will be held this Thursday, beginning at 5:00 p.m. here at COTR. Once again the art show will be followed by the Delta Youth Chorale's Spring concert at 7:00 p.m. in our sanctuary. This is always a great event so make plans to come.

Friday–FIRST FRIDAY YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP: The Young Adult Fellowship will meet this Friday at 7:00 p.m. All college-age students are welcome to attend!

GOLDEN APPLES PERFORMANCE: Geneva Academy's Golden Apples drama club will be putting on the first of 4 performances of *The Phantom Tollbooth* (an adaptation of Norton Juster's novel) this Friday, at 7:00 p.m. These performances are free of charge but donations are welcome. Come and enjoy some great entertainment!

Saturday–GOLDEN APPLES PERFORMANCE: Geneva Academy's Golden Apples drama club will be putting on their second performance of *The Phantom Tollbooth* at 3:00 p.m.

Next Sunday–SPRING PARISH-WIDE FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS: Our Spring Parish-wide fellowship meetings will be held next Sunday afternoon and evening. Please check with your parish elder(s) for the time and place of your parish's meeting. Because of our fellowship meetings, we will not have evening worship next Sunday.

NO EVENING SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY: Because of our parish fellowship meetings, we will not have our evening service next Sunday.

GENERAL:

CONGRATULATIONS! We rejoice with Zach Parker over the successful completion of the requirements for ordination into the office of minister in the Church of our Lord Jesus Christ. May the Lord grant Zach many years of faithful and fruitful service.

UPCOMING:

GOLDEN APPLES PERFORMANCE: Geneva Academy's Golden Apples drama club will be putting on two more performance of *The Phantom Tollbooth* on Friday, May 12, at 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, May 13, at 3:00 p.m. Make plans to come!

ORDINATION & INSTALLATION SERVICE: We will be having the ordination and installation service for Zachary Parker, in our evening service, Sunday, May 14. There will be a reception afterwards. Please plan to come and give thanks to God for His gift of another minister to His Church.

CALENDAR

- May 1 – Men's Book Study, 7:00 p.m.
4 – Geneva Academy Art Show & DYC Spring concert
5 – First Friday Young Adult fellowship, 7:00 p.m.
Golden Apples performance, *The Phantom Tollbooth*, 7:00 p.m.
6 – Golden Apples performance, *The Phantom Tollbooth*, 3:00 p.m.
7 – Spring Parish-wide fellowship meetings
No evening service
12 – Renewal Center lunch, 11:30 a.m.
Golden Apples performance, *The Phantom Tollbooth*, 7:00 p.m.
13 – Baby Shower for Anna Beth Haisty, COTR fellowship hall, 11:00 a.m.
Golden Apples performance, *The Phantom Tollbooth*, 3:00 p.m.
14 – Ordination service for Zachary Parker, 6:00 p.m.
Reception afterwards
15 – Men's Book Study, 7:00 p.m.
17 – Session Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
18 – Geneva Academy 2023 graduation
26 – Fridays With Flannery, "Greenleaf", 7:00 p.m. at the Vaughns
28 – Pentecost Sunday
Pentecost feast, 4:00 p.m.
No evening service
- June 2 – First Friday Young Adult fellowship, 7:00 p.m.
4 – Trinity Sunday
5 – Men's Book Study, 7:00 p.m.
9 – Renewal Center lunch, 11:30 a.m.
Fridays With Flannery, 7:00 p.m.
11 – Second Sunday service
Recognition of our 2023 High School Graduates
Pizza supper afterwards

NURSERY WORKERS FOR TODAY:

Infant: AM: Grace Maddox, Sophie Booth
Floater: Kathryn Cross

Toddler: AM: Melissa Cross, Anna Dlugosh
Floater: Oz Wilkins

NEXT WEEK:

Esther Catledge, Jamie Cychosz
Layla Booth

Darren Dlugosh, Luke Trisler
Carter Lang

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THE LORD'S SERVICE

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 30, 2023

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 #3 (2nd) *“From All that Dwell Below the Skies”*

† 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: “Alleluia! Christ is risen!”

Cong: “The Lord is risen, indeed! Alleluia!”

Minister: “As for me, I will see Your face in righteousness; I shall be satisfied when I awake in Your likeness.” *Amen.*

THE LORD CLEANSSES US

CONFESSION OF SINS:

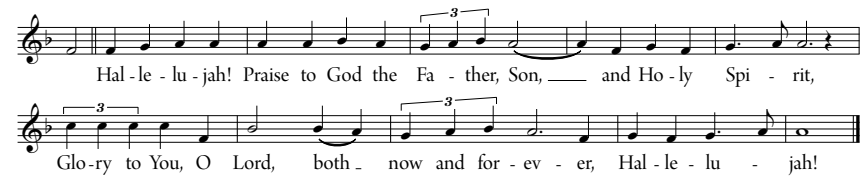
Minister: “Let us humbly kneel and confess our sins to Almighty God”

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:

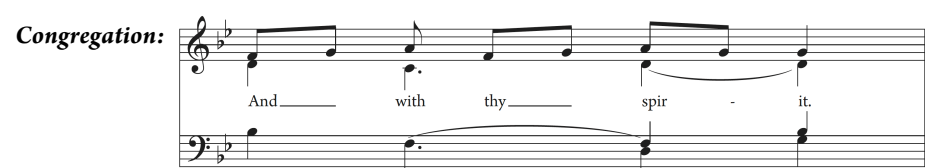


Hal-le-lu-jah! Praise to God the Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Spi-rit,
Glo-ry to You, O Lord, both now and for-ev-er, Hal-le-lu-jah!

† ASCENSION (Sung Preface & Sursum Corda):

Minister: The Lord be with You.

Congregation:



And with thy spir-it.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

Congregation:



We lift them up un-to the Lord.

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

Congregation:



It is meet and right so to do.

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 2:42-47

Minister: “The Word of the Lord.”

Cong: “Thanks be to God.”

CONGREGATIONAL PSALM

Psalm 23

THE EPISTLE

1 Peter 2:19-25

Minister: “The Word of the Lord.”

Cong: “Thanks be to God.”

† HYMN #119

“O Lord, How Shall I Meet Thee”

† READING OF THE GOSPEL

John 10:1-10

Minister: “The Gospel of our Lord.”

Cong: “Praise be to You, O Christ.”

† THREE-FOLD ALLELUIA:



Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

† PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

“The Good Shepherd and the Thief”

Pastor Steve Wilkins

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY #77 (1st)

“The Lord’s My Shepherd”

(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 #116

“Thou Art the Way”

† 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 #182 (SH) *“How Firm a Foundation”*

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