

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!

Wednesday–LADIES BOOK STUDY: The Ladies Book Study will continue this Wednesday evening, studying chapter 2 of *The Other Half of Church*. This study is for all ladies (ages 18-88) and will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Childcare will be provided for children under 10 years old (a \$5.00 donation is suggested per family).

Friday– MONROE MOCCASINS HOCKEY! The first game of the 2026-27 hockey season is scheduled for Friday, October 9th. Tickets are \$12 (a savings of \$6 per ticket). Children in arms are free! Deadline to sign up for tickets is October 6th. To order tickets, please check with Miss Jackie and if you have questions, check with Jim Turner.

Next Sunday—PARISH-WIDE FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS: Our next Parish-wide fellowship meetings will be held the afternoon and evening of Sunday, October 11. Please check with your parish elder(s) for the time and place for your parish.

UPCOMING!

MONROE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA—The opening season for MSO will be held here in the sanctuary on Saturday, October 10th. John Hodges will once again be conducting. Mark your calendar. More information forthcoming.

LANGS’ ANNIVERSARY DANCE—The Russel Langs are once again hosting their annual anniversary dance. The festivities will begin October 17th at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The entire family is invited. The polkas and other dances conclude at 8:00 p.m. Make plans to enjoy the evening!

HOSPITALITY SUNDAY: Our October “Hospitality Sunday” will be Sunday, October 18. We encourage you to invite guests into your home, join with other families, or take advantage of our hospitality meal in the fellowship hall, after our morning service. We will not be having our evening service.

ATHANASIUS PRESS BOOKSTORE: Don’t forget that the AP bookstore offers you the best in theological reading and study – including Bill Smith’s latest book, *A Covenant Primer*. This excellent book can be yours for only \$10.00. Come to the church office to get your copy and to see all the other books you need in your library!

CALENDAR

- October 7 – Ladies Book Study, 7:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall
- 9 – DeSiard Street Shelter lunch, 11:30 a.m.
- 10 - Monroe Symphony Orchestra at COTR
- 11 – Parish-wide Fellowships
- No evening service
- 14 – Ladies Book Study, 7:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall
- 17 - Russel Langs’ Anniversary Dance, 6 - 8 p.m., Fellowship Hall
- 18 – Hospitality Sunday, no evening worship
- 21 – Ladies Book Study, 7:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall
- 28 – Ladies Book Study, 7:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

- November 1 – All Saints Day celebration
- 4 – Ladies Book Study, 7:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall
- 8 – Second Sunday
- Pizza Fellowship afterwards
- 11 – Ladies Book Study, 7:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall
- 13 – DeSiard Street Shelter lunch, 11:30 a.m.
- 15 – Hospitality Sunday, no evening worship
- 26 – Happy Thanksgiving!
- 29 – First Sunday of Advent
- Fifth Sunday, no evening worship

- December 6 – Second Sunday of Advent
- 10 – DYC Fall Concert
- 11 – DeSiard Street Shelter lunch, 11:30 a.m.
- 13 – Second Sunday, Third Sunday of Advent

- 20 – Last Sunday of Advent
- Hospitality Sunday, no evening worship

NURSERY WORKERS FOR TODAY:

Infant: AM: Victoria Dlugosh, Sharon Sharp
Floater: Madeleine Cross

Toddler: AM: Rachel Huber, Heidi Lang
Floater: Erick Huber

NEXT WEEK:

Sarah Freeland, Emily Nash
Sophie Nash

Brode Huber, Nicholas Dlugosh
Spencer McBroom

CHURCH of the REDEEMER is a member of the Communion of Reformed Evangelical Churches (CREC). The CREC is an international church community with member congregations all across North and South America, Western and Eastern Europe, and Eastern Asia. We are evangelical believers who embrace the historic Christian faith, in the Protestant Reformation tradition. More information may be found at <https://crechurches.org>.

CHURCH of the REDEEMER

715 Cypress Street | West Monroe, LA 71291
Phone: (318) 323-3061 | Fax: (318) 387-5135
www.redeemertwincities.org

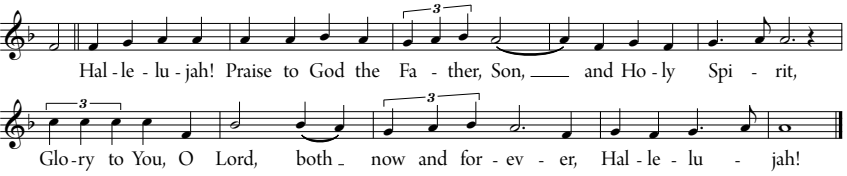
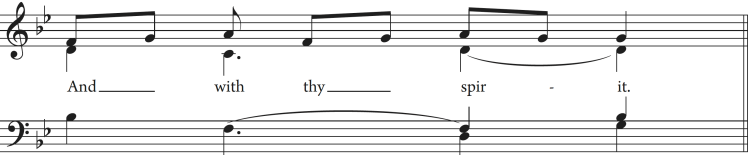


THE LORD’S SERVICE

THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 4, 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 (Insert)	<i>“Praise the Lord, Ye Heav’ns Adore Him”</i>
† 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.”	
<i>Cong: “And with your spirit”</i>	
Minister: “Shepherd of Israel, give ear; come to our salvation,”	
<i>Cong: “Restore us, O God.”</i>	
Minister: “God of Hosts, restore us, and cause your face to shine, and we shall be saved. A vine from Egypt you brought forth—you drove out nations and planted it. You cleared space, and you rooted its roots deeply, and it filled the land...God of hosts, return, look from heaven and see, and visit this vine. And be the protection of what your right hand has planted, and over the son, whom you firmly chose for yourself.” Amen.	
THE LORD CLEANSES US	
CONFESSION OF SINS:	
Minister: “Let us humbly kneel and confess our sins to Almighty God”	
<i>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.</i>	
†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.	
<i>Congregation:</i> 	
Minister: Lift up your hearts.	
<i>Congregation:</i> 	
Minister: Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.	
<i>Congregation:</i> 	
†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 #14 (SH)	
<i>“A Song of David”</i>	
THE LORD INSTRUCTS US	
THE LESSON	
Isaiah 5:1-7	
Minister: “The Word of the Lord.”	
<i>Cong: “Thanks be to God.”</i>	
CONGREGATIONAL PSALM	
Psalm 98	
THE EPISTLE	
Philippians 3:4-14	
Minister: “The Word of the Lord.”	
<i>Cong: “Thanks be to God.”</i>	
† HYMN #279	
<i>“O Thou Who the Shepherd of Israel Art”</i>	
† READING OF THE GOSPEL	
Matthew 21:33-46	
Minister: “The Gospel of our Lord.	
<i>Cong: “Praise be to You, O Christ.”</i>	
† THREE-FOLD ALLELUIA	
	
† READING OF THE TEXT:	
Genesis 31:1-14	
SERMON	
<i>“Leading as Greater, Lesser Lights”</i>	
Pastor Zach Parker	
PRAYER OF CONSECRATION	
GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS	
OFFERTORY #268	
<i>“Christ is Made the Sure Foundation”</i>	
(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 (Insert)	<i>“If God Had Not Been on Our Side”</i>
† PRAYER OF INTERCESSION:	
Minister: Lord, in your mercy,	
<i>Congregation: Hear our prayer.</i>	
† 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 #403	<i>“Not What My Hands Have Done”</i>
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)	<i>“Nunc Dimittis”</i>
† BENEDICTION	
† THREE-FOLD AMEN	
†The Congregation will please stand	