

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 TODAY: We will have our weekly hospitality meal today in the fellowship hall after our morning service. If you have no plans for lunch, feel free to join some of our COTR families for some great food and fellowship.

Tonight--HIGH SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP: Our High School Fellowship will be held tonight after the evening worship service around 7:15 p.m. All high school students are encouraged to attend for a meal, a study of the Heidelberg Catechism, as well as for a time of prayer for one another.

Tuesday--SHROVE TUESDAY CELEBRATION: We will mark the end of Epiphany with our annual Shrove Tuesday celebration, this Tuesday, beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. **PLEASE CHECK THE SIGN UP SHEETS IN THE FOYER TO SEE IF YOU CAN HELP.** This is always a highlight of the year for us so plan to be here for pancakes, music, and great entertainment.

Wednesday--ASH WEDNESDAY PRAYER SERVICE: Again this year we'll begin our observance of the season of Lent with a noon prayer service here in the sanctuary. The service will begin at 12:05 p.m. Make plans to join us.

Saturday--TRAIL LIFE DERBY: The Annual Trail life/American Heritage Girls Derby will be held this Saturday, here at COTR. Check-in begins at 10 a.m. and races will begin at 11 a.m. (and continue till 1:00 p.m.). Redeemer and Geneva Students 1st-12th grade are invited to join us and compete!

GENERAL:

CONGRATULATIONS! We rejoice in the birth of Simeon Athanasius Gunter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Will Gunter. Praise God from Whom all blessings flow!

UPCOMING:

SCHOOL OF CULTURAL RENEWAL: We will again have our Spring School of Cultural Renewal in March during the five Wednesday evenings of Lent (beginning March 1). We'll again be treated to an excellent meal prepared by our 5-star chef, Micah McCoy, at 5:15 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Then, we're going to have two outstanding classes. In the first class, Zach Parker will be teaching on the Minor Prophets. This will be a survey of the books of Hosea-Malachi - one of the most neglected portions of God's Word. The second class will be taught by Jarrod Richey and will be on "Church Hymnody." Jarrod, with Glen Warner and Sarah Davis, have been working hard on our Redeemer Hymnal, and he is going to consider some of history's greatest hymn writers and their hymns. Two great classes! Make plans to come!

CALENDAR

February 21 - Shrove Tuesday celebration
22 - Ash Wednesday Prayer service, 12:00 p.m.
25 - Trail Life Derby, 11:00 a.m.
26 - First Sunday in Lent

March 1 - SCR, eat at 5:15 p.m., classes begin at 6:10 p.m.
4 - First Friday Young Adult Fellowship, 7:00 p.m.
5 - High School Fellowship, 7:15 p.m.
7 - Ladies' Bible Study, 7:00 p.m., choir room
8 - SCR #2, meal at 5:15, classes begin 6:10 p.m.
10 - Renewal Center lunch, 11:30 a.m.
12 - Second Sunday service
15 - SCR #3, meal at 5:15, classes begin at 6:10 p.m.
19 - High School Fellowship, 7:15 p.m.
22 - SCR #4, meal at 5:15, classes begin at 6:10 p.m.
29 - SCR #5, meal at 5:15, classes begin at 6:10 p.m.

April 2 - Palm Sunday
2 - High School Fellowship, 7:15 p.m.
4 - Ladies' Bible Study, 7:00 p.m., choir room
7 - Good Friday service, 6:00 p.m.
9 - Easter Sunday
14 - Renewal Center lunch, 11:30 a.m.
16 - High School Fellowship, 7:15 p.m.

NURSERY WORKERS FOR TODAY:

Infant: AM: Rebekah Landry, Stephanie Gullette
Floater: Marley Amos

Toddler: AM: Tim Maney, Remy Wilkins
Floater: Tyler Cychosz

NEXT WEEK:

Anna Dlugosh, Abby McCarty
Maggie Myers

Shelby Maddox, Matt Wilkins
Arthur Richey

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THE LORD'S SERVICE

THE LAST SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 19, 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 #53 *“Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah”*

† 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: “With You, O Lord, is the fountain of life”

Cong: “In Your light we see light.”

Minister: “Yahweh is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? Yahweh is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?” **Amen.**

THE LORD CLEANSSES US

CONFESSION OF SINS:

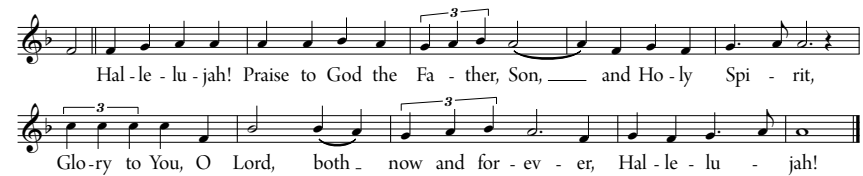
Minister: “Let us humbly kneel and confess our sins to Almighty God”

Cong: Almighty and merciful God, we have sinned against You and against one another in what we have done and what we have left undone. We confess that in Jesus our light has come, yet we have often departed from His ways and ignored His truth. Forgive our sins and deliver us from all the remnants of darkness which shroud our lives. Illumine us by Your Word that we may shine with the radiance of Christ’s glory and be confirmed in the ways of life and light for the honor of Your holy Son, Jesus, 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:

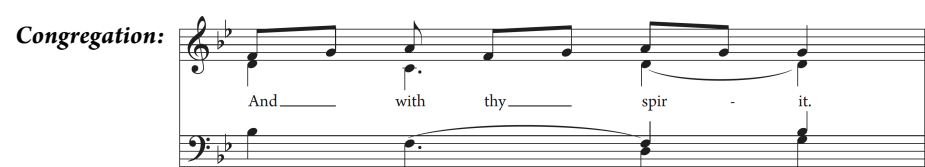


Hal-le-lu-jah! Praise to God the Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Spi-rit,
Glo-ry to You, O Lord, both now and for-ev-er, Hal-le-lu-jah!

† 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 #6 (SH) *“Te Deum”*

THE LORD INSTRUCTS US

THE LESSON

Exodus 24:8-18

Minister: “The Word of the Lord.”

Cong: “Thanks be to God.”

CONGREGATIONAL PSALM

Psalm 2:1-12

THE EPISTLE

2 Peter 1:12-21

Minister: “The Word of the Lord.”

Cong: “Thanks be to God.”

† HYMN #122 *“Of the Father’s Love Begotten”*

† READING OF THE GOSPEL Matthew 17:1–9

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 Promise Made More Sure”*

Pastor Steve Wilkins

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY #385 *“O God, to Us Show Mercy”*

(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 #372

“Arm of the Lord, Awake, Awake!”

† 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 #121 (SH) *“Why Do the Restless Nations Rage”*

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