

## 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–HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!** May the Lord uphold, strengthen, and bless all of our mothers and grant them great joy and peace in the glorious work that God has given them. We thank God for your faithfulness!

**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 enjoy some good food and great fellowship!

**SECOND SUNDAY SERVICE:** This evening we'll have our "Second Sunday" service and will be recognizing our 2024 graduating seniors. We'll also have a time of prayer and a brief study of the history of the Church – and pizza afterwards!

**PIZZA FELLOWSHIP:** After our "Second Sunday" service this evening, we'll again have pizza in the fellowship hall. Come and enjoy.

**COLLEGE & CAREER FELLOWSHIP:** This evening after our service, we will again have a fellowship time for all our college and career young people. Make plans to come!

**Friday–GENEVA ACADEMY GRADUATION:** Geneva Academy will hold graduation ceremonies for the Class of 2024 this coming Friday evening, May 17, beginning at 7:00. Come and congratulate our seniors!

**Next Sunday–PENTECOST CELEBRATION:** Our Pentecost celebration will be next Sunday, May 19, beginning at 4:00 p.m. We'll have some delicious fish and great fellowship as usual – so plan to come! [**Because of our Pentecost celebration, we will not have our evening service**]

### GENERAL:

**CONGRATULATIONS!** We rejoice in the safe birth of Camille Alicia Hurd, daughter of Mr. And Mrs. Josh Hurd. Camille was born Thursday, May 2. Praise God from Whom all blessings flow!

### UPCOMING:

**SUMMER SKILLS CLASSES:** We will be holding a number of "Summer Skills" classes for all ladies who are interested. They will begin on May 25 with a class on "Watercolor." Mark your calendars and make plans to come and learn some new things!

**FRIDAYS WITH FLANNERY:** Our only "Fridays with Flannery" study this month will be on Friday, May 24, when we'll be discussing the story "The Partridge Festival." Plan to come!

**JUBILATE DEO MUSIC CAMP:** The 2024 Jubilate Deo Music Camp is just around the corner, June 24-29. It's going to be another great time for our children and young people so please pray for God's blessing upon this important event.

## CALENDAR

May 12 – Second Sunday service, 6:00 p.m. Recognition of graduating Seniors  
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, 4:00 p.m., no evening service

24 – Fridays with Flannery, 7:00 p.m.

25 – Summer Skills Class, Watercolor, 7:00 p.m., COTR

26 – Trinity Sunday  
College & Career fellowship, 7:15 p.m.

29 – Session Meeting, 6:30 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.

15 – Summer Skills Class, cake decorating, 2:00 p.m., COTR

24-29 – Jubilate Deo Music Camp

July 7 – High School Fellowship, 7:15 p.m.

12 – Renewal Center Lunch, 11:30 a.m.

Fridays with Flannery, 7:00 p.m.

13 – Summer Skills Class, yarn, 3:00 p.m.

14 – Second Sunday service, 6:00 p.m.

Pizza fellowship, 7:00 p.m.

### NURSERY WORKERS FOR TODAY:

**Infant:** AM: Jamie Cychosz, Esther Catledge  
Floater: Layla Booth

**Toddler:** AM: Jaiken Wilkins, Luke Trisler  
Floater: Vijay Savage

### NEXT WEEK:

Stephanie Gulette, AnnaBeth Haisty  
Hayes Merritt

Aleta Eley, Emily Gautreaux  
Calhoun Trisler

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## THE LORD'S SERVICE

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ASCENSION SUNDAY

**MAY 12, 2024**

10:00AM MORNING SERVICE

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## THE LORD CALLS US TO DRAW NEAR

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

† HYMN (insert) *“Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”*

† 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: “The LORD reigns, He is clothed with majesty”

*Cong: “The LORD has girded Himself with strength.”*

Minister: *“Oh, sing to Yahweh a new song! For He has done marvelous things; His right hand and His holy arm have gained Him the victory” Amen.*

## THE LORD CLEANSSES US

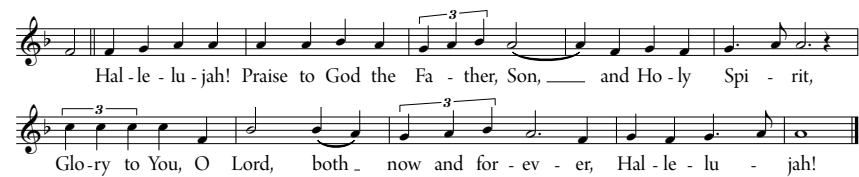
CONFESSION OF SINS:

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.”

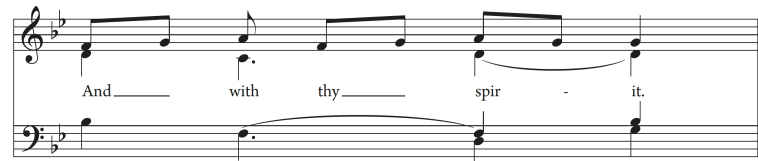


† OPENING ACCLAMATION:

† ASCENSION (Sung Preface & Sursum Corda):

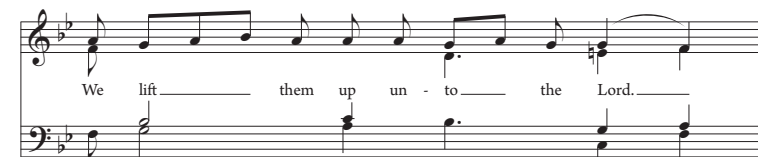
Minister: The Lord be with You.

*Congregation:*



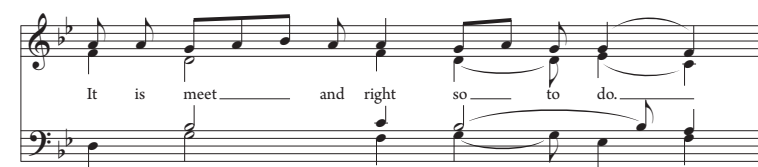
Minister: Lift up your hearts.

*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 1:1-11

Minister: “The Word of the Lord.”

*Cong: “Thanks be to God.”*

CONGREGATIONAL PSALM

Psalm 113

THE EPISTLE

Ephesians 1:15–23

Minister: “The Word of the Lord.”

*Cong: “Thanks be to God.”*

† HYMN #134 (SH) *“All Peoples, Clap Your Hands for Joy”*

† READING OF THE GOSPEL Luke 24:44-53

Minister: “The Gospel of our Lord.”

*Cong: “Praise be to You, O Christ.”*

† THREE-FOLD ALLELUIA:



† READING OF THE TEXT: Psalm 110

† PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON *“The Victorious King”*

Pastor Steve Wilkins

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY #216 *“Crown Him with Many Crowns”*

(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 #156 (SH) *“Jehovah to My Lord Has Said”*

† 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 #120 (SH) *“How Blest is He”*

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