

## 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:** 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!

**COLLEGE & CAREER FELLOWSHIP:** This evening after our service, we will again have a fellowship time for college-aged young people. Be here!

**Thursday–DYC SPRING CONCERT & GENEVA ACADEMY ART SHOW:** The Delta Youth Chorale's Spring concert will be held on Thursday, May 2, at 7:00 p.m. here in the sanctuary. The concert will be preceded by the annual Geneva Academy Art Show (at 5:00). You will not want to miss these two outstanding events!

**Next Sunday–DALE ELLISON SPEAKING:** We will have the privilege of having Dale Ellison (from the Peru Mission) give a report on the mission, next Sunday morning, May 5, in the Adult Sunday School class. Plan to come!

### UPCOMING:

**GOLDEN APPLES:** The "Golden Apples" (Geneva Academy's drama club) will be presenting two performances of "The Princess Bride" on May 10-11. The first performance will be at 7:00 p.m., Friday, May 10, and the second on Saturday, May 11, at 2:00 p.m. Make plans to come!

**RECOGNITION OF OUR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES:** We will be recognizing our 2024 High School graduates in our "Second Sunday" service on May 12. Please plan to come and join in prayer for God's blessing upon our graduates.

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

**PENTECOST CELEBRATION:** This year, Pentecost falls on Sunday, May 19. We will have our annual Pentecost feast in the afternoon so plan accordingly!

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

**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

April 28 – College & Career fellowship, 7:15 p.m.

May 2 – DYC Spring concert and the Geneva Art Show

5 – Dale Ellison speaking in Adult Sunday School  
High School fellowship, 7:15 p.m.

10 – Renewal Center lunch, 11:30 a.m.

Golden Apples' presentation of "The Princess Bride" 7:00 p.m.

11 – Golden Apples' presentation of "The Princess Bride" 2:00 p.m.

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, 5:00 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

### NURSERY WORKERS FOR TODAY:

**Infant:** AM: Amanda Jane Vaughan, Elisabeth Brown  
Floater: Maggie Myers

**Toddler:** AM: Jeremy Cychosz, Archer Wilkins  
Floater: Ben Hilleke

### NEXT WEEK:

Grace Maddox, Sophie Ferrington  
Kathryn Cross

Melissa Cross, Anna Dlugosh  
Oz Wilkins

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## THE LORD'S SERVICE

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THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

# APRIL 28, 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 #12 *“Exalt the Lord, His Praise Proclaim”*

† 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: “Now is Christ Jesus risen from the dead.”

*Cong: “The firstfruits of them that sleep.”*

Minister: “But God will redeem my soul from the power of the grave, for He shall receive me.”

*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.”

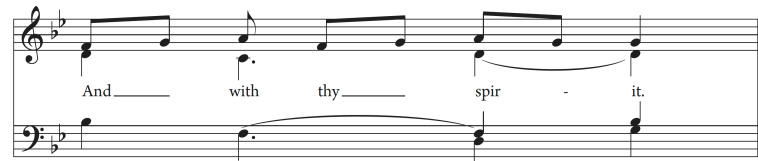


† OPENING ACCLAMATION:

† ASCENSION (Sung Preface & Sursum Corda):

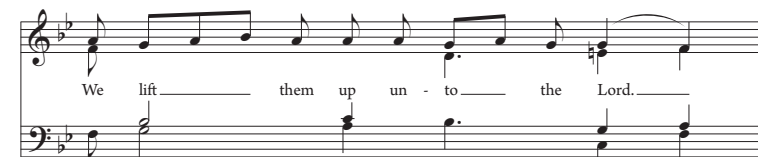
Minister: The Lord be with You.

*Congregation:*



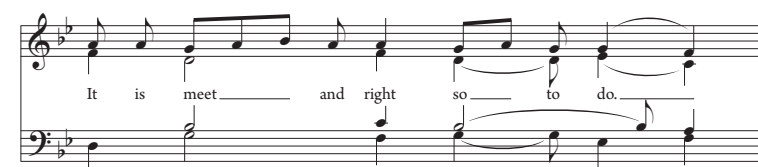
Minister: Lift up your hearts.

*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 8:26-40

Minister: “The Word of the Lord.”

*Cong: “Thanks be to God.”*

CONGREGATIONAL PSALM

Psalms 118:1,19-29

THE EPISTLE

1 John 4:1-11

Minister: “The Word of the Lord.”

*Cong: “Thanks be to God.”*

† HYMN #6

*“All Ye that Fear Jehovah’s Name”*

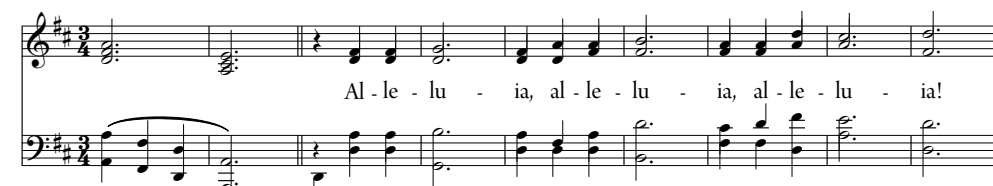
† READING OF THE GOSPEL

John 15:1-8

Minister: “The Gospel of our Lord.”

*Cong: “Praise be to You, O Christ.”*

† THREE-FOLD ALLELUIA:



† PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

*“Love Defined and Manifested”*

Pastor Steve Wilkins

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY #267

*“O Word of God Incarnate”*

(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 #73 (SH)

*“Hail to the Lord’s Anointed”*

† 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, Lover 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