

## 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–WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS:** Over the past few weeks, we have received a number of new members by way of transfer of membership from other congregations: Mr. Clarke Hurd, who transferred his membership to COTR from Trinity Reformed Church (CREC), Huntsville, Alabama; Mr. and Mrs. Luke Mason (Luke and Megan and their children, Clark and Hazel), who come to us from Christ Church, Moscow, Idaho (CREC), and Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Cross (Jonathan and Mercy and their children Liam and August), who also transferred their membership from Trinity Reformed Church, Moscow, Idaho (CREC). We rejoice in the Lord's goodness to add to our number. Please welcome them to COTR and pray that the Lord will extend His great grace and mercy to them as they worship and serve Him here together with us!

**Wednesday–SESSION MEETING:** The elders will hold their regular, monthly meeting, this coming Wednesday evening at 6:30. Please pray for God's blessing upon them as they meet together.

**Next Sunday–HIGH SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP:** After our evening service next Sunday, we will again have a time of fellowship for our high schoolers. All high schoolers are invited so make plans to come for a great time of food and fellowship.

### GENERAL:

**THANK YOU!** Our thanks go to Ronnie and Carol Medlin for all their work in organizing and executing another wonderful Shrove Tuesday celebration! It was a great time and we are indebted to everyone who worked so hard to make it so. Thanks to the cooks, the set-up and clean-up crews, the entertainment (led by Pat Trisler), and to all who contributed such delicious dishes and drinks to enjoy. Thank you all for giving us such a great evening!

### UPCOMING:

**SPRING SCR CLASSES:** Our Spring School for Cultural Restoration will begin on Wednesday, March 4 and run through Wednesday, April 1. Pastor Zach Parker will be teaching a class on Art and Beauty ("You are Altogether Beautiful, My Love: Art and Christian Aesthetics") and Pastor Steve will be teaching a class on creation ("The Earth is the Lord's"). Once again Mrs. Micah McCoy will be our chef for our meals each Wednesday – so you won't want to miss it. Make plans to join us for our Spring 2026 School of Cultural Restoration.

**GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE:** We will again have our Good Friday service on Friday evening, April 3, at 6:00 p.m. Please plan to come.

**SPRING PARISH-WIDE FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS:** Our Spring Parish-wide Fellowship meetings will be held the afternoon and evening of Sunday, April 12. Mark your calendars and prepare to join in!

## CALENDAR

February 25 – Session meeting, 6:30 p.m.

March 1 – High School fellowship after evening worship  
4 – Spring SCR Classes begin, meal at 5:00 and classes at 6:05  
8 – Second Sunday service, 6:00 p.m.  
11 – Session #2 of Spring SCR classes, meal at 5:00 and classes at 6:05  
15 – High School fellowship after evening worship  
18 – Session #3 of Spring SCR classes, meal at 5:00 and classes at 6:05  
25 – Session #4 of Spring SCR classes, meal at 5:00 and classes at 6:05

April 1 – Session #5 of Spring SCR classes, meal at 5:00 and classes at 6:05  
3 – Good Friday service, 6:00 p.m.  
5 – Happy Easter!  
12 – Parish-wide fellowship meetings  
No evening service  
19 – High School Fellowship after evening worship  
20-21 – Wycliff Presbytery, Ft. Worth, Texas

May 3 – High School Fellowship after evening worship  
10 – Second Sunday service, 6:00 p.m.  
14 – Redeemer School of the Arts Graduation, 7:00 p.m.  
15 – Geneva Academy Graduation, 7:00 p.m.

### NURSERY WORKERS FOR TODAY:

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

**Toddler:** AM: Nicholas Dlugosh, Brode Huber  
Floater: Tyler Cychosz

### NEXT WEEK:

Anna Dlugosh, Abby McCarty  
Mylah Merritt

Noah Smith, Matt Wilkins  
Charlie McBroom

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## THE LORD'S SERVICE

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THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

# FEBRUARY 22, 2026

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) *“All Creatures of our God and King”*

† 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 is full of compassion and mercy,”

**Cong:** *“Come, let us adore him.”*

Minister: *“Do not cast me from Your face, and do not take Your Holy Spirit from me. . . . Return to me the gladness of Your salvation, And with a princely Spirit support me. I will teach rebellious transgressors Your way, And those who have failed will return to You.” Amen.*

## THE LORD CLEANSSES US

CONFESSION OF SINS:

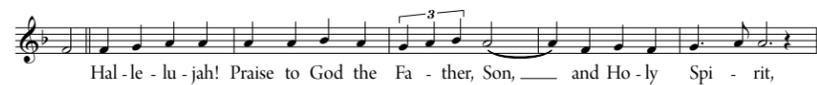
Minister: “Let us humbly kneel and confess our sins to Almighty God”

**Cong:** *Most gracious God, we confess that we have not loved You fervently nor loved our neighbors as ourselves; we have not done justly, loved mercy, nor walked humbly with You. Have mercy upon us, O Lord, and blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity, and cleanse us from all our sins. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within us. Restore to us the joy of Your salvation, and sustain us with a willing spirit, for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ 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.”

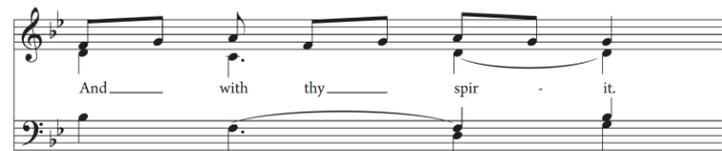
† OPENING ACCLAMATION



† 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 saying:”

† SANCTUS (p. vii, SH)

† PRAYER OF ADORATION

† CANTICLE #7 (SH) *“Worthy is the Lamb”*

## THE LORD INSTRUCTS US

THE LESSON

Genesis 3:1-21

Minister: “The Word of the Lord.”

**Cong:** *“Thanks be to God.”*

CONGREGATIONAL PSALM

Psalms 72

THE EPISTLE

2 Peter 2:1-10

Minister: “The Word of the Lord.”

**Cong:** *“Thanks be to God.”*

† HYMN #42 *“Round the Lord in Glory Seated”*

† READING OF THE GOSPEL

Matthew 4:1-11

Minister: “The Gospel of our Lord.

**Cong:** *“Praise be to You, O Christ.”*

† THREE-FOLD ALLELUIA



SERMON *“Destruction and Deliverance”*

Pastor Steve Wilkins

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY #32 *“The God of Abraham Praise”*

(the congregation will sing this hymn)

† DOXOLOGY (We lift our hearts, voices, and hands in praise to God)

† PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

## THE LORD COMMUNES WITH US

HYMN #522

*“Through All the Changing Scenes of Life”*

† 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 #185 (SH)

Thanksgiving for the Wine

Passing the peace of Christ

*“If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee”*

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

*“Nunc Dimittis”*

† BENEDICTION

† THREE-FOLD AMEN