

## 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:** After our service this morning we will have our regular “Hospitality” meal in the fellowship hall. If you have no plans for lunch, feel free to join some of our COTR families for a great time of food and fellowship.

**HIGH SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP:** We will have our bi-monthly High School Fellowship after our evening service beginning at 7:15. Plan to come!

**Friday–RENEWAL CENTER LUNCH:** We will again be providing lunch for the Renewal Center this coming Friday, beginning at 11:30 a.m. If you would like to help prepare the food, we'd greatly appreciate your help! Just call Jackie or notify us through Realm.

**FRIDAYS WITH FLANNERY:** “Fridays with Flannery” resumes this coming Friday, September 8, at 7:00 p.m. We'll be meeting in the home of Adam and Charity Jones, 2722 Point Dr., and studying the story, “Parker’s Back.” Make plans to come – fellowship begins at 7:00, and we'll begin the discussion at 7:15 sharp. See you there!

**Next Sunday–SECOND SUNDAY SERVICE & PIZZA!** Next Sunday evening we will have our special “Second Sunday” service with a time of singing and prayer followed by a brief study of the history of the Church. And afterwards, we'll have another pizza fellowship! **If you would like to order pizza, please let us know by this coming Friday.** The cost is \$2.00 per person or \$10 per family. Make plans to come!

### GENERAL:

**NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY:** We are in the process of updating our Church Directory. A copy is in the foyer so please check out the information we have for you and let us know if any changes need to be made. Thank you!

### UPCOMING:

**MEN’S BOOK STUDY:** The next men’s book study will be held the third Monday of September (September 18), in the home of Josh and Melissa Cross, 2102 Redwood Drive, at 7:00 p.m.

**SCHOOL OF CULTURAL RESTORATION:** Our Fall School of Cultural Restoration will begin on Wednesday, September 20. We will have two classes: Zach Parker will be teaching a class on “Why Read Fiction” and Steve will be teaching a class on “The Meaning & Purpose of our Liturgy.” We will begin each Wednesday with a meal (catered by our official SCR Chef, Micah McCoy) at 5:15 and classes will follow at 6:05 p.m. Plan to come!

**CREC 2023 COUNCIL MEETING:** The 2023 CREC Council meeting will convene on Monday evening, September 25, in Moscow, Idaho. Ed Lang will be COTR’s representative at this year’s council and Pastor Zach Parker will be visiting. Please pray for God’s blessing upon our denomination during this meeting.

**YOUTH DANCE:** Young people (ages 13 to 19) are invited to a folk dance on Saturday, October 14, from 4-7:30 p.m. at All Saints Presbyterian Church in Fort Worth, Texas. Dinner will be provided following the dance, and everyone will be cleaning up the fellowship hall so that it’s ready for Church service the next day. If you're interested in going to the dance and/or plan to attend worship the next day, please email Sophia Robinson at [sophia@barzillai.farm](mailto:sophia@barzillai.farm) so that the folks in Ft. Worth can plan for you.

## CALENDAR

September 3 – High School fellowship, 7:15 p.m.  
8 – Renewal Center lunch, 11:30 a.m.  
Fridays with Flannery, 7:00 p.m.  
10 – Second Sunday service, 6:00 p.m.  
Pizza fellowship afterwards  
17 – High School fellowship, 7:15 p.m.  
18 – Men’s Book Study, 7:00 p.m.  
19 – Session Meeting, 6:30 p.m.  
20 – Fall SCR, meal 5:15, class 6:05 p.m.  
22 – Fridays with Flannery, 7:00 p.m.  
25-27 – CREC Council Meeting

October 1 – High School Fellowship, 7:15 p.m.  
2 – Men’s Book Study, 7:00 p.m.  
4 – Fall SCR, meal 5:15, class 6:05 p.m.  
6 – First Friday Young Adult Fellowship, 7:00 p.m.  
8 – Parish-wide fellowship meetings,  
No evening service  
11 – Fall SCR, meal 5:15, class 6:05 p.m.  
13 – Renewal Center lunch, 11:30 a.m.  
Fridays with Flannery, 7:00 p.m.  
14 – Monroe Symphony Concert, 7:00 p.m.  
Youth Dance in Ft. Worth, TX, 4:00-7:30 p.m.  
15 – High School fellowship, 7:15 p.m.  
16 – Men’s Book Study, 7:00 p.m.  
18 – Fall SCR, meal 5:15, class 6:05 p.m.  
27 – Fridays with Flannery, 7:00 p.m.

### NURSERY WORKERS FOR TODAY:

**Infant:** AM: Jennifer Lizenby, Sophie Ferrington  
Floater: Savannah Nash

**Toddler:** AM: Darren Dlugosh, Adam Jones  
Floater: Elias Richey

### NEXT WEEK:

Esther Catledge, Jamie Cychosz  
Gloria Cychosz

Aleta Eley, Emily Gautreaux  
Adam Hilleke

**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>.

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## THE LORD’S SERVICE

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THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

# SEPTEMBER 3, 2023

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: “Come, bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord,”

*Cong: “Lift up your hands to the holy place and bless the Lord!”*

Minister: “Oh, bless our God, you peoples! And make the voice of His praise to be heard, Who keeps our soul among the living, And does not allow our feet to be moved.” *Amen.*

## THE LORD CLEANSSES US

CONFESSION OF SINS:

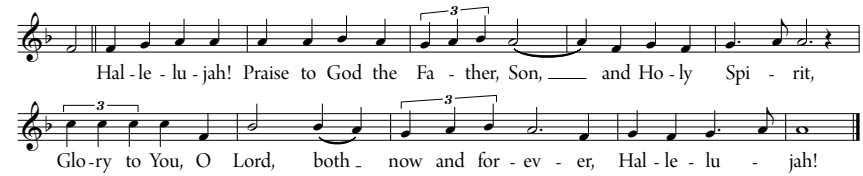
Minister: “Let us humbly kneel and confess our sins to Almighty God”

*Cong: Almighty God, we implore Your mercy and forgiveness. We have broken Your holy laws by our deeds and by our words, and by the sinful affections of our hearts. We confess our disobedience and ingratitude, our pride and willfulness, and all our failures and shortcomings toward You and toward our fellow man. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; and of Your great goodness grant that we may hereafter serve and please You in newness of life; through the merit and mediation of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

† ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

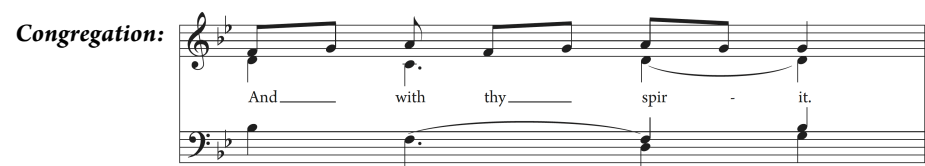
Minister: “Arise and hear the good news of God’s forgiveness: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.”

† OPENING ACCLAMATION:



† ASCENSION (Sung Preface & Sursum Corda):

Minister: The Lord be with You.



Minister: Lift up your hearts.



Minister: Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.



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 #14 (SH) *“A Song of David”*

## THE LORD INSTRUCTS US

THE LESSON

Jeremiah 15:15-21

Minister: “The Word of the Lord.”

*Cong: “Thanks be to God.”*

CONGREGATIONAL PSALM

Psalm 149

THE EPISTLE

Romans 12:9-21

Minister: “The Word of the Lord.”

*Cong: “Thanks be to God.”*

† HYMN #83

*“We Praise Thee, O God, Our Redeemer”*

† READING OF THE GOSPEL

Matthew 16:21-28

Minister: “The Gospel of our Lord.”

*Cong: “Praise be to You, O Christ.”*

† THREE-FOLD ALLELUIA:



† READING OF THE TEXT:

Ephesians 4:25-32 & Exodus 20:16

† PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

**The Ten Words:** *“You Shall not Bear False Witness”*

Pastor Steve Wilkins

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY #539

*“Judge Me, God of My Salvation”*

(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 #260

*“Thy Servant, Blessed by Thee, Shall Live”*

† 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 #123 (SH) *“O Jehovah Hear My Words”*

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