

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–HIGH SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP: Following our evening worship service this evening, the high schoolers will gather in the fellowship hall for pizza and a viewing of the movie *The Wizard of Oz* (1939). Make plans to come!

Tuesday–YOUNG LADIES’ READING GROUP: The Young Ladies’ Reading Group begins this Tuesday. All ladies between 10 - 18 years old are invited to Elisabeth Brown’s house (405 Eason Place), to read *Mara, Daughter of the Nile*. Popcorn will be provided. Everything begins at 7:30 p.m. If you have questions, please call Elisabeth Brown at 318-557-5406.

Thursday–RSA CONVOCATION: You are invited to the Redeemer School of the Arts third convocation, this coming Thursday, at 7:00 p.m. in our sanctuary. Please join us as we formally welcome our two new culinary students: Isabelle Hale (Wichita, Kansas), Cora Robinson (Ft. Worth, Texas), and our returning music student, Arthur Richey (Monroe, Louisiana).

Friday–DESIARD STREET SHELTER LUNCH: We will be serving lunch at the DeSiard Street Shelter, this coming Friday, beginning at 11:30 a.m. If you would like to help in preparing the food, please contact Jackie.

Next Sunday–SECOND SUNDAY SERVICE: Next Sunday we will having our “Second Sunday” service with a time of prayer, singing, and a brief study. And afterwards, we’ll again have our Pizza fellowship! Make plans to join us!

UPCOMING:

HOSPITALITY SUNDAY: Don’t forget that on the third Sunday of this month (September 20) we will be having a fellowship meal after moving worship (hosted by Nick and Victoria Dlugosh) and no evening worship. This change of our schedule is intended to give all of us more time and opportunity for fellowship and hospitality. We encourage you to plan to join some of our families for the fellowship meal or invite others into your home (or another location) to get together for food and fellowship through the afternoon and evening. Our prayer is that third Sundays will be used as opportunities for extended times of hospitality and fellowship with one another – so begin making plans now! Please pray that the Lord will bless and that we’ll be able to take advantage of this schedule to grow in communion with one another.

CHOIR PRACTICE: Redeemer Church Choir begins next Sunday, September 13 at 9am in the church choir room. All 8th grade or age equivalent through adults are invited to come sing with us. Contact Jarrod Richey with questions.

CREC GENERAL COUNCIL: The General Council for the CREC will be held September 28-30, in Nashville, Tennessee. Please pray for God’s blessing upon this meeting.

PARISH-WIDE FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS: Our next Parish-wide fellowship meetings will be held the afternoon and evening of Sunday, October 11. Please check with your parish elder(s) for the time and place for your parish.

ATHANASIUS PRESS BOOKSTORE: Come to the church office to get your copy of the many excellent books you absolutely need to aid you in your spiritual growth. These books also are wonderful gifts!

CALENDAR

September 8 – Young Ladies’ Reading Group, 7:30 p.m.
10 – RSA Covnocation, 7:00 p.m.
11 – DeSiard Street Shelter lunch, 11:30 a.m.
13 – Second Sunday service, 6:00 p.m.
Pizza fellowship afterwards
20 – Hospitality Sunday, no evening worship
28-30 – CREC General Council

October 9 – DeSiard Street Shelter lunch, 11:30 a.m.
11 – Parish-wide Fellowships
No evening service
18 – Hospitality Sunday, no evening worship

November 1 – All Saints Day celebration
8 – Second Sunday
Pizza Fellowship afterwards
13 – DeSiard Street Shelter lunch, 11:30 a.m.
15 – Hospitality Sunday, no evening worship
26 – Happy Thanksgiving!
29 – First Sunday of Advent
Fifth Sunday, no evening worship

December 6 – Second Sunday of Advent
10 – NYC Fall Concert
11 – DeSiard Street Shelter lunch, 11:30 a.m.
13 – Second Sunday, Third Sunday of Advent
Pizza Fellowship afterwards
20 – Last Sunday of Advent
Hospitality Sunday, no evening worship

NURSERY WORKERS FOR TODAY:

Infant: AM: Connie Merritt, Sophie Ferrington
Floater: Savannah Nash

Toddler: AM: Hunter Cassidy, Adam Jones
Floater: Beau Asher Lizenby

NEXT WEEK:

Maddie Cassidy, Jamie Cychosz
Sophie Nash

Aleta Eley, Avalee Porter
Tyler Moreau

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THE LORD’S SERVICE

THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 6, 2026

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 #108 “Praise Ye, Praise Ye the Lord”

+ 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: “Brighten in the LORD,”

Cong: “And exult, you righteous ones!”

Minister: “Most right-happy is the man to whom Yahweh does not impute liability, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. When I kept silent, my bones wasted away, through my groaning all the day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me. My freshness was turned into the drought of summer. Most right-happy is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose impurity is concealed.” Amen.

THE LORD CLEANSES US

CONFESSION OF SINS:

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

Cong: O God, our heavenly Father, we confess to You that we have grievously sinned against You in thought, word, and deed; Not only in outward transgressions, But also in secret thoughts and desires That we are unable fully to understand, But which are all known to You. We are in need of deliverance from Your enemies and our infirmities. For this reason, we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, Seeking and imploring Your forgiveness and deliverance, Through our Lord, Jesus Christ. 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.”

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!

+OPENING ACCLAMATION

+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.

+The Congregation will please stand

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 #14 (SH) “A Song of David”

THE LORD INSTRUCTS US

THE LESSON

Ezekiel 33:7-9

Minister: “The Word of the Lord.”

Cong: “Thanks be to God.”

CONGREGATIONAL PSALM

Psalms 98

THE EPISTLE

Romans 13:1-10

Minister: “The Word of the Lord.”

Cong: “Thanks be to God.”

+ HYMN #35 “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

+ READING OF THE GOSPEL

Matthew 18:1-20

Al -le - lu - ia, al -le - lu - ia, al -le - lu - ia!

Minister: “The Gospel of our Lord.

Cong: “Praise be to You, O Christ.”

+ THREE-FOLD ALLELUIA

+ READING OF THE TEXT:

Psalms 121

SERMON

“Help From Our Helper”

Pastor Steve Wilkins

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY (Insert) “Christ is Made the Sure Foundation”

+The Congregation will please stand

(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 #280 (1st)

“I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord”

+ 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 (Insert) “At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing”

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

+The Congregation will please stand