

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–NEW ATHANASIUS PRESS BOOK! After our service this morning, we will be distributing copies of the latest publication from Athanasius Press, *Your Sons and Daughters: Paedocommunion, the Gospel & the Church* by Peter Leithart. Don’t leave without your copy!

SECOND SUNDAY SERVICE: Tonight, we will have our special “Second Sunday” service with singing, prayer, and a brief study. And afterwards, we’ll again have our “Pizza Fellowship” – \$5.00 per individual, \$15 per family. Plan to come!

PIZZA FELLOWSHIP: After our “Second Sunday” service this evening we will be serving pizza in the fellowship hall. Plan to come!

Wednesday–SESSION MEETING: The elders will have their September monthly meeting this Wednesday evening at 6:30. Please pray for God’s blessing upon our elders as they meet together.

Saturday–BRIDAL SHOWER: There will be a basket shower honoring Victoria Bullen, bride elect of Nick Dlugosh, at the home of the Eleys on 3705 Deborah Drive, this Saturday from 10-noon. All ladies are cordially invited.

UPCOMING:

LANGS’ ANNIVERSARY DANCE: The Langs’ Annual Anniversary Dance will be held Friday, September 26th from 6 - 8 p.m. The first hour will be featuring dances that are family friendly while the second hour presents more complicated dances.

WYCLIFFE PRESBYTERY: The Fall meeting of Wycliffe Presbytery will be held October 6-8, in All Saints Presbyterian Church, Fort Worth, TX. Please pray for God’s blessing.

MONROE SYMPHONY CONCERT: The Monroe Symphony will hold its second concert (“Time and Remembrance”) of the season here at COTR on Saturday, October 11, at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. The program will include Mendelssohn’s Fingal’s Cave Overture, Haydn’s “London” Symphony, and will feature James Boldin as soloist in Mozart’s Horn Concerto No. 2. Plan to come!

FALL SCHOOL OF CULTURAL RESTORATION: Our Fall SCR meetings will be held each Wednesday of October. We will once again begin with a delicious light meal (catered by our SCR Chef, Mrs. Micah McCoy) at 5:15 p.m. and have our classes begin at 6:05 p.m. (finishing up around 7:00). Our classes for this Fall session are (“The Hobbit” taught by Will Gunter and “The Major Metaphors of the Scripture: Creation, Exodus, Housebuilding, the Holy Host, and Glorification” taught by Remy Wilkins. It’s all FREE and fun so make plans to attend!

FALL PARISH-WIDE FELLOWSHIPS: Our Fall Parish-wide fellowship meetings will be held the afternoon and evening of Sunday, October 12. Check with your parish elder for the time and place of your parish fellowship meeting.

CALENDAR

September 14 – Second Sunday, 6:00 p.m.
Pizza fellowship afterwards
17 – Session Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
20 – Bridal Shower in honor of Victoria Bullen, at the Eleys
26 – Langs’ Anniversary Dance, 6-8 p.m., fellowship hall

October 6-8 – Wycliffe Presbytery Meeting
11 – Monroe Symphony concert, 7:00 p.m., sanctuary
12 – Fall Parish-wide fellowships
No Evening Service

November 1 – All Saints Day
9 – Second Sunday service, 6:00 p.m.
Pizza fellowship afterwards
22 – Nash-Mayfield Wedding
27 – Happy Thanksgiving!
30 – First Sunday of Advent

December 7 – Second Sunday of Advent
11 – DYC Winter Concert, 7:00 p.m.
14 – Third Sunday of Advent
Second Sunday service, 6:00 p.m.
Pizza fellowship afterwards
21 – Last Sunday of Advent
24 – Christmas Eve Service, 6:00 p.m.
25 – Merry Christmas!

NURSERY WORKERS FOR TODAY:

Infant: AM: Esther Catledge, Jamie Cychosz
Floater: Sophie Nash

Toddler: AM: Aleta Eley, Avalee Porter
Floater: Boaz Hilleke

NEXT WEEK:

Jenni Maney, AnnaBeth Haisty
Marley Amos

Amy Hanson, Rose Wilkins
Eli Richey

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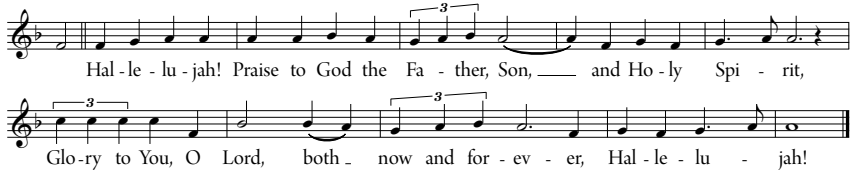
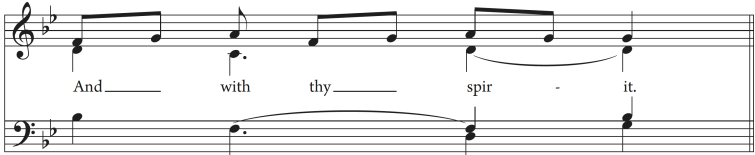





THE LORD’S SERVICE

THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

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 #526	<i>“O Lord, By Thee Delivered”</i>
+ 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.”	
<i>Cong: “And with your spirit”</i>	
Minister: “The LORD bless you from Zion,”	
<i>Cong: “Maker of heaven and earth!”</i>	
Minister: “Look! Bless Yahweh, all servants of Yahweh, who stand in Yahweh’s house in the nights. Lift your hands to the Holy Sanctuary, and bless Yahweh! Yahweh will bless you from Zion, the maker of heavens and earth.” Amen.	
THE LORD CLEANSSES US	
CONFESSION OF SINS:	
Minister: “Let us humbly kneel and confess our sins to Almighty God”	
<i>Cong: Most holy and merciful Father, we confess before You our sinful natures and all our shortcomings and offenses against You. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from Your ways, in wasting Your gifts, & in forgetting Your love. O Lord, have mercy on us. Teach us to hate our errors, cleanse us from our secret faults, and forgive our sins, and for the sake of Your dear Son, grant that we may henceforth live in Your light and walk in Your ways, according to the commandments of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.</i>	
+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.	
<i>Congregation:</i>	
	
Minister: Lift up your hearts.	
<i>Congregation:</i>	
	
Minister: Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.	
<i>Congregation:</i>	
	
†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 #15 (SH)	
<i>“A Song of Praise”</i>	
THE LORD INSTRUCTS US	
THE LESSON	
Minister: “The Word of the Lord.”	
<i>Cong: “Thanks be to God.”</i>	
Ezekiel 34:11-24	
CONGREGATIONAL PSALM	
Psalm	
THE EPISTLE	
1 Timothy 1:5-17	
Minister: “The Word of the Lord.”	
<i>Cong: “Thanks be to God.”</i>	
+ HYMN #152 (SH)	
<i>“O Sing a New Song to the Lord”</i>	
+ READING OF THE GOSPEL	
Minister: “The Gospel of our Lord.	
<i>Cong: “Praise be to You, O Christ.”</i>	
Luke 15:1-10	
+ THREE-FOLD ALLELUIA	
	
+READING OF THE TEXT:	
Ephesians 5:22-32	
+PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION	
SERMON	
<i>“The Valiant Bride” 2</i>	
Pastor Steve Wilkins	
PRAYER OF CONSECRATION	
GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS	
OFFERTORY #146 (SH)	
<i>“It’s Good to Thank the Lord”</i>	
(the congregation will sing this hymn)	
+ DOXOLOGY	
(We lift our hearts, voices, and hands in praise to God)	
+ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING	
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THE LORD COMMUNES WITH US	
HYMN #120	<i>“O Christ, Our Hope, Our Heart’s Desire”</i>
+ PRAYER OF INTERCESSION:	
Minister: Lord, in your mercy,	
<i>Congregation: Hear our prayer.</i>	
+ 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)	<i>“If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee”</i>
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)	<i>“Nunc Dimittis”</i>
+ BENEDICTION	
+ THREE-FOLD AMEN	
†The Congregation will please stand	