

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 SUNDAY: Today is the third Sunday of the month and we again encourage you to invite friends, visitors, and other members into your home (or in another location) for a time of fellowship and a shared meal. If you are unable to have guests in your home, we will again have a fellowship meal in the Fellowship Hall after morning worship.

NO EVENING SERVICE: To allow more time for hospitality and fellowship, we will not have our evening service this evening.

Wednesday–LADIES BOOK STUDY: This coming Wednesday evening, the ladies will continue their book study using *The Other Half of Church*. All ladies, ages 18-88, are welcome to come. The study will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Childcare will be provided for children under 10 years old (a \$5.00 donation is suggested per family).

Friday–GOLDEN APPLES THEATRE: The Golden Apples’ production of Washington Irving’s *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow* will have two performances. The first will be this Friday, October 23 at 6:00 and the second on this Saturday, October 24 at 2:00 in the Music Theatre. Tickets are \$5 at the door and go to support future productions. All seating is bench-style; portable stadium seats and cushions are welcome and encouraged. Priority seating available. Plan to come!

Saturday–GOLDEN APPLES THEATRE: The second and final performance of “The Legend of Sleepy Hollow” will be held at 2:00 in the Music Theatre. Tickets are \$5.00 apiece.

GENERAL:

Congratulations! We rejoice in the safe birth of Russell Morgan Walters, son of Mr. And Mrs Calvin Walters. Praise God from Whom all blessings flow!

UPCOMING!

ALL SAINTS DAY CELEBRATION: Once again we will have our All Saints Day Feast on Sunday, November 1. It’s going to be a great time of fun, food, and fellowship so plan to come. Because of All Saints Day, we will not have evening worship on this Sunday.

ATHANASIUS PRESS BOOKSTORE: Don’t forget that the AP bookstore offers you the best in theological reading and study – including Bill Smith’s *A Covenant Primer*. This excellent book can be yours for only \$10.00. Come to the church office to get your copy and to see all the other books you need in your library! You simply do not need to miss out on feeding your family intellectually and spiritually.

CALENDAR

October 18 – Hospitality Sunday,
No evening service
21 – Ladies Book Study, 7:00 p.m., fellowship hall
23 – Golden Apples: Legend of Sleepy Hollow, 6 p.m.
24 – Golden Apples: Legend of Sleepy Hollow, 2 p.m.
28 – Ladies Book Study, 7:00 p.m., fellowship hall

November 1 – All Saints Day celebration
4 – Ladies Book Study, 7:00 p.m., fellowship hall
8 – Second Sunday
Pizza Fellowship afterwards
11 – Ladies Book Study, 7:00 p.m., fellowship hall
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 – DYC 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
24 – Christmas Eve Service, 6:00 p.m.
27 – First Sunday of Christmas

January 1 – Feast of Christ’s Circumcision, Happy New Year!
4-6 – Christendom Lectures
6 – Feast of Epiphany

NURSERY WORKERS FOR TODAY:

Infant: AM: Jennifer Lizenby, Laurabelle Hilleke
Floater: Molly Nash

Toddler: AM: Bryce Lizenby, Adam Jones
Floater: Eli Cychosz

NEXT WEEK:

Stephanie Gullette, Grace Maddox
Savannah Nash

Solon Trisler, Remy Wilkins
Isaac McCoy

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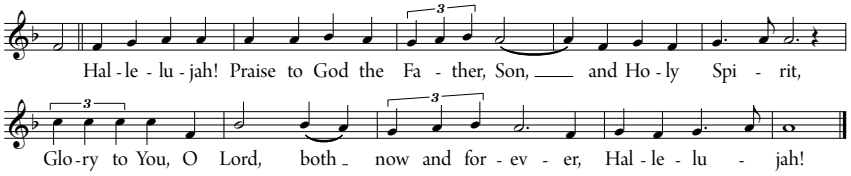
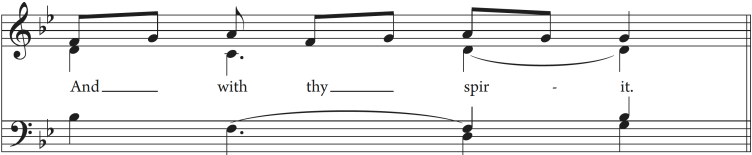


THE LORD’S SERVICE

THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 18, 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 #131	“When Morning Gilds the Skies”
+ 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: “Sing to the LORD a new song,”	
Cong: “Sing to the LORD all the earth!”	
Minister: “Sing to the LORD; bless his name. Announce from day to day his salvation. Recount among the nations his glory; among all the peoples his distinctives. For the LORD is great and to be praised exceedingly. He is to be feared above all gods. For all gods of the peoples are good for nothing. . . .Give unto the LORD glory and strength. Give unto the LORD the glory due his name.” 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.”	
+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:	
	
†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)	
“A Song of Praise”	
THE LORD INSTRUCTS US	
THE LESSON	
Isaiah 45:1-7	
Minister: “The Word of the Lord.”	
Cong: “Thanks be to God.”	
CONGREGATIONAL PSALM	
Psalm 93	
THE EPISTLE	
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10	
Minister: “The Word of the Lord.”	
Cong: “Thanks be to God.”	
+ HYMN (Insert)	
“O for a Thousand Tongues”	
+ READING OF THE GOSPEL	
Matthew 22:15-22	
Minister: “The Gospel of our Lord.	
Cong: “Praise be to You, O Christ.”	
+ THREE-FOLD ALLELUIA	
	
+ READING OF THE TEXT:	
Psalm 124	
SERMON	
“The Lord on Our Side”	
Pastor Steve Wilkins	
PRAYER OF CONSECRATION.	
GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS	
OFFERTORY #69	
“Lord, with Glowing Heart I'd Praise Thee”	
(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 #59	
“Jehovah Reigns; Let Earth Be Glad”	
+ 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 #362	
Thanksgiving for the Wine	
Passing the peace of Christ	
“Let Thy Blood in Mercy Poured”	
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	