

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–HAPPY EASTER! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

AN EASTER GIFT FROM ATHANASIUS PRESS: Athanasius Press will be giving each family a copy of their latest publications this morning after worship. Each family will receive a copy of *Abide In Me* by Ralph Smith, along with a copy of Jeff Meyers' book, *What Did God Promise the Jews* as AP's Easter gift. See Zach Parker in the foyer after worship this morning and pick up your copy of these great books.

NO EVENING SERVICE THIS EVENING: Please note, we will not have our regular evening service this evening.

Tuesday–JUBILATE DEO REGISTRATION: Tuesday is the last day of early registration for the Jubilate Deo Music Camp '26. Registration will be open to the public Wednesday so please register today!

Saturday–MONROE SYMPHONY CONCERT: The Monroe Symphony conducted by Maestro John Hodges, will hold its last concert of the season this coming Saturday night at 7:00 here in our sanctuary. Meet the Marjorie Stricklin Emerging Artist Competition winner, Elijah Asmussen, in a concerto spotlight. Then enjoy Rossini's Semiramide Overture and Brahms's Symphony No. 2. It's going to be a wonderful evening of beautiful music – plan to come and enjoy! Tickets available at the door.

Next Sunday–SECOND SUNDAY SERVICE: Next Sunday evening we will have our "Second Sunday" service with singing, a time of prayer, and a brief study . . . and pizza! If you would like pizza, the cost is \$3.00 per individual and \$15 per family.

UPCOMING:

JUBILATE DEO MUSIC CAMP REGISTRATION: Early registration for the 2026 Jubilate Deo Summer Music Camp is now open for our church members. The camp will be held June 15-20, 2026. Please note that this early access link is intended just for our church family, so we kindly ask that you not share it outside the congregation at this time. Registration will open to the public on April 8, and spots tend to fill quickly. If you are planning to attend, we encourage you to register by April 6 or 7 if at all possible. Here's the link to register:

<https://campscui.active.com/orgs/ChurchoftheRedeemerTwinCities?orglink=camps-registration>

SPRING PARISH-WIDE FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS: We have changed the date of our Spring Parish-wide Fellowship meetings, to the afternoon and evening of Sunday, May 3. Mark your calendars and prepare to join in!

SENIOR RECOGNITION SUNDAY: Each year we recognize our graduating high school seniors and we will do that again on Sunday evening, May 10, during our "Second Sunday" service. Please plan to come to congratulate our graduating seniors and pray for God's blessing upon them as they transition into a new stage of life.

AP BOOKSTORE: Don't forget that the AP bookstore offers you the best in theological reading and study – including Jeff Meyers' latest Answers in a Hour book, *What Did God Promise to the Jews?* This amazing book can be yours for only \$8.00. Come to the church office to get your copy and to see all the other books you need in your library!

CALENDAR

April 5 – Happy Easter!
19 – High School Fellowship after evening worship
20-21 – Wycliff Presbytery, Ft. Worth, Texas

May 3 – Parish-wide fellowship meetings
No evening service
10 – Second Sunday service, Senior recognition, 6:00 p.m.
14 – Redeemer School of the Arts Graduation, 7:00 p.m.
15 – Geneva Academy Graduation, 7:00 p.m.

June 14 – Second Sunday
Pizza afterwards
15-20 – 2026 Jubilate Deo Music Camp

NURSERY WORKERS FOR TODAY:

Infant: AM: Savannah Riley, Maddie Cassidy
Floater: Samantha Richey

Toddler: AM: Kaitlyn Rockett, Amy Booth
Floater: Parker Hanson

NEXT WEEK:

Emily Nash, Abby McCarty
Molly Nash

Micah McCoy, Amity Eley
Eli Richey

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THE LORD'S SERVICE

EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 5, 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 #198 *“Jesus Christ is Risen Today”*

† 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: “Christ is risen,”

Cong: “He is risen indeed.”

Minister: “Sing to Yahweh a new song; For He has done marvels, His right hand has brought salvation and His holy arm. Yahweh has made known His salvation; to the eyes of the nations He revealed His righteousness. . . .Burst forth and jubilate and psalm.” **Amen.**

THE LORD CLEANSSES US

CONFESSION OF SINS:

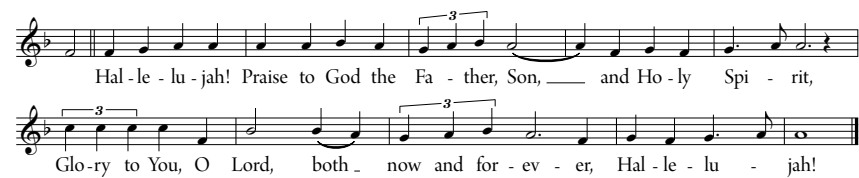
Minister: “Let us humbly kneel and confess our sins to Almighty God”

Cong: Almighty God, who has brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ; we confess that we are unworthy of Your redeeming grace. We have not believed Your promises, nor heeded Your Word. We have forgotten the glad tidings of our Savior’s victory over death and have neglected the things that belong to our peace. Forgive us and cleanse us from all our sins, and restore unto us the joy of Your salvation. For the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Redeemer. 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

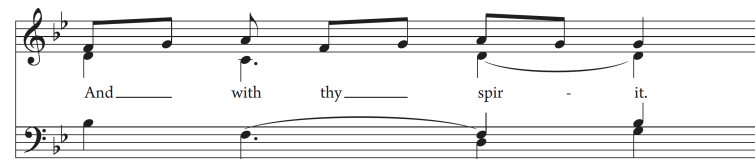


Hal - le - lu - jah! Praise to God the Fa - ther, Son, ___ and Ho - ly Spi - rit,
Glo - ry to You, O Lord, both _ now and for - ev - er, Hal - le - lu - jah!

†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 #4 (SH) *“Gloria in Excelsis”*

THE LORD INSTRUCTS US

THE LESSON

Jeremiah 31:1-6

Minister: “The Word of the Lord.”

Cong: “Thanks be to God.”

CONGREGATIONAL PSALM

Psalms 118:1, 19-29

THE EPISTLE

Colossians 3:1-4

Minister: “The Word of the Lord.”

Cong: “Thanks be to God.”

† HYMN #92 (SH) *“Hail Thee Festival Day”*

† READING OF THE GOSPEL

Matthew 28:1-10

Minister: “The Gospel of our Lord.

Cong: “Praise be to You, O Christ.”

† THREE-FOLD ALLELUIA



Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

SERMON *“The End and A New Beginning”*

Pastor Steve Wilkins

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY #201 *“The Strife is O'er”*

(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 (Insert) *“Lo, Judah’s Lion Wins the Strife”*

† 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 #207

Thanksgiving for the Wine

Passing the peace of Christ

“Christ Jesus Lay in Death’s Strong Bands”

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 (Insert) *“Nunc Dimittis” (Vickers)*

† BENEDICTION

† THREE-FOLD AMEN

† HYMN (Insert) *“Alleluia! Alleluia!”*

†The Congregation will please stand