

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: The elders have set apart the third Sundays of each month as “Hospitality Sunday” – to encourage in-home hospitality with visitors, friends, and members of our congregation. In addition to hosting guests in your home, Nick and Victoria Dlugosh will be heading up a hospitality meal after our morning service in the fellowship hall – as another opportunity for fellowship aside from in-home hospitality. In order to allow more time for fellowship together, we will not be having our regular evening service. Our prayer is that we will use these third Sundays as opportunities for extended times of hospitality and fellowship. Please pray that the Lord will bless and that we’ll be able to use this schedule to grow in love and communion with one another.

NO EVENING SERVICE: To encourage extended times of fellowship together, we will not have our regular evening service next Sunday.

Wednesday–LADIES BOOK STUDY: Beginning this coming Wednesday evening, Elisabeth Brown will be leading a book study (*The Other Half of Church*) for all ladies (ages 18-88). 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).

Saturday–YOUTH HANGOUT NIGHT: For the 7th and 8th grade students, Chris and Anna Pryor are hosting a Youth Hangout Night at their home at 3808 Scenic Drive in Monroe. The Pryors are planning to host the event the last Saturday of each month. It will be held from 5 pm to 7 pm. Supper will be provided, but please let the Pryors know if you are coming so they can plan to provide food for you.

UPCOMING!

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.

MONROE MOCCASINS HOCKEY! The first game of the 2026-27 hockey season is scheduled for Friday, October 9th. Tickets are \$12 (a savings of \$6 per ticket). Children in arms are free! Deadline to sign up for tickets is October 6th. To order tickets, please check with Miss Jackie.

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: 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 excellent 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

September 20 – Hospitality Sunday,
No evening service
23 – Ladies Book Study, 7:00 p.m., fellowship hall
28-30 – CREC General Council
30 – Ladies Book Study, 7:00 p.m., fellowship hall

October 7 – Ladies Book Study, 7:00 p.m., fellowship hall
9 – DeSiard Street Shelter lunch, 11:30 a.m.
11 – Parish-wide Fellowships
No evening service
14 – Ladies Book Study, 7:00 p.m., fellowship hall
18 – Hospitality Sunday, no evening worship
21 – Ladies Book Study, 7:00 p.m., fellowship hall
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.

NURSERY WORKERS FOR TODAY:

Infant: AM: AnnaBeth Haisty, Jenni Maney
Floater: Marley Amos

Toddler: AM: Amy Hanson, Rose Wilkins
Floater: Eli Richey

NEXT WEEK:

Charity Jones, Morgan Lang
Abigail Sharp

Coulter Knowles, Matthew Sharp
Parker Hanson

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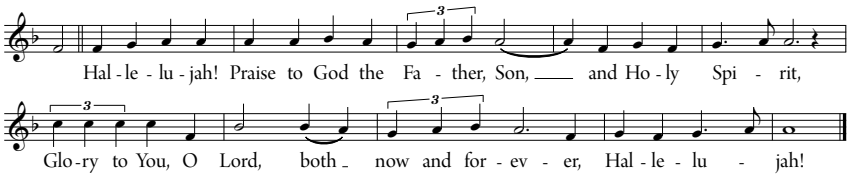
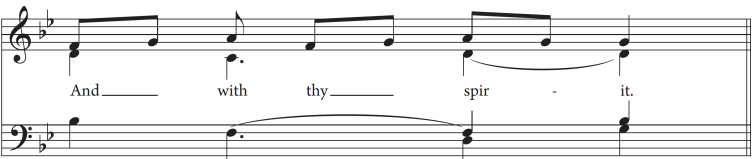


THE LORD’S SERVICE

THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 20, 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 #5	<i>“Mighty God, While Angels Bless Thee”</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 is our light and our salvation”	
<i>Cong: “Who shall we fear?”</i>	
Minister: “When evildoers draw near against me to eat my flesh, my oppressors and my enemies, to me, they themselves will stumble and fall. Though a host should encamp against me, my heart will not fear. Though war should rise against me, even then I will be confident. One thing I will ask of Yahweh, this is what I seek: That I may dwell in the house of Yahweh, all the days of my life.” <i>Amen.</i>	
THE LORD CLEANSES 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>	

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)	
<i>“A Song of David”</i>	
THE LORD INSTRUCTS US	
THE LESSON	
Isaiah 55:6-9	
Minister: “The Word of the Lord.”	
<i>Cong: “Thanks be to God.”</i>	
CONGREGATIONAL PSALM	
Psalm 98	
THE EPISTLE	
Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30	
Minister: “The Word of the Lord.”	
<i>Cong: “Thanks be to God.”</i>	
† HYMN #302	
<i>“Lord of the World Above”</i>	
† READING OF THE GOSPEL	
Matthew 18:21-35	
Minister: “The Gospel of our Lord.	
<i>Cong: “Praise be to You, O Christ.”</i>	
† THREE-FOLD ALLELUIA	
	
† READING OF THE TEXT:	
Genesis 21:22-5; Joshua 2:9, 12-14; Matthew 15:21-28	
SERMON	
<i>“Faithful Wounds of a Friend”</i>	
Pastor Zach Parker	
PRAYER OF CONSECRATION	
GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS	
OFFERTORY #174	
<i>“Praise the Savior Now and Ever”</i>	
(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 #437	<i>“Christ, of All My Hopes the Ground”</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 #273	<i>“Christ Hath a Garden”</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.” <i>Amen.</i>	
THE LORD COMMISSIONS US	
† HYMN #5 (SH)	<i>“Nunc Dimittis”</i>
† BENEDICTION	
† THREE-FOLD AMEN	