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!

Friday-PSALM SING & DESERT FELLOWSHIP: This Friday evening we will be having a Psalm Sing & Dessert Fellowship in the Fellowship hall beginning at 7:00. We will sing some old and familiar favorites along with learning some new songs as well. It's going to be fun, so make plans to come!

UPCOMING:

2025 RSA CONVOCATION: The Redeemer School of the Arts will hold its 2025 Convocation on Thursday, September 4, at 7:00 p.m. in our sanctuary. Pastor Bryan Rhodes of Grace Presbyterian Church, Alexandria, Louisiana, will be speaking. Make plans to come!

BABY SHOWER: All ladies mark your calendars! There will be a baby shower for Courtney Bennett on September 13th from 10 - 12 at the home of Melissa Cross, 2102 Redwood Drive, Monroe.

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 of the season here at COTR on Saturday, October 11, at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Plan to come!

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

August 29 - Psalm Sing & Desert Fellowship. 7:00 p.m., fellowship hall

September 4 – RSA Convocation, 7:00 p.m. 14 – Second Sunday, 6:00 p.m.

Pizza fellowship afterwards

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

27 - Happy Thanksgiving!

30 - First Sunday of Advent

December 7 - Second Sunday of Advent

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: Heidi Lang, Tara Maddox Floater: Madeleine Cross

Toddler: AM: Jeremy Cychosz, Cameron Lang Floater: Benjamin McCoy

NEXT WEEK:

Ellie Amos, Amanda Jane Vaughan Annabelle Huber

Melissa Cross, Anna Dlugosh Spencer McBroom

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THE LORD'S SERVICE

THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

AUGUST 24, 2025

10:00AM MORNING SERVICE

THE LORD CALLS US TO DRAW NEAR

+ 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: "The LORD bless you from Zion,"

Cong: "May you see the goodness of Jerusalem."

Minister: "Most right-happy is everyone fearing Yahweh! The one walking in his ways. The labor of your palms: that you shall eat! Most right-happy are you, and it will be good with you. Your wife: as a fruitful vine in the sides of your house; Your sons: as plants of olives around your table. Behold! For thus a mighty man will be blessed, who fears Yahweh." Amen.

THE LORD CLEANSES US

CONFESSION OF SINS:

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

Cong: Almighty God, we confess that we have sinned against You in our thoughts and words and deeds, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Be merciful to us, most merciful Father. For the sake of the suffering and death of Jesus Christ forgive us our sins and enable us to turn from them and earnestly persevere in doing Your will, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 #11 (SH) "The Venite"

THE LORD INSTRUCTS US

THE LESSON Isaiah 66:18-23

Minister: "The Word of the Lord."

Cong: "Thanks be to God."

CONGREGATIONAL PSALM

Psalm 103:1-12

THE EPISTLE

Hebrews 12:4-29

Minister: "The Word of the Lord."

Cong: "Thanks be to God."

+ HYMN #131

"When Morning Gilds the Skies"

+ READING OF THE GOSPEL

Luke 13:22-30

Minister: "The Gospel of our Lord.

Cong: "Praise be to You, O Christ."

+ THREE-FOLD ALLELUIA



+READING OF THE TEXT:

Proverbs 31:1-9

+PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

"Counsel from the King's Mother" ${\bf 2}$

Pastor Steve Wilkins

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY #30 (SH) "At the Name of Jesus"

(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 #372

"Arm of the Lord, Awake"

+ 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 #178 (SH)

"Built on the Rock the Church"

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)

"Nunc Dimittis"

+ BENEDICTION

+ THREE-FOLD AMEN

+The Congregation will please stand