

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-FELLOWSHIP MEAL: We will again have a fellowship meal today after our morning worship. All are invited to join some of our COTR families for a great time of food and fellowship in the fellowship hall.

SECOND SUNDAY SERVICE & PIZZA FELLOWSHIP: This evening we will have our "Second Sunday" service with a time of prayer and a brief study on the history of our country. Our service will be followed by pizza in the fellowship hall. Pizza is \$2.00 per person or \$10.00 per family. Plan to be here!

GENERAL:

BOOKS OF THE MONTH: Here are the books available for purchase this month:

The Baptized Body by Peter Leithart – \$8.00

From Silence to Song by Peter Leithart – \$9.00

The Messianic Character of American Education by R. J. Rushdoony – \$20.00

If you would like to order any (or all!) of these excellent books, please bring a check for the full amount of your order to the church office by Tuesday, September 21.

OFFICER NOMINATIONS: The elders have opened nominations for the offices of Deacon and Elder. Please carefully consider the requirements for these offices set forth in 1 Timothy 3 and Titus 1. Each nominee must receive at least 3 nominations to qualify for consideration. Those nominated will be given a time of instruction in the qualifications and the work of the office. Session will then examine each nominee to determine fitness for service before approving them to stand for election. We will receive nominations through Sunday, October 3

UPCOMING:

FALL SESSION OF THE SCHOOL OF CULTURAL RESTORATION: The Fall Session of our School of Cultural Restoration will begin Wednesday evening, September 22. Our classes for the fall session will run for five consecutive weeks, ending on Wednesday evening, October 20. Once again, we'll begin each Wednesday with a light meal at 5:30 p.m. followed by our classes at 6:15 p.m. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend.

LANGS' 60TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY! We will have a 60th wedding anniversary celebration for Russel and Lou Ann Lang on Saturday, October 9, in the Fellowship Hall. Dancing begins at 4:00 p.m. followed by a light supper at 5:00 p.m. Plan to come!

THE 2021 CREC COUNCIL MEETING: Please remember that COTR is hosting the 2021 CREC Council meeting this coming October (October 25-28) here at our church building. Pray that the Lord will bless all the arrangements and the planning that is on going and that the Council meeting will go well.

CALENDAR

September 12 – Second Sunday Service, 6:30 p.m.
Pizza fellowship afterwards
22 – Fall Session of the School of Cultural Reformation begins
Meal at 5:30 p.m., classes begin at 6:15 p.m.
23 – Session meeting, 6:30 p.m.
29 – Fall SCR Session, class #2
Meal at 5:30 p.m., classes begin at 6:15 p.m.

October 5 – Ladies' First Tuesday Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.
6 – Fall SCR Session, class #3
Meal at 5:30 p.m., classes begin at 6:15 p.m.
8 – DeSiard Street Shelter lunch, 11:30 a.m.
Dr. Duke Pesta speaking on CRT, 7:00 p.m.
9 – 60th Wedding Anniversary celebration for the Langs, 4:00 p.m.
10 – Fall Parish-wide Fellowship meetings
No evening worship
13 – Fall SCR Session, class #4
Meal at 5:30 p.m., classes begin at 6:15 p.m.
20 – Fall SCR Session, class #5
Meal at 5:30 p.m., classes begin at 6:15 p.m.
25-28 – CREC Council Meeting, 2021

November 1 – All Saints Day celebration
2 – Ladies' First Tuesday Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.
12 – DeSiard Street Shelter lunch, 11:30 a.m.
14 – Second Sunday service, 6:00 p.m.

NURSERY WORKERS FOR TODAY:

Infant: AM: Elizabeth Porter, Carol Medlin
Floater: Grace Bailey

Toddler: AM: Aleta Eley, Caroline Seal
Floater: Bryce Lizenby

NEXT WEEK:

Tammy Seal, Tara Maddox
Gloria Cychosz

Jennifer Lizenby, Stephanie Bailey
Brode Huber

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THE LORD'S SERVICE

THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

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 #36 *“Now Unto Jehovah, Ye Sons of the Mighty”*

† 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: “Praise the Lord.”

Cong: “The Lord’s name be praised.”

Minister: *“Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God; for it is pleasant, and praise is beautiful.” Amen.*

THE LORD CLEANSSES US

CONFESSION OF SINS:

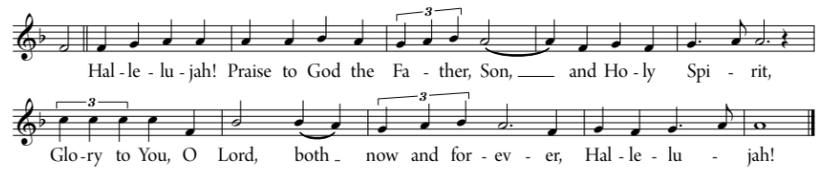
Minister: “Let us humbly kneel and confess our sins to Almighty God”

Cong: Most merciful God: We confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean; we have sinned in thought, word, and deed; not only in outward transgressions, but also in secret thoughts and desires, that we are not able to understand, but which are all known to You. We flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace through our Lord Jesus Christ. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will, and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name. 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.

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 singing:”

†The Congregation will please stand

† SANCTUS (p. vii, SH)

† PRAYER OF ADORATION

† CANTICLE #14 (SH) *“A Song of David”*

THE LORD INSTRUCTS US

THE LESSON

Isaiah 50:4-10

Minister: “The Word of the Lord.”

Cong: “Thanks be to God.”

CONGREGATIONAL PSALM

Psalms 116:1-9

THE EPISTLE

James 3:1-12

Minister: “The Word of the Lord.”

Cong: “Thanks be to God.”

† HYMN #42

“Round the Lord in Glory Seated”

† READING OF THE GOSPEL

Mark 9:14-29

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!

† PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

“Fighting the Holy War”

Pastor Steve Wilkins

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY #489

“The Son of God Goes Forth to War”

(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 #473

“Lord of Our Life and God of Our Salvation”

† 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 #506 *“Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me”*

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