

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!

Wednesday– JOINT OFFICERS MEETING: We will have a meeting of the elders and deacons this coming Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

UPCOMING:

RIVERSIDE COVENANT SCHOOL: Riverside Covenant School will hold their annual meeting on August 30, 2026, immediately following morning worship. All interested families are invited to attend. Since 1991, RCS has provided the homeschooling members of Redeemer a convenient registration option to satisfy State regulations. For more information, contact Alex Moreau (318-237-6484) or Shelby Maddox (318-237-3109).

ACCORDIA: CHRISTIAN SINGLE ADULT GATHERING: A thoughtfully designed, one-day gathering for Christian singles age 25-40, from 10:00 a.m. til 6:00 p.m. at Summers Mill Retreat and Conference Center, Belton, Texas. Registration: <https://sites.google.com/view/accordiatx/registration>.

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.

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 11 – DeSiard Street Shelter lunch, 11:30 a.m.
12 – Accordia Gathering
13 – Second Sunday service, 6:00 p.m.
Pizza fellowship afterwards
28-30 – CREC General Council

October 9 – DeSiard Street Shelter lunch, 11:30 a.m.
11 – Parish-wide Fellowships
No evening service

November 1 – All Saints Day celebration
8 – Second Sunday
Pizza Fellowship afterwards
13 – DeSiard Street Shelter lunch, 11:30 a.m.
26 – Happy Thanksgiving!
29 – First Sunday of Advent

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
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: Bethany Wilkins, Tara Maddox
Floater: Madeleine Cross

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

NEXT WEEK:

Ellie Amos, Amanda Jane Vaughan
Lila Jane Vaughan

Melissa Cross, Anna Dlugosh
Spencer McBroom

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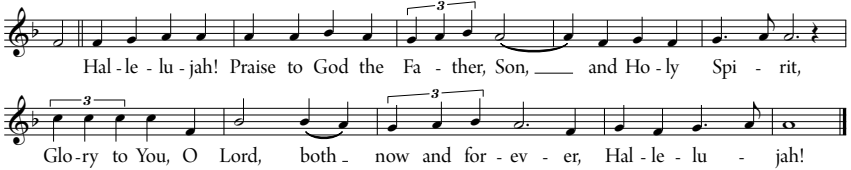
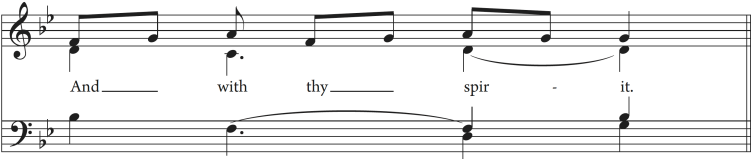
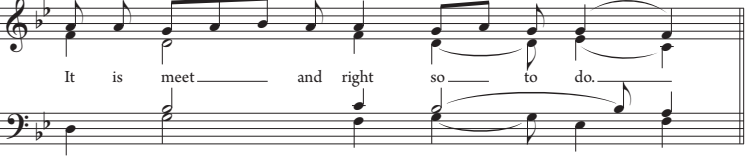


THE LORD’S SERVICE

THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 23, 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 #70 <i>“Praise My Soul the King of Heaven”</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: “We will acclaim Your name,”	
<i>Cong: “For Your lovingkindness and Your faithfulness.”</i>	
Minister: “For You magnified over all—Your name, Your word. In the day I called, and You answered me; You made my soul fierce with strength. They will acclaim You, Yahweh, all the kings of the earth, for they have heard the words of Your mouth. And they will sing of the ways of Yahweh, for the great glory of Yahweh! For exalted is Yahweh, and the lowly one he sees, and the haughty one he knows from afar.” Amen.	
THE LORD CLEANSES US	
CONFESSION OF SINS:	
Minister: “Let us humbly kneel and confess our sins to Almighty God”	
<i>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.</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> 	
†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) <i>“The Venite”</i>	
THE LORD INSTRUCTS US	
THE LESSON	
Isaiah 51:1-6	
Minister: “The Word of the Lord.”	
<i>Cong: “Thanks be to God.”</i>	
CONGREGATIONAL PSALM	
Psalm 103:1-12	
THE EPISTLE	
Romans 11:33-12:8	
Minister: “The Word of the Lord.”	
<i>Cong: “Thanks be to God.”</i>	
† HYMN #177 (SH) <i>“Behold the Glories of the Lamb”</i>	
† READING OF THE GOSPEL	
Matthew 16:13-20	
Minister: “The Gospel of our Lord.	
<i>Cong: “Praise be to You, O Christ.”</i>	
† THREE-FOLD ALLELUIA	
	
† READING OF THE TEXT:	
Psalm 78:1-7	
SERMON	
<i>“Gardens of Righteousness” (2)</i>	
Pastor Steve Wilkins	
PRAYER OF CONSECRATION	
GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS	
OFFERTORY #400	
<i>“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”</i>	
(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 #164 (SH) <i>“Blessed the Man that Fears Jehovah”</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 #200 (SH) <i>“O Love, How Deep”</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.” Amen.	
THE LORD COMMISSIONS US	
† HYMN #5 (SH) <i>“Nunc Dimittis”</i>	
† BENEDICTION	
† THREE-FOLD AMEN	
†The Congregation will please stand	