

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–SECOND SUNDAY SERVICE: Next Sunday we will having our “Second Sunday” service with a time of prayer, singing, and a brief study. And afterwards, we’ll again have our Pizza fellowship! Make plans to join us!

Next Sunday–HOSPITALITY SUNDAY: Don’t forget that next Sunday, the third Sunday of this month (September 20), is “Hospitality Sunday.” We will not have our evening service in order to encourage in-home hospitality for those who would like to host visitors, friends, and other members for a meal and fellowship. In addition, Nick and Victoria Dlugosh will be heading up a fellowship meal after our morning service, as another opportunity for fellowship besides in-home hospitality. 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 communion with one another.

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

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
28-30 – CREC General Council

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

November 1 – All Saints Day celebration
8 – Second Sunday
Pizza Fellowship afterwards
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.
13 – Second Sunday, Third Sunday of Advent
Pizza Fellowship afterwards
20 – Last Sunday of Advent
Hospitality Sunday, no evening worship

24 – Christmas Eve Service, 6:00 p.m.
27 – First Sunday of Christmas

NURSERY WORKERS FOR TODAY:

Infant: AM: Maddie Cassidy, Jamie Cychosz
Floater: Sophie Nash

Toddler: AM: Aleta Eley, Avalee Porter
Floater: Tyler Moreau

NEXT WEEK:

Jenni Maney, AnnaBeth Haisty
Marley Amos

Amy Hanson, Rose Wilkins
Eli Richey

CHURCH of the REDEEMER is a member of the Communion of Reformed Evangelical Churches (CREC). The CREC is an international church community with member congregations all across North and South America, Western and Eastern Europe, and Eastern Asia. We are evangelical believers who embrace the historic Christian faith, in the Protestant Reformation tradition. More information may be found at <https://crechurches.org>.

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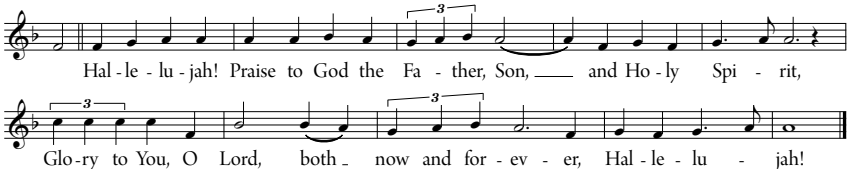
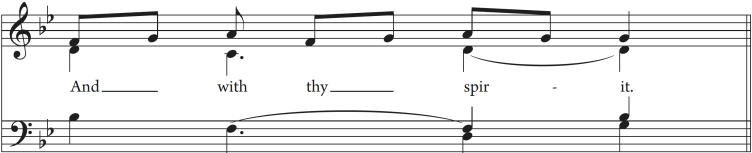


THE LORD’S SERVICE

THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 13, 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 #3 (2nd)	<i>“From All that Dwell Below”</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: “Bless the LORD, all his hosts,”	
<i>Cong: “His servants, performing his pleasure!”</i>	
Minister: “ <i>Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all my core, his holy name. Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: Forgiving all your liabilities; healing all your ailments; redeeming your lives from the pit; crowning you with lovingkindness and compassion; satisfying your mouth with good—your youth is renewed like the eagles.</i> ” Amen.	
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> 	
†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 #14 (SH)	
<i>“A Song of David”</i>	
THE LORD INSTRUCTS US	
THE LESSON	
Genesis 50:15-21	
Minister: “The Word of the Lord.”	
<i>Cong: “Thanks be to God.”</i>	
CONGREGATIONAL PSALM	
Psalm 98	
THE EPISTLE	
Romans 14:1-12	
Minister: “The Word of the Lord.”	
<i>Cong: “Thanks be to God.”</i>	
+ HYMN #111	
<i>“Thy Might Sets Fast the Mountains”</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:	
Psalm 122	
SERMON	
<i>“The Peace of Jerusalem”</i>	
Pastor Steve Wilkins	
PRAYER OF CONSECRATION	
GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS	
OFFERTORY #369	
<i>“Zion, Founded on the Mountains”</i>	
(the congregation will sing this hymn)	
+ DOXOLOGY	
(We lift our hearts, voices, and hands in praise to God)	
+ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING	
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THE LORD COMMUNES WITH US	
HYMN #502	<i>“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart”</i>
+ PRAYER OF INTERCESSION:	
Minister: Lord, in your mercy,	
<i>Congregation: Hear our prayer.</i>	
+ THE LORD’S PRAYER: page <i>ix</i> (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 (Insert)	
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	