

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY



RUTHFRED LUTHERAN CHURCH

Welcome to Ruthfred Lutheran Church!

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We are delighted to have you with us this morning as we gather to worship the Lord Jesus Christ.

If you are visiting today, we are glad you are here! Whether you are visiting from out of town, seeking a new church home, or for any other reason, thank you for choosing to worship with us. We would love to get in touch with you. Please fill out your contact information in the red folder at the end of your pew, or fill out the information on the back cover of this bulletin, and place it in the offering plate as it passes before you.

About Us:

- ◆ Since her opening service on Christmas Eve in 1948 and her charter the following year, Ruthfred Lutheran Church has been a congregation rooted in the conviction that the Bible is inspired by God, living and active, capable to produce faith in its hearers, and true and faithful in all its parts. As such, our preaching and teaching aim to be faithful to its correct interpretation and is central to our worship of God.
- ◆ Our Divine Service, called the “Common Service,” possesses a rich history that stems from the early days of the Lutheran Reformation. It is centered upon God’s Word, and proclaims the realities of God’s abundant grace in Jesus Christ from its start to its close. If this is a new form of worship for you, this bulletin will serve as a welcome companion. The order of service begins on page 3.
- ◆ The Divine Service begins as our organist begins the Prelude. When the music starts, please quiet your hearts as you prayerfully prepare for worship.



Our cover is a paper cut, or *scherenschnitte*, created specially for our church by our very own Kathryn Carr. The artwork will reflect liturgical and Ruthfred-specific themes that occur throughout the year.

The Divine Service of the Word

All Saints' Sunday, November 6, 2022

Prelude:

"Jesus, My Life " (J.
Pachelbel)

"Jesus, My Hope"
(J. Pachelbel)

The Opening Hymn:

"For All The Saints"
(SBH #144, 1st tune; 2
pages)

(Please stand as we
join our hearts in
song)

1. For all the saints who from their la - bors rest, Who
2. Thou wast their rock, their for - tress and their might;
3. O may thy sol - diers, faith - ful, true and bold,
7. But lo! there breaks a yet more glo - rious day: The
8. From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, Through

thee . . . by faith be - fore the world con - fessed,
Thou, Lord, their Cap - tain in their well - fought fight;
Fight as the saints who no - bly fought of old,
saints . . . tri - umph - ant rise in bright ar - ray;
gates . . . of pearl streams in the count - less host,

Thy Name, O Je - sus, be for ev - er blest.
Thou, in the dark - ness drear, their one true light.
And win, with them, the vic - tor's crown of gold.
The King of Glo - ry pass - es on his way.
Sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost:

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Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Harmony

A-men.

Harmony

4. O blest com-mun - ion, fel - low - ship di - vine! We fee - bly strug - gle,
 5. And when the strife is fierce, the war-fare long, Steals on the ear the
 6. The gold - en eve - ning bright-ens in the west; Soon, soon to faith - ful

(small notes st. 6)

they in glo - ry shine; Yet all are one in thee, for all are
 dis - tant tri-umph-song, And hearts are brave a - gain, and arms are
 war-riors com-eth rest; Sweet is the calm of par - a - dise the

thine.
 strong.
 blest.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

William Walsham How, 1823-97

The “invocation” is Latin for “call upon.” In the Invocation we remember our baptism and acknowledge God as our Father. We are reminded that through Christ’s name we have access to the Father’s throne by the Holy Spirit. Because we are children of God, we have the privilege to invite (invoke) God’s presence and blessing upon this service of “divine liturgy” in which we receive the Work of God through His Word and Spirit, and also in which we offer up to God our praise as an act of worship. *Hebrews 10:19-25; 13:15; Ephesians 2:18*

We confess our sins at the beginning of each service, because we are coming into the presence of a holy God. Though we are sinners who daily struggle with sin, we are invited to come to Him to receive the forgiveness of sin earned for us by Jesus. Through this forgiveness, we are given a right standing before a holy God. Because sin is both corporate and personal, we confess our sins together, and privately in the silence of our hearts.

The Absolution is based upon God’s instruction in Luke 24:47 that repentance and the forgiveness of sins should be widely proclaimed in the name of Jesus. (See also 1 John. 1:9).

The Call to Worship and Invocation

Pastor (P): We open this service in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation (C): Amen

The Order for Public Confession (SBH, p. 247)

Unison: (U): Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love Thee, and worthily magnify Thy holy Name; through Jesus Christ, thy Son our Lord, Amen.

P: Let us humbly kneel, and make confession unto God, imploring His forgiveness, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

U: O God, our heavenly Father, I confess unto Thee that I have grievously sinned against Thee in many ways; not only by outward transgressions, but also by secret thoughts and desires which I cannot fully understand, but which are all known unto Thee. I do earnestly repent, and am heartily sorry for these my offenses, and I beseech thee of thy great goodness to have mercy upon me, and for the sake of Thy dear Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, to forgive my sins, and graciously to help my infirmities. Amen.

The Absolution, Admonition & Blessing:

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, hath had mercy upon us, and for the sake of the sufferings, death, and resurrection of His dear Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, forgives us all our sins. As a Minister of the Church of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore declare unto you who do truly repent and believe in Him, the entire forgiveness of all your sins. In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

P: On the other hand, by the same authority, I declare unto the impenitent and unbelieving, that so long as they continue in their impenitence, God hath not forgiven their sins, and will assuredly visit their iniquities upon them, if they turn not from their evil ways, and come to true repentance and faith in Christ, ere the day of grace be ended.

P: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the Love of God, and the Communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all.

C: Amen

"Introit" means "to enter into," and is a responsive reading meant to lead God's forgiven children into the worship of Him. The words are from Scripture, and relate to the theme of the day in the liturgical calendar.

God's chief means of extending His grace to His children is through His Word. Hearing it and learning it are central to His proper worship.

The Introit (Read Responsively; Please stand)

P: These are they which came out of great tribulation.

C: And have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore are they before the throne of God.

P: And serve Him day and night in His temple. Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous.

C: For praise is comely for the upright. (Rev. 7:14, 15; Psalm 33: 1)

The Gloria Patri (Sung in Unison; SBH p. 17)

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world
without end. Amen.**

The First Lesson: Revelation 4:1; 5:1-14 (NASB)

¹ After these things I looked, and behold, a door *standing* open in heaven, and the first voice which I had heard, like *the sound* of a trumpet speaking with me, said, "Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after these things."

¹ I saw in the right hand of Him who sat on the throne a book written inside and on the back, sealed up with seven seals. ² And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the book and to break its seals?" ³ And no one in heaven or on the earth or under the earth was able to open the book or to look into it. ⁴ Then I *began* to weep greatly because no one was found worthy to open the book or to look into it; ⁵ and one of the elders said to me, "Stop weeping; behold, the Lion that is from the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has overcome so as to open the book and its seven seals." ⁶ And I saw between the throne (with the four living creatures) and the elders a Lamb standing, as if slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God, sent out into all the earth. ⁷ And He came and took the book out of the right hand of Him who sat on the throne. ⁸ When He had taken the book, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each one holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. ⁹ And they sang a new song, saying, "Worthy are You to take the book and to break its seals; for You were slain, and purchased for God with Your blood *men* from every tribe and tongue and people and nation. ¹⁰ "You have made them *to be* a kingdom and priests to our God; and they will reign upon the earth." ¹¹ Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne and the living creatures and the elders; and the number of them was myriads of myriads, and thousands of thousands, ¹² saying with a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb that was

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The First Lesson: Revelation 4:1; 5:1-14 (NASB) (cont'd)

slain to receive power and riches and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing.”¹³ And every created thing which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all things in them, I heard saying, “To Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, *be* blessing and honor and glory and dominion forever and ever.”¹⁴ And the four living creatures kept saying, “Amen.” And the elders fell down and worshiped.

The Gradual

O fear the Lord, you His saints. For there is no want to them that fear Him. They that seek the Lord shall not want any good thing. Alleluia, alleluia. Come unto me, all you that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest. Alleluia. (Psalm 34:9, 10; Matthew 11:28)

The Alleluia (Sung in Unison)

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Holy Gospel Reading: Luke 20:27-40 (NASB)

The Congregation shall rise and sing, “**Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**”

²⁷ Now there came to Him some of the Sadducees (who say that there is no resurrection),²⁸ and they questioned Him, saying, “Teacher, Moses wrote for us that IF A MAN’S BROTHER DIES, having a wife, AND HE IS CHILDLESS, HIS BROTHER SHOULD MARRY THE WIFE AND RAISE UP CHILDREN TO HIS BROTHER.²⁹ Now there were seven brothers; and the first took a wife and died childless;³⁰ and the second³¹ and the third married her; and in the same way all seven died, leaving no children.³² Finally the woman died also.³³ In the resurrection therefore, which one’s wife will she be? For all seven had married her.”³⁴ Jesus said to them, “The sons of this age marry and are given in marriage,³⁵ but those who are considered worthy to attain to that age and the resurrection from the dead, neither marry nor are given in marriage;³⁶ for they cannot even die anymore, because they are like angels, and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection.³⁷ But that the dead are raised, even Moses showed, in *the passage about the burning bush*, where he calls the Lord THE GOD OF ABRAHAM, AND THE GOD OF ISAAC, AND THE GOD OF JACOB.³⁸ Now He is not the God of the dead but of the living; for all live to Him.”³⁹ Some of the scribes answered and said, “Teacher, You have spoken well.”⁴⁰ For they did not have courage to question Him any longer about anything.

The Congregation shall sing, “**Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**”

The “Gradual” (Latin for *step*) is a liturgical reading bridging the readings of the epistle and the Gospel. It is comprised of Scripture, mostly the Psalms.

“Alleluia” is Hebrew for “Praise the Lord.”

During the Service of Holy Communion, we confess our faith using the Words of the Nicene Creed. Though officially adopted a few hundred years after Christ's earthly ministry, the Creed emphasizes the truths that had been taught since the time of the Apostles, namely, that Christ is both fully God and fully man. As such, we are assured that in the person of Jesus Christ, God Himself became like us in every way, yet perfect and without sin; and shed His own Blood and gave His own Body in death so that we could find in Him forgiveness of sin and life eternal.

This creed has been used in worship across denominational lines.

The Confession of Faith: The Nicene Creed (Confessed in Unison)

I 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 his 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 sitteth 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 I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one Holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the Resurrection of the dead, And the Life of the world to come. Amen.

The Anthem

11:00: Senior Choir—*Joy in the Morning* (Sleeth)

Joy, there'll be joy in the morning.
There'll be joy in the morning on that day,
For the daylight will dawn when the darkness is gone,
there'll be joy in the morning on that day.

There'll be peace and contentment evermore,
Every heart, every voice on that day will rejoice,
there'll be peace and contentment evermore.

And the glory of the Lord will shine upon us,
and the glory of the Lord will bring the truth divine.
There'll be love and forgiveness everywhere,
and the way of the Lord will that day be restored,
there'll be love, sweet love everywhere.

There'll be love and forgiveness,
there'll be peace and contentment, there'll be joy!

The Announcements

The Sermon Hymn: "There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood" (AMB #412)

1 There is a foun - tain filled with blood Drawn from Im - man - uel's veins,
 2 The dy - ing thief re - joiced to see That foun-tain in his day,
 3 Dear dy - ing Lamb, Thy pre - cious blood Shall nev - er lose its pow'r,
 4 E'er since by faith I saw the stream Thy flow - ing wounds sup - ply,
 5 When this poor lisp - ing, stam-m'ring tongue Lies si - lent in the grave,

And sin - ners plunged be - neath that flood Lose all their guilt - y stains:
 And there may I, though vile as he, Wash all my sins a - way:
 Till all the ran - somed Church of God Be saved to sin no more:
 Re - deem - ing love has been my theme And shall be till I die:
 Then in a no - bler, sweet - er song, I'll sing Thy pow'r to save:

Lose all their guilt - y stains, Lose all their guilt - y stains;
 Wash all my sins a - way, Wash all my sins a - way;
 Be saved to sin no more, Be saved to sin no more;
 And shall be till I die, And shall be till I die;
 I'll sing Thy pow'r to save, I'll sing Thy pow'r to save;

And sin - ners plunged be - neath that flood Lose all their guilt - y stains.
 And there may I, though vile as he, Wash all my sins a - way.
 Till all the ran - somed Church of God Be saved to sin no more.
 Re - deem - ing love has been my theme And shall be till I die.
 Then in a no - bler, sweet - er song, I'll sing Thy pow'r to save.

Text: William Cowper, 1731-1800
 Tune: American melody

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The Sermon is the central component of our Worship. In it, we hear God's Word taught and explained. We hear His Law, convicting of sin and guiding the believer. We also hear the promises of His Gospel, the Good News of Christ's work for us—His redemption, forgiveness and provision of life eternal.

The Sermon: "The Lion & the Lamb" | Revelation 4:1; 5:1-14; 7:9-17

The Offertory Response (Sung in Unison; Please Stand)

Create in me a clean heart, O God: and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence: and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation: and uphold me with thy free Spirit. (Psalm 51:10-12)

On the first Sunday of each month, as well as on other special occasions, we have the privilege of receiving Holy Communion together. We do not require membership to participate in this. However, we do ask that those coming to receive Communion would be baptized believers in the saving work of Jesus Christ, who are of confirmation age (completed 8th grade), and who are in agreement with the biblical teaching of Christ concerning it.

We believe and teach that Holy Communion is a Sacrament in which we receive the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in, with, and under the bread and the wine, that it was instituted by Christ Himself, and that it is given to us Christians to eat and to drink.

We believe and teach that the benefit for Christians receiving Communion is expressed in the words "given" and "shed for you for the forgiveness of sins" (See Matthew 26:26-29). As described by Martin Luther in his *Small Catechism*, these words show us that "forgiveness of sin, life and salvation" are given to us in Communion.

Luther formulated a list of 20 questions with appropriate responses to guide the believer to prepare their hearts for Communion. We include a selection of those questions on page 13 for the purpose of aiding you in the same way.

The Service for Communion

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And with thy Spirit.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up unto the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

C: It is meet and right so to do.

P: 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; ever more praising Thee, and saying:

C: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth; Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory; Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The Words of Institution:

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, in the night in which He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He brake it and gave it to His disciples, saying, take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you; This do in remembrance of me.

After the same manner also, He took the cup, when He had supped, and, when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; this cup is the New Testament in my Blood, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins; this do, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me.

The Lord's Prayer (Prayed in Unison)

P: Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And, forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil;

C: For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And with thy Spirit.

The Agnus Dei:

C: O Christ thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us;

O Christ thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us;

O Christ thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

Hymn: "This Is the Feast"

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.
 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
 Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and strength, and
 hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.
 This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le -
 lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of
 God and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:
 Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be to
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.
 This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the
 Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al -
 le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Do you believe that you are a sinner?

Yes, I believe that I am a sinner.

Are you sorry for your sins?

Yes, I am sorry that I have sinned against God.

Do you desire to be saved?

Yes, such is my desire.

In Whom do you trust?

In my dear Lord, Jesus Christ.

What has Christ done for you that you trust in Him?

He died for me and shed His blood for me on the cross for the forgiveness of sins.

Do you believe that the true body and blood of Christ are in the Sacrament?

Yes, I believe it.

What induces you to believe this?

The Word of Christ, "Take, eat this is My body; This is My blood, drink of it all of you."

Why ought we to remember and proclaim His death?

That we may learn to believe that no creature could make satisfaction for our sins but Christ, true God and man; and that we may learn to look with terror at our sins, and to regard them as great indeed, and to find joy and comfort in Him alone, and thus be saved through such faith.

Finally, why do you wish to go to receive Holy Communion?

That I may learn to believe that Christ died for my sin out of great love, as before said; and that I may also learn from Him to love God and my neighbor.

The Distribution

During Communion: "In Heaven Above" (AMB #622)

1 In heav'n a - bove, in heav'n a - bove, Where God, our Fa - ther, dwells;
2 In heav'n a - bove, in heav'n a - bove, What glo - ry deep and bright!
3 In heav'n a - bove, in heav'n a - bove, No tears of pain are shed:
4 In heav'n a - bove, in heav'n a - bove, God hath a joy pre - pared,

How bound-less there the bless - ed - ness! No tongue its great-ness tells:
The splen - dor of the noon-day sun Grows pale be - fore its light:
For naught can yon - der fade or die; Life's ful - ness round is spread,
Which mor - tal ear had nev - er heard, Nor mor - tal vis - ion shared,

There face to face, and full and free, For - ev - er,
The heav'n - ly light that ne'er goes down, A - round whose
And like an o - cean, joy o'er - flows, And with im -
Which nev - er en - tered mor - tal breast, By mor - tal

ev - er - more we see— Our God, the Lord of hosts!
ra - diance clouds ne'er frown, Is God, the Lord of hosts.
mor - tal mer - cy glows Our God, the Lord of hosts.
lips was ne'er ex - pressed, O God, the Lord of hosts!

Text: Laurentius Laurenti Laurinus, 1573–1655; tr. William Maccall, 1812–1888
Tune: Norwegian folk tune

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The Nunc Dimittis:

U: Lord now let thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word; For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people; A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the Glory of thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

The Prayer

P: O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good.

C: And his mercy endureth forever

The Closing Prayer *(after which the congregation shall sing "Amen.")*

P: The Lord be with you.

C. And with thy spirit

P: Bless we the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

The Benediction

P: May the Lord bless you and keep you.

May he make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you

May he lift up His countenance upon you and give you His peace.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

(Numbers 6:24-26)

C: Amen

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

Today we celebrate All Saints' Sunday. Pastor Carlson and Pastor McMinn have officiated at the following funerals since last All Saints' Sunday. Those with an asterisk (*) were members of this church. We think of all these dear ones who have gone on before us.

Kevin Blanc (d. December 22, 2021)	December 27, 2021
*Wilbert J. Vogel (d. January 6, 2022)	January 22, 2022
*Alma L. Vogel (d. January 19, 2022)	January 22, 2022
William "Bill" J. Schultz (d. March 29, 2022)	April 4, 2022
*Marcia A. Pavesi (d. April 3, 2022)	April 8, 2022
*Donald J. (D. J.) Taylor (d. April 24, 2022)	April 27, 2022
*James R. MacManus (d. June 13, 2022)	June 23, 2022
*Darryl L. Roussel (d. June 22, 2022)	June 27, 2022
*John "Bob" Koehnke (d. July 5, 2022)	July 9, 2022
Ronald W. Lockwood (d. December 31, 2021)	July 23, 2022
*Margaret M. Jacobson (d. July 22, 2022)	July 26, 2022
*Larry L. Holt (d. July 30, 2022)	August 4, 2022
*Albert J. Hatala (d. August 21, 2022)	August 25, 2022
*Patricia A. VanKirk (d. September 6, 2022)	September 10, 2022
David G. Brown (d. August 7, 2022)	September 17, 2022
Kama O. Allen (d. July 16, 2022)	October 10, 2022
Alice I. Schmitt (d. October 25, 2022)	October 29, 2022

The Closing Hymn: "Behold a Host" (SBH #599, 2 pages)

1. Be - hold a host like moun - tains bright! Lo! who are
2. Then sing, ye con-que-ri- gions white, Let my - riad

The first system of the hymn features a treble and bass staff in B-flat major (two flats). The melody is in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the staves, with two verses of text.

these, ar - rayed in white, A glo - rious band, with
voic - es hail his might, And praise the Lord, who

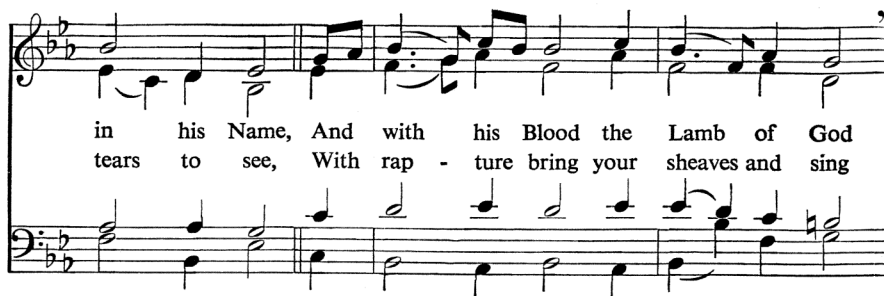
The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the staves, with two lines of text.

palms in hand A - round the throne of light? Lo, these are
by his word Hath stab - lished you in light. Ye, who all

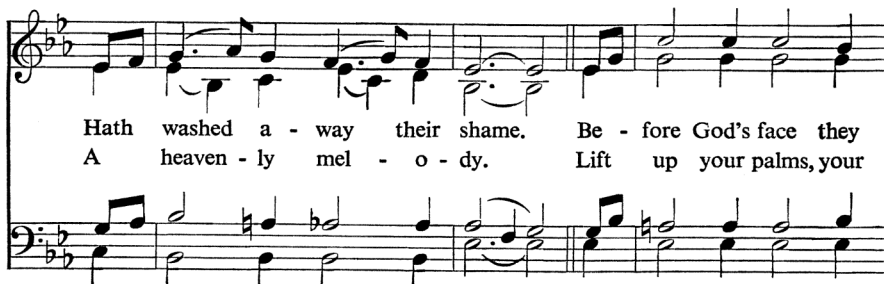
The third system continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the staves, with two lines of text.

they who o - ver - came Great trib - u - la - tion
earth - ly lure did flee, Who sowed and toiled, but

The fourth system concludes the hymn. The lyrics are written below the staves, with two lines of text.



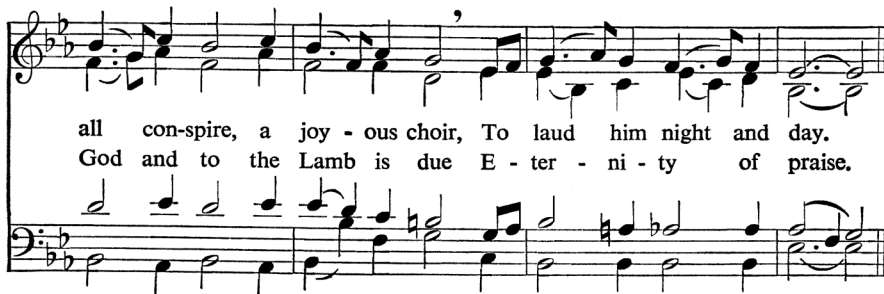
in his Name, And with his Blood the Lamb of God
tears to see, With rap - ture bring your sheaves and sing



Hath washed a - way their shame. Be - fore God's face they
A heav - en - ly mel - o - dy. Lift up your palms, your



sing and pray, Their voic - es blend with an - gels' lay, And
voic - es raise Through heav - en's vault and end - less days. To



all con-spire, a joy - ous choir, To laud him night and day.
God and to the Lamb is due E - ter - ni - ty of praise.

*Hans Adolf Brorson, 1694–1764
Hymnal Version, 1955*

The Silent Prayer & Chimes

The Postlude:

"For All the Saints" (arr. W. Held)

Announcements

The altar flowers are presented by Mary Lou Streiner for Veterans' Day in memory of my 12 aunts and uncles who served their country during WWII. With special loving memories of my Dad, "Buzz" Schultz, who was drafted into the U. S. Navy during WWII when I was seven. He served on an LST in the Philippines. Also in memory of my brother, Bill Schultz, who served in the U. S. Navy during the Cuban Missile Crisis, and my dear husband, Ernie, who served in the U. S. Army during the Korean Conflict. Praise God, they all came home.

Nursery Today: 8:30—Jenna Schwartz & Sadie Carlson; Sunday School—Jenna Schwartz; 11:00—Claudia Patalong.

Substitute Organist: We give thanks for Essi Efthimiou, who is serving as our long-term substitute organist during Fred's absence. Thank you, Essi!

Pastor's Fund: Given by a Friend in Christ in memory of Alice Schmitt.

Benevolence Fund: Given by Joyce Bock in honor of Pastor Carlson and Pastor McMinn during Pastor Appreciation Month last month.

Known to be hospitalized: Grace Motzer—St. Clair Hospital. Joe Cawley—Providence Point until November 9th. Fred Schell (broken ribs)—Montefiore Hospital. (Fred's home address is: 103 South Grandview Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15205.) Derrick Fouks (father of Brandon) was in a car accident on October 9th and sustained serious injuries. (Address: 2463 County Rd. H, Deer Park, WI 54007.) Please keep them in your prayers and support them with cards.

Prayers for recovery: Larry Sheatsley has not actually been discharged from Concordia. He was moved from Physical Therapy to Personal Care. He is in Room 350. Joan Reagan (knee replacement) is home recovering. Judy Bender is at home recovering after fracturing an ankle. Lundy Castro (Jen Carlson's dad) is battling Stage 4 Metastatic Melanoma. His mailing address is: 49196 N. Grosse Pointe Shores Rd., Hancock, MI 49930. Please keep them in your prayers, as well as all those members of the Ruthfred family who are facing health or other challenges.

Under Hospice Care: Marie Wilmer continues under hospice care. Please pray for her.

Erratum: In extending our sympathy to Elaine Grant last week on the death of her brother, we misspelled his name. The correct spelling is **Merrill** Grant. We apologize for this error! Please keep Elaine's family in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Attention all XYZers: The sign-up sheets are available on the bulletin board outside the Library for the next meeting, which will be Friday, November 18. Please note that this is a week earlier than usual because of Thanksgiving. Mary Bach, Consumer Advocate, will speak on the topic of consumer safety and scams. Please be sure to sign up to hear the program and also to experience a great lunch, lovingly prepared by our own Peggy Cox. If you have questions, please contact Melissa Bostaph.

2023 Calendars: The calendars which Paul Henney Cremation & Tributes so generously provides each year have arrived. There are stacks at each of the church entrances. Feel free to pick one up on your way out today! We are grateful to Paul Henney for providing these beautiful, Christian-themed calendars every year.

Annual Congregational Meeting: This meeting will be held on November 20th. There will be two sessions—one after each of the morning services. At these sessions, Council will present the 2023 Budget to the congregation for a vote of approval. Please plan to attend!

Announcements (cont'd)

Light of Life Thanksgiving Food Boxes: This year Light of Life plans to distribute 2,000 boxes of food to families in the Northside area. Each box will contain a Thanksgiving dinner for 4, including a turkey and a pie. We are going to help them this year by collecting **6-ounce boxes of turkey stuffing**. We have committed to collecting 150 boxes. Please place your contributions in the marked bin outside the kitchen in the Fellowship Hall. Items need to be brought in no later than **November 9**. They will be delivered November 10. Thank you for supporting this project! Contact Jill Kurtz with any questions.

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Collection: It's hard to believe that it's time to be thinking of Christmas gifts, but Samaritan's Purse, run by Franklin Graham, will begin collecting filled shoeboxes and shipping them to children in need all over the world, including Native Americans living on reservations, before Thanksgiving. These shoebox gifts are filled with fun toys, school supplies and hygiene items and for many of these children, this shoebox gift is the only gift that they will receive.

Please take a shoebox from the "Operation Christmas Child" table on the Sanctuary level, by the elevators. Inside each shoebox will be "How to Pack a Shoebox" instructions, along with the Boy/Girl label that you will attach to the lid of your shoebox. Gift ideas are available on the display table. Fill a box and return it to the Fireside Lounge no later than noon on Sunday November 20th. The shipping fee has increased to \$10 this year, which can be paid online at www.samaritanspurse.org/occ or enclose your check inside the enclosed envelope and make it payable to "Samaritan's Purse" and write "Operation Christmas Child" in the memo section.

NOTE: SHOEBOXES CANNOT BE ACCEPTED AFTER SUNDAY NOVEMBER 20TH BECAUSE THEY MUST BE DELIVERED THE NEXT DAY. Please contact Carol Ward with any questions at 412-559-2592 or wardmailbox1@gmail.com. Thank you!

Christmas Giving Tree: A tree outside the elevator is decorated with small red & green envelopes to benefit the Adopt-A-Family program. This program benefits local families who cannot provide meals, or gifts, for their family at Christmas. The holidays are one of the most expensive times of the year for families—especially those who are struggling to make ends meet. Your generosity can help alleviate this burden. Last year this program helped over 200 local families to enjoy Christmas.

If you can possibly donate a gift card to Giant Eagle, Shop N Save, Walmart, Aldi's, Eat 'N Park, or Target, it would help provide food, and possibly a small gift, this Christmas. Please include the gift card receipt, or write the dollar amount on the envelope, and then either place it in the weekly offering basket or take it to the office where there is a decorated collection bin. All gift cards must be turned in by Sunday, December 4th. I will deliver them the next day. Thank you! **Carol Ward (412) 559-2592**

Family Sunday School Advent Day: On Sunday, November 20th, we will celebrate Advent together with a Family Sunday School. Come and enjoy food, fellowship, and an Advent lesson. We will be crafting ADVENTure boxes for you to use during the season of Advent. Please plan to attend this special Sunday School as a family.

Sign-up Sheet for Family Sunday School Advent Day Food Donations: There is a sign-up sheet located on the table outside the Fellowship Hall, at the bottom of the stairs. We are hoping for contributions of donuts, breakfast casseroles, fruit, or juice. Your help is greatly appreciated!

Announcements (cont'd)

Attention All Parents: Our Christmas program has been on hiatus, but this year it is back! It will be on Sunday, December 11th at 4:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. A congregational potluck supper will follow. We would love to have all involved, from the littlest to the biggest, so all children from preschool through high school are invited to participate. Rehearsal times for children in grades one and up will be: 12:30–2:30 p.m. on Sundays November 13th & 20th and Sunday, December 4th; during Sunday School on Sunday, December 11th. Lunch will be provided on the first three rehearsal days. If you have questions, please contact Kerry Macugoski, Donna Weighley, or Erin McMinn.

Address Updates: Bryan and Sandy Newman have moved to Florida. Their address is: 10318 Morning Mist Lane, Sarasota, FL 34241. Their son, James, lives in New York. His address is: 400 Old Country Rd., Apt. B12, Mineola, NY 11501.

City Mission Food Sunday: Please leave your non-perishable food donations in the bin in the Fellowship Hall near the kitchen window. Thank you for blessing those in need!

Journey Through the Word: Both morning and evening sessions are up and running, but you can still join one of these Wednesday studies. The morning group is studying *1 Corinthians*, using N. T. Wright's study guide. Contact Sue Swan if you would like more information: 412-708-3535 or writing cygnet@gmail.com. The evening group is studying Dr. David Jeremiah's The Book of Signs. Each lesson stands alone, and there are plenty of books. Please contact Jodie or Mark Riley if you need more information: 412-401-9137.

Pledge Cards and Time and Talent Sheets: Late this past week Pastor Carlson's stewardship letter, along with pledge cards and time and talent sheets, was mailed. Please prayerfully complete your pledge card and time and talent sheet and return them by Sunday, December 4th, 2022. Your faithfulness is a blessing!

Our Thanksgiving Service will be at 10:00am on Thanksgiving Day. The entire offering received at that service will be given away equally to the City Mission and to Voice of the Martyrs (VOM). The City Mission ministers to the needy in our immediate communities. VOM ministers to suffering Christians around the world whose homes have been burned down and family members killed this past year because of their faith in Jesus.

2023 OFFERING ENVELOPES are now in the Conference Room. Please pick up your envelopes this morning!

New Member Class: We are still gathering names for a new member class to be offered in the near future. If you, or someone you know, is interested, please let Melissa Bostaph, our Parish Assistant, know. Email: melissabostaph@ruthfred.org.

For The Month of November

Acolytes:

8:30 a.m.

1 1:00 a.m.

Jonathan Tarrant
Asher Manzo (6th, 13th, 27th)
and Ryan Handshue (20th)

Thanksgiving Day, 11/24

10:00 a.m.

Isaiah Compel

Flag Bearers:

Veteran's Day Sunday, 11/13

8:30 a.m.

1 1:00 a.m.

Jonathan Tarrant and Evan Gusky

Asher Manzo and Josh Cimarolli

Thanksgiving Day, 11/24

10:00 a.m.

Asher Manzo and Isaiah Compel

Crucifers:

8:30 a.m. (11/13)

(11/27)

1 1:00 a.m. (1 1/6)

(11/20)

Thanksgiving Day, 11/24

10:00 a.m.

Morgan Dolence

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Courtney Felicetti

Morgan Dolence

Altar Guild:

Will Charlton

Counters:

8:30 a.m.

1 1:00 a.m.

Greg Saul (11/6), Marc Harrold (11/13,

11/20, 11/27), and Mark Killinger

Kurt Ziegler and Mark Riley

Ushers:

8:30 a.m.

1 1:00 a.m.

Bernard Paterra, John Ruzicka


George Barrett and Ray Urksa

Coffee Hour:

Sue Dawson

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OUR COMMUNION PRACTICE: Today, we celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion. Today, by means of bread and wine, Jesus Christ gives Himself to each communicant. This is His Word and promise. We accept His Word. If you are not a member of a Lutheran church, we ask you to speak to our pastors at any time about the meaning of Holy Communion and a person's desire to receive it. When we come to and repentant hearts. As we return in prayer in thanksgiving to God for We do not practice the communion of confirmed, but the children are for a family blessing.



the altar we must come with believing from the altar we always bow or kneel what Jesus Christ has given unto us. children who are not instructed and encouraged to come to the altar rail



Adult Sunday School Class In Large Classroom

Pastor Carlson is teaching a series on the book of I Thessalonians for the Adult Sunday School Class. The little book of I Thessalonians is perhaps the earliest canonical writing of St. Paul. It's focus is **"The Life of the Christian Congregation."** It is a gem of a book, filled with "an unmingled sweetness" of Christian love. In it we will be learning about sharing our faith, serving one another, living godly lives, understanding the end times, and how to live out the Gospel in the community of the congregation. You are invited!!! It will be wonderful to study and discuss this book together!



YOUTH NEWS

SWAP (6-8 Grade)

There is **SWAP** tonight for the middle school students! 6-7:30 p.m. at the Church.

All 7th-12th grade students: Registration for the AFLC Free Lutheran Youth (FLY) Convention, slated to be July 3-8, 2023, at the YMCA in Estes Park, Colorado, opened on October 20th. This biennial convention brings approximately 2,000 AFLC youth from across the nation together for an unparalleled opportunity for spiritual, emotional, and relational growth! The theme will be "Restored," based on **Rev. 21:5-7**. Contact Jill Huwe or Kris Wentz for more information. You can review information at <https://www.flyconvention.org>. An informational letter has been sent to your homes!

TNT (9-12 Grade)

TNT will meet at Ruthfred on November 8th, 7-9 p.m.

Questions/concerns?

Contact: Any member of the Youth Committee (Pete & Jill Huwe; Eric & Kris Wentz; Jon & Denise Stutzman; or Shane & Kate Cox)

This Week At Ruthfred

Today (11/6) ALL SAINTS SUNDAY & INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS; CITY MISSION FOOD SUNDAY

2:00 a.m.—Clocks Fall Back
8:30 a.m.—Communion Service
9:45 a.m.—Sunday School
11:00 a.m.—Communion Service
6:00 p.m.—Communion Service

Monday (11/7)

9:30 a.m.—JTTW Leaders Meeting
9:30 a.m.—Craft & Sew
7:00 p.m.—Elders' Meeting
HAPPY 95th BIRTHDAY EVELYN MEYER

Tuesday (11/8) Election Day

7:00 p.m.—Worship Team

Wednesday (11/9)

9:15 a.m.—JTTW
Noon—Esther Circle
5:45 p.m.—Children's Choir
6:00 p.m.—Forkless Dinner
6:30 p.m.—Bell Choir
6:45 p.m.—Confirmation Classes/JTTW/Kids' Time
7:30 p.m.—Senior Choir

Thursday (11/10)

10:00 a.m.—Knit Wits

Friday (11/11) Veterans' Day

7:00 a.m.—Men's Prayer Group (Fireside Lounge)

Saturday (11/12)

9:30 a.m.—Mary Bible Study (Fireside Lounge)

Sunday (11/13) Veterans' Day Service

8:30 a.m.—Worship Service
9:45 a.m.—Sunday School
11:00 a.m.—Worship Service

Welcome to worship this All Saints' Sunday. As we remember the faithful who have gone before us, we also rejoice to be called saints of God through baptism.

Attendance for Last Week:

Church...251 Sunday School 108
8:30 Live Stream Participants...38
JTTW (a.m.)...50 JTTW (p.m.)...55 Kids' Time...23

Prayer Requests

Please use this space to let the pastors, elders and/or church know of your prayer needs.

☐ Please keep this request Private (to be kept amongst the pastors only).

☐ Please make this request known to the Ruthfred prayer team and announce it to the congregation when appropriate.

Visiting with us?

Please use this tear-off section to help us get to know a little bit about you and how we may best serve you.

If you have a specific concern or prayer request, please use the space on the other side of this fold.

Date:

Name:

Children:

Address:

Phone (indicate home, cell, etc.)

Email:

I am a/an:

- ☐ 1st-Time Visitor
- ☐ 2nd-Time Visitor
- ☐ Out-of-Town Visitor
- ☐ Regular Attendee

I would like to learn more about:

- ☐ What It Means To Be a Christian
- ☐ Church Membership
- ☐ Ruthfred's Ministries or Groups
- ☐ Ways To Share My Gifts

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