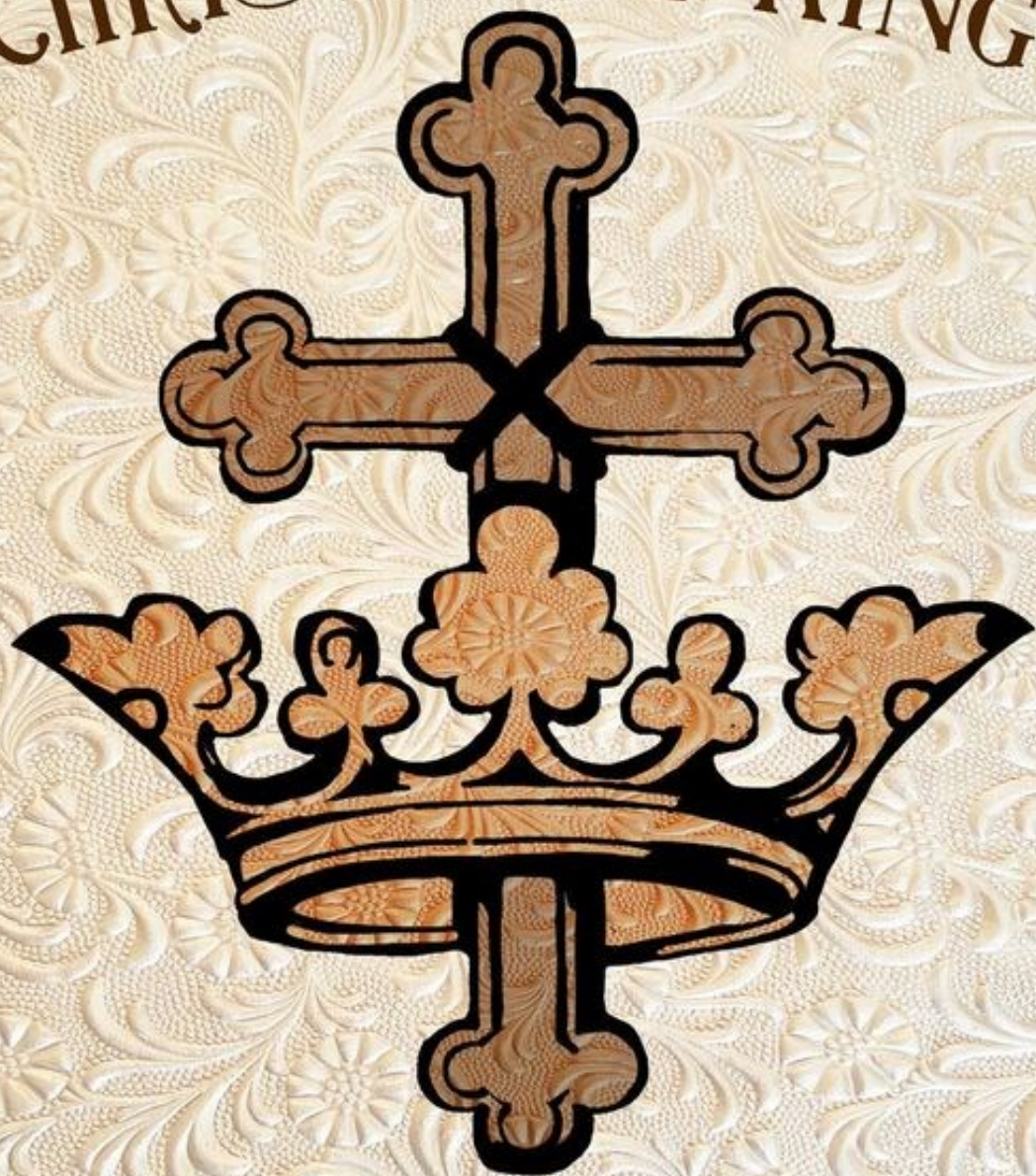


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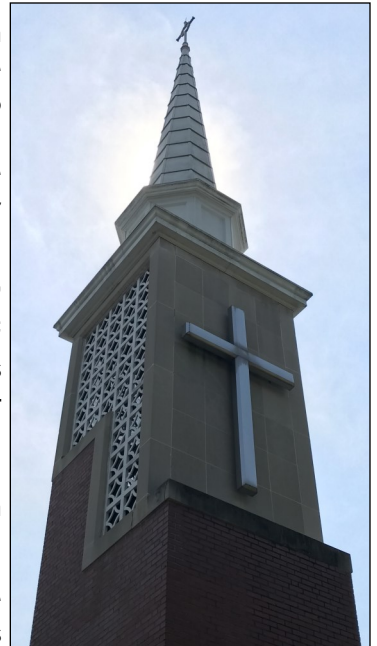
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We are delighted to have you with us this morning as we gather to worship the Lord Jesus Christ.

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

The Last Sunday after Pentecost, November 20, 2022
Christ the King Sunday

Prelude:

“Voluntary” (G.F. Handel)

“Let All Things Now Living” (G. Lachenauer)

The Opening Hymn:
"Lift High the Cross" (AMB #508)

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim Till

all the world a - dore His sa - cred name.

1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our Cap - tain trod,
 2 Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,
 3 All new - born sol - diers of the Cru - ci - fied
 4 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
 5 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

to Refrain

Our King vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
 The hosts of God in con - qu'ring ranks com - bine.
 Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died.
 As Thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to Thee.
 Praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

Text: George W. Kochin, 1827-1912; Michael R. Newbolt, 1874-1956

Tune: Sydney H. Nicholson, 1875-1947

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CRUCIFER

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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 Confession of Sins (SBH, p. 15)

Pastor (P): Beloved in the Lord, let us draw near with a true heart, and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him, in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

Our help is in the name of the Lord

Congregation (C): Who made heaven and earth. (Psalm 124:8)

P: I said, “I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

C: And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin. (Psalm 32:5)

P: Let us bow or kneel for the confession of our sin.

Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto Thee, that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against Thee by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to thine infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Thy grace, for the sake of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

(Silent Prayer of Personal Confession)

Together:

O most merciful God, who hast given Thine only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us, and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Thy Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of Thee and of Thy will, and true obedience to Thy Word, that by Thy grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Absolution:

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us, and has given His only-begotten son to die for us, and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name, He gives the power to become children of God, and bestows upon them His Holy Spirit. The one who believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this O Lord, unto us 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.

The Introit (Read Responsively; Please stand)

P: I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending.

C: Which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty. Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them.

P: And they shall be His people, and God Himself shall be with them, and be their God. Lift up your heads, O you gates; and be lifted up, you everlasting doors.

C: And the King of Glory shall come in.

(Revelation 1: 8; 21:3; Psalm 24:9)

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 Kyrie (Sung in Unison; SBH p. 18)

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace that is from above, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the churches of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this holy house, and for them that in faith, piety and fear of God offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, pity and defend us, O God, by Thy grace.

C: Amen.

"Kyrie" is Latin for *Lord*, which is the first word of the prayer. Distinct from the confession of sin, it is a prayer for God to grant His mercy in every aspect of our lives and to supply us with all our needs, personally, corporately and for the whole world.

The Hymn of Praise:

"Gloria in Excelsis"

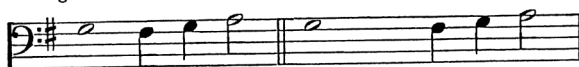
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GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

¶ *The Minister shall sing or say:*

Organ

Minister



Glory be to God on high!

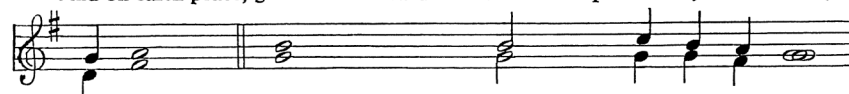
Congregation

Old Scottish Chant

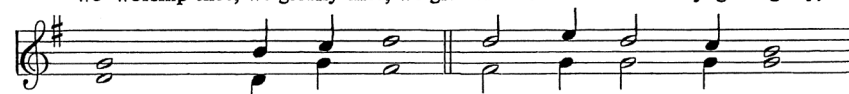


And on earth peace, good - will toward men.

We praise thee, we bless thee,



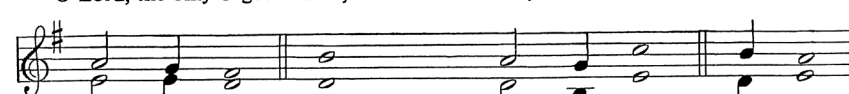
we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,



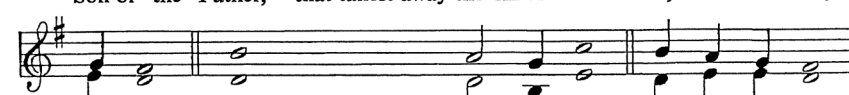
O Lord God, heaven - ly King, God the Father Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Je - sus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God,



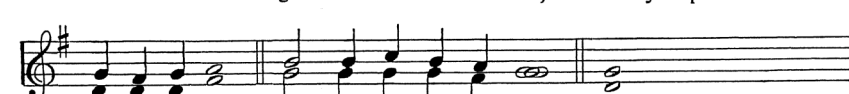
Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy



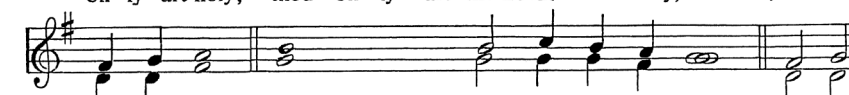
up - on us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up - on us. For thou



on - ly art holy; thou on - ly art the Lord: thou only, O Christ, with the



Ho - ly Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

The "collect" is a prayer of the day for each day in the liturgical calendar. It is meant to "collect" the prayers of God's people.

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 Collect:

P: The Lord be with you:

C: And with thy spirit.

P: Let us pray: Absolve, we ask You, O Lord, Your people from their offences; that from the bonds of our sins which, by reason of our frailty, we have brought upon us, we may be delivered by Your bountiful goodness; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end.

C: Amen

The Old Testament Lesson: Malachi 3:13-18 (NASB)

¹³ "Your words have been arrogant against Me," says the LORD. "Yet you say, 'What have we spoken against You?' ¹⁴ You have said, 'It is vain to serve God; and what profit is it that we have kept His charge, and that we have walked in mourning before the LORD of hosts? ¹⁵ So now we call the arrogant blessed; not only are the doers of wickedness built up but they also test God and escape.'" ¹⁶ Then those who feared the LORD spoke to one another, and the LORD gave attention and heard *it*, and a book of remembrance was written before Him for those who fear the LORD and who esteem His name. ¹⁷ "They will be Mine," says the LORD of hosts, "on the day that I prepare *My* own possession, and I will spare them as a man spares his own son who serves him." ¹⁸ So you will again distinguish between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve Him.

The Psalm: Psalm 2 (NASB)

P: Why are the nations in an uproar and the peoples devising a vain thing?

C: The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers take counsel together against the LORD and against His Anointed, saying,

P: "Let us tear their fetters apart and cast away their cords from us!"

C: He who sits in the heavens laughs, the Lord scoffs at them.

P: Then He will speak to them in His anger and terrify them in His fury, saying, "But as for Me, I have installed My King upon Zion, My holy mountain."

C: "I will surely tell of the decree of the LORD: He said to Me, 'You are My Son, today I have begotten You.'

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The Psalm: Psalm 2 (NASB) (cont'd)

P: 'Ask of Me, and I will surely give the nations as Your inheritance, and the *very* ends of the earth as Your possession.'

C: 'You shall break them with a rod of iron, You shall shatter them like earthenware.'"

P: Now therefore, O kings, show discernment; take warning, O judges of the earth. Worship the LORD with reverence and rejoice with trembling.

C: Do homage to the Son, that He not become angry, and you perish *in* the way, for His wrath may soon be kindled. How blessed are all who take refuge in Him!

The Epistle Lesson: Colossians 1:13-20 (NASB)

¹³ For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. ¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. ¹⁶ For by Him all things were created, *both* in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created through Him and for Him. ¹⁷ He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. ¹⁸ He is also head of the body, the church; and He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that He Himself will come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹ For it was the *Father's* good pleasure for all the fullness to dwell in Him, ²⁰ and through Him to reconcile all things to Himself, having made peace through the blood of His cross; through Him, *I say*, whether things on earth or things in heaven.

The Gradual:

I am the light of the world. He that follows me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life. The Spirit and the bride say, Come; and let him that hears say, Come; and let him that is thirsty come. Alleluia, alleluia. Even so, come, Lord Jesus. Alleluia.

(John 8:12; Revelation 22:17, 20)

The Alleluia (Sung in Unison)

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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."

The Holy Gospel Lesson: Luke 23:1-3, 26-43 (NASB)

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

¹ Then the whole body of them got up and brought Him before Pilate. ² And they began to accuse Him, saying, "We found this man misleading our nation and forbidding to pay taxes to Caesar, and saying that He Himself is Christ, a King." ³ So Pilate asked Him, saying, "Are You the King of the Jews?" And He answered him and said, "*It is as you say.*"

²⁶ When they led Him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, coming in from the country, and placed on him the cross to carry behind Jesus. ²⁷ And following Him was a large crowd of the people, and of women who were mourning and lamenting Him.

²⁸ But Jesus turning to them said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, stop weeping for Me, but weep for yourselves and for your children.

²⁹ For behold, the days are coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.' ³⁰ Then they will begin TO SAY TO THE MOUNTAINS, 'FALL ON US,' AND TO THE HILLS, 'COVER US.' ³¹ For if they do these things when the tree is green, what will happen when it is dry?"

³² Two others also, who were criminals, were being led away to be put to death with Him. ³³ When they came to the place called The Skull, there they crucified Him and the criminals, one on the right and the other on the left. ³⁴ But Jesus was saying, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots, dividing up His garments among themselves. ³⁵ And the people stood by, looking on. And even the rulers were sneering at Him, saying, "He saved others; let Him save Himself if this is the Christ of God, His Chosen One." ³⁶ The soldiers also mocked Him, coming up to Him, offering Him sour wine, ³⁷ and saying, "If You are the King of the Jews, save Yourself!" ³⁸ Now there was also an inscription above Him, "THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS." ³⁹ One of the criminals who were hanged *there* was hurling abuse at Him, saying, "Are You not the Christ? Save Yourself and us!" ⁴⁰ But the other answered, and rebuking him said, "Do you not even fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?"

⁴¹ And we indeed *are suffering* justly, for we are receiving what we deserve for our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong."

⁴² And he was saying, "Jesus, remember me when You come in Your kingdom!" ⁴³ And He said to him, "Truly I say to you, today you shall be with Me in Paradise."

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

The Confession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed (Confessed in Unison)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and Earth

And In Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost; The Holy Christian Church, the Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body, And the Life everlasting. Amen.

The Anthems

8:30 Bell Choir—*Lead On, O King Eternal* (arr. Kinyon)

11:00 Senior Choir—*Rejoice, the Lord Is King* (Darwell/Ehret)

Rejoice the Lord is King: Your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

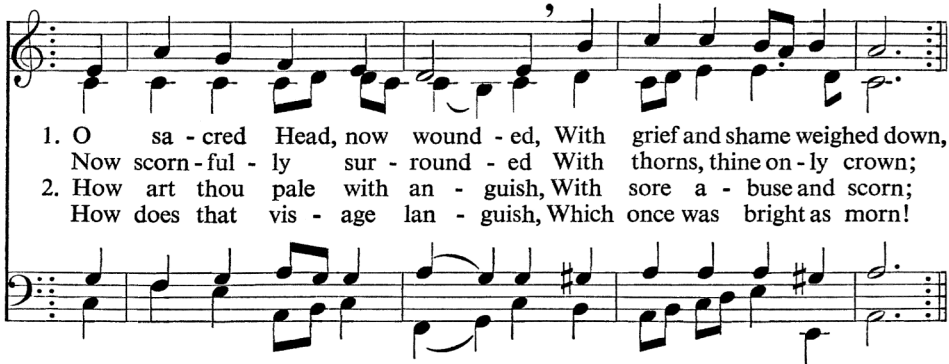
His Kingdom cannot fail, He rules o'er earth and heaven
The Keys of death and hell are to our Jesus given:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

He sits at God's right hand 'Till all His foes submit,
And bow to His command and fall beneath His feet.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

The Announcements

The Children's Object Lesson

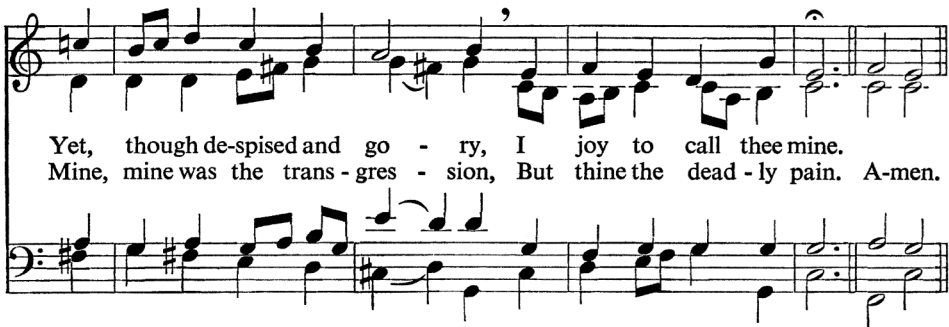
The Sermon Hymn: "O Sacred Head" (SBH #88, 2nd tune)



1. O sa - cred Head, now wound - ed, With grief and shame weighed down,
Now scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed With thorns, thine on - ly crown;
2. How art thou pale with an - guish, With sore a - buse and scorn;
How does that vis - age lan - guish, Which once was bright as morn!



O sa - cred Head, what glo - ry, What bliss till now was thine!
Thy grief and bit - ter pas - sion Were all for sin - ners' gain;



Yet, though de-spised and go - ry, I joy to call thee mine.
Mine, mine was the trans - gres - sion, But thine the dead - ly pain. A-men.

3 What language shall I borrow
To thank thee, dearest friend,
For this thy dying sorrow,
Thy pity without end?
O make me thine for ever,
And should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never
Outlive my love to thee.

4 Be near when I am dying
O show thy Cross to me!
And, for my succor flying,
Come, Lord, to set me free.
These eyes, new faith receiving,
From thee shall never move;
For he who dies believing
Dies safely in thy love. Amen.

Ascribed to St. Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091–1153

Paul Gerhardt, 1607–76

Tr. James Waddell Alexander, 1804–59 a.

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:

"Christ. The King!" | Luke 23:1-3, 26-43

Sermon Notes:

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)

The Closing & Silent Prayer (Please bow or kneel in prayer)

The Lord's Prayer (Prayed in Unison)

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; For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

The Benediction

P: Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to make you stand in the presence of His glory blameless with great joy, to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.
(Jude 1: 24-25)

C: Amen.

The Closing Hymn: "Lead On, O King Eternal" (AMB #451)

1 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal! The day of march has come;
2 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, Till sin's fierce war shall cease.
3 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal: We fol - low, not with fears.

Hence - forth in fields of con - quest Your tents will be our home.
And ho - li - ness shall whis - per The sweet a - men of peace;
For glad - ness breaks like morn - ing Wher - e'er Your face ap - pears.

Through days of prep - a - ra - tion Your grace has made us strong;
For not with swords loud clash - ing, Nor roll of stir - ring drums,
Your cross is lift - ed o'er us; We jour - ney in its light;

And now, O King e - ter - nal, We lift our bat - tle song.
But deeds of love and mer - cy The heav'n - ly king - dom comes.
The crown a - waits the con - quest; Lead on, O God of might!

The musical score is written for three voices (Soprano, Alto, and Tenor) and a four-part harmony (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, and Bass). The melody is in G major and 4/4 time. The lyrics are printed below the vocal staves.

Text: Ernest W. Shurtleff, 1862-1917
Tune: Henry T. Smart, 1813-1879

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The Silent Prayer & Chimes

**PLEASE REMAIN IN YOUR PEWS FOR THE CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING BOTH SERVICES**

Announcements

The altar flowers are presented by Lori and John Yanosich in honor of Lori's mom, Barbara Wilkinson. Happy 85th birthday to a mom who has taught me compassion, given me strength and support, and provided invaluable life lessons. May God continue to bless us with another year together!

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

Substitute Organist: Please note that Essi Efthimiou is our long-term substitute organist during Fred's absence. Thank you, Essi!

Known to be hospitalized: 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 and Healing: Joe Cawley is now home. Larry Sheatsley has moved to Concordia, Room 350 in Personal Care. Joan Reagan (knee replacement) is home recovering. Judy Bender is at home recovering (fractured 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.

Live Stream Fund: Given by Linda Friedel in thanksgiving for the online services she is able to watch each week from Maryland. Blessings to all at Ruthfred!

Our Annual Congregational Meetings will be held today, immediately following both morning worship services. The purpose of these meetings is to present the 2023 Budget to the congregation for a vote of approval. The Council approved it at their October meeting and will now bring it before the congregation. Thank you so much to John Morden, Bill Ward, and the Finance Committee for all their work on this over the past many months. All members of the congregation are encouraged to attend a meeting.

Family Sunday School Advent Day Today: We will celebrate Advent together with a Family Sunday School today. 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.

Our Thanksgiving Service will be at 10:00a.m. 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.

Condolences: Our Pastors and congregation extend Christian love and sympathy to the family of Mary Ann Scott, who passed away on Monday, November 14, 2022. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Official Act: On Thursday, November 17, 2022, at 2:00p.m., Pastor McMinn officiated at the Committal Service of Mary Ann Scott at Jefferson Memorial.

Announcements (cont'd)

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Collection: Filled shoeboxes must be returned to the Fireside Lounge **no later than noon today**. 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 TODAY BECAUSE THEY MUST BE DELIVERED TOMORROW.** Please contact Carol Ward with any questions at (412) 559-2592 or wardmailbox1@gmail.com. Thank you!

2023 OFFERING ENVELOPES are on the table on the Sanctuary level, by the elevators. Please pick up your envelopes!

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**

Additional Christmas Giving Tree: This year we will be collecting items for the January opening of a new emergency shelter for female survivors of sex trafficking and/or sexual violence/exploitation—Refuge for Women, a faith-based ministry. They will provide temporary housing, crisis intervention, and support services. The shelter will have 10 bedrooms. They are in need of hair dryers, sweatshirts, and sweatpants. (Any size and any color for the clothing.) Tags are available on the tree in the Fireside Lounge. Please return your donations, unwrapped, to the lounge by December 18th. Contact Jill Kurtz with any questions.

Poinsettia Orders: It's that time of year! Again we are providing an opportunity for you to place a poinsettia plant in memory of or in honor of loved ones to decorate our beautiful sanctuary for Christmas. Envelopes are in the pew racks. The cost is \$12.50 per plant. There are new, larger envelopes this year. Be sure to place your dedication on the envelope. Remember to write your name & color preference (red or white) on the envelope as well. Please place your cash/check in the envelope and drop it in the collection plate or in the box in the Church Office.



Pastor's Fund: Given by Barbara Thomas in loving memory of Shirley Watson. Given by Mick & Marlene Nowicki in loving memory of Shirley Watson. Given by Kay Wyrwas in honor of Pastors Carlson & McMinn for Pastor appreciation month.

Music Fund: Given by Carol Mueller in loving memory of Elizabeth Morton Heinecke & Kathleen Robbins. Given by Joyce Bock in loving memory of Shirley Watson. Given by Kay Wyrwas in memory of Shirley Watson.

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. 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 Sunday, November 20th & Sunday, December 4th; and 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.

Please join us following the Children's Christmas Program for a congregational potluck. The meat, rolls and drinks will be provided by the church. Please sign up at the bottom of the steps if you plan to attend. Last names A-K please bring a salad, L-S please bring a side (not salad), and T-Z please bring a dessert.

Pledge Cards and Time and Talent Sheets: Two weeks ago 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 2nd. Your faithfulness is a blessing!

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.

Our congregation thanks the Paul Henney Cremation & Funeral Tributes, Inc. for the 2022 calendars. Don't forget to pick one up as you leave the sanctuary.

2023 Flower Chart is now available on the bulletin board by the water fountain in the Patterson hallway. We are blessed by all of the people who help to provide this beauty in our sanctuary! Please note that there is a price increase for altar/chancel rail flowers starting January 1, 2023. They will be \$50 rather than \$40 because of price increases that Donati's has experienced over the last couple of years.

Kane Regional Center Angel Tree: Since the Baptist Home has closed, we will be collecting gifts for the 25 residents of Kane. These are people who have no one else to bring them joy at Christmas. There is a tree in the Fireside Lounge with gift tags attached. Please take a tag and follow the directions on the sign-up sheet. The due date is December 18th. If you have any questions, please call Jan Ruzicka at 724-941-3572. Thank you for your generosity!

Herald deadline correction: Please note that the deadline for the upcoming December issue will be November 28th, NOT the end of December as printed in the current issue.

A Note of Thanks: Our beloved Ruthfred family: Rain came and the wind blew but our house was built on God's firm foundation. Hurricane Ian took so much of what we held dear, but the love of our family in Christ has helped to sustain us as we rebuild our lives ever stronger. Thank you for uplifting two Ruthfred kids with your unceasing prayers and generous gifts. Russell and I are humbled by every way you have given to us, and for the way you continue to embrace us. We are grateful to be one in Him with you. Sarah Massack & Russell Thomas

Journey Through the Word: Both morning and evening sessions will take a break this week for the Thanksgiving holiday.

KidsTime: will take a break this week for the Thanksgiving holiday.

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 Wentte for more information. You can review information at <https://www.flyconvention.org>. An informational letter was sent to your homes!

TNT (9-12 Grade)

TNT will meet at Ruthfred on November 22nd, 7-9 p.m.

Questions/concerns?

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

This Week At Ruthfred

Today (11/20) CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

8:30 a.m.—Worship Service & Congregational Mtg.

9:45 a.m.—Family Advent Sunday School

11:00 a.m.—Worship Service & Cong. Mtg.

6:30 p.m.—Adult Bible Study @ A.&C. Vogels'

MONDAY (11/21)

HAPPY 95th BIRTHDAY LORRAINE GRAHAM

HAPPY 93rd BIRTHDAY RALPH THOMPSON

TUESDAY (11/22)

7:00 p.m. Worship Team

Wednesday (11/23)

5:45 p.m.—Children's Choir

NO CONFIRMATION, JTTW, or KIDS' TIME

7:30 p.m.—Senior Choir

Thursday (11/24)

10:00 a.m.—Thanksgiving Day

Worship Service

**SATURDAY (11/26)**

HAPPY 90th BIRTHDAY GARY THAYER

SUNDAY (11/27) FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

8:30 a.m.—Worship Service

9:45 a.m.—Sunday School

11:00 a.m.—Worship Service

In the name of Christ the King, we welcome you to worship on this final Sunday of the church year. Let us together praise and worship our God.

Attendance for Last Week:

Church...240 Sunday School 88

8:30 Live Stream Participants...48

JTTW (a.m.)...40 JTTW (p.m.)...58


KidsTime...27

Prayer Requests

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

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☐ 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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