



RUTHFRED LUTHERAN CHURCH

Welcome to Ruthfred Lutheran Church!

Member of the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations (www.aflc.org)

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 musicians begin the Prelude. When the music starts, please quiet your hearts as you prayerfully prepare for worship.



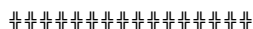
Our cover is a paper cut or *scherenschnitte* created specially for our church by our very own Kathryn Carr. The artwork will reflect liturgical and Ruthfred-specific themes that occur throughout the year.

Contemporary Liturgical Worship Service

Saturday, March 19, 2022—5:00 p.m.

PRELUDE

Above All (Integrity Music)



Pastor (P): All Rise

Opening Song of Praise: The Wonderful Cross (Chris Tomlin | Isaac Watts | J. D. Walt | Jesse Reeves | Lowell Mason) (CCLI License 2958862)

Verse 1

**When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of Glory died
My richest gain I count but loss
And pour contempt on all my pride**

Verse 2

**See from His head His hands His feet
Sorrow and love flow mingled down
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet
Or thorns compose so rich a crown**

Chorus

**O the wonderful cross! O the wonderful cross!
Bids me come and die and find that I may truly live
O the wonderful cross! O the wonderful cross!
All who gather here by grace draw near and bless Your name**

Verse 3

**Were the whole realm of nature mine
That were an offering far too small
Love so amazing so divine
Demands my soul my life my all**

Chorus

**O the wonderful cross! O the wonderful cross!
Bids me come and die and find that I may truly live
O the wonderful cross! O the wonderful cross!
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The Call to Worship / Opening Prayer

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

Congregation (C): Amen

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 Confession of Sin (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 You forgave 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 You, that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. For this reason we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace, for the sake of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

(Silent Prayer of Personal Confession)

Together:

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

The Absolution:

P: The Almighty and merciful God grant unto you, being penitent, pardon and remission of all your sins, time for amendment of life, and the grace and comfort of his Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

Song: Cornerstone (Hillsong; CCLI Song #6158927)

Verse 1

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust in Jesus' Name

Verse 2

When darkness seems to hide His face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In ev'ry high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil
My anchor holds within the veil

Chorus

Christ alone, cornerstone
Weak made strong in the Savior's love
Through the storm, He is Lord, Lord of all

Interlude

He is Lord, Lord of all

Verse 3

When He shall come with trumpet sound
Oh may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone
Faultless stand before the throne

Chorus

Christ alone, cornerstone
Weak made strong in the Savior's love
Through the storm, He is Lord, Lord of all

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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.

The Collect:

P: The Lord be with you:

C: And with thy spirit.

P: We beseech You, Almighty God, look upon the hearty desires of Your humble servants, and stretch forth the right hand of Your Majesty to be our defence against all our enemies; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end.

C: Amen

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 Old Testament Lesson: Ezekiel 33:7-20 (NASB)

⁷ “Now as for you, son of man, I have appointed you a watchman for the house of Israel; so you will hear a message from My mouth and give them warning from Me. ⁸ When I say to the wicked, ‘O wicked man, you will surely die,’ and you do not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require from your hand. ⁹ But if you on your part warn a wicked man to turn from his way and he does not turn from his way, he will die in his iniquity, but you have delivered your life. ¹⁰ “Now as for you, son of man, say to the house of Israel, ‘Thus you have spoken, saying, “Surely our transgressions and our sins are upon us, and we are rotting away in them; how then can we survive?”’ ¹¹ Say to them, ‘As I live!’ declares the Lord God, ‘I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that the wicked turn from his way and live. Turn back, turn back from your evil ways! Why then will you die, O house of Israel?’ ¹² And you, son of man, say to your fellow citizens, ‘The righteousness of a righteous man will not deliver him in the day of his transgression, and as for the wickedness of the wicked, he will not stumble because of it in the day when he turns from his wickedness; whereas a righteous man will not be able to live by his righteousness on the day when he commits sin.’ ¹³ When I say to the righteous he will surely live, and he so trusts in his righteousness that he commits iniquity, none of his righteous deeds will be remembered; but in that same iniquity of his which he has committed he will die. ¹⁴ But when I say to the wicked, ‘You will surely die,’ and he turns from his sin and practices justice and righteousness, ¹⁵ if a wicked man restores a pledge, pays back what he has taken by robbery, walks by the statutes which ensure life without committing iniquity, he shall surely live; he shall not die. ¹⁶ None of his sins that he has committed will be remembered against him. He has practiced justice and righteousness; he shall surely live. ¹⁷ “Yet your fellow citizens say, ‘The way of the Lord is not right,’ when it is their own way that is not right. ¹⁸ When the righteous turns from his righteousness and commits iniquity, then he shall die in it. ¹⁹ But when the wicked turns from his wickedness and practices justice and righteousness, he will live by them. ²⁰ Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is not right.’ O house of Israel, I will judge each of you according to his ways.”

The Psalm: Psalm 85 (NASB)

P: O Lord, You showed favor to Your land; You restored the captivity of Jacob. You forgave the iniquity of Your people; You covered all their sin. Selah.

C: You withdrew all Your fury; You turned away from Your burning anger.

P: Restore us, O God of our salvation, and cause Your indignation toward us to cease.

C: Will You be angry with us forever? Will You prolong Your anger to all generations? Will You not Yourself revive us again, that Your people may rejoice in You?

P: Show us Your lovingkindness, O Lord, and grant us Your salvation.

C: I will hear what God the Lord will say; for He will speak peace to His people, to His godly ones; but let them not turn back to folly.

P: Surely His salvation is near to those who fear Him, that glory may dwell in our land.

C: Lovingkindness and truth have met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

P: Truth springs from the earth, and righteousness looks down from heaven. Indeed, the Lord will give what is good, and our land will yield its produce.

C: Righteousness will go before Him and will make His footsteps into a way.

The Epistle Lesson: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13 (NASB)

¹ For I do not want you to be unaware, brethren, that our fathers were all under the cloud and all passed through the sea; ² and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea; ³ and all ate the same spiritual food; ⁴ and all drank the same spiritual drink, for they were drinking from a spiritual rock which followed them; and the rock was Christ. ⁵ Nevertheless, with most of them God was not well-pleased; for they were laid low in the wilderness. ⁶ Now these things happened as examples for us, so that we would not crave evil things as they also craved. ⁷ Do not be idolaters, as some of them were; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and stood up to play." ⁸ Nor let us act immorally, as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in one day. ⁹ Nor let us try the Lord, as some of them did, and were destroyed by the serpents. ¹⁰ Nor grumble, as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. ¹¹ Now these things happened to them as an example, and they were written for our instruction, upon whom the ends of the ages have come. ¹² Therefore let him who thinks he stands take

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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.

The Epistle Lesson: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13 (NASB) (cont'd)

heed that he does not fall. ¹³ No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, so that you will be able to endure it.

The Gradual:

Arise, O Lord; let not man prevail; let the heathen be judged in Your sight. When my enemies are turned back they shall fall and perish at Your presence. To You I Lift up my eyes. O You that dwells in the heavens. Have mercy upon us O Lord, have mercy upon us. (Psalm 9:3, 19; 123:1, 3)

Following the Gradual reading, the congregation sings

The Sentence for Lent

Christ has humbled Himself, and become obedient unto death: even the death of the Cross.

The Holy Gospel Lesson: Luke 13:1-9 (NASB)

The Congregation rises and sings, "Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

¹ Now on the same occasion there were some present who reported to Him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices. ² And Jesus said to them, "Do you suppose that these Galileans were greater sinners than all other Galileans because they suffered this fate? ³ I tell you, no, but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish. ⁴ Or do you suppose that those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them were worse culprits than all the men who live in Jerusalem? ⁵ I tell you, no, but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish." ⁶ And He began telling this parable: "A man had a fig tree which had been planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and did not find any. ⁷ And he said to the vineyard-keeper, 'Behold, for three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree without finding any. Cut it down! Why does it even use up the ground?' ⁸ And he answered and said to him, 'Let it alone, sir, for this year too, until I dig around it and put in fertilizer; ⁹ and if it bears fruit next year, fine; but if not, cut it down.'"

The Congregation sings, "Praise be to Thee, O Christ."

The Apostles' Creed is a statement of Christian belief used since the early Church. It's not specific to any one Christian denomination, but used by the Church as a whole. We choose to confess it together as a unified reminder of what we believe to be true about God, and His caring service to us.

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 Announcements

Sermon Song: At the Cross (Love Ran Red) (CCLI Song #7017786)

Verse 1

There's a place where mercy reigns and never dies
There's a place where streams of grace flow deep and wide
Where all the love I've ever found
Comes like a flood comes flowing down

Chorus

At the cross at the cross, I surrender my life
I'm in awe of You I'm in awe of You
Where Your love ran red, and my sin washed white
I owe all to You, I owe all to You (Jesus)

Verse 2

There's a place where sin and shame are powerless
Where my heart has peace with God and forgiveness
Where all the love I've ever found
Comes like a flood comes flowing down

Chorus

At the cross at the cross, I surrender my life
I'm in awe of You I'm in awe of You
Where Your love ran red, and my sin washed white
I owe all to You, I owe all to You

Verse 3

Here my hope is found, here on holy ground
Here I bow down, here I bow down
Here arms open wide, here You saved my life
Here I bow down, here I bow

Chorus

At the cross at the cross, I surrender my life
I'm in awe of You I'm in awe of You
Where Your love ran red, and my sin washed white
I owe all to You, I owe all to You
I owe all to You, I owe all to You
Jesus – Savior of the world! Jesus – Savior of the world!
Your love ran red. Your love ran red

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: "Here's Your Way Out!" | 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

The Pastor's Prayer

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 Your presence: and take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Your salvation: and uphold me with Your free Spirit. (Psalm 51:10-12)

Offering Prayer

The Closing & Silent Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

(Please bow or kneel in prayer)

The Lord's Prayer

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REFRAIN

Our Fa-ther, Who art in heav'n, Hal-low-ed be, thy name.

PETITION:

Thy king-dom come, Thy will be done, On earth. As it is in heav'n.

PETITION:

Give us this day, Our dai-ly bread. And for-give us our sins, As we for-

give those who tres-pass a- gainst us. And

PETITION:

Lead us not in-to temp- ta- tion. But de- liv-er us from e- vil. For *rit.*

thine is the king-dom, And the pow-er, and the glo-ry, for- ev'r.

REFRAIN:

Our Fa-ther, Who art in heav'n, Hal-low-ed be, thy name.

CLOSING:

A- men, A- men, A- men, A- men.

Closing Song: Amazing Love (You Are My King) (Billy J. Foote; CCLI Song #2456623)

Verse 1

I'm forgiven because You were forsaken
I'm accepted; You were condemned
I'm alive and well, Your Spirit is within me
Because You died and rose again

Verse 2

I'm forgiven because You were forsaken
I'm accepted; You were condemned
I'm alive and well, Your Spirit is within me
Because You died and rose again

Chorus

Amazing Love, how can it be
That You, My King would die for me?
Amazing love, I know it's true
It's my joy to honor You
In all I do, may I honor You

Bridge

You are my King
You are my King, Jesus
You are my King, Jesus
You are my King

Chorus

Amazing Love, how can it be
That You, My King would die for me?
Amazing love, I know it's true
It's my joy to honor You

Chorus

Amazing Love, how can it be
That You, My King would die for me?
Amazing love, I know it's true
It's my joy to honor You
In all I do, may I honor You

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

Postlude: Amazing Love (2nd half) (Billy J.Foote; CCLI Song #2456623)

Announcements

The altar flowers are presented by Nathan Donolo in loving memory of Blaise Donolo.

Nursery Tomorrow: 8:30—Greta Kelly; Sunday School—Jenna Schwartz; 11:00—Claudia Patalong

Prayers for Recovery and Healing: Michelle Hopkins is undergoing chemotherapy. Jim Kramer is home recovering from hip surgery. Please keep them in your prayers, as well as all those in the Ruthfred family who are facing health or other challenges.

New Contact Information for Marie Wilmer: Norwich Springs Health Campus, 4680 Library Way, Hilliard, OH 43026. Please continue to support Marie with your prayers and cards as she settles in at her new home.

New Contact Information for John “Bob” Koehnke: Asbury Place, 760 Bower Hill Rd., Room 316, Pittsburgh, PA 15243. Please support him with your prayers and cards.

Current Fund: Given by Ann and James Sartorio in memory of Will and Alma Vogel.

Music Fund: Given by Chris and Marcia Clark in memory of Will and Alma Vogel.

Meals on Wheels Collection: This outreach organization at Grace Lutheran Church in South Park needs bottled salad dressing from now until Palm Sunday, April 10th. Their preferred sources would be Aldi’s or The Dollar Store. Please place these items in the bin outside the kitchen. They are grateful for any donation. If you have questions, please contact Carol Ward.

Easter Flower Orders: Please consider ordering a tulip or a lily in memory of or in honor of a loved one to decorate our beautiful sanctuary for Easter. Envelopes will be available in the pew racks from now until April 3. **The cost for a tulip or a lily is \$12.00.** Place your cash or check in the envelope and write your dedication, name, and type of flower you prefer on the outside of the envelope. Envelopes may be placed in the collection baskets or in the box in the office.



Family Easter Festival: The 3rd annual festival for young families returns on April 10, 4-6 p.m.! Activities are geared to children ages 2-8, but ALL are welcome. Inviting friends is encouraged. Please take a postcard located at the base of the stairwell, if needed. To ensure adequate supplies and food, sign-up is REQUIRED by April 3, either on the website: ruthfred.org/announcements OR on the list posted next to the Nursery.

Volunteer/Donation opportunities for the Family Easter Festival: Donations of desserts are being requested for the Festival. Please sign up on the list at the base of the stairs, or contact Peggy Cox. The response for volunteer staffers for the activities was great, but we could still use one or two more willing “where needed” helpers. Contact Barb Harrold, brharrold@comcast.net to volunteer.

Young Adults: This group will meet on Sunday, March 27th at 6:30 p.m. at Ruthfred in the Fireside Lounge. All young adults are welcome to join. We will have a Bible study on the 27th. For questions or further information, please contact Andrew at andrewvogel@ruthfred.org.

Youth Bible Camperships: \$100 Bible Camperships are available to our youth attending a Christian camp. All camperships must be approved by Church Council. Deadline to submit an application is Sunday, April 10, 2022, for approval at the April Council meeting. Please place applications in the Council Secretary mail slot in the Conference Room.

Announcements (cont'd)

XYZers: The next meeting is Friday, March 25th. Featured speaker will be Karen Cahall, a retired Education Coordinator, Pittsburgh History & Landmarks Foundation. Karen will lead “An Armchair Walking Tour of the Strip District.” Take a “walk” through the Strip District to explore some of the businesses through the history and stories of this much-loved Pittsburgh neighborhood! Peggy Cox will provide a delicious lunch. The sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board outside the Library. Please join us!

Lenten Soup and Salad Suppers: Please join us for soup and salad suppers on Wednesday evenings from 6—7 p.m. An evening service will follow at 7:30 p.m. If you attend the 2:00 p.m. service, you are welcome to attend the supper also. Peggy Cox will be organizing the food. Joanne Salvetti will be coordinating volunteers for setting up, serving, and cleaning up. Please contact Joanne at 724-206-0744 if you are able to help. Thank you in advance!

Knit Wits will meet again this month on March 24th at 10 a.m. All are welcome!

Save the date for Parents’ Date Night!!! Ruthfred will be sponsoring a date night for parents on March 26, 2022, from 5-8 p.m. here at the church. Parents can drop off their children at 5 p.m. (no later than 5:30 because we will be locking the doors for safety purposes) and pick them back up at 8 p.m. The children will enjoy dinner, play games, sing songs, have a Bible lesson, make a craft, have a snack, and watch a movie at the end of the night while waiting to be picked up. What do the parents do? They get to enjoy a few hours off for date night, knowing their kiddos are in good hands. You can register with the forms that are on the table outside the entrance to the Fellowship Hall or online at vbspro.events/p/ruthfredratenight. If you have questions, or are able to volunteer to help, please contact Donna Weighley at donna.weighley@gmail.com.

Employment Opportunity at Ruthfred: Do you have a heart for the youngest in our Church family? We have a need for a nursery worker during the 8:30 a.m. service. Please contact Shane Cox if you can help.

Movie: The just-released movie, “*Sabina: Tortured for Christ, the Nazi Years*” will be shown at Ruthfred this Sunday (20th) evening. The movie will be shown in the large Sunday School classroom at 6:00 p.m. It is almost 2 hours in length. Snacks will be provided.

		Expenses Compared to Receipts			
<u>RECEIPTS AND EXPENSES OF BUDGETED FUNDS</u>		Member Donations	Transfers to Other Funds	Less: Actual Expenses	Surplus/ (Shortfall)
Year to Date Feb. 28, 2022					
	Current	170,666*	(14,000)	119,472	37,194
	Building	5,345		—	5,345
	Benevolence	23,412	14,000	29,596	7,816
	Totals	199,423	—	149,068	50,355

*Includes special gift from Birmingham UCC (see article in March *Herald* newsletter).

Easter Baskets for our Shut-Ins/Homebound Members

This project is just about back to normal this year. Donations and volunteers are needed. You are encouraged to visit with those receiving a basket depending on your and their comfort level. Some facilities may require that a mask be worn. Sign-up sheets for assembly at 9 a.m. and pickup/delivery at 10 a.m. on Saturday, April 9, are on the table at the bottom of the stairs near the South Park Road entrance.

Thank you so much for your help.

SUGGESTED DONATIONS

HOMEMADE GOODIES - muffins, cookies, etc. in baggies or individually wrapped.

Candy	Small notepads, pens
Snack crackers	Jello cups
100 calorie snacks	Fruit cups
Breakfast bars	Applesauce
Hot/cold cereal	Tea bags
Mini muffins	Hot chocolate mix
Cookies	Soup packets
Pudding cups	Tissue packs

Please choose store items that are individually wrapped and/or single-serving food items. **NOTHING WITH NUTS.** Sugar-free items are welcomed. Any unused items will be donated to Meals on Wheels.

Please place items in the collection bin outside the kitchen by Thursday, April 7.

Questions??? Contact Jill Kurtz or Sue Rotz



Adult Sunday School Class Tomorrow in the Large Classroom

THOU SHALT HAVE NO FUN! Remember the Ten Commandments you learned in Sunday School or confirmation? – those killjoy rules God laid down to keep us from having any fun. Remember them? Join us as Pastor McMinn continues this Sunday morning adult study series. We are taking a fresh look at how God convicts, blesses, and guides His people through His Commandments. (It'll be fun!) Luther said, "*Whoever knows the Ten Commandments perfectly must know all Scripture. Such a person is qualified to judge all doctrines, estates, spirits, laws, and anything else in the world.*"

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## **Tomorrow in the Upper Room**



***Twisting Truth- Learning to Discern in a Culture of Deception***—In this six-session small group video series, Andy Stanley exposes some common ways God's truth gets twisted. Each one has the potential to destroy your relationships, cloud your decisions, and distort your perception of him. This study helps us identify where we have cultural "twisted thinking" with Biblical guidance to overcome them. All are welcome to join!

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Young Adult Sunday School Class Tomorrow in the Conference Room

We will be studying Lutheran Apologetics. We will meet in the Conference Room between worship services. This study will begin with Lutheran Soteriology and how we use both covenants to better understand and defend the gift of salvation, the means used to deliver us, and the charge of the Great Commission. Come check it out—we would love to see you!! If you would like more information please call Don Roose at (412) 584-2112 or Barb Roose at (540) 846-6841.

YOUTH NEWS

SWAP (6-8 Grade)

There is **SWAP** tomorrow night, 6-7:30 p.m. at the Church.

TNT (9-12 Grade)

TNT will meet on Tuesday, March 22, at the Church.

SAVE THE DATE

March 26 – Parents' Date Night

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### **Questions/concerns?**

**Contact: Regan Johnson at [ReganJohnson@ruthfred.org](mailto:ReganJohnson@ruthfred.org), or**

**(c) (218)-230-5800**

**High School Girls' Monthly Bible Study:** Our next meeting will be tomorrow, March 20<sup>th</sup>, at 12:15 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge. Through six sessions, arm yourself with biblical truths to combat the habit of comparison by studying the account of Rachel and Leah. Contact Jill Huwe or Kris Wenthe with questions. Hope to see you there!!



## This Week At Ruthfred

## Sunday (3/20) Third Sunday in Lent

8:30 a.m.—Worship Service  
9:45 a.m.—Sunday School  
11:00 a.m.—Worship Service  
6:00 p.m.—Movie night: *"Sabina"*



## Monday (3/21)

9:30 a.m.—JTTW Leaders Meeting  
9:30 a.m.—Craft & Sew

## Tuesday (3/22)

7:00 p.m.—Worship Team

## Wednesday (3/23)

9:15 a.m.—JTTW  
2:00 p.m.—Lenten Service  
5:45 p.m.—Children's Choir  
6:00-7:00 p.m.—Soup & Sandwich Supper  
6:15 p.m.—Jr. & Sr. Confirmation Classes  
6:30 p.m.—Bell Choir  
7:00 p.m.—Senior Choir [continues after Service]  
7:30 p.m.—Lenten Service

## Thursday (3/24)

10:00 a.m.—Knit Wits

### Friday (3/25)

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

### Saturday (3/26)

HAPPY 90<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY CARYL HANSEN  
5:00-8:00 p.m.—Parents' Date Night

## Sunday (3/27) Herald deadline

8:30 a.m.—Worship Service  
9:45 a.m.—Sunday School  
11:00 a.m.—Worship Service  
6:30 p.m.—GIFT Bible Study  
6:30 p.m.—Young Adult Bible Study (Fireside Lounge)

God invites us through Isaiah: "All you who are thirsty, come to the waters" (55:1). Jesus, the Living Water, is eager to quench your parched soul.

**Attendance for Last Week:**

Sunday Worship...173 Sunday School...104  
8:30 Live Stream...56  
JTTW (morning)...57  
Lenten Services...173 Live Stream...15

## 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 and vicar 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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