

RUTHFRED LUTHERAN CHURCH

Welcome to Ruthfred Lutheran Church!

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We are delighted to have you with us this evening 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, June 18, 2022—6:00 p.m.

PRELUDE

Honey in the Rock (Brandon Lake © 2022 Bethel Music CCLI Song # 7191257)

In the House (Crowder)

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Pastor (P): All Rise

**Opening Song of Praise: Glorious Day** (Kristian Stanfill/Jason Ingram)  
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### Verse 1

I was buried beneath my shame  
Who could carry that kind of weight  
It was my tomb my 'til I met You

### Verse 2

I was breathing but not alive  
All my failures I tried to hide  
It was my tomb 'til I met You

### Chorus

You called my name (and) I ran out of that grave  
Out of the darkness into Your glorious day  
You called my name (and) I ran out of that grave  
Out of the darkness into Your glorious day

### Verse 3

Now Your mercy has saved my soul  
Now Your freedom is all that I know  
The old made new Jesus when I met You

### Chorus

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Out of the darkness into Your glorious day  
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Out of the darkness into Your glorious day

### Bridge

I needed rescue my sin was heavy  
But chains break at the weight of Your glory  
I needed shelter I was an orphan  
Now You call me a citizen of Heaven  
When I was broken You were my healing  
Now Your love is the air that I'm breathing  
I have a future my eyes are open  
'Cause when...

### Chorus

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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 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 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**

**Verse** I'm praying, "God, ... come ..... and turn this thing a—round.  
God, turn it a—round. God, turn it a—round. God, turn it a—round."  
I'm call—ing on the name ..... That changes ev—'ry thing:  
"God, turn it a—round. God, turn it a—round. God, turn it a—round."

**Chorus** All of my hope ... is in the name, the name of Je—sus.  
Break-through will come, ... come in the name, the name of Je—sus.

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God, turn it a—round. God, turn it a—round. God, turn it a—round."

**Bridge 1** He is up to some-thing, He is up to some-thing, God is do-ing some-thing ... right now.  
He is up to some-thing, He is up to some-thing, God is do-ing some-thing ... right now.

**Bridge 2** He is healing some-one, He is savi-ng some-one, God is do-ing some-thing ... right now.  
He is healing some-one, He is savi-ng some-one, God is do-ing some-thing ... right now.

**Bridge 3a** He is mov-ing moun-tains, ... mak-ing a way for some-one, ... God is do-ing some-thing ... right now.

**Bridge 3b** He is mov-ing moun-tains, ... mak-ing a way for some-one, ... God is do-ing some-thing ... right now.

**Chorus** All of my hope ... is in the name, ... the name of Je—sus.  
Break-through will come, ... come in the name, ... the name of Je—sus.  
All of my hope ... is in the name, ... the name of Je—sus.  
Break-through will come, ... come in the name, ... the name of Je—sus.

**Ending** "God turn it a—round, ... turn it a—round....  
God, turn it a—round, ... turn it a—round, ... turn it a—round.

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 continue to pray: O God, the strength of all them that put their trust in You. Mercifully accept our prayers; and because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without You, grant us the help of Your grace, that in keeping Your commandments we may please You, both in will and deed; 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 First Lesson: Isaiah 65:1-9** (NASB)

<sup>1</sup> "I permitted Myself to be sought by those who did not ask for Me; I permitted Myself to be found by those who did not seek Me. I said, 'Here am I, here am I,' to a nation which did not call on My name. <sup>2</sup> "I have spread out My hands all day long to a rebellious people, who walk in the way which is not good, following their own thoughts, <sup>3</sup> A people who continually provoke Me to My face, offering sacrifices in gardens and burning incense on bricks; <sup>4</sup> who sit among graves and spend the night in secret places; who eat swine's flesh, and the broth of unclean meat is in their pots. <sup>5</sup> "Who say, 'Keep to yourself, do not come near me, for I am holier than you!' These are smoke in My nostrils, a fire that burns all the day. <sup>6</sup> "Behold, it is written before Me, I will not keep silent, but I will repay; I will even repay into their bosom, <sup>7</sup> Both their own iniquities and the iniquities of their fathers together," says the Lord. "Because they have burned incense on the mountains and scorned Me on the hills, Therefore I will measure their former work into their bosom." <sup>8</sup> Thus says the Lord, "As the new wine is found in the cluster, and one says, 'Do not destroy it, for there is benefit in it,' so I will act on behalf of My servants in order not to destroy all of them. <sup>9</sup> "I will bring forth offspring from Jacob, and an heir of My mountains from Judah; even My chosen ones shall inherit it, and My servants will dwell there."

### **The Psalm: Psalm 3** (NASB)

P: O Lord, how my adversaries have increased! Many are rising up against me.

**C: Many are saying of my soul, "There is no deliverance for him in God." Selah.**

P: But You, O Lord, are a shield about me, my glory, and the One who lifts my head.

**C: I was crying to the Lord with my voice, and He answered me from His holy mountain. Selah.**

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**The Psalm: Psalm 3** (NASB) (cont'd)

P: I lay down and slept; I awoke, for the Lord sustains me.

**C: I will not be afraid of ten thousands of people who have set themselves against me round about.**

P: Arise, O Lord; save me, O my God! For You have smitten all my enemies on the cheek; You have shattered the teeth of the wicked.

**C: Salvation belongs to the Lord; Your blessing be upon Your people! Selah.**

**The Epistle Lesson: Galatians 3:23—4:7** (NASB)

<sup>23</sup> But before faith came, we were kept in custody under the law, being shut up to the faith which was later to be revealed. <sup>24</sup> Therefore the Law has become our tutor to lead us to Christ, so that we may be justified by faith. <sup>25</sup> But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor. <sup>26</sup> For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. <sup>27</sup> For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. <sup>28</sup> There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. <sup>29</sup> And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's descendants, heirs according to promise.

<sup>1</sup> Now I say, as long as the heir is a child, he does not differ at all from a slave although he is owner of everything, <sup>2</sup> but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by the father. <sup>3</sup> So also we, while we were children, were held in bondage under the elemental things of the world. <sup>4</sup> But when the fullness of the time came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law, <sup>5</sup> so that He might redeem those who were under the Law, that we might receive the adoption as sons. <sup>6</sup> Because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" <sup>7</sup> Therefore you are no longer a slave, but a son; and if a son, then an heir through God.

**The Gradual:**

I said, Lord, be merciful unto me, heal my soul, for I have sinned against You. Blessed is he that considers the poor. The Lord will deliver him in time of trouble. Alleluia, alleluia. O Lord my God, in You do I put my trust. Save me from all them that persecute me, and deliver me. Alleluia. (Psalm 41:1, 4; Psalm 7:1)

**The Alleluia** (Sung in Unison)

**Allelu,** By Tom Leech (Lyrics based on Psalm 148)

Al-le-lu, Al-le-lu, Al-le-lu-u-ia Al-le-lu-u- ia, Al-le-lu-u-ia.  
Al-le-lu.

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 8:26-39** (NASB)

The Congregation rises and sings, **“Glory be to You, O Lord.**

<sup>26</sup> Then they sailed to the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. <sup>27</sup> And when He came out onto the land, He was met by a man from the city who was possessed with demons; and who had not put on any clothing for a long time, and was not living in a house, but in the tombs. <sup>28</sup> Seeing Jesus, he cried out and fell before Him, and said in a loud voice, “What business do we have with each other, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg You, do not torment me.”

<sup>29</sup> For He had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. For it had seized him many times; and he was bound with chains and shackles and kept under guard, and yet he would break his bonds and be driven by the demon into the desert. <sup>30</sup> And Jesus asked him, “What is your name?” And he said, “Legion”; for many demons had entered him. <sup>31</sup> They were imploring Him not to command them to go away into the abyss. <sup>32</sup> Now there was a herd of many swine feeding there on the mountain; and the demons implored Him to permit them to enter the swine. And He gave them permission.

<sup>33</sup> And the demons came out of the man and entered the swine; and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. <sup>34</sup> When the herdsmen saw what had happened, they ran away and reported it in the city and out in the country. <sup>35</sup> The people went out to see what had happened; and they came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had gone out, sitting down at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind; and they became frightened. <sup>36</sup> Those who had seen it reported to them how the man who was demon-possessed had been made well. <sup>37</sup> And all the people of the country of the Gerasenes and the surrounding district asked Him to leave them, for they were gripped with great fear; and He got into a boat and returned. <sup>38</sup> But the man from whom the demons had gone out was begging Him that he might accompany Him; but He sent him away, saying, <sup>39</sup> “Return to your house and describe what great things God has done for you.” So he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city what great things Jesus had done for him.

The Congregation sings, **“Praise be to You, 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: Good Good Father** (Chris Tomlin)

**[Instrumental Intro]**

**Verse 1**

Oh, I've heard a thousand stories of what they think You're like  
But I've heard the tender whisper of love in the dead of night  
And You tell me that You're pleased and that I'm never alone

**Chorus**

You're a good good Father ... It's who You are, ... it's who You are, ...  
it's who You are  
And I'm loved by You ... It's who I am, ... it's who I am, ... it's who I am

**Verse 2**

Oh, and I've seen ... many ... searching ... for answers ... far ... and ...  
wide  
But I know we're all searching ... for answers only ... You ... provide  
'Cause You know just what we need ... before we say a word

**Chorus**

You're a good good Father ... It's who You are, ... it's who You are, ...  
it's who You are  
And I'm loved by You ... It's who I am, ... it's who I am, ... it's who I am

**Bridge**

Because You are perfect in all of Your ways  
You are perfect in all of Your ways  
You are perfect in all of Your ways to us  
You are perfect in all of Your ways  
Oh, You are perfect in all of Your ways  
You are perfect in all of Your ways to us

**Verse 3**

Oh, it's love so undeniable I, I can hardly speak  
Peace so unexplainable I, I can hardly think  
As You call me deeper still ... as You call me deeper still  
As You call me deeper still ... into love, love, love

**Chorus**

(sing twice)

You're a good good Father ... It's who You are, ... it's who You are, ...  
it's who You are  
And I'm loved by You ... It's who I am, ... it's who I am, ... it's who I am

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**Sermon Song: Good Good Father (cont'd)**

**Chorus (softly)**

You're a good good Father ... It's who You are, ... it's who You are, ...  
it's who You are  
And I'm loved by You ... It's who I am, ... it's who I am, ... it's who I am

**Closing Chorus**

You're a good good Father ... It's who You are, ... it's who You are, ...  
it's who You are  
You are perfect in all of Your ways  
And I'm loved by You ... It's who I am, ... it's who I am, ... it's who I am  
You are perfect in all of Your ways

**[Instrumental close]**

**The Sermon:** "Our Father: Best Dad Ever!" | Galatians 3:23–4:7

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.

**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

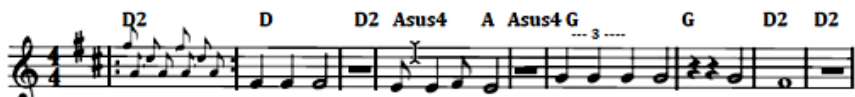
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### The Lord's Prayer

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

Bm Asus4 Bm Asus4 Cmaj7 Em A A



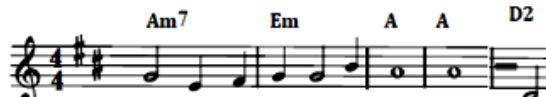
PETITION: Thy king-dom come. Thy will be done, On earth. As it is in heav'n.

Bm Asus4 Bm Asus4 Cmaj7 Em



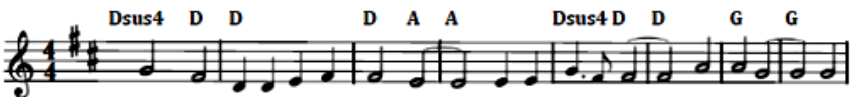
PETITION: Give us this day, Our dai-ly bread. And for-give us our sins, As we for-

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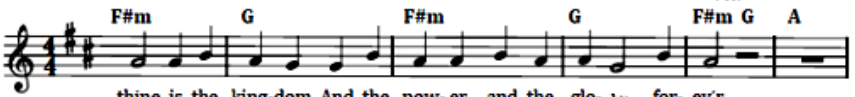
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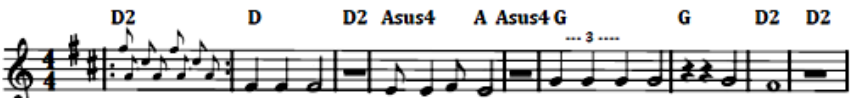
PETITION: Lead us not in-to temp- ta- tion. But de- liv-er us from e- vil. For

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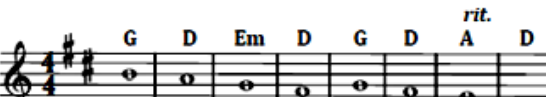
rit. thine is the king-dom, And the pow-er, and the glo- ry, for- ev'r.

D2 D D2 Asus4 A Asus4 G G D2 D2



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

G D Em D G D A D



CLOSING: A- men, A- men, A- men, A- men.

**Closing Song: Build Your Kingdom** (Rend Collective)

**Verse 1**

Come set Your rule and reign ... in our hearts a—gain  
In—crease in us we pray ... un—veil why we’re made  
Come set our hearts a—blaze with hope ... like wildfire in our very souls  
Holy Spirit come invade us now  
We are Your Church ... we need Your power ... in us

**Verse 2**

We seek Your Kingdom first ... we hunger and we thirst  
Re—fuse to waste our lives ... for You’re our joy and prize  
To see the captive hearts released ... the hurt, the sick, the poor at  
peace  
We lay down our lives for Heaven’s cause  
We are Your Church ... we pray re—vive ... this earth

**Chorus 1**

Build Your Kingdom here ... let the darkness fear  
Show Your mighty hand ... heal our streets and land  
Set Your Church on fire ... win this nation back  
Change the atmos—phere ... build Your Kingdom here we pray

**Verse 3**

Un—leash Your Kingdom’s pow’r; reach—ing the near and far  
No force of hell can stop ... Your beauty changing hearts  
You made us for much more than this ... a—wake the kingdom seed in  
us  
Fill us with the strength and love of Christ.....  
We are Your Church; we are the hope on earth

**Chorus 2**

Build Your Kingdom here ... let the darkness fear  
Show Your mighty hand ... heal our streets and land  
Set Your Church on fire ... win this nation back  
Change the atmos—phere ... build Your Kingdom here we pray

**Closing Chorus**

Build Your Kingdom here ... let the darkness fear  
Show Your mighty hand ... heal our streets and land  
Set Your Church on fire ... win this nation back  
Change the atmos—phere ... build Your Kingdom here we pray

**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: Holy Water** (We the Kingdom)



# Announcements

**The altar flowers** are presented by Donna and Jason Weighley in honor of all the fathers celebrating Father's Day and in celebration of Jason's upcoming birthday.

**Special thanks** to Pete Huwe. He is reading Scripture today.

**Nursery Tomorrow:** 8:30—Greta Kelly; 11:00—TBD.

**Known to be hospitalized:** Vic Massack—Mercy Hospital; Eleanor Dymond—St. Clair Hospital. Please support them with your prayers and cards.

**Prayers for Recovery and Healing:** Michelle Hopkins—chemotherapy. Al Hatala—Room 128D at Friendship Village. Evelyn Meyer—undergoing medical evaluation. Please keep them in your prayers, as well as all those members of the Ruthfred family who are facing health or other challenges.

**Our pastors and congregation extend Christian love and sympathy** to Lee MacManus and her family upon the passing of her husband, Jim, on Monday, June 13, 2022. Funeral arrangements are pending. Please keep Lee, Beth, and Jim, Jr., and their extended family in your prayers.

**Take Them a Meal:** As a way to support the Taylor family, a schedule has been created on this website, [takethemameal.com](http://takethemameal.com), to provide them with two meals a week for a few months, June 9 through August 4. If you would like to volunteer, please go to the website, find their schedule with this password, 8593, and sign up. There are still some open slots in July and August. You will also find notes/instructions about dietary restrictions. If possible, please enter what you will be preparing so we can try to give them variety. Reminder slips with this information are available in baskets at the bottom of the stairs at the Patterson Road and back parking lot entrances. Thank you for your prayers and support for the Taylor family. Contact Jill Kurtz with any questions.

**Calling All Picnic Planners:** We need YOU! Our annual Church Picnic has always been a wonderful way for us to enjoy food, fellowship, games, and entertainment on our beautiful church grounds. We are grateful to those families who have blessed us and led this initiative in years past. This year we are in need of a person (or people!) to lead this wonderful ministry. We'd like to keep the annual tradition going, but in order to make it happen, we need people with a heart for planning fun and engaging events. We do not have a firm date set, but ideally it would take place in August or early September. This may be a year for keeping things simple—grill some burgers and hot dogs and have a potluck. Or, perhaps you've got some ideas you'd like to see happen. This is truly an event where many hands make light work. If you'd like to lead or participate in the planning, have questions, or have ideas and suggestions you'd like to share, please reach out to Melissa Bostaph via email at [MelissaBostaph@ruthfred.org](mailto:MelissaBostaph@ruthfred.org) as soon as possible.

**VBS Volunteer Meeting:** Please join us on Sunday, June 26th, after the 11:00 a.m. service. We will meet in the Adult Sunday School room. Please contact Jason Weighley if you have questions or are unable to attend but would like to help ([jason.weighley@gmail.com](mailto:jason.weighley@gmail.com)).

**Young Adult Bible Study:** This group will meet on June 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at Andrew and Cassie Vogel's house. All young adults are welcome to join. For questions or further information, please contact Andrew at [andrewvogel@ruthfred.org](mailto:andrewvogel@ruthfred.org).

# Announcements (cont'd)

**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 July 10 for approval at the July Council meeting. Application forms are available on the table at the bottom of the stairs near the Fellowship Hall or by calling the church office. Please place completed applications in the Council Secretary mail slot in the Conference Room.

**Post-Secondary Graduates:** Each year Ruthfred gratefully acknowledges the accomplishments of our congregation's college graduates. If you know of any members of our congregation who are graduating in 2022 from any colleges, universities, or trade schools, please email Felicia Rieck at [FeliciaRieck@ruthfred.org](mailto:FeliciaRieck@ruthfred.org) with each graduate's full name, name of school, name of degree, and graduation date. We'll list them in a bulletin in June.

## **Congratulations to the Following Graduates!**

- ◆ Connor Wholey, Carnegie Mellon University, Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering, May, 2022
- ◆ Christian Riley, Villanova University, Juris Doctor Degree in Law, May, 2022

## **Employment Opportunity at Ruthfred:**

**Nursery Attendant:** Do you have a heart for the youngest in our Church family? We have a need for nursery workers. Please contact Shane Cox if you can help.

**The Knit Wits** group (knitters and crocheters) will continue to meet this summer at 10 a.m. on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays in the Fireside Lounge. Please consider joining us, and bring a friend if you like! All are welcome! We are still in need of small containers of liquid dish soap to accompany the knitted and crocheted dish cloths we are making for local food banks. There is a collection bin in the Fireside Lounge. Please call Pat Lutz if you need more information.

**Craft & Sew:** Please join the sewing group at 9:30 on Tuesday, June 28<sup>th</sup> for our next meeting! Contact Arlene Ball if you have any questions. 412-977-8013 or [Arlene1952@gmail.com](mailto:Arlene1952@gmail.com).

**Preschool Registration** is now open for the 2022-2023 school year. Register online at [Ruthfred.org](http://Ruthfred.org). Contact Denise Stutzman at: [denisestutzman@ruthfred.org](mailto:denisestutzman@ruthfred.org) with any questions or to schedule a tour.

**Lost and Found:** Coats are not on most people's radar right now with the summer heat, but there are two women's coats that were left behind at events in May which will be missed later in the year. One is a tan, Worthington hip-length coat. The other is a coral/red, Dennis Basso mid-length length swing coat. Both are hanging in the coat closet near the Fellowship Hall.

**For the summer months,** the double oak doors leading to the back parking lot will be unlocked for scheduled events, but they will be locked at all other times for security purposes. Please use the South Park entrance (across from Ruthfred Market) when entering the church Monday through Saturday.

## **Adult Sunday School Class Tomorrow In Large Classroom**

Following up on Pastor McMinn's solid series on the Ten Commandments, we are undertaking a 10-week Bible study entitled, "The Lamb of God, Seeing Jesus in Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy." This video study, wonderfully presented by author Nancy Guthrie, was recently very inspiring for those in our Wednesday morning Journey Through the Word sessions. Please join us for this deeply Christ-centered series. For more information, please contact Kurt Ziegler.

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Tomorrow in the Upper Room

There will be no class in the Upper Room for the summer. Please join the adult Sunday School Class in the Large Classroom.

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## **Journey Through the Word Summer Session**

**Wednesdays, June 15-August 10**

**10:00-11:30 a.m.**

### **Biblical TV Series "The Chosen" Season 2**

Season 1 was so well received and enjoyed last summer that we decided to continue this year with Season 2. Come for the fellowship, an excellent drama series, and stimulating discussion. No registration is necessary. All are welcome, whether or not you have attended JTTW in the past. Please contact Sue Swan if you have questions, at [writngcygnet@gmail.com](mailto:writngcygnet@gmail.com). Hope to see you there!

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Summer Sunday School for Kids

Miss Bunny (Barger) and Miss Susan (Wholey) will continue their wonderful Sunday School class for 4- & 5-year-olds through the summer. Jason Weighley & Friends will offer a special Sunday School series for kids ages 6—5th grade featuring the Torchlighters' animated films about heroes of the Faith. Students in grade 6 and up will join Regan for youth Sunday School classes. We plan to have the nursery staffed. If you can help with the nursery this summer, please contact Shane Cox.

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, June 21st, at the Nirella's house, 7-9 p.m. The address is: 3427 Thornwood Dr., Bethel Park.

SAVE THE DATE

July 3-8 — Work Camp

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### Questions/concerns?

Contact: Regan Johnson at [ReganJohnson@ruthfred.org](mailto:ReganJohnson@ruthfred.org), or  
(c) (218)-230-5800

**Summer is just around the corner! How do I know this?  
It's time to start planning for VBS!!  
VBS 2022 will be July 25<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>, 9 a.m. to noon  
We are looking for Volunteers!!**



## **Registration**

Registration is now open! Come with us on a Monumental Journey celebrating God's Greatness, July 25<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup>, at Ruthfred Lutheran Church from 9 a.m. to noon. Visit [www.ruthfred.org](http://www.ruthfred.org) to register.

Questions?  
Contact Jason Weighley by email at  
[Jason.weighley@gmail.com](mailto:Jason.weighley@gmail.com)

# This Week At Ruthfred

**Sunday (6/19) SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST & FATHER'S DAY**

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

**Tuesday (6/21) First day of Summer**

7:00 p.m.—Worship Team

**Wednesday (6/22)**

10:00 a.m.—JTTW Summer Session (“Thunder”)

**Thursday (6/23)**

10:00 a.m.—Knit Wits

**Friday (6/24) NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST**

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

**Saturday (6/25) ANNIVERSARY OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE AUGSBURG CONFESSION, 1530**

**Sunday (6/26) THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

8:30 a.m.—Worship Service  
 9:45 a.m.—Sunday School  
 11:00 a.m.—Worship Service  
 Noon-ish—VBS Volunteer Meeting  
 6:30 p.m.—Young Adult Bible Study @ A&C Vogels’  
 6:30 p.m.—GIFT Bible Study @ R&L Vogels’  
 HERALD Deadline

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Welcome to worship this second Sunday after Pentecost. And a happy Father’s Day to all father-figures!

**Attendance for Last Week:**  
 Sunday Worship...209   Sunday School...62  
 Live Stream...39  
 Journey Through the Word...25

## 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.

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Name:

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Children:

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Address:

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Phone (indicate home, cell, etc.)

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Email:

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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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