

RUTHFRED LUTHERAN CHURCH

Welcome to Ruthfred Lutheran Church!

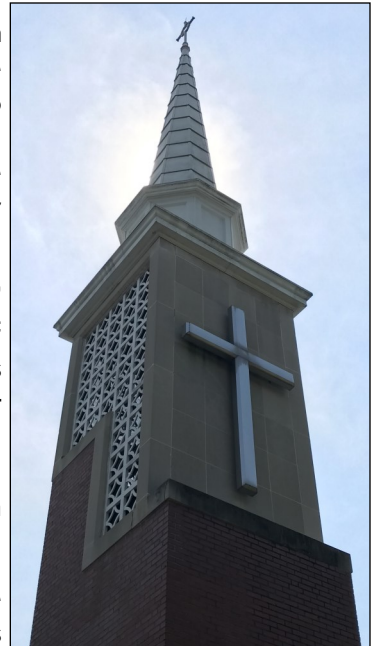
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We are delighted to have you with us this morning as we gather to worship the Lord Jesus Christ.

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

About Us:

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



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

The Divine Service of the Word

The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost, October 9, 2022

Prelude:

"Prelude and Fugue in G Minor"

(J. S. Bach)

"It Is Well with My Soul"

(arr. Craig Phillips)

The Opening Hymn:

"The Church's One Foundation"

(AMB #149)

(Please stand as we join
our hearts in song)

1 The Church's one foun - da - tion, Is Je - sus Christ her Lord;
2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, Yet one o'er all the earth;
3 'Mid toil and trib - u - la - tion, And tu - mult of her war,
4 Yet she on earth hath un - ion, With God, the Three in One,

She is His new cre - a - tion, By wa - ter and the word:
Her char - ter of sal - va - tion, One Lord, one Faith, one birth;
She waits the con - sum - ma - tion Of peace for ev - er - more;
And mys - tic sweet com - mun - ion With those whose rest is won:

From heav'n He came and sought her To be His ho - ly Bride;
One ho - ly Name she bless - es, Par - takes one ho - ly food;
Till with the vis - ion glo - rious Her long - ing eyes are blest,
Oh, hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace, that we,

With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.
And to one hope she press - es, With ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
And the great Church vic - to - rious, Shall be the Church at rest.
Like them, the meek and low - ly, On high may dwell with Thee.

Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1839-1901
Tune: Samuel S. Wesley, 1810-1876

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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 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. 41)

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 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).

"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.

"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 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

The Introit (Read Responsively; Please stand)

P: Righteous art thou, O Lord;

C: And upright are Thy judgments.

P: Deal with Thy servant,

C: According to Thy mercy.

P: Blessed are the undefiled in the way;

C: Who walk in the law of the Lord.

(Psalm 119:1, 124, 137)

The Gloria Patri (Sung in Unison; SBH p. 43)

**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. 48)

P: Lord, have mercy upon us.

C: Lord, have mercy upon us.

P: Christ, have mercy upon us.

C: Christ, have mercy upon us.

P: Lord, have mercy upon us.

C: Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Hymn of Praise:

"Jesus, with Thy Church Abide"

(SBH #153, 2nd tune)

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass. It features a hymn tune with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is primarily in the Treble staff, with the Bass staff providing a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are printed below the staves, aligned with the notes. The first system contains three lines of lyrics, and the second system contains three lines of lyrics, including the phrase 'A - men.' at the end.

1. Je - sus, with thy Church a - bide; Be her Sav - iour, Lord, and Guide,
2. All her fet - tered powers re - lease; Bid our strife and en - vy cease;
3. May she one in doc - trine be, One in truth and char - i - ty,
While on earth her faith is tried: We be - seech thee, hear us.
Grant the heav - en - ly gift of peace: We be - seech thee, hear us.
Win - ning all to faith in thee: We be - seech thee, hear us. A - men.

4 May she guide the poor and blind,
Seek the lost until she find,
And the broken-hearted bind:
We beseech thee, hear us.

5 Judge her not for work undone,
Judge her not for fields unwon,
Bless her works in thee begun:
We beseech thee, hear us.

6 May her lamp of truth be bright;
Bid her bear aloft its light
Through the realms of heathen night:
We beseech thee, hear us.

7 May she holy triumphs win,
Overthrow the hosts of sin,
Gather all the nations in:
We beseech thee, hear us. Amen.

Thomas Benson Pollock, 1836-96

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: Lord, we beseech Thee, grant Thy people grace to withstand the temptations of the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow Thee, the only God; through Thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with Thee 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: Ruth 1:15-19a (NASB)

¹⁵ Then she said, "Behold, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and her gods; return after your sister-in-law." ¹⁶ But Ruth said, "Do not urge me to leave you or turn back from following you; for where you go, I will go, and where you lodge, I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God, my God. ¹⁷ Where you die, I will die, and there I will be buried. Thus may the Lord do to me, and worse, if anything but death parts you and me." ¹⁸ When she saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more to her. ¹⁹ So they both went until they came to Bethlehem. "

The Psalm: Psalm 111:1-6 (NASB)

P: Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with all my heart, in the company of the upright and in the assembly.

C: Great are the works of the Lord; they are studied by all who delight in them.

P: Splendid and majestic is His work, and His righteousness endures forever.

C: He has made His wonders to be remembered; the Lord is gracious and compassionate.

P: He has given food to those who fear Him; He will remember His covenant forever.

C: He has made known to His people the power of His works, in giving them the heritage of the nations.

The Epistle Lesson: 1 Timothy 4:1-16; 2 Timothy 2:14-19(NASB)

¹ But the Spirit explicitly says that in later times some will fall away from the faith, paying attention to deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons, ² by means of the hypocrisy of liars seared in their own conscience as with a branding iron, ³ men who forbid marriage and advocate abstaining from foods which God has created to be gratefully shared in by those who believe and know the truth. ⁴ For everything created by God is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with gratitude; ⁵ for it is sanctified by means of the word of God and prayer. ⁶ In pointing out these things to the brethren, you will be a good servant of Christ Jesus, constantly nourished on the words of the faith and of the sound doctrine which you have been following. ⁷ But have nothing to do with worldly fables fit only for old women. On the other hand, discipline yourself for the purpose of godliness; ⁸ for bodily discipline is only of little profit, but godliness is profitable for all things, since it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come. ⁹ It is a trustworthy statement deserving full acceptance. ¹⁰ For it is for this we labor and strive, because we have fixed our hope on the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of believers. ¹¹ Prescribe and teach these things. ¹² Let no one look down on your youthfulness, but rather in speech, conduct, love, faith and purity, show yourself an example of those who believe. ¹³ Until I come, give attention to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation and teaching. ¹⁴ Do not neglect the spiritual gift within you, which was bestowed on you through prophetic utterance with the laying on of hands by the presbytery. ¹⁵ Take pains with these things; be absorbed in them, so that your progress will be evident to all. ¹⁶ Pay close attention to yourself and to your teaching; persevere in these things, for as you do this you will ensure salvation both for yourself and for those who hear you.

¹⁴ Remind them of these things, and solemnly charge them in the presence of God not to wrangle about words, which is useless and leads to the ruin of the hearers. ¹⁵ Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth. ¹⁶ But avoid worldly and empty chatter, for it will lead to further ungodliness, ¹⁷ and their talk will spread like gangrene. Among them are Hymenaeus and Philetus, ¹⁸ men who have gone astray from the truth saying that the resurrection has already taken place, and they upset the faith of some. ¹⁹ Nevertheless, the firm foundation of God stands, having this seal, "The Lord knows those who are His," and, "Everyone who names the name of the Lord is to abstain from wickedness."

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 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 Gradual:

Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, and the people whom He hath chosen for His own inheritance. By the word of the Lord were the heavens made, and all the host of them by the breath of His mouth. Alleluia. Alleluia. I love the Lord, because He hath heard my voice and my supplications. Alleluia. (Psalm 33:6, 12; 116:1)

The Alleluia (Sung in Unison)

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Holy Gospel Lesson: Luke 17:22-26 (NASB)

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

²² And He said to the disciples, "The days will come when you will long to see one of the days of the Son of Man, and you will not see it. ²³ They will say to you, 'Look there! Look here!' Do not go away, and do not run after them. ²⁴ For just like the lightning, when it flashes out of one part of the sky, shines to the other part of the sky, so will the Son of Man be in His day. ²⁵ But first He must suffer many things and be rejected by this generation. ²⁶ And just as it happened in the days of Noah, so it will be also in the days of the Son of Man: ²⁷ they were eating, they were drinking, they were marrying, they were being given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all. ²⁸ It was the same as happened in the days of Lot: they were eating, they were drinking, they were buying, they were selling, they were planting, they were building; ²⁹ but on the day that Lot went out from Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed them all. ³⁰ It will be just the same on the day that the Son of Man is revealed. ³¹ On that day, the one who is on the housetop and whose goods are in the house must not go down to take them out; and likewise the one who is in the field must not turn back. ³² Remember Lot's wife. ³³ Whoever seeks to keep his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life will preserve it. ³⁴ I tell you, on that night there will be two in one bed; one will be taken and the other will be left. ³⁵ There will be two women grinding at the same place; one will be taken and the other will be left. ³⁶ Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other will be left."

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 Anthem

8:30: Senior Choir—"Great God Above" (arr. P. Christiansen)

Great God above, we see Thy whole creation,
the wondrous things which Thou alone hast made,
We see the sky with all the stars in heaven
which Thy great power has spread before our gaze.
We sing to Thee O loving Savior,
We sing to Thee great God above.

Great God above, who in Thy tender mercy,
did send Thy Son to live and die for me.
He died that we may have all sins forgiven,
and live with Him thru all eternity.

When Christ shall come in power and great glory,
to bring me home to live in peace with Thee,
What joy to see Thee face to face in heaven,
and live with Thee thru all eternity.

The Special Music

11:00: Women's Quartet—"There Is a Redeemer" (Melody Green)

Peggy Glasser, Jill Kurtz, Jeanine Szalinski, Mettelise Ziegler

The Announcements**The Children's Object Lesson**

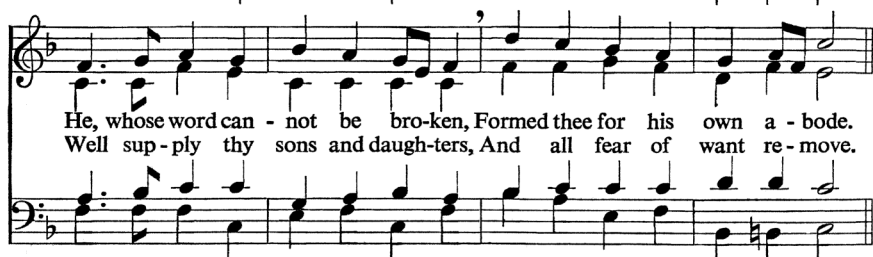
The Sermon Hymn:

“Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”

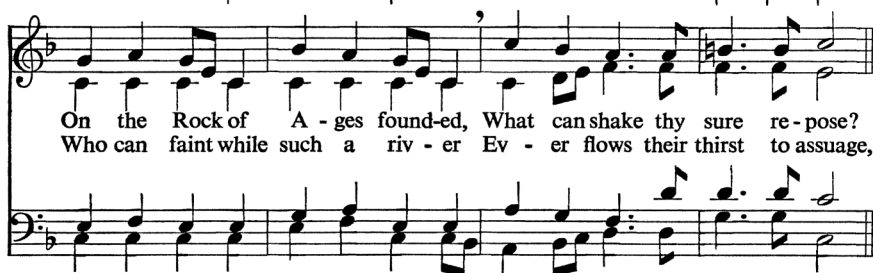
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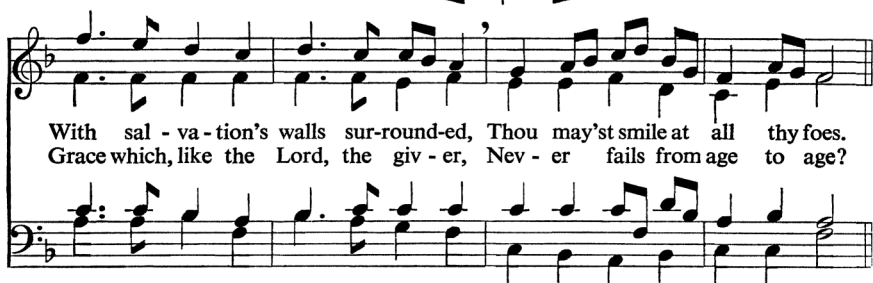
1. Glo-rious things of thee are spo-ken, Zi - on, cit - y of our God;
2. See the streams of liv - ing wa - ters Spring-ing from e - ter - nal love,



He, whose word can - not be bro-ken, Formed thee for his own a - bode.
Well sup - ply thy sons and daugh-ters, And all fear of want re - move.



On the Rock of A - ges found-ed, What can shake thy sure re - pose?
Who can faint while such a riv - er Ev - er flows their thirst to assuage,



With sal - va - tion's walls sur-round-ed, Thou may'st smile at all thy foes.
Grace which, like the Lord, the giv - er, Nev - er fails from age to age?

3 Round each habitation hovering,
See the cloud and fire appear
For a glory and a covering,
Showing that the Lord is near;
Thus deriving from their banner
Light by night and shade by day,
Safe they feed upon the manna
Which he gives them when they pray.

4 Saviour, if of Zion's city
I, through grace, a member am,
Let the world deride or pity,
I will glory in thy Name.
Fading is the worldling's pleasure,
All his boasted pomp and show;
Solid joys and lasting treasure
None but Zion's children know.

John Newton, 1725–1807

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: "Hold Fast!" | 1 Timothy 4; 2 Timothy 2:14-19

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: 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.

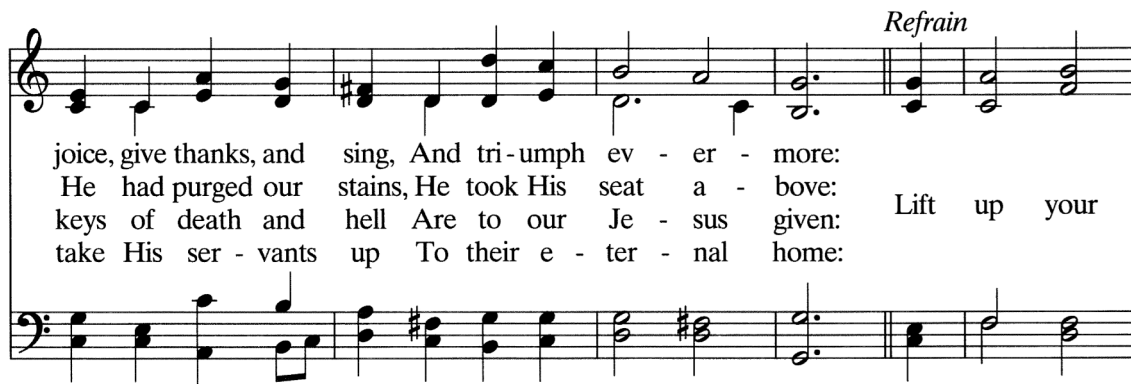
(Numbers 6:24-26)

C: Amen.

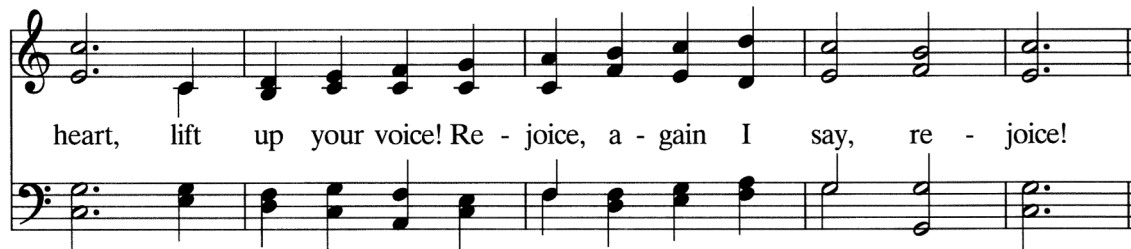
The Closing Hymn: "Rejoice, the Lord Is King" (AMB #157)



1 Re - joice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King a - dore! Re -
2 The Lord, our Sav - ior, reigns, The God of truth and love; When
3 His king - dom can - not fail, He rules o'er earth and heaven; The
4 Re - joice in glo - rious hope! Our Lord the judge shall come And



Refrain
joyce, give thanks, and sing, And tri - umph ev - er - more:
He had purged our stains, He took His seat a - bove: Lift up your
keys of death and hell Are to our Je - sus given: take His ser - vants up To their e - ter - nal home:



heart, lift up your voice! Re - joice, a - gain I say, re - joice!

Text: based on Philippians 4:4; Charles Wesley, 1707–1788
Tune: John Darwall, 1731–1789

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The Silent Prayer & Chimes

The Postlude: "March" (Henry Smart)

Announcements

The altar flowers are presented by Mark and Peggy Arelt in celebration of their 30th wedding anniversary.

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

Substitute Organist: Please welcome Sibyl Mose today. She is helping to fill in during Fred's absence. Thank you, Sibyl (all the way from New York)!

Known to be hospitalized: Larry Sheatsley—ProMedica in Baldwin. Ken Ebel—ProMedica in Bethel Park, Room 335B. Dennis Triebisch—Encompass Health Rehabilitation Hospital of Sewickley, 351 Camp Meeting Rd., Room 111, Sewickley, PA 15143. Joe Cawley—Canonsburg Hospital. Fred Schell—Presbyterian Hospital. Please keep them in your prayers and support them with cards.

Prayers for Recovery and Healing: Elizabeth Hardy is now home recovering from her recent surgery. Carolyn Carr is at home recuperating from a serious concussion. Phone calls are difficult, but she appreciates cards. Sue Rotz is at home recovering from knee surgery. Margaret Triebisch is now home after a recent hospital stay. Fritz Motzer is also home after a brief hospital stay. Lundy Castro (Jen Carlson's dad) is recovering after lung cancer surgery on Tuesday. Please keep them in your prayers, as well as all those members of the Ruthfred family who are facing health or other challenges.

Memorial Service: On Monday, October 10th, Pastor Carlson will officiate at a memorial service for Kama Allen (daughter of Caryl Hansen). Kama passed away in July. The service will be held at Washington Cemetery, with the burial to follow. Please continue to pray God's comfort for Caryl and Kama's family.

Pastor's Fund: Given by a Friend in Christ in memory of Pat VanKirk and Margie Jacobson.

Family Fall Festival will be hosted by Ruthfred's TNT youth. All are welcome to join us on Saturday, October 15, 2022, from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Cox Family Farm. The address is 1007 Route 481, Monongahela, PA 15063. This year we will be featuring a chili cook-off, so dust off your favorite chili recipe and your crockpot/slow cooker and get warmed up for some friendly competition! There is a sign-up sheet on the table outside the Fellowship Hall for those who plan to attend. If you have already signed up, please update your entry if you will be bringing chili. Instead of, or in addition to, chili, you can also bring cornbread or other appropriate sides, or desserts. The Cox family will provide cheese, sour cream, and other toppings, as well as hot dogs. You will be able to plug in your crockpot/slowcooker to keep your chili warm. The TNT youth have some fun fall activities planned, and the Praise Team will hold a concert at 5 p.m. (so no Saturday Contemporary Worship Service that day). Please join us for fun, food, and fellowship.

Souper September: Thank you to our church family who generously donated so many cans of soup in memory of Pastor Dennis! Your generosity will help so many of our local neighbors in need this fall and winter through the food pantry at S.H.I.M. and also the City Mission in Washington, PA. — Carol Ward

Portals of Prayer for October thru December: The new edition is available near all entrances. Pick yours up today!

Announcements (cont'd)

XYZers: The next meeting is Friday, October 28th. Featured speaker will be Karen Cahall, a retired Education Coordinator, Pittsburgh History & Landmarks Foundation. In March, Karen led "An Armchair Walking Tour of the Strip District." This time, she will guide us through another 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

City Mission Clothing & Shoe Donation Bin: There is now a bin situated next to the building in the back parking lot. Please place your gently used clothes and shoes in the bright blue bin to bless people in need in the South Hills.

Light of Life Collection: After hearing the Light of Life Rescue Mission presentation in Sunday School, we are going to follow up with a collection of items for hygiene kits and care bags. From now until October 30th, please place your donations in the bin in the Fireside Lounge. The following items are needed: travel size deodorant, toothpaste, soap/body wash, shampoo, and hand sanitizer; toothbrushes; lip balm; washcloths; combs; bandaids in assorted sizes; and full size shaving cream for men and women. Thank you for your help and support of this ministry. Please contact Jill Kurtz with any questions.

Craft and Sew: We are back! Last year we sent almost 4,000 tray favors to our two facilities. We are so grateful for everyone's support in donating the candy needed for these favors! Now our candy supply needs to be replenished so we can continue this ministry. We are looking for snack-size/mini-size versions of: Twix, Milky Way, Kit Kats, York Peppermint Patties, M & M packs, and Hershey kisses. Contributions can be made all year and left in the kitchen. If you have questions, contact Kathy Rostauscher.

Lutherans for Life National Conference: The 2022 Lutherans for Life National Conference will be held at the Holiday Inn Hotel & Conference Center in Rock Island, IL, on October 21-22. Visit their website at www.lutheransforlife.org for details.

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

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

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

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! 6-7:30pm at the Church.

SWAP Retreat at Seneca Hills Bible Camp: October 21-23. All 6th–8th grade students are invited to attend a weekend of games, worship, and small group discussions. Our guest speaker will be Coltin Cox, our new, incoming Youth Director, who will be sharing several messages! Forms are located near the Youth Director's office and need to be completed and submitted by October 16th. Please contact Jill Huwe with any additional questions.

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, opens on October 20th. This biennial convention brings 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 Wenthe for more information. You can review information at <https://www.flyconvention.org>. An informational letter will be sent to your home soon!

TNT (9-12 Grade)

TNT will meet at Ruthfred on October 11th, 7-9 p.m.

Questions/concerns?

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

October 2022 Evening Journey Through the Word (JTTW)

We invite you to join us and grow in knowledge and comprehension of Scripture concerning “31 Undeniable Prophecies of the Apocalypse” in Dr. David Jeremiah’s The Book of Signs. Evening JTTW will be studying the international and cultural signs and their significance to end-time events. You will see not only how God’s Word offers insights into the future, but also how Scripture builds faith through the events of the past and encouragement in the uncertainty of the present. Dr. Jeremiah hopes for us to discover what Scripture reveals about the signs of the times and the signs of God’s plan for the future. The end times may be near, but as Christians, our future is secure. Indeed, we live in a chaotic world, but we can be confident and at peace because God is the author of history and because the return of the Prince of Peace may be closer than we think.



Please join us **October 19, 2022**, as we begin a twelve-week study with Dr. Jeremiah’s The Book of Signs. Our Wednesday evening gatherings will begin with a Forkless Dinner offered for all registered families from 6:00-6:30 p.m. Following this fellowship time, the Evening JTTW program will run in parallel with Kids’ Time and Confirmation classes. For more information on programs and registration, visit the Ruthfred Lutheran Church website at www.ruthfred.org.

If you have any questions, please contact Jodie or Mark Riley, 412-401-9137.

This Week At Ruthfred

Today (10/09) Pastor Appreciation Sunday

8:30 a.m.—Worship Service

9:45 a.m.—Sunday School

1 1:00 a.m.—Worship Service

6:00 p.m.—SWAP (6th-8th graders)

Monday, (10/10)

9:30 a.m.—JTTW Leaders

7:00—Elders' Meeting

Tuesday (10/11)

7:00 p.m.—TNT (9th–12th graders)

7:00 p.m.—Worship Team

Wednesday (10/12)

9:15 a.m.—Journey Through the Word

Noon—Esther

5:45 p.m.—Children's Choir

6:30 p.m.—Bell Choir

6:45 p.m.—Confirmation; Kids' Time

7:30 p.m.—Senior Choir

Thursday (10/13)

10:00 a.m.—Knit Wits (Fireside Lounge)

Friday (10/14)

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

Happy 92nd Birthday, Foster Walker!

Saturday (10/15)

3:00 p.m.—Family Fall Festival @ Cox Family Farm

Sunday (10/16)

8:30 a.m.— Communion Service

9:45 a.m.—Sunday School

1 1:00 a.m.—Worship Service

NO SWAP tonight

Welcome! May you be refreshed and empowered through our time together in worship, to bless the world as God has blessed you.

Attendance for Last Week:
Church...273 Sunday School...101
8:30 Live Stream...34
JTTW...55
Kids' Time...21

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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