

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 plays 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 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost, July 31, 2022

## Prelude:

### **"Prelude and Offertori"**

(L. Bottazzo)

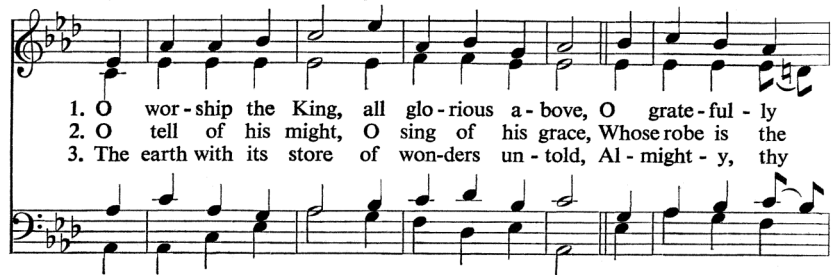
## The Opening

### Hymn:

### **"O Worship the King"**

(SBH#163)

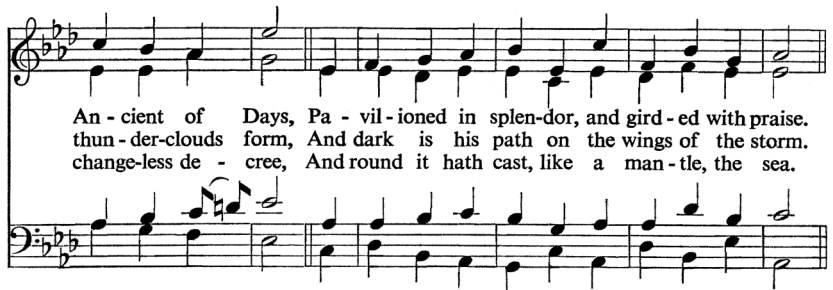
(Please stand as we  
join our hearts in  
song)



1. O wor-ship the King, all glo-rious a-bove, O grate-ful-ly  
2. O tell of his might, O sing of his grace, Whose robe is the  
3. The earth with its store of won-ders un-told, Al-might-y, thy



sing his won-der-ful love; Our shield and de-fend-er, the  
light, whose can-o-py space; His char-iots of wrath the deep  
power hath found-ed of old; Hath stab-lished it fast by a



An-cient of Days, Pa-vil-ioned in splen-dor, and gird-ed with praise.  
thun-der-clouds form, And dark is his path on the wings of the storm.  
change-less de-cree, And round it hath cast, like a man-tle, the sea.

- 4 Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?  
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;  
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,  
And sweetly distils in the dew and the rain.
- 5 Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,  
In thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;  
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,  
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.
- 6 O measureless Might, ineffable Love,  
While angels delight to hymn thee above,  
The humbler creation, though feeble their lays,  
With true adoration shall sing to thy praise.

*Robert Grant, 1779–1838  
Psalm 104*

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

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

Because sin is both corporate and personal, we confess our sins together, and privately in the silence of our hearts.

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

## **The Call to Worship and Invocation**

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

**Congregation (C): Amen**

## **The Confession of Sins** (SBH, p. 15)

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

Our help is in the name of the Lord

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

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

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

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

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

(Silent Prayer of Personal Confession)

**Together:**

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

## **The Absolution:**

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

**C: Amen**

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

"Kyrie" is from the Greek word 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 Introit** (Read Responsively; Please stand)

P: O clap your hands, all you people;

**C: Shout to God with the voice of triumph.**

P: He shall subdue the people under us;

**C: And the nations under our feet.** (Psalm 47: 1, 3)

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

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

**The Kyrie** (Sung in Unison; SBH p. 18)

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

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

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

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

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

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

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

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

**C: Amen.**

## The Hymn of Praise:

### **“My God, Accept MyHeart”**

(AMB#442)

1 My God, ac - cept my heart this day, And make it al - ways Thine,  
2 Be - fore the Cross of Him who died, Be - hold I pros - trate fall;  
3 A - noint me with Thy heav'n - ly grace, A - dopt me for Thine own;  
4 May the dear Blood, once shed for me, My blest a - tone - ment prove,  
5 Let ev - 'ry thought, and work, and word, To Thee be ev - er giv'n:

That I from Thee no more may stray, No more from Thee de - cline.  
Let ev - 'ry sin be cru - ci - fied, Let Christ be all in all!  
That I may see Thy glo - rious face And wor - ship at Thy throne!  
That I from first to last may be The pur - chase of Thy Love!  
Then life shall be Thy ser - vice, Lord, And death the gate of heav'n!

*Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800–1894*  
*Tune: William H. Havergal, 1793–1870*

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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:** O God, whose never-failing providence orders all things both in heaven and earth, we humbly beseech You to put away from us all hurtful things, and to give us those things which are profitable for us; 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: Ecclesiastes 1:1, 2, 12-14; 2:18-26** (NASB)

<sup>1</sup> The words of the Preacher, the son of David, king in Jerusalem.

<sup>2</sup> "Vanity of vanities," says the Preacher, "Vanity of vanities! All is vanity." ... <sup>12</sup> "I, the Preacher, have been king over Israel in Jerusalem.

<sup>13</sup> And I set my mind to seek and explore by wisdom concerning all that has been done under heaven. *It is a grievous task which God has given to the sons of men to be afflicted with.* <sup>14</sup> I have seen all the works which have been done under the sun, and behold, all is vanity and striving after wind."

<sup>18</sup> "Thus I hated all the fruit of my labor for which I had labored under the sun, for I must leave it to the man who will come after me. <sup>19</sup> And who knows whether he will be a wise man or a fool? Yet he will have control over all the fruit of my labor for which I have labored by acting wisely under the sun. This too is vanity. <sup>20</sup> Therefore I completely despaired of all the fruit of my labor for which I had labored under the sun. <sup>21</sup> When there is a man who has labored with wisdom, knowledge and skill, then he gives his legacy to one who has not labored with them. This too is vanity and a great evil. <sup>22</sup> For what does a man get in all his labor and in his striving with which he labors under the sun? <sup>23</sup> Because all his days his task is painful and grievous; even at night his mind does not rest. This too is vanity.

<sup>24</sup> There is nothing better for a man *than* to eat and drink and tell himself that his labor is good. This also I have seen that it is from the hand of God. <sup>25</sup> For who can eat and who can have enjoyment without Him? <sup>26</sup> For to a person who is good in His sight He has given wisdom and knowledge and joy, while to the sinner He has given the task of gathering and collecting so that he may give to one who is good in God's sight. This too is vanity and striving after wind."

**The Psalm: Psalm 100** (NASB)

P: Shout joyfully to the LORD, all the earth.

**C: Serve the Lord with gladness; come before Him with joyful singing.**

P: Know that the Lord Himself is God; it is He who has made us, and not we ourselves.

**C: We *are* His people and the sheep of His pasture.**

P: Enter His gates with thanksgiving *and* His courts with praise. Give thanks to Him, bless His name.

**C: For the LORD is good; His lovingkindness is everlasting and His faithfulness to all generations.**

### **The Epistle Lesson: Colossians 3:1-11** (NASB)

<sup>1</sup> Therefore if you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup> Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth. <sup>3</sup> For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup> When Christ, who is our life, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with Him in glory. <sup>5</sup> Therefore consider the members of your earthly body as dead to immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed, which amounts to idolatry. <sup>6</sup> For it is because of these things that the wrath of God will come upon the sons of disobedience, <sup>7</sup> and in them you also once walked, when you were living in them. <sup>8</sup> But now you also, put them all aside: anger, wrath, malice, slander, *and* abusive speech from your mouth. <sup>9</sup> Do not lie to one another, since you laid aside the old self with its *evil*/practices, <sup>10</sup> and have put on the new self who is being renewed to a true knowledge according to the image of the One who created him— <sup>11</sup> *a renewal* in which there is no *distinction between* Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and freeman, but Christ is all, and in all.

### **The Gradual**

Come, you children, listen to me. I will teach you the fear of the Lord. They looked to Him and were lightened, and their faces were not ashamed. Alleluia, alleluia. Deliver me from my enemies, O my God. Defend me from those that rise up against me. Alleluia.

(Psalm 34:5, 11; 59:1)

### **The Alleluia** (Sung in Unison)

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

### **The Holy Gospel Lesson: Luke 12:13-34** (NASB) (cont'd)

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

<sup>13</sup> Someone in the crowd said to Him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the *family* inheritance with me.” <sup>14</sup> But He said to him, “Man, who appointed Me a judge or arbitrator over you?” <sup>15</sup> Then He said to them, “Beware, and be on your guard against every form of greed; for not *even* when one has an abundance does his life consist of his possessions.” <sup>16</sup> And He told them a parable, saying, “The land of a rich man was very productive. <sup>17</sup> And he began reasoning to himself, saying, ‘What shall I do, since I have no place to store my crops?’ <sup>18</sup> Then he said, ‘This is what I will do: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. <sup>19</sup> And I will say to my soul, “Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years *to come*; take your ease, eat, drink *and* be merry.”’ <sup>20</sup> But God said to him, ‘You fool! This *very* night your soul is required of you; and *now* who will own what you have prepared?’ <sup>21</sup> So is the man

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 12:13-34** (NASB) (cont'd)

who stores up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.”

<sup>22</sup> And He said to His disciples, “For this reason I say to you, do not worry about *your* life, *as to* what you will eat; nor for your body, *as to* what you will put on. <sup>23</sup> For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. <sup>24</sup> Consider the ravens, for they neither sow nor reap; they have no storeroom nor barn, and *yet* God feeds them; how much more valuable you are than the birds! <sup>25</sup> And which of you by worrying can add a *single* hour to his life’s span? <sup>26</sup> If then you cannot do even a very little thing, why do you worry about other matters? <sup>27</sup> Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; but I tell you, not even Solomon in all his glory clothed himself like one of these. <sup>28</sup> But if God so clothes the grass in the field, which is *alive* today and tomorrow is thrown into the furnace, how much more *will He clothe* you? You men of little faith! <sup>29</sup> And do not seek what you will eat and what you will drink, and do not keep worrying. <sup>30</sup> For all these things the nations of the world eagerly seek; but your Father knows that you need these things.

<sup>31</sup> But seek His kingdom, and these things will be added to you. <sup>32</sup> Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has chosen gladly to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup> Sell your possessions and give to charity; make yourselves money belts which do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near nor moth destroys. <sup>34</sup> For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

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 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 Special Music**

8:30 & 11:00 Mark Arelt & the Praise Team Men—*Blessing in Disguise*  
(Terry S. Taylor)

How often do we spot the angels? Or feel the unseen hand?  
Most times are tough, the going rough, like there never was a master plan.  
Those steadfast doors won't open. And you pray but you don't understand....

(You got to) Hold fast the hope that's in you. Don't always trust your eyes.  
Sometimes it takes a long time to see it as a blessing in disguise.

We live upon this dark surface. And God? He moves upon the deep.  
What is concealed will be revealed. There is no promise He won't keep.  
Still, we're confused by the shadows. We're awake now, but we're half asleep....

(You got to) Hold fast the hope that's in you. Don't always trust your eyes.  
Sometimes it takes a long time to see it as a blessing in disguise.

Sometimes the dark can move our hearts to long for the light of the Son.  
And our ways don't become His ways until we are undone.

Hold fast the hope that's in you. Don't always trust your eyes.  
Sometimes it takes a long time to see it as a blessing in disguise.

And after you've been broken you may not realize  
That you are grace to the broken-hearted and a blessing in, a blessing in,  
You are a blessing in disguise.

### **The Announcements**

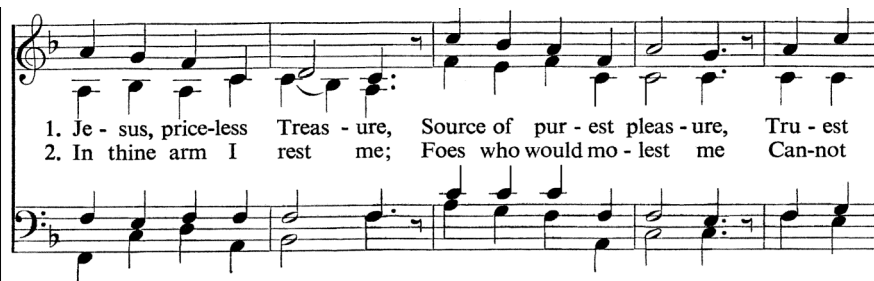
### **The Children's Object Lesson**

## The Sermon

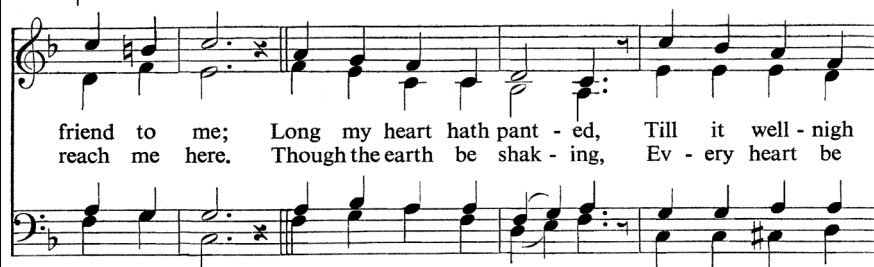
### Hymn:

#### **"Jesus, Priceless Treasure"**

(SBH575, 2nd tune)



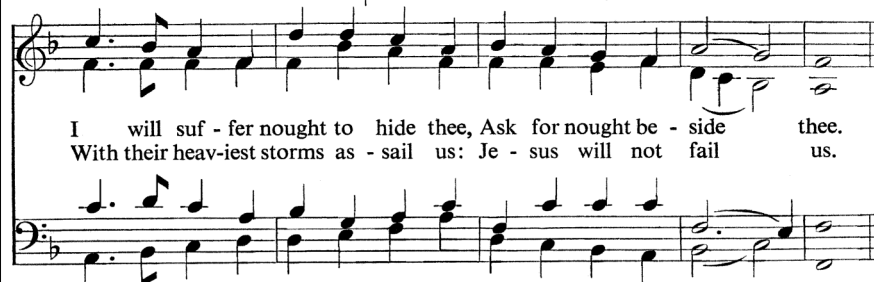
1. Je - sus, price-less Treas - ure, Source of pur - est pleas - ure, Tru - est  
2. In thine arm I rest me; Foes who would mo - lest me Can-not



friend to me; Long my heart hath pant - ed, Till it well - nigh  
reach me here. Though the earth be shak - ing, Ev - ery heart be



faint - ed, Thirst-ing af - ter thee. Thine I am, O spot - less Lamb,  
quak-ing, God dis - pels our fear; Sin and hell in con - flict fell



I will suf - fer nought to hide thee, Ask for nought be - side thee.  
With their heav-iest storms as - sail us: Je - sus will not fail us.

3 Hence, all thoughts of sadness!  
For the Lord of gladness,  
Jesus, enters in;  
Those who love the Father,

Though the storms may gather,  
Still have peace within;  
Yea, whate'er we here must bear,  
Still in thee lies purest pleasure,  
Jesus, priceless Treasure!

*Johann Franck, 1618-77  
Tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1829-78*

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:** "Kingdom Treasure" | Luke 12:13-34

**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:

#### **"I Love thy Kingdom, Lord"**

(SBH#158)

### The Silent Prayer & Chimes

#### **The Postlude:**

#### **"Gothic March"**

(G. Foschini)

1. I love thy king - dom, Lord, The house of thine a - bode,  
2. I love thy Church, O God; Her walls be - fore thee stand,

The Church our blest Re - deem - er saved With his own pre-cious Blood.  
Dear as the ap - ple of thine eye, And grav - en on thy hand. A-men.

3 For her my tears shall fall,  
For her my prayers ascend;  
To her my cares and toils be given,  
Till toils and cares shall end.

5 Jesus, thou Friend divine,  
Our Saviour and our King,  
Thy hand from every snare and foe  
Shall great deliverance bring.

4 Beyond my highest joy  
I prize her heavenly ways,  
Her sweet communion, solemn vows,  
Her hymns of love and praise.

6 Sure as thy truth shall last,  
To Sion shall be given  
The brightest glories earth can yield,  
And brighter bliss of heaven. Amen.

*Timothy Dwight, 1752-1817*

# Announcements

**The altar flowers** are presented by Jim and Judy Agnew in thanksgiving for the blessing of 55 years of marriage and the 5-year anniversary of joining Ruthfred. We praise God for the blessing of both.

**Special thanks** to Mark Riley and Kurt Ziegler. They are reading Scripture today at the 8:30 and 11:00 services, respectively.

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

**Guest Organist:** We welcome Essi Efthimiou as our guest organist today. Fred Schell is on vacation, and we are blessed to have Essi filling in for him. Fred will return next Sunday, so please take time to thank Essi for her service.

**Current Fund:** Given by Fritz and Linda Balsinger with love in memory of Stacie Klick.

**Pastor's Fund:** Given by Barb Thomas in memory of Jim MacManus. Given by a Friend in Christ in memory of Margie Jacobson.

**Condolences:** Our Pastors and congregation extend Christian love and sympathy to the family and friends of Margie Jacobson. Margie passed away on Friday, July 22, 2022.

**Condolences:** Our Pastors and congregation extend Christian love and sympathy to Caryl Hansen. Her daughter who lived near Fredricksburg, VA, died unexpectedly two weeks ago, as did a cousin who lived in New York.

**Official Act:** On Saturday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 2:00 p.m., Pastor Bryce C. McMinn served at the burial service for Ronald W. Lockwood at Jefferson Memorial Cemetery.

**Official Act:** On Tuesday, July 26<sup>th</sup>, at 1:30 p.m., a funeral was held for Margie Jacobson in the Ruthfred Chapel. Pastors Steven P. Carlson and Bryce C. McMinn presided.

**Hospitalized:** Terry Alwine—ProMedica in McMurray, Room 112. Terry especially appreciates cards as he faces yet another extended stay in a medical facility, and he is thankful for all of your support. Berni Alderson (husband of Nelda) is at Jefferson Hospital after a fall. Please keep them in your prayers and support them with cards.

**Prayers for Recovery and Healing:** Patricia VanKirk—chemotherapy for liver cancer. Fred Pellegrino (broken hip) is now home, but he is undergoing rehab. Larry Holt has returned to Paramount (Room 113), but the stroke has left him paralyzed on one side and unable to speak. Fritz Motzer has returned home. Their new address is: The Waters of McMurray, 441 Valley Brook Rd., Apt. 307, McMurray, PA 15317. Please keep all of them in your prayers, as well as all those members of the Ruthfred family who are facing health or other challenges.

**A Sincere Thank you** to the congregation for all of the beautiful cards and birthday wishes you sent to me on the occasion of my 90<sup>th</sup> birthday! I cannot begin to tell you how much I appreciate your love and thoughtfulness.—*Esther Cox*

**Kids' Time Volunteers Needed:** Do you enjoy games and teaching kids about the Word of God? If so, we need you for **Wednesday night Kids' Time** starting September 14 to help spread the love of Jesus. For more information, or to sign up, please contact Lauren Compel or Denise Stutzman at: vbs\_laurencompel@yahoo.com or denisestutzman@ruthfred.org. Thank you, in advance, for your willingness to help with this ministry for our kids.

# Announcements (cont'd)

**VBS Thank You:** Thank you to everyone who contributed their time, talents, or resources to help make VBS a success last week! This ministry for kids does indeed take a village to ensure its success, and many volunteers made it all possible.

**City Mission Request:** They are in immediate need of new or like-new (clean, no stains) TWIN bed sheets for their men's section. There is a collection bin in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you for any help you can provide!

**Foundation of Life Team:** We are considering the creation of a Lutherans For Life (LFL) Life Team at Ruthfred. This will be a group of individuals who want to become involved in the sanctity of human life issues related to abortion, assisting crisis pregnancy centers, euthanasia, assisted suicide, and many others areas. Training is prepared by LFL and will equip members of the team to work effectively in these ministries. There will be an article published in the August Herald that will more fully address the Life Team and its work. Shortly thereafter we will schedule a meeting for those members who want to explore how to become more involved in the pro-life arena. Keep your eye on upcoming bulletins for the date and time.

**Take Them a Meal Samaritan Ministry Opportunities:** Visit the website. (If you use the family-specific URL, you do not need the password.) Sign up and read any notes or dietary restrictions. If possible, list the dish you will be preparing, so we can try to provide variety. Reminder slips with this information are available at the church entrances. Thank you for blessing these families!

**Taylor family:** We are providing 2 meals a week through August 29. Their URL is [takethemameal.com/NIOF9396](http://takethemameal.com/NIOF9396). (Password is 8593.) Thank you for the prayers and support for the Taylor family. Contact Jill Kurtz with any questions.

**Patricia & William VanKirk:** We are providing 2 meals a week through September 8. Their URL is [takethemameal.com/LONC0466](http://takethemameal.com/LONC0466). (Password is 8376.) Contact Melissa Bostaph at the church with questions or to have her sign you up or deliver your meals.

**Our Library Needs You:** Our Library (located next to the Large Sunday School Room) is a great resource for Christian books, DVD's, devotionals, reference manuals and more! We are looking for volunteers who can spare a few hours per month to help Elaine Widich, our volunteer library coordinator. Please reach out to Melissa Bostaph ([MelissaBostaph@Ruthfred.org](mailto:MelissaBostaph@Ruthfred.org)) or speak with Elaine if you can help.

## **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.

**Summer Reading Program for Kids:** "CPH Reads" is a summer reading program offered by Concordia Publishing House. Ruthfred is participating as a way to keep our kids reading and growing their faith over the summer. The program is designed for ages 2 through 5th grade (younger children can be read to by parents or other adults). We have a variety of CPH Arch books available for borrowing, located on a bookshelf in the Fellowship Hall. Parents need to register children on the [cph.org/reads](http://cph.org/reads) website. The books read are then logged online with CPH. There are also cards to take home to track reading progress. Each faith-based CPH book counts for 100 points. Other books can be read for 50 points each. For more information, contact Peggy Glasser.



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

Please join us today as our youth share videos and moving testimony from their recent trip to Nashville, TN, for Work Camp.

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## **Today 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 [writingcygnet@gmail.com](mailto:writingcygnet@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—5<sup>th</sup> 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** tonight, 6-7:30 at the Church.

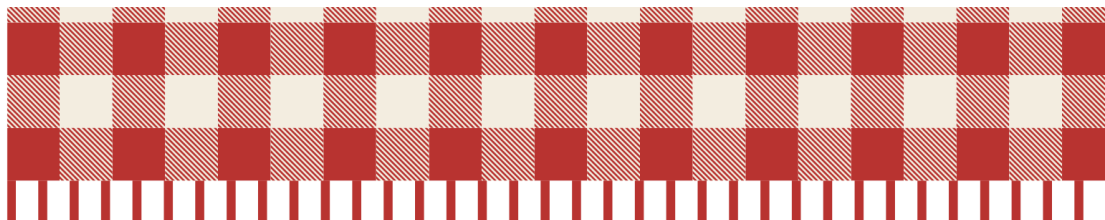
### **TNT (9-12 Grade)**

TNT will meet on Tuesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, at Isaac Cox's house, 7-9 p.m. The address is 224 Patterson Rd., Eighty Four, PA.

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### **Questions/concerns?**

**Contact: Regan Johnson at [ReganJohnson@ruthfred.org](mailto:ReganJohnson@ruthfred.org)  
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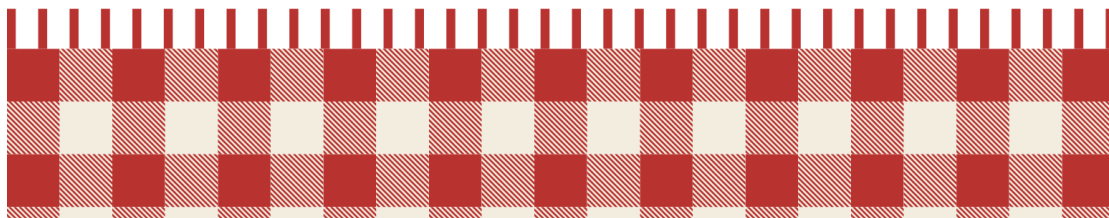
**Saturday, August 20th**

**3 pm - 7:00 pm**

**Ruthfred Ballfield**

We'll be cooking up hamburgers and hotdogs, you bring a side or dessert to round out our old-fashioned church picnic! Last names A-M bring a dessert, last names N-Z bring a side dish.

Fun for all ages! Pie-eating contest, Bingo, wiffleball, water balloon toss, Praise Team & more!



## This Week At Ruthfred

## Today (7/31)

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

## Monday (8/1)

7:00 p.m.—Elders' Meeting

## Tuesday (8/2)

7:00 p.m.—Worship Team  
HAPPY 91<sup>ST</sup> BIRTHDAY, FRITZ MOTZER!

## Wednesday (8/3)

## 10:00 a.m.—Journey Through the Word Summer

## Friday (8/5)

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

## Sunday (8/7) CITY MISSION FOOD SUNDAY

8:30 a.m.—Holy Communion  
9:45 a.m.—Sunday School  
11:00 a.m.—Holy Communion  
6:00 p.m.—Holy Communion

Welcome to Ruthfred Lutheran Church as we gather to worship God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Attendance for Last Week:

Sunday Church...257   Sunday School...89  
8:30 Live Stream...46

## 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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