

RUTHFRED LUTHERAN CHURCH

Welcome to Ruthfred Lutheran Church!

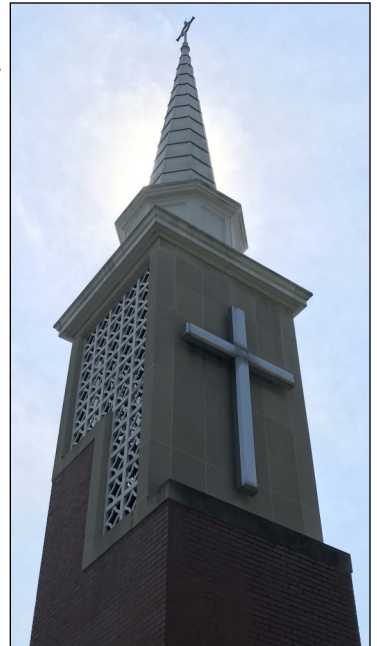
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We are delighted to have you with us this morning as we gather to worship the Lord Jesus Christ.

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 Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost, August 21, 2022

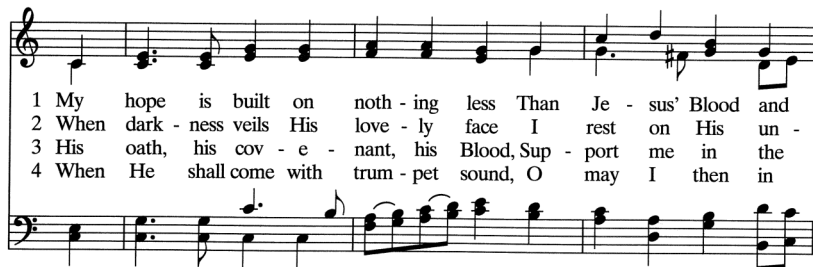
Prelude:

“Aria” and “Flight of Angels”

(G. F. Handel)

“God That Madest Earth and Heaven”

(J. Ferguson)



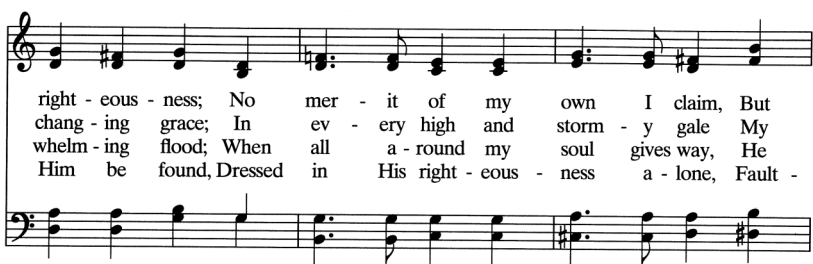
1 My hope is built on noth - ing less Than Je - sus' Blood and
2 When dark - ness veils His love - ly face I rest on His un -
3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his Blood, Sup - port me in the
4 When He shall come with trum - pet sound, O may I then in

The Opening Hymn:

“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

(AMB #600)

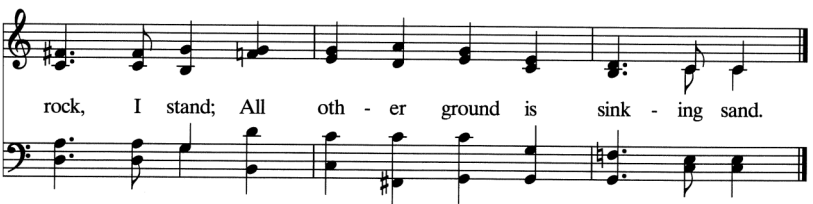
(Please stand as we join
our hearts in song)



right - eous - ness; No mer - it of my own I claim, But
chang - ing grace; In ev - ery high and storm - y gale My
whelm - ing flood; When all a - round my soul gives way, He
Him be found, Dressed in His right - eous - ness a - lone, Fault -



Refrain
whol - ly lean on Je - sus' Name.
an - chor holds with - in the veil. On Christ, the sol - id
then is all my hope and stay.
less to stand be - fore the throne!



rock, I stand; All oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

Text: Edward Mote, 1787–1874
Tune: John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

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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. 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 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: 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

The Introit (Read Responsively; Please stand)

P: As for me, I will call upon God, and He shall hear my voice.

C: He has delivered my soul in peace from the battle that was against me.

P: God shall hear and afflict them, even he that abides of old.

C: Cast your burden upon the Lord, and He shall sustain you.

P: Give ear to my prayer, O God;

C: And hide not Yourself from my supplication.

(Psalm 55:1, 16, 18, 19, 22)

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: 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:

"The Gloria"
(SBH p.49-51)

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Minister



Glo - - ry be to God on high!

Congregation. Unison



And on earth peace, good will toward men.



We praise thee, we bless thee, we wor-ship thee, we glo - ri - fy thee,



we give thanks to thee for thy great glo - ry, O Lord God,



heaven - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - might - y.



O Lord, the on - ly be - got - ten Son, Je - sus Christ; O Lord God.



Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther, that tak - est a - way the



sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us. Thou that tak - est a -

The Hymn of Praise:

"The Gloria" (SBH602) (cont'd)



way the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer. Thou that sit-test at the
right hand of God the Fa-ther, have mer-cy up-on us.
For thou on-ly art ho-ly; thou on-ly art the Lord;
thou on-ly, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Ghost, art most
high in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

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

The Collect:

P: The Lord be with you:

C: And with thy spirit.

P: O God, who declares Your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity, mercifully grant to us such a measure of Your grace, that we, running the way of Your commandments, may obtain Your gracious promises, and be made partakers of Your heavenly treasure; 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: Isaiah 66:18-23 (NASB)

¹⁸ "For I know their works and their thoughts; the time is coming to gather all nations and tongues. And they shall come and see My glory. ¹⁹ I will set a sign among them and will send survivors from them to the nations: Tarshish, Put, Lud, Meshech, Tubal and Javan, to the distant coastlands that have neither heard My fame nor seen My glory. And they will declare My glory among the nations. ²⁰ Then they shall bring all your brethren from all the nations as a grain offering to the LORD, on horses, in chariots, in litters, on mules and on camels, to My holy mountain Jerusalem," says the LORD, "just as the sons of Israel bring their grain offering in a clean vessel to the house of the LORD. ²¹ I will also take some of them for priests *and* for Levites," says the LORD. ²² "For just as the new heavens and the new earth which I make will endure before Me," declares the LORD, "So your offspring and your name will endure. ²³ "And it shall be from new moon to new moon and from sabbath to sabbath, all mankind will come to bow down before Me," says the LORD.

The Psalm: Psalm 50:1-6, 22-23 (NASB)

P: The Mighty One, God, the LORD, has spoken, and summoned the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

C: Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God has shone forth.

P: May our God come and not keep silence; fire devours before Him, and it is very tempestuous around Him.

C: He summons the heavens above, and the earth, to judge His people: "Gather My godly ones to Me, those who have made a covenant with Me by sacrifice."

P: And the heavens declare His righteousness, for God Himself is judge. *Selah*. "Now consider this, you who forget God, or I will tear *you* in pieces, and there will be none to deliver."

C: "He who offers a sacrifice of thanksgiving honors Me; and to him who orders his way aright I shall show the salvation of God."

The Epistle Lesson: Hebrews 12:4-17 (NASB)

⁴ You have not yet resisted to the point of shedding blood in your striving against sin; ⁵ and you have forgotten the exhortation which is addressed to you as sons,

"MY SON, DO NOT REGARD LIGHTLY THE DISCIPLINE OF THE LORD,
NOR FAINT WHEN YOU ARE REPROVED BY HIM;

⁶ FOR THOSE WHOM THE LORD LOVES HE DISCIPLINES,
AND HE SCOURGES EVERY SON WHOM HE RECEIVES."

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The Epistle Lesson: Hebrews 12:4-17 (NASB) (cont'd)

⁷ It is for discipline that you endure; God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom *his* father does not discipline? ⁸ But if you are without discipline, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. ⁹ Furthermore, we had earthly fathers to discipline us, and we respected them; shall we not much rather be subject to the Father of spirits, and live? ¹⁰ For they disciplined us for a short time as seemed best to them, but He *disciplines us* for *our* good, so that we may share His holiness. ¹¹ All discipline for the moment seems not to be joyful, but sorrowful; yet to those who have been trained by it, afterwards it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness. ¹² Therefore, strengthen the hands that are weak and the knees that are feeble, ¹³ and make straight paths for your feet, so that *the limb* which is lame may not be put out of joint, but rather be healed. ¹⁴ Pursue peace with all men, and the sanctification without which no one will see the LORD. ¹⁵ See to it that no one comes short of the grace of God; that no root of bitterness springing up causes trouble, and by it many be defiled; ¹⁶ that *there be* no immoral or godless person like Esau, who sold his own birthright for a *single* meal. ¹⁷ For you know that even afterwards, when he desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no place for repentance, though he sought for it with tears.

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 Gradual:

Keep me, O Lord, as the apple of the eye. Hide me under the shadow of Your wings. Let my sentence come forth from Your presence. Let Your eyes behold the things that are equal. Alleluia. Alleluia. Deliver me from my enemies, O my God. Defend me from them that rise up against me. (Psalm 17:2, 8, 13, 14)

The Alleluia (Sung in Unison)

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Holy Gospel Lesson: Luke 13:22-30 (NASB)

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

²² And He was passing through from one city and village to another, teaching, and proceeding on His way to Jerusalem. ²³ And someone said to Him, "Lord, are there *just* a few who are being saved?" And He said to them, ²⁴ "Strive to enter through the narrow door; for many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able. ²⁵ Once the head of the house gets up and shuts the door, and you begin to stand outside and knock on the door, saying, 'Lord, open up to us!' then He will answer and say to you, 'I do not know where you are from.' ²⁶ Then you will begin to say, 'We ate and drank in Your presence, and You taught in our streets'; ²⁷ and He will say, 'I tell you, I do not know where you are from; DEPART FROM ME, ALL YOU EVILDOERS.' ²⁸ In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the

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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 Holy Gospel Lesson: Luke 13:22-30 (NASB) (cont'd)

kingdom of God, but yourselves being thrown out.²⁹ And they will come from east and west and from north and south, and will recline *at the table* in the kingdom of God.³⁰ And behold, *some* are last who will be first and *some* are first who will be last."

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 Special Music

8:30 & 11:00: Kurt Radke—*Open My Eyes* (Kurt Radke)

Open my eyes, Lord, to the world around me;

Open my eyes so I may see the need.

Open my eyes, Lord, to the ones around me;

Open my eyes so I may see your face.

Open my ears, Lord, to the world around me;

Open my ears so I may hear your sounds.

Open my ears, Lord, to the ones around me;

Open my ears so I may hear your call.

Open my lips, Lord, to the world around me;

Open my lips so I may speak Your Word.

Open my lips, Lord, to the ones around me;

Open my lips so I may speak the truth.

Your Spirit is moving through here; Your Spirit is alive and strong.

Blow now and move feet of clay; Blow now and move me along.

Open my hands, Lord, to the world around me;

Open my hands so I may share your touch.

Open my hands, Lord, to the ones around me;

Open my hands so I may share your peace.

Open my heart, Lord, to the world around me;

Open my heart so I may know your grace.

Open my heart, Lord, to the ones around me;

Open my heart so I may give your love.

Your Spirit is moving through here; Your Spirit is alive and strong.

Blow now and move feet of clay; Blow now and move me along.

Open my eyes, Lord Open my ears, Lord;

Open my lips, Lord Open my hands, Lord;

Open my heart, Lord, so I may give your love.

The Announcements

The Children's Object Lesson

The Sermon Hymn: "Strait Is the Gate" (American Lutheran Hymnal #296)

1. Strait is the gate to all that come, And nar - row is the
2. In heav'n, where God His own shall take, There's al - so room for
3. Where thou - sands stand ar - rayed in white, Whom God His own de-
4. In Je - sus' heart there's room, I know, And in His heav'n of
5. Thanks be to God, that e - ven I May in that cit - y

way Which leads un - to the heav'n - ly home, Where yet is
thee. In Je - sus' name, for Je - sus' sake, The gates shall
clared, There yet is room and life and light, By grace for
bliss. He in His Gos - pel tells me so, Thanks be to
dwell, Where peace shall reign e - ter - nal - ly, And all with

room for thee. Where yet is room for thee.
o - pened be, The gates shall o - pened be.
thee pre - pared, By grace for thee pre - pared.
God for this! Thanks be to God for this!
me be well! And all with me be well! A - MEN.

Ortonville C. M.

Carolina Vilhelmina (Sandell) Berg, 1832-1903

Thomas Hastings, 1837

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:

"Strive to Enter!" | Luke 13:22-30

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: "In Christ There Is No East or West" (AMB #295)

1 In Christ there is no East or West, In Him no South or North;
2 In Him shall true hearts ev - ery - where Their high com - mu - nion find;
3 Join hands then, broth - ers of the faith, What - e'er your race may be;
4 In Christ now meet both East and West; In Him meet South and North.

But one great fel - low - ship of love Through-out the whole wide earth.
His ser - vice is the gold - en cord Close bind - ing all man - kind.
Who serves my Fa - ther as a son Is sure - ly kin to me.
All Christ - ly souls are one in Him Through-out the whole wide earth.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "In Christ There Is No East or West". It features two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are written below the staves. The first system contains four lines of lyrics, and the second system contains four lines of lyrics. The music is in a key with two flats (B-flat and E-flat) and a common time signature (C). The score ends with a double bar line.

Text: John Oxenham, 1852-1941
Tune: Alexander R. Reinagle, 1799-1877

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The Silent Prayer & Chimes

The Postlude: Trumpet Voluntary (J. Clarke)

Announcements

The altar flowers are presented by Betzi and Bunny Barger in loving memory of our amazing mom on her August 22nd birthday.

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

Known to be hospitalized: Terry Alwine—Encompass Health Rehabilitation Hospital of Sewickley, 351 Camp Meeting Rd., Room 117, Sewickley, PA 15143. Please keep him in your prayers and support him with cards.

Prayers for Recovery and Healing: Frank King is now home, as are Dee Coldsmith, Patricia VanKirk, and Fritz Heilman. Please keep them in your prayers, as well as all those members of the Ruthfred family who are facing health or other challenges.

Live Stream Fund: Given by Lois Montgomery in thanksgiving for the online services. — “I feel so blessed to be able to attend church in this way.”

Pastor’s Fund: Given by Mary Lou and Joe McKenna in memory of Larry Holt. Given by a Friend in Christ in memory of Larry Holt.

A Sincere Thank You from Fritz and Betta Heilman to everyone for the beautiful cards, calls, and prayers while Fritz was in the hospital and at Friendship Village for rehab! Thank you also to Pastor McMinn for his visit and to Pastor Carlson and Sadie for their visit!

A Sincere Thank You from Ray and Jackie Feller for all of the cards and prayers during his recent hip surgery and recovery. They are very much appreciated!

Young Adult Bible Study: Our next meeting will be TONIGHT at 6:30 at Andrew and Cassie Vogel’s house. This will be our only August meeting. All young adults are welcome to join. For questions or further information, please contact Andrew at andrewvogel@ruthfred.org.

XYZ Kick-Off is Just Around the Corner! We are looking for individuals who are interested in joining our XYZ (eXtra Years with Zest) Organizational Team to help plan and lead this wonderful ministry. XYZ is geared towards our “retired” members and community, but it is not limited to that group. The group meets ca. 6 times a year for a catered lunch, fellowship, and an engaging presentation by a local guest speaker. We would **welcome your help** with planning the continuation of this outreach ministry. Please reach out to Melissa Bostaph, Parish Assistant, if you would like to get involved or have questions: melissabostaph@ruthfred.org. Or, sign up on one of the goldenrod sheets—on Melissa’s office door or just outside the sanctuary doors across from the elevator.

Bell Choir and Senior Choir: Calling all those in ninth grade through retirement age for an opportunity to bring the generations together...do you have some musical ability? Are you looking for a great activity with wonderful people? The handbell choir and/or the senior choir may be the perfect place for you! These choirs perform inspiring sacred works and provide a sensational opportunity for serving the Lord and others through music. Basic music reading skills are needed from those in the handbell choir. Senior choir members should have a pleasant singing voice and be willing to work for a good choral blend. Weekly rehearsals commence on Wednesday, September 7 at 6:30 p.m. for the handbell choir and at 7:30 p.m. for the senior choir. Please pray about using your musical gifts for God’s glory and purpose.

Announcements (cont'd)

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!

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.

Greeting Card Donations: Do you have an over-abundant supply of greeting cards—birthday, anniversary, sympathy, thinking of you, get well, Easter, Thanksgiving, Christmas, etc.? Please help us to bless our church members by donating your extra, unused cards for our card ministry. For questions, please contact Melissa Bostaph at melissabostaph@ruthfred.org. There is a donation basket in the Conference Room to the right of the mailboxes. Thank you!!

Wednesday morning Journey Through the Word: It's that time of the year when our hearts return to Fall Bible study! Wednesday morning Journey Through the Word (JTTW) will resume on September 14th. If you have not yet registered, there will be a basket across from each elevator with registration forms. Please fill one out and give it to an usher. We have groups for both men and women and an online study group—all are welcome! Join us for this important and relevant study. Questions? Contact Sue Swan—412-708-3535 or writingcygnet@gmail.com.



"A Christian funeral isn't the end. Yes, we don't deny death. That would be foolish and insensitive. But in Christ, we defy death. That's Christian. Because the dead don't stay down when Jesus is involved. They are saints triumphant! Encourage one another with these words." *Rev. Peter Sulzle, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota Illinois – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life*

Adult Sunday School Class Today In Large Classroom

Today we are concluding a 10-week Bible study entitled, “The Lamb of God, Seeing Jesus in Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy.” This video study is wonderfully presented by author Nancy Guthrie. Please join us for this deeply Christ-centered series. For more information, please contact Kurt Ziegler.

Looking ahead for Adult Sunday School:

Sunday, August 28th: Light of Life Rescue Mission

Sunday, September 4th: Compassion International

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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.

|                                                           |             | Expenses Compared to Receipts |                  |                 |                    |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| <b><u>RECEIPTS AND EXPENSES<br/>OF BUDGETED FUNDS</u></b> |             |                               |                  | <b>Less:</b>    |                    |
|                                                           |             | <b>Member</b>                 | <b>Transfers</b> | <b>Actual</b>   | <b>Surplus/</b>    |
|                                                           |             | <b>Donations</b>              | <b>Other</b>     | <b>Expenses</b> | <b>(Shortfall)</b> |
| <b>Year to Date July 31, 2022</b>                         |             |                               |                  |                 |                    |
|                                                           | Current     | 506,833*                      | (34,000)         | 475,365         | (2,532)            |
|                                                           | Building    | 20,179                        |                  | 13,980          | 6,199              |
|                                                           | Benevolence | 91,925                        | 34,000           | 114,070         | 11,855             |
|                                                           | Totals      | 618,937                       |                  | 603,415         | 15,522             |

\*Includes special gift from Birmingham UCC—see article in March Herald newsletter



# 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 23<sup>rd</sup>, at the Huwes' house, 7-9 p.m. The address is 5602 Saddlebrook Dr., Bethel Park, PA.

### **Questions/concerns?**

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



## Kids Time



**Did you love VBS? Then come and join us Wednesday nights for some fun, friends, and fellowship—all while learning more about God's Love.**

**WHEN:** Wednesday nights, Sept 14, 2022 - Feb 15, 2023

**TIME:** 6:45-8:00 p.m.

**WHO:** All kids in grades Kindergarten-6th

**Register here:**

<https://vbspro.events/p/kidstime2022>

**NO Registration Fee**

## 2022-2023 Evening Journey Through the Word (JTTW)

With the turmoil and uncertainty in the world, it is so important that Christians understand the prophecies in the Bible concerning end times. As dramatic and often earth-shattering events unfold, Biblical knowledge is key to being at peace with what is going on in the world today.

Evening Journey will be studying Dr. David Jeremiah's Signs series over the next few years so that we can grow in our knowledge and comprehension of one of the most misunderstood subjects of Scripture. This study is based on Dr. Jeremiah's, *"The Book of Signs"* which outlines 31 Undeniable Prophecies of the Apocalypse. We will begin with the first of three study guides, where Dr. Jeremiah examines the international and cultural signs of the times and the role they play in end-time events. As we complete this study, we will see the steadfast faithfulness of God through the events of the past, allowing us to become confident and expectant about His plans for the future.



We will be meeting on **Wednesdays from 6:45 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**, beginning on October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022. In parallel, Kids' Time will continue on **Wednesday evenings, from 6:45 p.m. to 8 p.m.** Please join us and register online at [www.ruthfred.org](http://www.ruthfred.org) for the 2022 Evening JTTW Signs Study and Kids' Time programs.

If you have any questions, please contact Jodie or Mark Riley, 412.401.9137.



## This Week At Ruthfred

### Today (8/21)

8:30 a.m.—Worship Service  
9:45 a.m.—Sunday School  
11:00 a.m.—Worship Service  
6:30 p.m.—Young Adult Bible Study @ A. & C. Vogels’

### Tuesday (8/23)

7:00 p.m.—Worship Team

### Wednesday (8/24) St. Bartholomew, Apostle

9:30 a.m.—JTTW Leaders’ Meeting

### Thursday (8/25)

10:00 a.m.—Knit Wits

### Friday (8/26)

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

### Sunday (8/28)

8:30 a.m.—Worship Service  
9:45 a.m.—Sunday School  
11:00 a.m.—Worship Service (Dunmire baptism)  
Herald deadline

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“You have not come to something that can be touched,  
... [but] to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant”  
(Hebrews 12:18, 24) Welcome to worship!

Attendance for Last Week:  
Worship...217 Sunday School...58  
8:30 Live Stream...41

## Prayer Requests

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

☐ 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:

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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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