

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 Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost, September 18, 2022

## Prelude:

**"Prelude and  
Fugue in C Major"**

**"If Thou Art Near"**  
(J. S. Bach)

## The Opening Hymn:

**"All Hail the  
Power of Jesus'  
Name"**  
(SBH #426, 2<sup>nd</sup> tune)

(Please stand as we  
join our hearts in  
song)

1. All hail the power of Je - sus' Name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;  
2. Crown him, ye mar - tyrs of your God Who from his al - tar call;

Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, And crown him Lord of all;  
Ex - tol the Stem - of - Jes - se's rod, And crown him Lord of all;

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3 Ye seed of Israel's chosen race,  
Ye ransomed of the fall,  
Hail him who saves you by his grace,  
And crown him Lord of all.

4 Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget  
The wormwood and the gall,  
Go, spread your trophies at his feet,  
And crown him Lord of all.

5 Let every kindred, every tribe,  
On this terrestrial ball,  
To him all majesty ascribe,  
And crown him Lord of all.

6 O that with yonder sacred throng  
We at his feet may fall;  
We'll join the everlasting song  
And crown him Lord of all.

*Edward Perronet, 1726-92  
John Rippon, 1751-1836*

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 1 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: Behold, O God our shield, and look upon the face of Your anointed.

**C: For a day in Your courts is better than a thousand.**

P: How amiable are Your tabernacles, O Lord of Hosts.

**C: My soul longs, yea, even faints for the courts of the Lord.**

(Psalm 84: 1-2, 9-10)

### **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:**

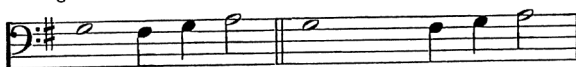
**"Gloria in Excelsis"**  
(SBH p.19-21)

**GLORIA IN EXCELSIS**

¶ *The Minister shall sing or say:*

*Organ*

*Minister*



Glory be to God on high!

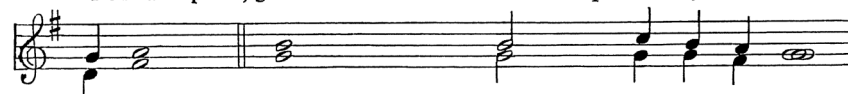
*Congregation*

*Old Scottish Chant*

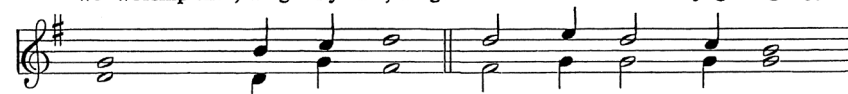


And on earth peace, good - will toward men.

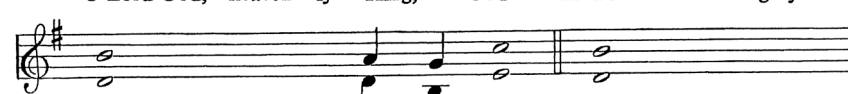
We praise thee, we bless thee,



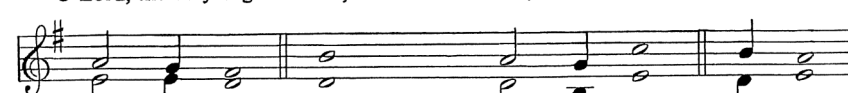
we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,



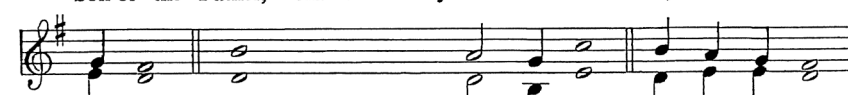
O Lord God, heaven - ly King, God the Father Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Je - sus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God,



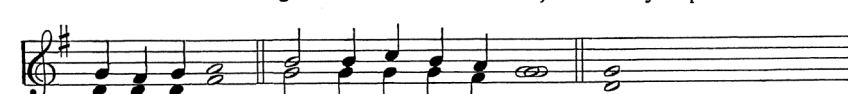
Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy



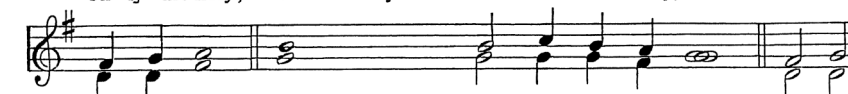
up - on us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up - on us. For thou



on - ly art holy; thou on - ly art the Lord: thou only, O Christ, with the



Ho - ly Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. 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.

God’s chief means of extending His grace to His children is through His Word. Hearing it and learning it are central to His proper worship.

### **The Collect:**

P: The Lord be with you:

**C: And with thy spirit.**

P: Keep, we beseech You, O Lord, Your Church with Your perpetual mercy; and, because the frailty of man without You cannot but fall, keep us ever by Your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation.

**C: Amen**

### **The Old Testament Lesson: Amos 8:4-7** (NASB)

<sup>4</sup> Hear this, you who trample the needy, to do away with the humble of the land, <sup>5</sup> saying, “When will the new moon be over, so that we may sell grain, and the sabbath, that we may open the wheat *market*, to make the bushel smaller and the shekel bigger, and to cheat with dishonest scales, <sup>6</sup> So as to buy the helpless for money and the needy for a pair of sandals, and *that* we may sell the refuse of the wheat?” <sup>7</sup> The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob, “Indeed, I will never forget any of their deeds.”

### **The Psalm: Psalm 113** (NASB)

P: Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD, praise the name of the LORD.

**C: Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time forth and forever.**

P: From the rising of the sun to its setting the name of the LORD is to be praised.

**C: The Lord is high above all nations; His glory is above the heavens.**

P: Who is like the LORD our God, who is enthroned on high, Who humbles Himself to behold *the things that are* in heaven and in the earth?

**C: He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap,**

P: To make *them* sit with princes, with the princes of His people.

**C: He makes the barren woman abide in the house *as a* joyful mother of children. Praise the LORD!**

### **The Epistle Lesson: 1 Timothy 1:12-17; 2:1-8** (NASB)

<sup>12</sup> I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because He considered me faithful, putting me into service, <sup>13</sup> even though I was formerly a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent aggressor. Yet I was shown mercy because I acted ignorantly in unbelief <sup>14</sup> and the grace of our Lord was more than abundant, with the faith and love which are *found* in Christ Jesus.<sup>15</sup> It is a trustworthy statement, deserving full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, among whom I am foremost *of all*. <sup>16</sup> Yet for this reason I found mercy, so that in me as the foremost, Jesus Christ might demonstrate His perfect patience as an example for those who would believe in Him for eternal life. <sup>17</sup> Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, *be* honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

<sup>1</sup> First of all, then, I urge that entreaties *and* prayers, petitions *and* thanksgivings, be made on behalf of all men, <sup>2</sup> for kings and all who are in authority, so that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity. <sup>3</sup> This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, <sup>4</sup> who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. <sup>5</sup> For there is one God, *and* one mediator also between God and men, *the* man Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> who gave Himself as a ransom for all, the testimony *given* at the proper time. <sup>7</sup> For this I was appointed a preacher and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying) as a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth. <sup>8</sup> Therefore I want the men in every place to pray, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and dissension.

### **The Gradual**

It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man. It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in princes. Alleluia, alleluia. Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations. Alleluia.

(Psalm 118:8-9; 90:1)

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

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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 16:1-15** (NASB)

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

<sup>1</sup> Now He was also saying to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and this *manager* was reported to him as squandering his possessions. <sup>2</sup> And he called him and said to him, ‘What is this I hear about you? Give an accounting of your management, for you can no longer be manager.’ <sup>3</sup> The manager said to himself, ‘What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig; I am ashamed to beg. <sup>4</sup> I know what I shall do, so that when I am removed from the management people will welcome me into their homes.’ <sup>5</sup> And he summoned each one of his master’s debtors, and he *began* saying to the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ <sup>6</sup> And he said, ‘A hundred measures of oil.’ And he said to him, ‘Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.’ <sup>7</sup> Then he said to another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ And he said, ‘A hundred measures of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and write eighty.’ <sup>8</sup> And his master praised the unrighteous manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the sons of this age are more shrewd in relation to their own kind than the sons of light. <sup>9</sup> And I say to you, make friends for yourselves by means of the wealth of unrighteousness, so that when it fails, they will receive you into the eternal dwellings. <sup>10</sup> “He who is faithful in a very little thing is faithful also in much; and he who is unrighteous in a very little thing is unrighteous also in much. <sup>11</sup> Therefore if you have not been faithful in the *use of* unrighteous wealth, who will entrust the true *riches* to you? <sup>12</sup> And if you have not been faithful in *the use of* that which is another’s, who will give you that which is your own? <sup>13</sup> No servant can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.” <sup>14</sup> Now the Pharisees, who were lovers of money, were listening to all these things and were scoffing at Him. <sup>15</sup> And He said to them, “You are those who justify yourselves in the sight of men, but God knows your hearts; for that which is highly esteemed among men is detestable in the sight of God.”

The Congregation shall sing, **“Praise be to Thee, O Christ.”**

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

### **The Confession of Faith:** The Apostles' Creed (Confessed in Unison)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and Earth.

And In Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost; The Holy Christian Church, the Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body, And the Life everlasting. Amen.

### **The Special Music**

8:30 Bell Choir—*My Jesus, I Love Thee* (arr. Larson)

11:00 Senior Choir—*Trust in the Lord with All Your Heart* (Martin/Martin, Nix)

Trust in the Lord with all your heart.  
Lean not unto your own understanding.  
In all your ways acknowledge Him,  
And He will make straight your paths.

Trust in the Lord with all your heart,  
with all your strength, with all your might.

O trust in God all the days of your life.  
Delight yourself in all His ways.  
Trust in His mercy. Rest in His grace.  
Make your life a sacrifice of praise!

### **The Announcements**

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

## The Sermon

### Hymn:

#### **“Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”**

(AMB #578)

1 A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, That saved a wretch like me!  
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears re - lieved;  
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I have al - read - y come;  
4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; His Word my hope se - cures;  
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, Bright shin - ing as the sun,

I once was lost, but now am found; Was blind, but now I see.  
How pre - cious did that grace ap - pear The hour I first be - lieved!  
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.  
He will my shield and por - tion be As long as life en - dures.  
We've no less days to sing God's praise Than when we'd first be - gun.

*Text: John Newton, 1725–1807*  
*Tune: W. Walker, Southern Harmony, 1835*

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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:** "God's Salvation Power!" | 1 Timothy 1:15-17; 2:1-8

**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 Consecration of the 2022-2023 Sunday School and Pre-School Staff and the JTTW and Kids' Time Leaders** (8:30 and 11:00)

**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:

### **"And Can It Be That I Should Gain"**

(AMB #404)

## The Silent Prayer & Chimes

## The Postlude:

### **"Gravement" from "Fantasie in G"**

(J. S. Bach)

1 And can it be that I should gain An in - t'rest in the  
2 He left His Fa - ther's throne a - bove, So free, so in - fi -  
3 No con-dem-na - tion now I dread, I am my Lord's and

Sav - ior's blood? Died He for me, who caused His pain? For me, who  
nite His grace! Emp - tied Him - self of all but love, And bled for  
He is mine; A - live in Him, my liv - ing Head, And clothed in

*Refrain*

Him to death pur - sued?  
Ad - am's help - less race. A - maz - ing love! How can it be  
right - eous - ness di - vine.

That Thou, my God shouldst die for me? A - maz - ing love!  
(A - maz - ing love!)

How can it be That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?  
(How can it be) (That Thou, my God,)

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788  
Tune: Thomas Campbell, 1777-1844

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# Announcements

**The altar flowers** are presented by Jonathan and Elaine Widich in loving memory of Alexander Widich, a faithful servant of the Lord.

**The chancel rail flowers** are presented by John and Beth Welsh in thanksgiving for their 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. And, John thanks God every day for bringing Beth into his life and for her help in leading him to Jesus, our Lord and Savior.

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

**Known to be hospitalized:** Larry Sheatsley—Canonsburg Hospital, Room 226. Please keep him in your prayers and support him 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. Terry Alwine is now home from the hospital. Please keep them in your prayers, as well as all those members of the Ruthfred family who are facing health or other challenges.

**Official Act:** On Saturday, September 17, 2022, at 11 a.m., Pastor Carlson officiated at a memorial service for David G. Brown (son of Martha Kanagy and step-son of DeWayne Kanagy) at Paul Henney Cremation & Funeral Tributes. David passed away on August 7, 2022, at the age of 59.

**Benevolence Fund:** Given by Chris & Ron Stout in honor of Larry Holt and Al Hatala. Given by Norma Vogel in memory of Patricia VanKirk.

**Current Fund:** Given by Kim and Victor Herschaft in memory of Al Hatala.

**Youth Fund:** Given by the Kitchen Ladies in memory of Patricia VanKirk.

**Upcoming Wedding:** Andrea Groves and Crispin Havener will be united in Christian Marriage this Saturday, September 24, 2022, at 12:30 p.m. at Heinz Chapel.

**Sincere Thank You:** Lee MacManus thanks both pastors and the Ruthfred congregation for all of the cards, prayers, and concern they showered her with when Jim passed away in June. She is most grateful for the support!

**“Souper” September:** We are again going to hold our annual “Souper” September soup drive in memory of Pastor Dennis. This year’s donations will benefit S.H.I.M., South Hills Interfaith Movement, located in Bethel Park, and also City Mission in Washington, PA. Any type of soup will be accepted, but they are especially in need of low-sodium soups. The container where you may place your donations will be outside of the kitchen beginning Sunday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, and the last day to drop off will be Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Carol Ward at (412) 559-2592 or [wardmailbox1@gmail.com](mailto:wardmailbox1@gmail.com). Thank you!

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

**AFLC Home Missions Board Announcement:** Pastor Andy Coyle has accepted the call as Home Missions Director. Please pray for Pastor Andy and his family. He will continue to serve the congregation of Shiloh in Rapid City, SD, as he assumes this new role on October 1, 2022.

## Announcements (cont'd)

**Family Fall Festival:** Hold the date—Saturday, October 15, 3-8 p.m. at the Cox Family Farm. There is a sign-up sheet on the table outside the Fellowship Hall.

**2023 Budget Congregational Input Meeting:** Each year during the church budget planning, a meeting is open for members of the congregation to attend to ask questions or provide their input for the forthcoming budget year. The Congregational Budget Input Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. in the Fireplace Lounge. Church members are welcome to attend. If you have any questions, please contact Bill Ward or John Morden.

**Wednesday morning Journey Through the Word:** It's that time of the year when our hearts return to Fall Bible study! Wednesday morning JTTW resumed on September 14<sup>th</sup>. We are studying *1 Corinthians*. If you have not yet registered, it is not too late. 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.

**Attention all XYZers:** The sign-up sheets are available on the bulletin board outside the Library. Norm Candelore and Kim Geyer, from the Retail Operations Department at Sarris Candies, will speak at the next meeting, which will be Friday, September 23. They will share history, as well as product samples. Yum! Please be sure to sign up to hear the program and also to experience a great lunch, lovingly prepared by our own Peggy Cox.

**Benevolence Committee:** Our next meeting will be Monday, September 26<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge. We will be discussing the budget. We invite the congregation's input, so please speak with a committee member or come to the meeting with suggestions or questions. Committee members are Sue Hughes, Patty Condre, Kathi Siciliano, Tom Swan, and Jill Kurtz.

**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.

**Voice of the Martyrs Thank You:** Matt from Voice of the Martyrs called to thank Ruthfred for its generous support and to say they pray for Ruthfred regularly.



## **Adult SS Class In Large Classroom**

Today, Pastor Carlson will begin 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!



## **2022-2023 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". Evening JTTW 2022-2023 will use the first of three study guides that accompany Dr. David Jeremiah's The Book of Signs to examine the international and cultural signs of the times and the significance to end-time events.

Evening JTTW provides families with the opportunity to begin or continue the journey of studying biblical truth. Then, when we face the future, we will enjoy a wondrously close relationship with the Almighty God and be better prepared to walk with the Lord Jesus Christ in peace and comfort. Please consider growing with us to be informed witnesses for Christ. This is a great time to be alive, a time God chose for us with a command to speak His truth into the lives of others.



Please join us **October 19, 2022**, as we begin a twelve-week study of Dr. Jeremiah's The Book of Signs. Our Wednesday evening gatherings will begin with a Forkless Dinner offered for all families from 6:00-6:30 p.m. Following this fellowship time, a Kids' Time program is offered for children that runs in parallel with Evening JTTW. For more information on programs and to register for Evening JTTW, visit the Ruthfred Lutheran Church website at [www.ruthfred.org](http://www.ruthfred.org). There is also an article in the current issue of the Herald.

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

# YOUTH NEWS

## SWAP (6-8 Grade)

There is **SWAP** tonight for the middle school students! 6-7:30pm at the Church.

**Save the date:** SWAP Retreat at Seneca Hills, October 21-23. More information coming!

## TNT (9-12 Grade)

TNT will meet at Ruthfred on September 20<sup>th</sup>, 7-9 p.m.

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### **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**

## This Week At Ruthfred

**Today (9/18) Consecration of Sunday School & Pre-School Staff and JTTW & Kids' Time Leaders**

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'

## Monday (9/19)

9:30 a.m.—Craft and Sew

9:30 a.m.—JTTW Leaders

## Tuesday (9/20)

7:00 p.m.—Worship Team

7:30 p.m.—Congregational Input Meeting for 2023

## Budget

## Wednesday (9/21) St. Matthew Apostle, Evangelist

9:15 a.m.—Journey Through the Word (JTTW)

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 (9/22)

10:00 a.m.—Knit Wits

## Friday (9/23)

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

Noon—XYZ (Sarris Candies Program)

## Saturday (9/24)

12:30 p.m.—Groves/Havener wedding @ Heinz

Chapel

## Sunday (9/25)

8:30 a.m.—Communion Service

9:45 a.m.—Sunday School

11:00 a.m.—Communion Service

6:30 p.m.—GIFT Bible Study

The psalmist tells us: "From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the Lord is to be praised" (*Psalms 113:3*). So we gather to worship Him now. Welcome!

Attendance for Last Week:

Sunday Church...278 Sunday School...95

8:30 Live Stream...44

JTTW...64

Kids' Time...31

## 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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