

# CONFIRMATION



RUTHFRED LUTHERAN CHURCH

# Welcome to Ruthfred Lutheran Church!

Member of the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations ([www.aflc.org](http://www.aflc.org))

**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

Confirmation Sunday

Fifth Sunday after Easter, May 22, 2022

## Prelude:

**"I Call to Thee,  
Lord Jesus Christ"**

(J. S. Bach)

**"Fugue in E Flat"**

(J. S. Bach)

## The Opening Hymn:

**"O Jesus, I Have  
Promised"**

(SBH515, 1st tune)

(Please stand as we  
join our hearts in  
song)

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in E-flat major, 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of staves. The lyrics are printed below the staves, with some lines split between staves. The score includes a prelude and a hymn. The lyrics are: 1. O Je - sus, I have prom - ised To serve thee to the end; 2. O let me feel thee near me, The world is ev - er near; Be thou for ev - er near me, My mas - ter and my friend; I see the sights that daz - zle, The tempt - ing sounds I hear; I shall not fear the bat - tle If thou art by my side, My foes are ev - er near me, A - round me and with - in; Nor wan - der from the path - way If thou wilt be my guide. But, Je - sus, draw thou near - er, And shield my soul from sin. A-men.

3 O let me hear thee speaking  
In accents clear and still,  
Above the storms of passion,  
The murmurs of self-will;  
O speak to reassure me,  
To hasten or control;  
O speak, and make me listen,  
Thou guardian of my soul.

4 O Jesus, thou hast promised  
To all who follow thee,  
That where thou art in glory  
There shall thy servant be;  
And, Jesus, I have promised  
To serve thee to the end;  
O give me grace to follow,  
My master and my friend. Amen.

*John Ernest Bode, 1816-74*

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. 41)

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

Our help is in the Name of the Lord

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

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

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

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

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

(Silent Prayer of Personal Confession)

## **Together:**

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

## **The Absolution:**

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: Christ is Risen.

**C: He is Risen indeed and is coming again.**

P: With a voice of singing you declare and tell this, alleluia; utter it even to the end of the earth.

**C: The Lord has redeemed His servant Jacob. Alleluia, alleluia.**

P: Make a joyful noise to God, all you lands.

**C: Sing forth the honor of His Name; make His praise glorious.** (Psalm 68: 1, 3)

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

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

### **The Kyrie** (Sung in Unison; SBH p. 48)

P: Lord, have mercy upon us.

**C: Lord, have mercy upon us.**


P: Christ, have mercy upon us.

**C: Christ, have mercy upon us.**

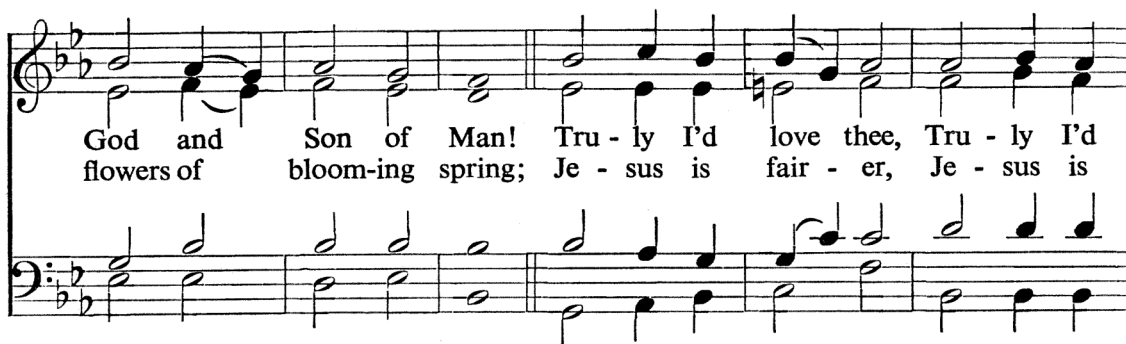
P: Lord, have mercy upon us.

**C: Lord, have mercy upon us.**

The Hymn of Praise: "Beautiful Savior" (SBH434)



1. Beau - ti - ful Sav - iour, King of Cre - a - tion, Son of  
 2. Fair are the mead - ows, Fair are the wood-lands, Robed in



God and Son of Man! Tru - ly I'd love thee, Tru - ly I'd  
 flowers of bloom-ing spring; Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is



serve thee, Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.  
 pur - er, He makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.

3 Fair is the sunshine,  
 Fair is the moonlight,  
 Bright the sparkling stars on high;  
 Jesus shines brighter,  
 Jesus shines purer,  
 Than all the angels in the sky.

4 Beautiful Saviour,  
 Lord of the nations,  
 Son of God and Son of Man!  
 Glory and honor,  
 Praise, adoration,  
 Now and for evermore be thine!

*Münster Gesangbuch, 1677*  
*Schlesische Volkslieder, 1842*  
*Tr. Joseph Augustus Seiss, 1823-1904*

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: Let us continue to pray: O God, from whom all good things do come, grant to us Your humble servants, that by Your holy inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by Your merciful guiding may perform the same; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end.

**C: Amen**

### **The First Lesson: Acts 16:9-15** (NASB)

<sup>9</sup> A vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing and appealing to him, and saying, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.” <sup>10</sup> When he had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them. <sup>11</sup> So putting out to sea from Troas, we ran a straight course to Samothrace, and on the day following to Neapolis; <sup>12</sup> and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia, a Roman colony; and we were staying in this city for some days. <sup>13</sup> And on the Sabbath day we went outside the gate to a riverside, where we were supposing that there would be a place of prayer; and we sat down and began speaking to the women who had assembled. <sup>14</sup> A woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple fabrics, a worshiper of God, was listening; and the Lord opened her heart to respond to the things spoken by Paul. <sup>15</sup> And when she and her household had been baptized, she urged us, saying, “If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come into my house and stay.” And she prevailed upon us.’

### **The Psalm: Psalm 46** (NASB)

P: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

**C: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change and though the mountains slip into the heart of the sea;**

P: Though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains quake at its swelling pride. Selah.

**C: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy dwelling places of the Most High.**

P: God is in the midst of her, she will not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns.

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**The Psalm: Psalm 46** (NASB) (cont'd)

**C: The nations made an uproar, the kingdoms tottered; He raised His voice, the earth melted.**

P: The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold. Selah. Come, behold the works of the Lord, Who has wrought desolations in the earth.

**C: He makes wars to cease to the end of the earth; He breaks the bow and cuts the spear in two; He burns the chariots with fire.**

P: "Cease striving and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."

**C: The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold. Selah.**

**The Epistle Lesson: Revelation 21:9-14, 21-27** (NASB)

<sup>9</sup> Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues came and spoke with me, saying, "Come here, I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb."<sup>10</sup> And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me the holy city, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God,<sup>11</sup> having the glory of God. Her brilliance was like a very costly stone, as a stone of crystal-clear jasper.<sup>12</sup> It had a great and high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels; and names were written on them, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel.<sup>13</sup> There were three gates on the east and three gates on the north and three gates on the south and three gates on the west.<sup>14</sup> And the wall of the city had twelve foundation stones, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

<sup>21</sup> And the twelve gates were twelve pearls; each one of the gates was a single pearl. And the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass.<sup>22</sup> I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb are its temple.<sup>23</sup> And the city has no need of the sun or of the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God has illumined it, and its lamp is the Lamb.<sup>24</sup> The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it.<sup>25</sup> In the daytime (for there will be no night there) its gates will never be closed;<sup>26</sup> and they will bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it;<sup>27</sup> and nothing unclean, and no one who practices abomination and lying, shall ever come into it, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life.



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:**

Alleluia, alleluia. It was necessary for Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead and thus to enter into His glory. Alleluia. I came forth from the Father, and came into the world. Again I leave the world, and go to the Father. Alleluia. (Luke 24:26; John 16:28)

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

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

### **The Holy Gospel Lesson: John 16:23-33** (NASB)

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

<sup>23</sup> In that day you will not question Me about anything. Truly, truly, I say to you, if you ask the Father for anything in My name, He will give it to you. <sup>24</sup> Until now you have asked for nothing in My name; ask and you will receive, so that your joy may be made full. <sup>25</sup> "These things I have spoken to you in figurative language; an hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figurative language, but will tell you plainly of the Father. <sup>26</sup> In that day you will ask in My name, and I do not say to you that I will request of the Father on your behalf; <sup>27</sup> for the Father Himself loves you, because you have loved Me and have believed that I came forth from the Father. <sup>28</sup> I came forth from the Father and have come into the world; I am leaving the world again and going to the Father." <sup>29</sup> His disciples said, "Lo, now You are speaking plainly and are not using a figure of speech. <sup>30</sup> Now we know that You know all things, and have no need for anyone to question You; by this we believe that You came from God." <sup>31</sup> Jesus answered them, "Do you now believe? <sup>32</sup> Behold, an hour is coming, and has already come, for you to be scattered, each to his own home, and to leave Me alone; and yet I am not alone, because the Father is with Me. <sup>33</sup> These things I have spoken to you, so that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world."

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: Worship Team—*Your Grace Is Enough* (Matt Maher) (CCLI Song #4477026)

#### **Verse 1**

Great is Your faithfulness O God  
You wrestle with the sinner's restless heart  
You lead us by still waters into mercy  
And nothing can keep us a—part.

#### **Pre-Chorus**

(So) re—member Your people re—member Your children  
Re—member Your prom—ise O God

#### **Chorus 1**

Your grace is e—nough  
Your grace is e—nough  
Your grace is e—nough for me

#### **Verse 2**

Great is Your love and justice God of Jacob  
You use the weak to lead the strong  
You lead us in the song of Your salvation  
And all Your people sing a—long.

#### **Pre-Chorus**

(So) re—member Your people re—member Your children  
Re—member Your prom—ise O God

#### **Chorus 1**

Your grace is e—nough  
Your grace is e—nough  
Your grace is e—nough for me

#### **Chorus 2**

Yeah Your grace is e—nough  
Heaven reaches out to us  
Your grace is e—nough for me  
God I sing Your grace is e—nough  
I'm covered in Your love  
Your grace is e—nough for me, for me

## The Special Music

11:00: Senior Choir—*If You Search with All Your Heart* (Courtney)

When you seek Me, you shall find Me if you search with all your heart.  
For I know the plans I have for you: plans of welfare, not of evil.  
For I know the plans I have for you: plans of hope and a future.  
I will bring you out of bondage to the land I have prepared.  
I will bring you out of bondage, I will bring you home to Me.

## The Announcements

### The Children's Object Lesson

The Sermon Hymn: "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" (AMB133)

1 Breathe on me, Breath of God, Fill me with life a - new,  
2 Breathe on me, Breath of God, Un - til my heart is pure,  
3 Breathe on me, Breath of God, U - nite my soul with Thine,  
4 Breathe on me, Breath of God, So shall I nev - er die,  
That I may love what Thou dost love, And do what Thou wouldst do.  
Un - til with Thee I will one will, To do and to en - dure.  
Un - til this earth - ly part of me Glows with Thy fire di - vine.  
But live with Thee the per - fect life Of Thine e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: Edwin Hatch, 1835–1889  
Tune: Robert Jackson, 1840–1914

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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:

"Faith Confirmed Faithfully Serves" | Acts 16:9-15

### 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 Solemn Rite of Confirmation** (11:00)

**The Confirmation Hymn** (11:00)

**Oh, Take My Hand**

Oh, take my hand, dear Father, and lead Thou me,  
Till at my journey's ending I dwell with Thee.  
Alone I dare not journey one single day  
So do Thou guide my footsteps on life's rough way.

Oh, cover with Thy mercy my failing heart,  
Lest I in joy, or sorrow, from Thee depart.  
Permit Thy child to linger here at Thy feet,  
Thy goodness firmly trusting with faith complete.

**The Special Music** (11:00)

Senior Choir—*May You Go Forth in Love* (Albrecht)

May you go forth in peace. May you go forth in love.  
May your footsteps never falter. May His light shine down from above.  
May you go forth in joy. May you go forth in song.  
May God be always near you. May your life be loving and long.  
May you have the strength to soar as on eagle's wings.  
May you have the vision and the voice to find God's song to sing.

**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:

#### **"A Mighty Fortress"**

(SBH150)

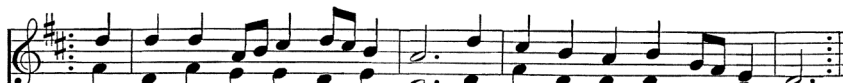
### The Silent Prayer &

#### **Chimes**

### The Postlude:

#### **"Trumpet Tune in C"**

(D. N. Johnson)



1. A might - y for - tress is our God, A bul - wark nev - er fail - ing;  
Our help - er he a - mid the flood Of mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing;
2. Did we in our own strength con - fide Our striv - ing would be los - ing;  
Were not the right Man on our side, The Man of God's own choos - ing.



For still our an - cient foe Doth seek to work us woe; His craft and power are  
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Je - sus, it is he; Lord Sa - ba - oth his



great, And, armed with cru - el hate, On earth is not his e - qual.  
Name, From age to age the same, And he must win the bat - tle.



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|--|---------------------------------------|
| 3 And though this world, with devils filled, | 4 That word above all earthly powers, |
| Should threaten to undo us;                  | No thanks to them, abideth;           |
| We will not fear, for God hath willed        | The Spirit and the gifts are ours     |
| His truth to triumph through us:             | Through him who with us sideth:       |
| The prince of darkness grim,                 | Let goods and kindred go,             |
| We tremble not for him;                      | This mortal life also;                |
| His rage we can endure,                      | The body they may kill:               |
| For lo! his doom is sure,                    | God's truth abideth still,            |
| One little word shall fell him.              | His kingdom is forever.               |

*Martin Luther, 1483–1546  
Tr. Frederick H. Hedge, 1805–90  
Based on Psalm 46*

# Announcements

**The altar flowers** are presented by Shane and Kate Cox in honor of the 2022 confirmands and their faithful journey. Praise be to God!

**The chancel rail flowers** are presented by Sue and Bill Dawson in celebration of their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on May 13th, and today's Confirmation class, which includes their grandson Noah. "Dear Lord, please keep these young people faithful to Your Word. We love you, Noah!"

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

**Known to be hospitalized:** Mary Habovick (knee replacement)—St. Clair Hospital. Please support her with your prayers and cards.

**Prayers for Recovery and Healing:** Michelle Hopkins—chemotherapy. Jim MacManus—recovering from pneumonia at McMurray Hills Manor Nursing & Rehabilitation. Al Hatala is now back at Friendship Village, Room 128D, to rehab from his broken hip. Please keep them in your prayers, as well as all those members of the Ruthfred family who are facing health or other challenges.

**Pastor's Fund:** Given by Kay Wyrwas in honor of our dear pastors and wonderful church family! Given by Chris and Marcia Clark in memory of Marcia Pavesi.

**Preschool Fund:** Given by Chris and Marcia Clark in memory of Marcia Pavesi.

**Parents of Sunday School Students:** Save the date of June 5<sup>th</sup>! We will have a family gathering in the Fellowship Hall during the Sunday School hour for all families to celebrate our last day of regular Sunday School before summer begins. It will be a time of fellowship, food, and more!

**The Senior Confirmation** will be held TODAY at the 11:00 a.m. service. All members are invited to attend the cake reception to honor the confirmands after the 11:00 a.m. service. Please pray for the students and their parents as they take this important step in their spiritual development.

## **2021 CONFIRMATION CLASS**

After baptism, years of Sunday School, home training, two concentrated years of Confirmation study in the Word of God and in the Catechism of Luther, the following young people are to confirm their baptismal vows, and to vow allegiance to Jesus Christ and to His church.

Vienne Capri Battaglia	Revelation 3:20
Madelynn Claire Cox	Psalms 37:4, 5
Elias Matthew Manzo	2 Timothy 2:15
Noah William McMin	Joshua 24:15
Abigail Kelly Stutzman	Psalms 23:1

**On June 5<sup>th</sup> the Senior Confirmation Class** will receive their First Holy Communion at the 11:00 a.m. service.

## **Employment Opportunity at Ruthfred:**

**Nursery Attendant:** Do you have a heart for the youngest in our Church family? We have a need for a nursery worker during Sunday School. Please contact Shane Cox or Barb Harrold if you can help.

# Announcements (cont'd)

**Association of Free Lutheran Congregations (AFLC) Annual Conference:** Our church body, the AFLC, will hold its Annual Conference June 15<sup>th</sup>—18<sup>th</sup> at the Association Retreat Center (ARC) in Osceola, Wisconsin. Ruthfred Church Council has agreed to cover airfare, meals, and hotel expenses for up to 6 Ruthfred members to attend. Visit [aflc.org/about-us/conferences/](http://aflc.org/about-us/conferences/) for more information. Contact John Morden if you plan to attend. Register ASAP. Pastor Carlson plans to attend the conference, as do Pastor McMinn and his family.

**Simple service opportunities for those with the “gift of hospitality”:** We are seeking 2 or 3 volunteers to coordinate and serve breakfast-type refreshments during the Sunday School hour on June 5th for a Family Sunday School. Donations of breakfast items (pastries, muffins, fresh fruit, kid-friendly breakfast casseroles) are another way to serve. Please see the sign-up sheet at the bottom of the staircase, or contact Joanne Salvetti. Thank you in advance!

**Craft & Sew Request:** Craft & Sew would like to honor our veterans at the City Mission again this year with patriotic pillowcases. What we need is at least one yard of patriotic fabric and solid colors of red, white and blue — please no glitter. If you are unable to purchase the fabric yourself, you may make a donation to Craft & Sew, and we will buy the fabric. Please note “fabric” on the envelope. There will be a collection bin in the fellowship hall for fabric donations. Please contact Arlene Ball if you have any questions. 412-977-8013 or Arlene1952@gmail.com.

**The Knit Wits** group is working on a new project—knitted and crocheted dish cloths to be shared, along with a bottle of dishwashing liquid, with our local food banks. Dish soap contributions are welcomed and can be left in the bin in the Fireside Lounge. Please call Pat Lutz if you need more information. Our next meeting will be THIS Thursday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, at 10 a.m. All are welcome!

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

**Collection for the VA Hospital in Oakland:** During the month of May, we will be collecting items for MEN at the VA Hospital. Items can be placed in the marked bin in the Fireside Lounge through May 29th. The items needed are: sweat pants (bottoms only) in sizes M & L; socks (any type); men’s underwear (boxer-type); hygiene products in travel or small sizes (body wash, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, mouthwash, toothbrushes, combs, and chapstick). Please contact Jill or Roger Kurtz if you have questions. Thank you!

**Lost and Found Notice:** A wedding band was found on Monday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, on the sink in the men’s restroom across from the Choir Room on the second floor. Someone presumably lost it on Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>. Please call the office to claim your ring.

**Unclaimed 2017 Confirmation Photos:** There are four copies of the photo of the 2017 Confirmation Class that were never claimed. They are in the office and can be claimed on a first come, first serve basis. They will be discarded at the end of May if they are not claimed.

**Adult Sunday School in June:** Following up on Pastor McMinn’s solid series on the Ten Commandments, starting June 5<sup>th</sup> we will be beginning a 10-week Bible study entitled, “The Lamb of God, Seeing Jesus in Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy.” This video study, wonderfully presented by author Nancy Guthrie, was recently very inspiring for those in our Wednesday morning Journey Through the Word sessions. Please join us for this deeply Christ-centered series. For more information, please contact Kurt Ziegler.

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

THOU SHALT HAVE NO FUN! Actually, we had fun studying the Ten Commandments, getting into God's Word, watching Pastor Bryan Wolfmueller's YouTube videos (Teaching Christian Basics), reading some amazing (often amusing) commentary from Martin Luther, and looking at Luther's Large & Small Catechisms. Last week we studied the conclusion to the Ten Commandments. This week we'll discuss how we LIVE WITH the Ten Commandments. Next week (May 29<sup>th</sup>) we'll take a brief look at the Apostles' Creed. We hope you'll join us!

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## **Today in the Upper Room**

**The Truth in Love**—This new series is a 4-week DVD study confirming God's Love for us! In this day and age of political correctness, the Bible makes it clear that the job of a Christian is to speak the truth in love. Both truth and love are critically important to in order to correctly deal with sin and walk with God. In this series, pastor and author Dr. Jeff Schreve shares the timeless truths of scripture that bring conviction and hope in the Lord Jesus Christ. All are welcome to join!

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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**

**(starting June 12<sup>th</sup>)**

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 or Barb Harrold.



# YOUTH NEWS:

## **SWAP** (6-8 Grade)

There is **SWAP** tonight, 6-7:30 p.m. at the Church.

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

TNT will meet on Tuesday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, at the Church.

The TNT girls' Bible study will meet TODAY, Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 12:30 in the Fireside Lounge. We will continue with week two of our study. Hope to see you there!

### **SAVE THE DATE**

**June 7 — Summer Kickoff (9-12 Grade, including rising 9<sup>th</sup> graders)**

**July 3-8 — Work Camp**

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**Questions/concerns?**

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(c) (218)-230-5800**

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



## **Registration**

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

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

## This Week At Ruthfred

### Today (5/22) CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

8:30 a.m.—Worship Service  
9:45 a.m.—Sunday School  
11:00 a.m.—Worship Service  
Noon-ish—Confirmation Reception  
6:30 p.m.—GIFT Bible Study @ Saul's  
6:30 p.m.—Young Adult Bible Study @ A&C Vogel's

### Monday (5/23) Rogation Day

10:30 a.m.—Preschool School Closing Program  
in the Fellowship Hall (4-year-olds)  
7:00 p.m.—Benevolence

### Tuesday (5/24)

Last day of Preschool (3-year-olds)  
9:30 a.m.—Craft & Sew (sewers only)  
7:00 p.m.—Worship Team

### Wednesday (5/25)

Last day of Preschool (4-year-olds)

### Thursday (5/26) Ascension of Our Lord

10:00 a.m.—Knit Wits

### Friday (5/27)

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

### Sunday (5/29) MEMORIAL DAY SUNDAY

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

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On the sabbath, Paul and his companions worshiped  
with Lydia and the other women (*Acts 16:13-14*). May  
God open our hearts today as he did theirs.

#### Attendance for Last Week:

Sunday Church...213 Sunday School...82  
8:30 Live Stream...43

## 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:

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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