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to worship Him

Ruthfred Lutheran Church

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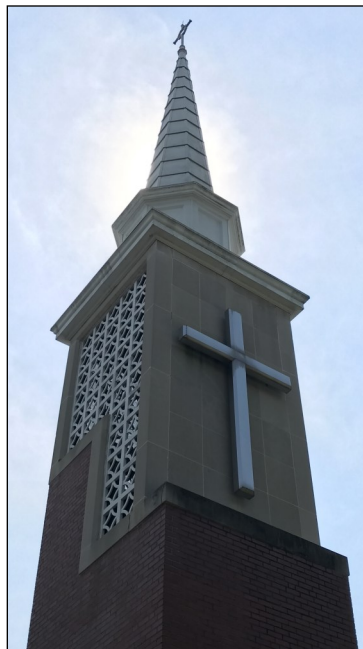
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We are delighted to have you with us this morning as we gather to worship the Lord Jesus Christ.

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 on the back cover of this bulletin, and place it in the offering basket.

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 Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany, February 6, 2022

Prelude:

"Four Voluntaries"

(18th c. English)

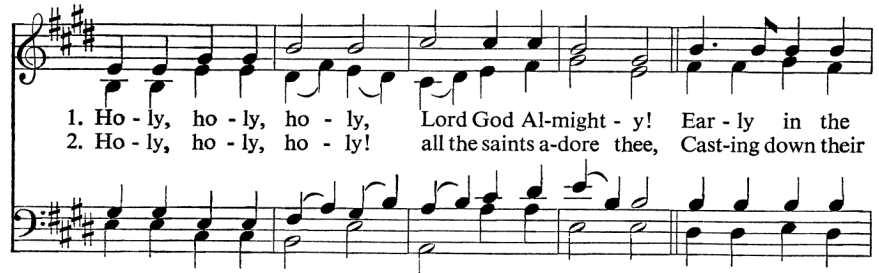
The Opening

Hymn:

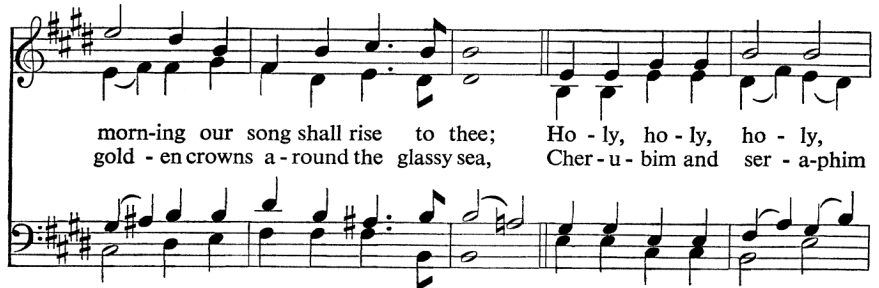
"Holy, Holy, Holy!"

(SBH131)

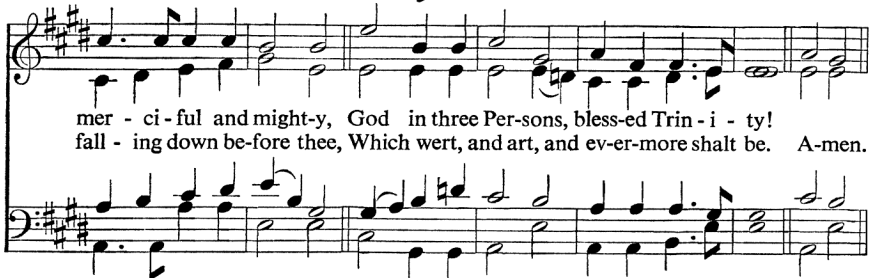
(Please stand as we
join our hearts in
song)



1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God Al-might - y! Ear - ly in the
2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! all the saints a-dore thee, Cast-ing down their



morn-ing our song shall rise to thee; Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly,
gold - en crowns a - round the glassy sea, Cher - u - bim and ser - a-phim



mer - ci - ful and might-y, God in three Per-sons, bless-ed Trin - i - ty!
fall - ing down be-fore thee, Which wert, and art, and ev-er-more shalt be. A-men.

3 Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide thee,
Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
Perfect in power, in love, and purity.

4 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy Name, in earth and sky and sea;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity! Amen.

Reginald Heber, 1783–1826

The Call to Worship

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

Congregation (C): Amen

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 Order for Public Confession (SBH, p. 247)

Unison: (U): Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Jesus Christ, thy Son our Lord, Amen.

P: Let us humbly kneel, and make confession unto God, imploring his forgiveness, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

U: O God, our heavenly Father, I confess unto thee that I have grievously sinned against thee in many ways; not only by outward transgressions, but also by secret thoughts and desires which I cannot fully understand, but which are all known unto thee. I do earnestly repent, and am heartily sorry for these my offenses, and I beseech thee of thy great goodness to have mercy upon me, and for the sake of thy dear Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, to forgive my sins, and graciously to help my infirmities. Amen.

The Absolution, Admonition & Blessing:

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, hath had mercy upon us, and for the sake of the sufferings, death, and resurrection of his dear Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, forgiveth us all our sins. As a Minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare unto you who do truly repent and believe in him, the entire forgiveness of all your sins. In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

P: On the other hand, by the same authority, I declare unto the impenitent and unbelieving, that so long as they continue in their impenitence, God hath not forgiven their sins, and will assuredly visit their iniquities upon them, if they turn not from their evil ways, and come to true repentance and faith in Christ, ere the day of grace be ended.

P: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the Love of God, and the Communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you 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.

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 "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 Introit (Read Responsively; Please stand)

P: Worship Him, all you His angels. Zion heard and was glad.

C: The daughters of Judah rejoiced because of Your judgments, O Lord.

P: The Lord reigns, let the earth rejoice.

C: Let the multitude of isles be glad thereof.

(Psalm 97:1, 7, 8)

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 Scripture Lesson: Isaiah 6:1-8(NASB)

¹ In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, lofty and exalted, with the train of His robe filling the temple. ² Seraphim stood above Him, each having six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. ³ And one called out to another and said, "Holy, Holy, Holy, is the Lord of hosts, the whole earth is full of His glory." ⁴ And the foundations of the thresholds trembled at the voice of him who called out, while the temple was filling with smoke. ⁵ Then I said, "Woe is me, for I am ruined! Because I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts." ⁶ Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a burning coal in his hand, which he had taken from the altar with tongs. ⁷ He touched my mouth with it and said, "Behold, this has touched your lips; and your iniquity is taken away and your sin is forgiven." ⁸ Then I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?" Then I said, "Here am I. Send me!"

The Gradual:

So the heathen shall fear the Name of the Lord and all the kings of the earth your glory. When the Lord shall build up Zion, He shall appear in His glory. Alleluia, alleluia. The Lord reigns, let the earth rejoice. Let the multitude of isles be glad thereof. Alleluia.

(Psalm 102: 15, 16; 97: 1)

The Alleluia (Sung in Unison)

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Holy Gospel Reading: Luke 5:1-11 (NASB)

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

¹ Now it happened that while the crowd was pressing around Him and listening to the word of God, He was standing by the lake of Gennesaret; ² and He saw two boats lying at the edge of the lake; but the fishermen had gotten out of them and were washing their nets. ³ And He got into one of the boats, which was Simon's, and asked him to put out a little way from the land. And He sat down and began teaching the people from the boat. ⁴ When He had finished speaking, He said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." ⁵ Simon answered and said, "Master, we worked hard all night and caught nothing, but I will do as You say and let down the nets." ⁶ When they had done this, they enclosed a great quantity of fish, and their nets began to break; ⁷ so they signaled to their partners in the other boat for them to come and help them. And they came and filled both of the boats, so that they began to sink. ⁸ But when Simon Peter saw that, he fell down at Jesus' feet, saying, "Go away from me Lord, for I am a sinful man!" ⁹ For amazement had seized him and all his companions because of the catch of fish which they had taken; ¹⁰ and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not fear, from now on you will be catching men." ¹¹ When they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed Him.

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

During the Service of Holy Communion, we confess our faith using the Words of the Nicene Creed. Though officially adopted a few hundred years after Christ's earthly ministry, the Creed emphasizes the truths that had been taught since the time of the Apostles, namely, that Christ is both fully God and fully man. As such, we are assured that in the person of Jesus Christ, God Himself became like us in every way, yet perfect and without sin; and shed His own Blood and gave His own Body in death so that we could find in Him forgiveness of sin and life eternal.

This creed has been used in worship across denominational lines.

The Confession of Faith: The Nicene Creed (Confessed in Unison)

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, Begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By whom all things were made; Who for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, And was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; And the third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures, And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose Kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one Holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the Resurrection of the dead, And the Life of the world to come. Amen.

The Special Music

11:00: Senior Choir Anthem—*The Lord's My Shepherd* (Mueller)

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want, He makes me down to lie;
In pastures green, He leadeth me, The quiet waters by.

My soul He doth restore again, And me to walk doth make;
Within the paths of righteousness, E'en for His own Name's sake.

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, Yet will I fear none ill;
For Thou art with me, and Thy rod and staff me comfort still.

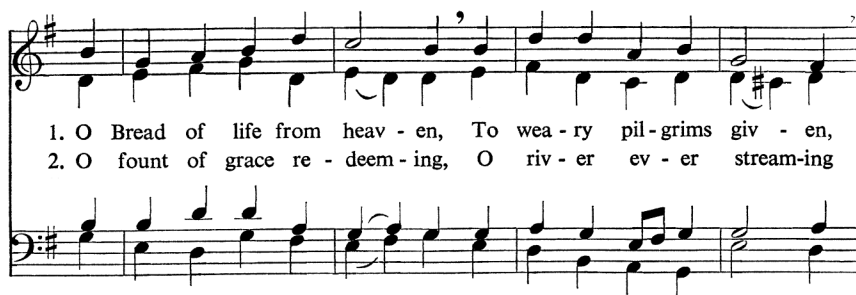
My table Thou hast furnished, In presence of my foes;
My head Thou dost with oil anoint, And my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me:
And in God's house forevermore, My dwelling place shall be. Amen.

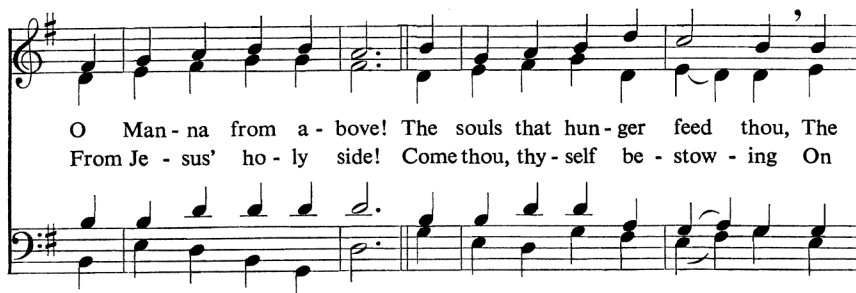
The Announcements

The Sermon Hymn:
"O Bread of Life from
Heaven"

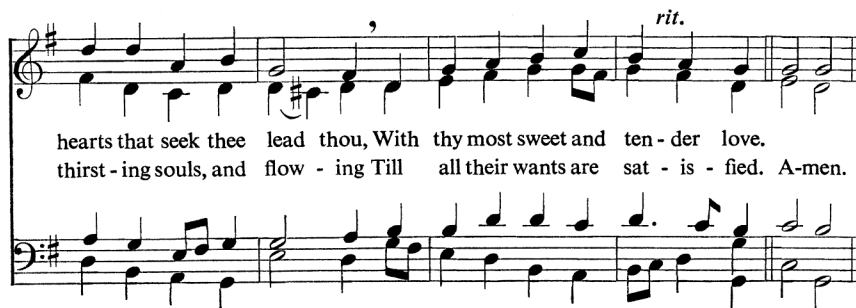
(SBH271)



1. O Bread of life from heav - en, To wea - ry pil - grims giv - en,
 2. O fount of grace re - deem - ing, O riv - er ev - er stream - ing



O Man - na from a - bove! The souls that hun - ger feed thou, The
 From Je - sus' ho - ly side! Come thou, thy - self be - stow - ing On



hearts that seek thee lead thou, With thy most sweet and ten - der love.
 thirst - ing souls, and flow - ing Till all their wants are sat - is - fied. A - men.

3 O Jesus, by thee bidden,
 We here adore thee, hidden
 'Neath forms of bread and wine;
 Grant, when the veil is riven,
 We may behold in heaven
 Thy glorious countenance divine. Amen.

Latin hymn, cir. 1661
Tr. St. 1, 2, Philip Schaff, 1819-93
Tr. St. 3, Athelstan Riley, 1858-1945

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The Sermon:

“How Our Sin is Forgiven” | Isaiah 6:1-8

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 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)

On the first Sunday of each month, as well as on other special occasions, we have the privilege of receiving Holy Communion together. We do not require membership to participate in this. However, we do ask that those coming to receive Communion would be baptized believers in the saving work of Jesus Christ, who are of confirmation age (completed 8th grade), and who are in agreement with the biblical teaching of Christ concerning it.

We believe and teach that Holy Communion is a Sacrament in which we receive the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in, with and under the bread and the wine, that it was instituted by Christ himself, and that it is given to us Christians to eat and to drink.

We believe and teach that the benefit for Christians receiving Communion is expressed in the words "given" and "shed for you for the forgiveness of sins" (See Matthew 26:26-29). As described by Martin Luther in his *Small Catechism*, these words show us that "forgiveness of sin, life and salvation" are given to us in Communion.

Luther formulated a list of 20 questions with appropriate responses to guide the believer to prepare their hearts for Communion. We include a selection of those questions on the following page for the purpose of aiding you in the same way.

The Service for Communion

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And with thy Spirit.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up unto the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

C: It is meet and right so to do.

P: It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God...Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; ever more praising thee, and saying:

C: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth; Heaven and earth are full of thy glory; Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The Words of Institution:

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, in the night in which he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he brake it and gave it to his disciples, saying, take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you; This do in remembrance of me.

After the same manner also, he took the cup, when he had supped, and, when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; this cup is the New Testament in my Blood, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins; this do, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me.

The Lord's Prayer (Prayed in Unison)

P: 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;

C: For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Do you believe that you are a sinner?

Yes, I believe that I am a sinner.

Are you sorry for your sins?

Yes, I am sorry that I have sinned against God.

Do you desire to be saved?

Yes, such is my desire.

In Whom do you trust?

In my dear Lord, Jesus Christ.

What has Christ done for you that you trust in him?

He died for me and shed his blood for me on the cross for the forgiveness of sins.

Do you believe that the true body and blood of Christ are in the Sacrament?

Yes, I believe it.

What induces you to believe this?

The Word of Christ, "Take, eat this is My body; This is My blood, drink of it all of you."

Why ought we to remember and proclaim His death?

That we may learn to believe that no creature could make satisfaction for our sins but Christ, true God and man; and that we may learn to look with terror at our sins, and to regard them as great indeed, and to find joy and comfort in Him alone, and thus be saved through such faith.

Finally, why do you wish to go to receive Holy Communion?

That I may learn to believe that Christ died for my sin out of great love, as before said; and that I may also learn from Him to love God and my neighbor.

P: The peace of the Lord be with you alway.

C: And with thy Spirit.

The Agnus Dei:

C: O Christ thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us;

O Christ thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us;

O Christ thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us thy peace. Amen.

The Distribution (During Communion)
"Victim Divine Thy Grace We Claim" (SBH274, 2nd tune)

1. Vic - tim Di - vine, thy grace we claim While thus thy pre - cious
 2. Thou stand - est in the ho - liest place, As now for guilt - y

death we show; Once of - fered up, a spot - less Lamb,
 sin - ners slain; Thy Blood of sprink - ling speaks and prays

In thy great tem - ple here be - low, Thou didst for all man -
 All - prev - a - lent for help - less man; Thy Blood is still our

kind a - tone, And stand - est now be - fore the throne.
 ran - som found, And spreads sal - va - tion all a - round. A - men.

3 We need not now go up to heaven
 To bring the long-sought Saviour down;
 Thou art to all already given,
 Thou dost e'en now thy banquet crown:
 To every faithful soul appear,
 And show thy real presence here. Amen.

Charles Wesley, 1707-88

The Nunc Dimittis:

U: Lord now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word; For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people; A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the Glory of thy people Israel. 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 Prayer

P: O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good.

C: And his mercy endureth forever

The Closing Prayer *(after which the congregation shall sing "Amen.")*

P: The Lord be with you.

C. And with thy spirit

P: Bless we the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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:

“Go, My Children, with My Blessing” (Lutheran Service Book 922)

1 Go, My chil-dren, with My bless-ing, Nev-er a-lone.
2 Go, My chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, At peace and pure.
3 Go, My chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, Clos-er to Me;
4 I the Lord will bless and keep you And give you peace;

Wak-ing, sleep-ing, I am with you; You are My own. In My
Here you learned how much I love you, What I can cure. Here you
Grow in love and love by serv-ing, Joy-ful and free. Here My
I the Lord will smile up-on you And give you peace: I the

love's bap-tis-mal riv-er I have made you Mine for-ev-er.
heard My dear Son's sto-ry; Here you touched Him, saw His glo-ry.
Spir-it's pow-er filled you; Here His ten-der com-fort stilled you.
Lord will be your Fa-ther, Sav-ior, Com-fort-er, and Broth-er.

Go, My chil-dren, with My bless-ing— You are My own.
Go, My chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, At peace and pure.
Go, My chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, Joy-ful and free.
Go, My chil-dren; I will keep you And give you peace.

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Titus 3:4–7; John 20:19–29; John 14:26–27; Num. 6:22–27

The Silent Prayer & Chimes

The Postlude:

“Prelude to a Te Deum” (M. A. Charpentier)

Announcements

The altar flowers are presented by the Huwe and Schrott families in loving memory of our faithful friend, Nova Jones.

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

Known to be hospitalized: Nancy Halboth—St. Clair Hospital; Bob Bohaski (husband of Sue)—St. Clair Hospital. Janet Ghise—St. Clair Hospital.

Prayers for Recovery and Healing: Terry Alwine is at McMurray Hills Manor continuing his recovery from elbow surgery and COVID. Larry Holt is at Paramount in Bethel Park. Michelle Hopkins will be undergoing chemotherapy these next few months. Nancy McCloskey has been moved from Jefferson Hospital to the Waynesburg Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center. Sue Swan is home once again. Please keep all of them in your prayers, as well as all those in the Ruthfred family who are facing health or other challenges.

Condolences: Our pastors and congregation extend Christian love and sympathy to Kim Spellman and family upon the death of her mother, Ruth Jean Chalfant, 94, on January 17, 2022. A private memorial service was held on January 23, 2022, and a celebration of life event will be held at a later date. Our pastors and congregation also extend Christian love and sympathy to Sharon Arter and family. Sharon's mother, Florence Commons, 92, passed away on January 27, 2022. A funeral service was held on January 31, 2022. Please keep these families in your prayers.

City Mission Food Sunday: Today, Sunday, February 6, is our monthly food collection for the City Mission in Washington, PA. There is a flyer with needed items on the bulletin board across from the downstairs elevator. Donations can be placed outside the kitchen. Thank you for helping!

In Gratitude: The family of Will and Alma Vogel extends their appreciation to Pastor Carlson and Pastor McMinn for their numerous visits and prayers throughout their time as shut-ins, recent illnesses, and passing. The funeral service was an uplifting tribute to their lives and the Lord. Thank you, also, to all who made the luncheon wonderful and for the many expressions of sympathy, including prayers, cards, and words of comfort. God has blessed us through a loving and caring congregational family at Ruthfred.

The Family Easter Festival Returns! After a two year hiatus, this fun, fellowship event (indoors) for young families will return on Sunday, April 10, 4-6pm! We are looking for coordinators and volunteers to run craft and activity stations and help with the dinner. It is such a blessing to the young families if those of us without young children step up to help run the event, allowing them to enjoy the family time. A planning and volunteer information meeting will be held on Sunday, February 27, during the Sunday School hour in the Conference Room. For more information, contact Barb Harrold—brharrold@comcast.net.

A New Member Class continues. Meetings are in the Fireside Lounge during Sunday School.

Craft & Sew is calling again: We are in need of the following candy: Hershey Kisses, Hershey bars, Milky Ways, Kit Kats, and Three Musketeers bars (all in snack or mini size). So far this year we have sent over 500 tray favors to Cabot, and we receive many thank you cards from the residents there. Anyone wishing to join us, please do. No special talent is needed. Remember, many hands make light work and lots of fun!

Preschool Registration is now open for the 2022-2023 school year. Register online at Ruthfred.org. Contact Denise Stutzman at: denisestutzman@ruthfred.org with any questions or to schedule a tour.



Gifts to Our Church

Current Fund

- * Given by Norma, Robert, and Lynn Vogel in thanksgiving for the wonderful luncheon following their parents' funeral service.
- * Given by Greg Kuhar in loving memory of Will and Alma Vogel.

Music Fund

- * Given by Chris and Barb Dunn in memory of Alma and Will Vogel and in honor of Jim and Joanne Segerdahl.
- * Given by Becky and Steve Evans in memory of Will and Alma Vogel.
- * Given by a Friend in Christ in memory of Will and Alma Vogel.
- * Given by Lisa Koch in memory of Alma and Will Vogel.
- * Given by Sandy and Bob Pellegrino in loving memory of Will and Alma Vogel.
- * Given by Fred and Margery Schell in memory of Will and Alma Vogel.
- * Given by Susanne and Bob Schmalz in memory of Will and Alma Vogel. May they rest in peace.
- * Given by Paul and Linda Silver in memory of Alma and Will Vogel.
- * Given by Cara and Larry Strahler in memory of Uncle Will and Aunt Alma Vogel.
- * Given by Marsha and Wesley Taylor in memory of Will and Alma Vogel.
- * Given by Susan Wright in memory of Will and Alma Vogel.



For The Month of February, 2022

Acolytes: 8:30 a.m. Jonathan Tarrant

11:00 a.m. Elias Manzo

Crucifers: 8:30 a.m. (2/13, 2/27) Maddie Cox

11:00 a.m. (2/6, 2/20) Vienne Battaglia

Altar Guild: Dianne Groves

Counters: 8:30 a.m. Kris Wente, Josh Cox

11:00 a.m. Eric Wente, Kurt Ziegler

Ushers: 8:30 a.m. Bernard Paterra, John Ruzicka

11:00 a.m. Jonathan and Nathan Stutzman

Coffee Hour: Susan Bohaski

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OUR COMMUNION PRACTICE: Today, we celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion. Today, by means of bread and wine, Jesus Christ gives Himself to each communicant. This is His Word and promise. We accept His Word. If you are not a member of a Lutheran church, we ask you to speak to our pastors at any time about the meaning of Holy Communion and a person's desire to receive it. When we come to the altar.. we must come with believing and repentant hearts. As we return.. we always bow or kneel in prayer in thanksgiving to God for what Jesus Christ has given unto us. We do not practice the communion of children who are not instructed and confirmed, but the children are encouraged to come to the altar rail for a family blessing.



Adult Sunday School Class Today In Large Classroom

Pastor Carlson is teaching the Adult Sunday School Class on the book of Romans. This book contains the most complete and comprehensive explanations of the teachings of the Christian faith. Each week we will be doing a chapter overview while also doing a deep dive to discover particular gems. Whether you have never read the book, or have it memorized, this will be a great opportunity for you to grow in your understanding of your Christian faith! Today we are studying Chapters 14 and 15.

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## **Today in the Upper Room**

**Forgotten God**—Join us for the continuation of a 7-week DVD series by author and Pastor Dr. Francis Chan. This series explores the true source of the church's and individuals' foundation and guidance--the Holy Spirit. Dr. Chan contends that we've ignored the Holy Spirit for far too long, and that without Him, we operate in our own strength, only accomplishing human-sized results. This series will offer a compelling invitation to understand, embrace, and follow the Holy Spirit's direction in our lives. Each session is stand-alone, so all are welcome to join in on the weekly discussions as you are able!

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YOUTH NEWS

SWAP (6-8 Grade)

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

TNT (9-12 Grade)

TNT will be at the Church on Tuesday, February 8, 7-9 p.m.

SAVE THE DATE

February 18 — TNT/SWAP Ice Skating @ South Park, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

February 25-26 — 30-Hour Famine

Questions/concerns?

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This Week At Ruthfred

Today (2/6) CITY MISSION FOOD SUNDAY

8:30 a.m.—Communion Service

9:45 a.m.—Sunday School

11:00 a.m.—Communion Service

6:00 p.m.—Communion Service

HAPPY 92nd BIRTHDAY BOB REITH

Monday (2/7)

9:30 a.m.—JTTW Leaders Meeting

9:30 a.m.—Craft & Sew

Tuesday (2/8)

7:00 p.m.—Worship Team

Wednesday (2/9)

9:15 a.m.—JTTW

Noon—Esther

5:45 p.m.—Children's Choir

6:30 p.m.—Bell Choir

6:45 p.m.—Confirmation; JTTW; Kids' Time

7:30 p.m.—Senior Choir

Thursday (2/10)

10:00 a.m.—Knit Wits

HAPPY 96th BIRTHDAY BOB CHRISTMAN

Friday (2/11)

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

Saturday (2/12)

9:30 a.m.—Mary Bible Study

Sunday (2/13) Septuagesima Sunday

8:30 a.m.—Worship Service (Demkowicz baptism)

9:45 a.m.—Sunday School

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Jesus calls us to follow him. We start by hearing his teachings and being strengthened through Holy Communion. So we are here. Welcome, one and all.

Attendance for Last Week:

Church...246 Sunday School...108

8:30 Live Stream...52

JTTW (morning)...47

JTTW (evening)...12 Kids' Time...28

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 and vicar 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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