

RUTHFRED LUTHERAN CHURCH

Welcome to Ruthfred Lutheran Church!

Member of the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations (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

The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost, July 10, 2022

Prelude:

"Voluntary and Air"

(G. F. Handel)

The Opening Hymn:

"Saviour, Like a Shepherd, Lead Us"

(SBH#524)

(Please stand as we join
our hearts in song)

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It is in the key of B-flat major (two flats) and 4/4 time. The score consists of four systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are written below the vocal lines. The first system contains the first two verses. The second system contains the third and fourth verses. The third system contains the fifth and sixth verses. The fourth system contains the seventh and eighth verses. The score ends with a double bar line and a repeat sign.

3 Thou hast promised to receive us,
Poor and sinful though we be;
Thou hast mercy to relieve us,
Grace to cleanse, and power to free:
Blessèd Jesus,
Early let us turn to thee.

4 Early let us seek thy favor,
Early let us do thy will;
Blessèd Lord and only Saviour,
With thy love our bosoms fill:
Blessèd Jesus,
Thou hast loved us, love us still.

Amen.

Dorothy Ann Thrupp, 1779-1847

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

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

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

The Call to Worship and Invocation

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

Congregation (C): Amen

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

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

"Kyrie" is Latin for *Lord*, which is the first word of the prayer. Distinct from the confession of sin, it is a prayer for God to grant His mercy in every aspect of our lives and to supply us with all our needs, personally, corporately and for the whole world.

The Absolution:

P: 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

The Introit (Read Responsively; Please stand)

P: The Lord is my light and my salvation, whom shall I fear?

C: The Lord is the strength of my life, of whom shall I be afraid?

P: When the wicked, even my enemies and my foes, came upon me,

C: They stumbled and fell.

P. Though a host should encamp against me.

C: My heart shall not fear. (Ps. 27: 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:**

**"Lead On, O King
Eternal"**

(SBH #550)

1. Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, The day of march has come;
2. Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, Till sin's fierce war shall cease,
Hence-forth in fields of con - quest Thy tents shall be our home:
And ho - li - ness shall whis - per The sweet A - men of peace;
Through days of prep - a - ra - tion Thy grace has made us strong,
For not with swords loud clash - ing, Nor roll of stir - ring drums,
And now, O King e - ter - nal, We lift our bat - tle - song.
But deeds of love and mer - cy, The heaven-ly king-dom comes. A-men.

3 Lead on, O King eternal:
We follow, not with fears,
For gladness breaks like morning
Where'er thy face appears:
Thy Cross is lifted o'er us;
We journey in its light;
The crown awaits the conquest;
Lead on, O God of might. Amen.

Ernest Warburton Shurtleff, 1862-1917

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: Grant, O Lord, we beseech You, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by Your governance, that Your Church may joyfully serve You in all godly quietness; 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 Old Testament Lesson: Leviticus 19:9-18 (NASB)

⁹ “Now when you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap to the very corners of your field, nor shall you gather the gleanings of your harvest. ¹⁰ Nor shall you glean your vineyard, nor shall you gather the fallen fruit of your vineyard; you shall leave them for the needy and for the stranger. I am the LORD your God. ¹¹ You shall not steal, nor deal falsely, nor lie to one another. ¹² You shall not swear falsely by My name, so as to profane the name of your God; I am the LORD. ¹³ You shall not oppress your neighbor, nor rob *him*. The wages of a hired man are not to remain with you all night until morning. ¹⁴ You shall not curse a deaf man, nor place a stumbling block before the blind, but you shall revere your God; I am the LORD. ¹⁵ You shall do no injustice in judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor nor defer to the great, but you are to judge your neighbor fairly. ¹⁶ You shall not go about as a slanderer among your people, and you are not to act against the life of your neighbor; I am the LORD. ¹⁷ You shall not hate your fellow countryman in your heart; you may surely reprove your neighbor, but shall not incur sin because of him. ¹⁸ You shall not take vengeance, nor bear any grudge against the sons of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself; I am the LORD.”

The Psalm: Psalm 41 (NASB)

P: How blessed is he who considers the helpless; the LORD will deliver him in a day of trouble.

C: The Lord will protect him and keep him alive, and he shall be called blessed upon the earth; and do not give him over to the desire of his enemies.

P: The LORD will sustain him upon his sickbed; in his illness, You restore him to health. As for me, I said, “O LORD, be gracious to me; heal my soul, for I have sinned against You.”

C: My enemies speak evil against me, “When will he die, and his name perish?”

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The Psalm: Psalm 41 (NASB) (cont'd)

P: And when he comes to see *me*, he speaks falsehood; his heart gathers wickedness to itself; when he goes outside, he tells it.

C: All who hate me whisper together against me; against me they devise my hurt, saying, "A wicked thing is poured out upon him, that when he lies down, he will not rise up again."

P: Even my close friend in whom I trusted, who ate my bread, has lifted up his heel against me.

C: But You, O Lord, be gracious to me and raise me up, that I may repay them.

P: By this I know that You are pleased with me, because my enemy does not shout in triumph over me. As for me, You uphold me in my integrity, and You set me in Your presence forever.

C: Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting. Amen and Amen.

The Epistle Lessons: Colossians 1:1-14 (NASB)

¹ Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, ² to the saints and faithful brethren in Christ *who are* at Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father. ³ We give thanks to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you, ⁴ since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and the love which you have for all the saints; ⁵ because of the hope laid up for you in heaven, of which you previously heard in the word of truth, the gospel ⁶ which has come to you, just as in all the world also it is constantly bearing fruit and increasing, even as *it has been doing* in you also since the day you heard *of it* and understood the grace of God in truth; ⁷ just as you learned *it* from Epaphras, our beloved fellow bond-servant, who is a faithful servant of Christ on our behalf, ⁸ and he also informed us of your love in the Spirit. ⁹ For this reason also, since the day we heard of *it*, we have not ceased to pray for you and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰ so that you will walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please *Him* in all respects, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; ¹¹ strengthened with all power, according to His glorious might, for the attaining of all steadfastness and patience; joyously ¹² giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in Light. ¹³ For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

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:

Forgive our sins, O Lord, lest the ungodly say, Where is their God? Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of your Name, and deliver us. Alleluia, alleluia. The king shall joy in Your strength, O Lord, and in Your salvation how greatly will he rejoice. Alleluia.

(Psalm 79:9-10; 21:1)

The Alleluia (Sung in Unison)

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Holy Gospel Lesson: Luke 10:25-37 (NASB)

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

²⁵ And a lawyer stood up and put Him to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" ²⁶ And He said to him, "What is written in the Law? How does it read to you?" ²⁷ And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." ²⁸ And He said to him, "You have answered correctly; do this and you will live." ²⁹ But wishing to justify himself, he said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" ³⁰ Jesus replied and said, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among robbers, and they stripped him and beat him, and went away leaving him half dead. ³¹ And by chance a priest was going down on that road, and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side.

³² Likewise a Levite also, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan, who was on a journey, came upon him; and when he saw him, he felt compassion, ³⁴ and came to him and bandaged up his wounds, pouring oil and wine on *them*; and he put him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn and took care of him. ³⁵ On the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper and said, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I return I will repay you.' ³⁶ Which of these three do you think proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell into the robbers' *hands*?" ³⁷ And he said, "The one who showed mercy toward him." Then Jesus said to him, "Go and do the same."

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 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 & 11:00 Christy Hinkelman—" *Take my Hand, Precious Lord*" (Dorsey)


The Announcements

The Children's Object Lesson

The Sermon Hymn: "Lord, Speak to Me" (SBH#538)



1. Lord, speak to me, that I may speak In liv - ing
2. O lead me, Lord, that I may lead The wan - dering



ech - oes of thy tone; As thou hast sought, so
and the wav - ering feet; O feed me, Lord, that



let me seek Thy err - ing chil - dren lost and lone.
I may feed Thy hun - gery ones with man - na sweet. A-men.

3 O strengthen me, that while I stand
Firm on the Rock, and strong in thee,
I may stretch out a loving hand
To wrestlers with the troubled sea.

4 O teach me, Lord, that I may teach
The precious things thou dost impart;
And wing my words, that they may reach
The hidden depths of many a heart.

5 O fill me with thy fulness, Lord,
Until my very heart o'erflow
In kindling thought and glowing word
Thy love to tell, thy praise to show. Amen.

Frances Ridley Havergal, 1836-79

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: "Walking with God" | Colossians 1:1-14

Sermon Notes:

The Offertory Response (Sung in Unison; Please Stand)

Create in me a clean heart, O God: and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence: and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation: and uphold me with Thy free Spirit. (Psalm 51:10-12)

The Closing & Silent Prayer (Please bow or kneel in prayer)

The Lord's Prayer (Prayed in Unison)

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And, forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

The Benediction

P: May the Lord bless you and keep you.

May He make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you

May He lift up His countenance upon you and give you His peace.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

(Numbers 6:24-26)

C: Amen.

The Closing Hymn:

"Jesus, Still Lead On"

(SBH#532)

The Silent Prayer & Chimes

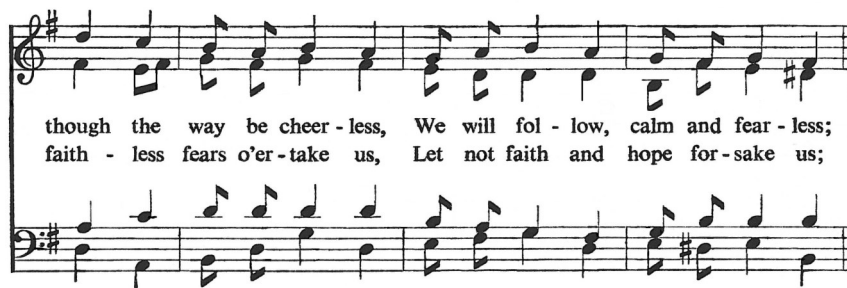
The Postlude:

"Recessional"

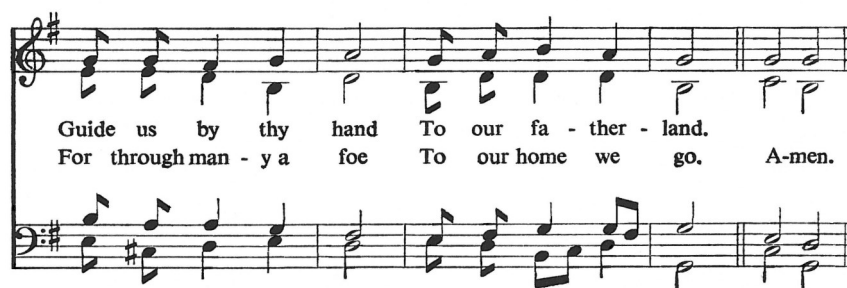
(G. F. Handel)



1. Je - sus, still lead on, Till our rest be won; And, al -
2. If the way be drear, If the foe be near, Let not



though the way be cheer - less, We will fol - low, calm and fear - less;
faith - less fears o'er - take us, Let not faith and hope for - sake us;



Guide us by thy hand To our fa - ther - land.
For through man - y a foe To our home we go. A-men.

3. When we seek relief
From a long-felt grief,
When temptations come alluring
Make us patient and enduring;
Show us that bright shore
Where we weep no more.

4 Jesus, still lead on,
Till our rest be won;
Heavenly Leader, still direct us,
Still support, console, protect us,
Till we safely stand
In our fatherland! Amen.

*Nicolaus Ludwig von Zinzendorf, 1700–60
Tr. Jane L. Borthwick, 1813–97, a.*

Announcements

The altar flowers are presented by Marc and Barb Harrold in thanksgiving for the blessing of 40 years of marriage.

The chancel rail flowers are presented by Ralph Thompson in loving memory of Karen, Betty, and Kimberly.

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

Guest Organist: We welcome Essi Efthimiou as our guest organist today. Fred Schell is on vacation, and we are blessed to have Essi filling in for him.

Nursery Today: 8:30 & Sunday School—Jenna Schwartz; 11:00—TBD.

Known to be hospitalized: Larry Holt (stroke)—St. Clair Hospital. Fred Pellegrino (broken hip)—UPMC-Passavant. Terry Alwine (broken leg)—Canonsburg Hospital.

Prayers for Recovery and Healing: Michelle Hopkins—Praise God that her chemotherapy treatments are completed.. Al Hatala—Room 128D at Friendship Village. Pat VanKirk—liver cancer. 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 Bob and Gladys Reith in memory of Jim MacManus. Given by Steve and Becky Evans in memory of Darryl Roussel.

Our congregation extends sympathy to the family of John (Bob) Koehnke upon his passing. The service and burial were held on Saturday, July 9th, at the Jefferson Memorial Park.

Our Preschool is Hiring! We are looking for a part-time teacher's assistant for the upcoming school year. Please contact Denise Stutzman with any questions or submit your resume to DeniseStutzman@Ruthfred.org.

Young Adult Bible Study: This group will meet on Sunday, July 24th, at 6:30 p.m. at Andrew and Cassie Vogel's house. This will be our only July meeting. All young adults are welcome to join. For questions or further information, please contact Andrew at andrewvogel@ruthfred.org.

Take Them a Meal [updated]: In support of the Taylor family, a schedule has been created at takethemameal.com to provide 2 meals a week until August 29th. To volunteer locate the schedule with password **8593** (look for notes and dietary restrictions) and enter your meal choice.. Check the basket at the bottom of the stairs at the Patterson Road and back parking lot entrances. Your support and prayers are appreciated. Contact Jill Kurtz with any questions.

Our Library Wish: We have a wonderful library located next to the large Sunday School Room that is a fantastic resource for expanding your Christian faith and enjoying books, DVDs and more. If you can spare a few hours a month to help keep our library up-to-date our lone volunteer, Elaine Widich, would love your help. Please contact Melissa Bostaph at MelissaBostaph@Ruthfred.org or speak with Elaine if you are moved to help in this ministry.

VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED: VBS begins in two weeks (July 25) and we still in need of volunteers. Please see the VBS announcement on page 18 for details. Donations of gift cards, beverages and snacks would be a great help. You can sign up downstairs **TODAY** to volunteer. We need you help for this critical ministry of our church.

Announcements (cont'd)

Service Opportunity This Fall: Summer may be the time you begin looking for a way you can serve the church starting in the fall. If you love children and God's Word, look no further! The Sunday School is in **urgent** need (in September) of at least one, hopefully two or more, teachers for the Preschool age group. Classes of these littlest cherubs are small, and the curriculum provides everything needed. In addition, we would love to increase our list of those willing to rotate in to teach periodically or serve as substitutes as needed for ALL grade levels. Please prayerfully consider this opportunity, and contact Sunday School superintendent, Shane Cox, with any questions at coxfarrierservice@gmail.com.

Craft & Sew: Please join the sewing group at 9:30 on Tuesday, July 19th for our next meeting! Contact Arlene Ball if you have any questions. 412-977-8013 or Arlene1952@gmail.com.

Youth Bible Camperships: \$100 Bible Camperships are available to our youth attending a Christian camp. All camperships must be approved by Church Council. Deadline to submit an application is **today** for approval at the July Council meeting. Application forms are available on the table at the bottom of the stairs near the Fellowship Hall or by calling the church office. Please place completed applications in the Council Secretary mail slot in the Conference Room.

Employment Opportunity at Ruthfred:

Nursery Attendant: Do you have a heart for the youngest in our Church family? We have a need for nursery workers. Please contact Shane Cox if you can help.

The Knit Wits group (knitters and crocheters) continues to meet this summer. Our only meeting in July will be at 10 a.m. on July 14th in the Fireside Lounge. Please consider joining us, and bring a friend if you like! All are welcome! We are still in need of small containers of liquid dish soap to accompany the knitted and crocheted dish cloths we are making for local food banks. There is a collection bin in the Fireside Lounge. Please call Pat Lutz if you need more information.

Attention All Summer Special Music Providers: Please let Sally and Fred know what you will be doing for the Special Music by Tuesday of each week. An email would be great—paulamikulan@ruthfred.org or frederickschell@comcast.net. If we don't hear from you, only your name will appear in the bulletin under the Special Music.

For the summer months, the double oak doors leading to the back parking lot will be unlocked for scheduled events, but they will be locked at all other times for security purposes. Please use the South Park entrance (across from Ruthfred Market) when entering the church Monday through Saturday.

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

Adult Sunday School Class Today In Large Classroom

Today, we welcome as our speaker Ishwari Prasad, Zone Coordinator and previous Fiji Islands National Field Director for Gideons International. Mr. Prasad and others have been traveling around the country for the past week raising funds in advance of the upcoming Gideon International Convention in Grapevine, TX. The goal of this Faith Fund Rally is to raise \$3,000,000. This is Mr. Prasad's last stop prior to the convention. Please prayerfully consider a donation to the Gideons in support of their purchase of Scriptures to be sent around the world.

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## **Today in the Upper Room**

There will be no class in the Upper Room for the summer. Please join the adult Sunday School Class in the Large Classroom.

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Journey Through the Word Summer Session

Wednesdays, June 15-August 10

10:00-11:30 a.m.

Biblical TV Series "The Chosen" Season 2

Season 1 was so well received and enjoyed last summer that we decided to continue this year with Season 2. Come for the fellowship, an excellent drama series, and stimulating discussion. No registration is necessary. All are welcome, whether or not you have attended JTTW in the past. Please contact Sue Swan if you have questions, at writingcygnet@gmail.com. Hope to see you there!

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## **Summer Sunday School for Kids**

Miss Bunny (Barger) and Miss Susan (Wholey) will continue their wonderful Sunday School class for 4- & 5-year-olds through the summer. Jason Weighley & Friends will offer a special Sunday School series for kids ages 6—5<sup>th</sup> grade featuring the Torchlighters' animated films about heroes of the Faith. Students in grade 6 and up will join Regan for youth Sunday School classes. We plan to have the nursery staffed. If you can help with the nursery this summer, please contact Shane Cox.

# **YOUTH NEWS**

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

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

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

TNT will meet on Tuesday, July 12<sup>th</sup>, at the Wente's house, 208 Walnut Dr., Venetia, PA.

**SAVE THE DATE  
FLY Beyond July 17-21**

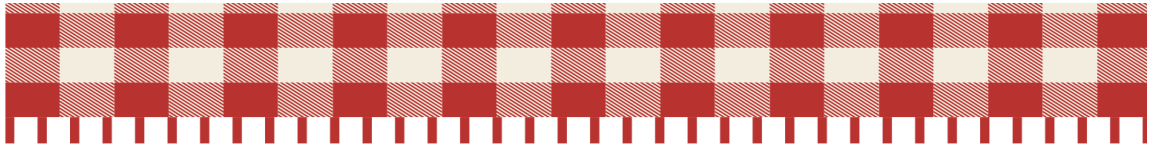
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Questions/concerns?

**Contact: Regan Johnson at ReganJohnson@ruthfred.org, or
(c) (218)-230-5800**

VBS Volunteer Meeting

Please plan to attend the meeting for all VBS volunteers on Sunday, July 17th, at 9:45 am in the Fellowship Hall. Your information packets are ready and will be distributed at that time. Thank you for all your efforts in making this year's VBS a great success.



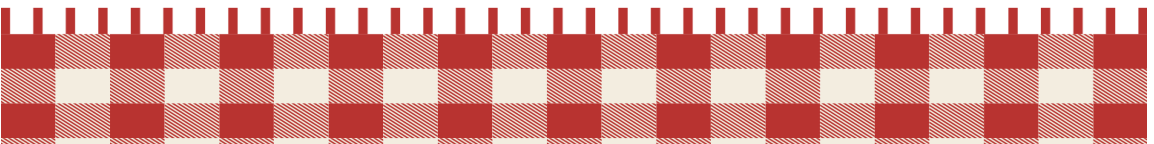
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ANNUAL RUTHFRED LUTHERAN CHURCH PICNIC

**Saturday, August 20th
3 pm - 7:00 pm
Ruthfred Ballfield**

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

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



Summer is here!
Planning is well underway for VBS!!
VBS 2022 will be July 25th-29th, 9 a.m. to noon
We are looking for Volunteers!!



Registration

Registration is now open! Ages 4—8th grade. Come with us on a Monumental Journey celebrating God's Greatness, July 25th to 29th, at Ruthfred Lutheran Church from 9 a.m. to noon. Visit www.ruthfred.org to register.

Questions?
Contact Jason Weighley by email at
Jason.weighley@gmail.com

Unable to volunteer for VBS this year, but still want to help? **We are asking for donations** for our snacks. Please consider donating the following:

Walmart or Target gift cards
Cash or checks
Juice boxes
Small water bottles
Instant pudding cups
Ranch dressing
EMPTY food boxes (e.g. cereal or cracker boxes)

Place monetary donations/gift cards labeled "VBS" in the offering basket on Sundays or in the church office throughout the week. There is a bin in the Fellowship Hall for non-monetary donations. Please have all donations in by Sunday July 17, 2022. Thank you!

This Week At Ruthfred

Today (7/10)

8:30 a.m.—Worship Service

9:45 a.m.—Sunday School

11:00 a.m.—Worship Service

Monday (7/11)

6:30 p.m.—Elders' Meeting & Prayer Time

7:30 p.m.—Council Meeting

Tuesday (7/12) Flag Day

7:00 p.m.—Worship Team

HAPPY 92nd BIRTHDAY TO JACKIE FELLER

Wednesday (7/13)

10:00 a.m.—Journey Through the Word

Noon—Esther Circle

Thursday (7/14)

10:00 a.m.—Knit Wits

Friday (7/15)

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

Saturday (7/16)

6:00 p.m.—Contemporary Liturgical Worship Service

HAPPY 96th BIRTHDAY TO AL HATALA

Sunday (7/17)

8:30 a.m.—Worship Service

9:45 a.m.—Sunday School

11:00 a.m.—Worship Service

In Paul's words to believers of long ago: "To God's holy people...Grace and peace to you from God our father" (*Colossians 1:2*).

Attendance for Last Week:

Sunday Church...244 Sunday School...48

8:30 Live Stream...35

JTTW...17

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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