



RUTHFRED LUTHERAN CHURCH

Welcome to Ruthfred Lutheran Church!

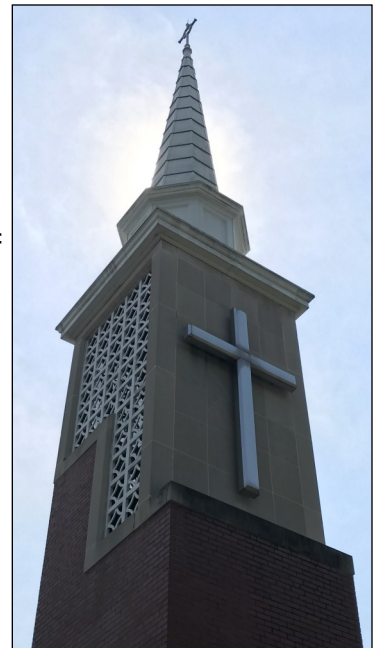
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**We are delighted to have you with us today as we gather to
worship the Lord Jesus Christ.**

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 in Lent (Judica Sunday), April 3, 2022

Prelude:

"Lenten Prelude on Three Hymn- tunes"

(C. Callahan)

The Opening Hymn:

"Jesus, Priceless Treasure"

(SBH575, 2nd 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 G major and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of staves. The first system contains the first two verses of the hymn. The second system contains the third and fourth verses. The lyrics are printed below the staves, with some words in italics. The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and bar lines.

1. Je - sus, price-less Treas - ure, Source of pur - est pleas - ure, Tru - est
2. In thine arm I rest me; Foes who would mo - lest me Can-not

friend to me; Long my heart hath pant - ed, Till it well - nigh
reach me here. Though the earth be shak - ing, Ev - ery heart be

faint - ed, Thirst-ing af - ter thee. Thine I am, O spot - less Lamb,
quak-ing, God dis - pels our fear; Sin and hell in con - flict fell

I will suf - fer nought to hide thee, Ask for nought be - side thee.
With their heav-iest storms as - sail us: Je - sus will not fail us.

3 Hence, all thoughts of sadness!
For the Lord of gladness,
Jesus, enters in;
Those who love the Father,

Though the storms may gather,
Still have peace within;
Yea, whate'er we here must bear,
Still in thee lies purest pleasure,
Jesus, priceless Treasure!

*Johann Franck, 1618-77
Tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1829-78*

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

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 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, has had mercy upon us, and for the sake of the sufferings, death, and resurrection of His dear Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, forgives 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 Introit (Read Responsively; Please stand)

P: Judge me, O God.

C: And plead my cause against an ungodly nation. O deliver me from the deceitful and unjust man.

P: For You are the God of my strength. O send out Your light and Your truth.

C: Let them lead me; let them bring me to Your holy hill.

(Psalm 43:1-3)

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 First Lesson: Philippians 3:3-14 (NASB)

³ for we are the true circumcision, who worship in the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh, ⁴ although I myself might have confidence even in the flesh. If anyone else has a mind to put confidence in the flesh, I far more: ⁵ circumcised the eighth day, of the nation of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the Law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to the righteousness which is in the Law, found blameless. ⁷ But whatever things were gain to me, those things I have counted as loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸ More than that, I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish so that I may gain Christ, ⁹ and may be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own derived from the Law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which comes from God on the basis of faith, ¹⁰ that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death; ¹¹ in order that I may attain to the resurrection from the dead. ¹² Not that I have already obtained it or have already become perfect, but I press on so that I may lay hold of that for which also I was laid hold of by Christ Jesus. ¹³ Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet; but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

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.

The Gradual

Deliver me, O Lord, from my enemies. Teach me to do your will. He delivered me from my enemies; yes, you lifted me up above those that rise up against me. You have delivered me from the violent man. (Psalm 143:9, 10; 18:48)

The Sentence for Lent

Christ hath humbled himself, and become obedient unto death: even the death of the Cross.

The Holy Gospel Lesson: Luke 20: 9-20 (NASB)

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

⁹ And He began to tell the people this parable: "A man planted a vineyard and rented it out to vine-growers, and went on a journey for a long time. ¹⁰ At the harvest time he sent a slave to the vine-growers, so that they would give him some of the produce of the vineyard; but the vine-growers beat him and sent him away empty-handed. ¹¹ And he proceeded to send another slave; and they beat him also and treated him shamefully and sent him away empty-handed. ¹² And he proceeded to send a third; and this one also they wounded and cast out. ¹³ The owner of the vineyard said, 'What shall I do? I will send my beloved son; perhaps they will respect him.' ¹⁴ But when the vine-growers saw him, they reasoned with one another, saying, 'This is the heir; let us kill him so that the inheritance will be ours.' ¹⁵ So they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. What, then, will the owner of the vineyard do to them? ¹⁶ He will come and destroy these vine-growers and will give the vineyard to others." When they heard it, they said, "May it never be!" ¹⁷ But Jesus looked at them and said, "What then is this that is written: 'THE STONE WHICH THE BUILDERS REJECTED, THIS BECAME THE CHIEF CORNER STONE'? ¹⁸ Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces; but on whomever it falls, it will scatter him like dust." ¹⁹ The scribes and the chief priests tried to lay hands on Him that very hour, and they feared the people; for they understood that He spoke this parable against them. ²⁰ So they watched Him, and sent spies who pretended to be righteous, in order that they might catch Him in some statement, so that they could deliver Him to the rule and the authority of the governor.

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 proceedeth 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

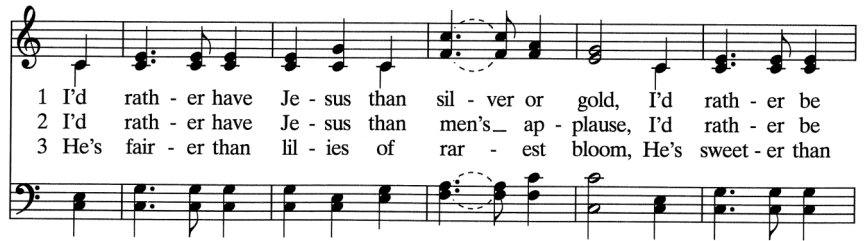
11:00: Senior Choir—*O, My God, Bestow Thy Tender Mercy* (Pergolesi/Hopson)

O, my God, bestow Thy tender mercy.
 Blot out my transgressions; cleanse my sin.
 O God, bestow Thy tender love.
 Restore me, forgive me, uphold me;
 From all my sins, O hide Thy face.
 O, my God, bestow Thy tender mercy; cleanse my sin.
 Restore the joy; forgive me. Hear me.
 O God, hear me. I cry to Thee.
 Hear Thou my prayer.
 Cast me not away. Take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
 My mouth shall show forth Thy praise.

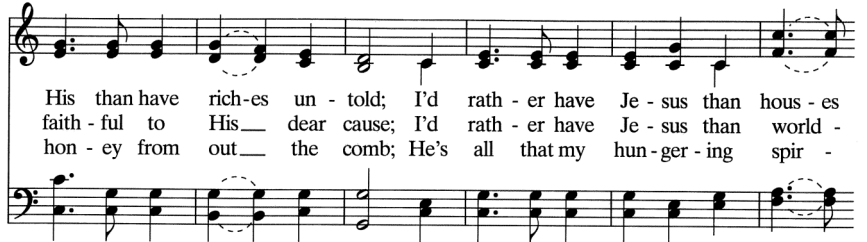
The Announcements

**The Sermon Hymn:
"I'd Rather Have Je-
sus Than Silver or
Gold"**

(AMB535)



1 I'd rath - er have Je - sus than sil - ver or gold, I'd rath - er be
2 I'd rath - er have Je - sus than men's ap - plause, I'd rath - er be
3 He's fair - er than lil - ies of rar - est bloom, He's sweet - er than



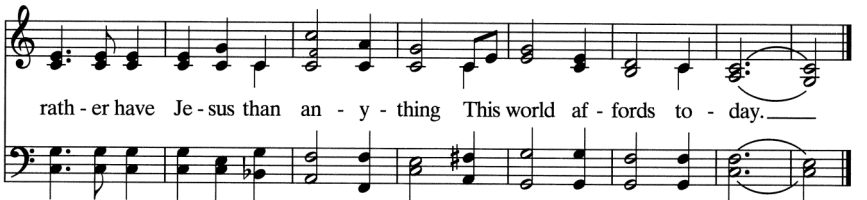
His than have rich - es un - told; I'd rath - er have Je - sus than hous - es
faith - ful to His dear cause; I'd rath - er have Je - sus than world -
hon - ey from out the comb; He's all that my hun - ger - ing spir -



Refrain
or land, I'd rath - er be led by His nail - pierced hand:
wide fame, I'd rath - er be true to His ho - ly name: Than to be the
it needs— I'd rath - er have Je - sus and let Him lead:



king of a vast do - main Or be held in sin's dread sway! I'd



rath - er have Je - sus than an - y - thing This world af - fords to - day.

Text: Based on Matthew 16:24–26; Rhea F. Miller, 1894–1966
Tune: George Beverly Shea, b. 1909

I'D RATHER HAVE JESUS
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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:

"True Gold!" | Philippians 3:2-14

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 page 12 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.

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

C: And with thy Spirit.

The Agnus Dei:

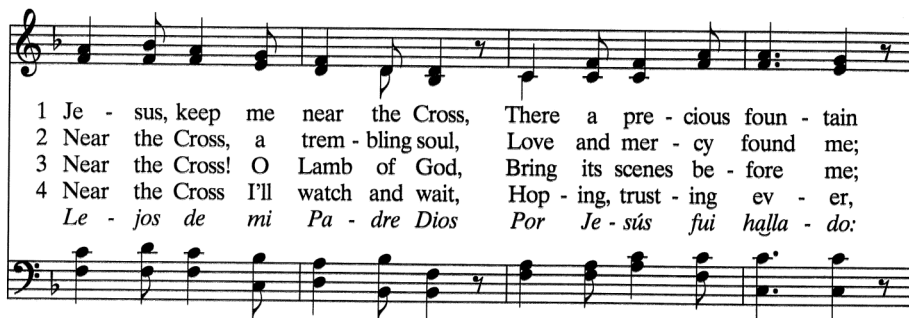
C: O Christ thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us;

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 we shall sing: "Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross" (AMB71)




1 Je - sus, keep me near the Cross, There a pre - cious foun - tain
 2 Near the Cross, a trem - bling soul, Love and mer - cy found me;
 3 Near the Cross! O Lamb of God, Bring its scenes be - fore me;
 4 Near the Cross I'll watch and wait, Hop - ing, trust - ing ev - er,
Le - jos de mi Pa - dre Dios Por Je - sús fui halla - do:



Free to all— a heal - ing stream, Flows from Cal - v'ry's moun - tain.
 There the bright and morn - ing star Shed its beams a - round me.
 Help me walk from day to day, With its sha - dow o'er me.
 Till I reach the gold - en strand, Just be - yond the riv - er.
Por su gra - cia y por su a-mor Só - lo fui sal - va - do.

Refrain



In the Cross, in the Cross, Be my glo - ry ev - er;
En Je - sús, mi Señ - or, Es mi glo - ria_e - ter - na:



Till my rap - tured soul shall find Rest be - yond the riv - er
Él me_a-mó y me sal - vó Por su gra - cia tier - na.

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915
 Tune: William H. Doane, 1832–1915

NEAR THE CROSS
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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.

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

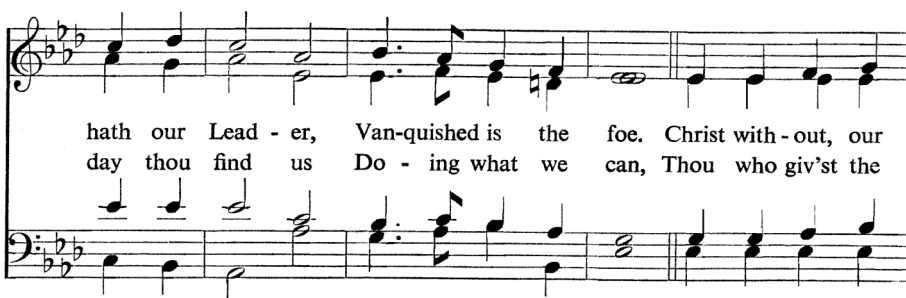
P: May the Lord bless you and keep you. May he make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. May he lift up His countenance upon you and give you His peace. In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. (Numbers 6:24-26)

C: Amen

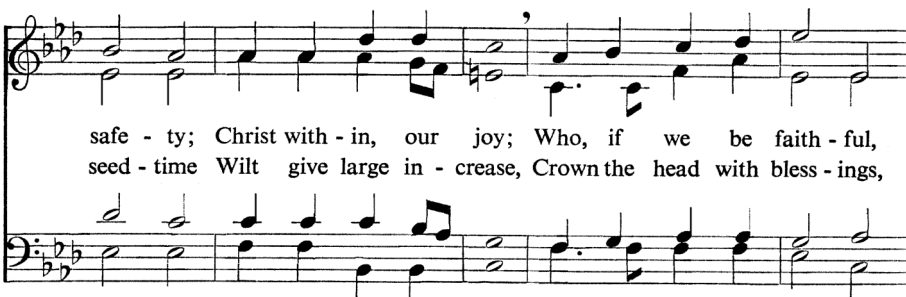
The Closing Hymn:
"On Our Way Rejoicing" (SBH195)



1. On our way re - joic - ing Glad - ly let us go; Con - quered
 2. If with hon - est - heart - ed Love for God and man, Day by



hath our Lead - er, Van - quished is the foe. Christ with - out, our
 day thou find us Do - ing what we can, Thou who giv'st the



safe - ty; Christ with - in, our joy; Who, if we be faith - ful,
 seed - time Wilt give large in - crease, Crown the head with bless - ings,

Refrain



Can our hope de - stroy? On our way re - joic - ing As we
 Fill the heart with peace.

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The Closing Hymn:
"On Our Way Rejoicing" (SBH195) (cont'd)



3 Unto God the Father
Joyful songs we sing,
Unto God the Saviour
Thankful hearts we bring,
Unto God the Spirit
Bow we and adore,
On our way rejoicing
Now and evermore. Amen.

John S. B. Monsell, 1811–75

The Silent Prayer & Chimes
The Postlude: "Chromatic Fugue" (J. Pachelbel)

Announcements

The altar flowers are presented by the Klick family in loving memory and remembrance of Stacie Klick for the anniversary of her March 21st birthday.

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

Prayers for Recovery and Healing: Michelle Hopkins—chemotherapy. Fritz Heilman—home recovering from a fall. Marcia Pavesi—pancreatic cancer. John Ruzicka—hip replacement surgery this week. Please keep them in your prayers, as well as all those in the Ruthfred family who are facing health or other challenges.

On hospice care: Al Hatala and Marie Wilmer continue under hospice care. Please support them with your prayers and cards.

Our pastors and congregation extend Christian love and sympathy to Mary Lou Streiner and family upon the passing of her brother, Bill Schultz, 82, on March 29, 2022. Visitation will be at the David Henney Funeral Home, 6364 Library Rd., South Park, today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. The funeral will be there tomorrow (April 4) morning at 11 a.m. Pastor Carlson will preside.

Thank you from Pete Huwe for all of the cards and prayers following his brother Dan's death. The support of the Ruthfred family was much appreciated.

A Big Thank You to the women of the Craft & Sew Group from Dot Corbett on behalf of herself and her fellow residents of the Halcyon Senior Living Center in Bridgeville: We received the walker caddies and the St. Patrick's Day tray favors, and they are much appreciated!

Thank you to the pastors and congregation for your prayers, kind words, and cards regarding my recent shoulder surgery. I am progressing well in my recovery and greatly appreciate the support. Rich Lindner

Benevolence Fund: Given by Friends in Christ for Lutheran World Missions.

Music Fund: Given by Chris & Marcia Clark in memory of Will and Alma Vogel.

City Mission Food Sunday is Today, Sunday, April 3: 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!

Lenten Soup and Salad Suppers: Please join us for the final soup and salad supper for the year on Wednesday, April 6, from 6—7 p.m. An evening service will follow at 7:30 p.m. If you attend the 2:00 p.m. service, you are welcome to attend the supper also. Peggy Cox is organizing the food. Joanne Salvetti has been coordinating volunteers for setting up, serving, and cleaning up. Please contact Joanne at 724-206-0744 if you are able to help. Thank you in advance!

Knit Wits will meet this month on April 7th and 28th at 10 a.m. All are welcome!

Family Easter Festival is NEXT Sunday, April 10: Young families, if you are planning to attend, TODAY is the deadline for signing up. Inviting friends is encouraged. You may register on the website: ruthfred.org/announcements OR on the list posted next to the Nursery. For more information, please contact Barb Harrold—brharrold@comcast.net.

Easter Flower Orders: Please consider ordering a tulip or a lily in memory of or in honor of a loved one to decorate our sanctuary for Easter. Envelopes are available in the pew racks. TODAY is the deadline. **The cost for a tulip or a lily is \$12.00.** Place your cash or check in the envelope and write your dedication, name, and type of flower you prefer on the outside of the envelope. Envelopes may be placed in the collection baskets or in the box in the office.

XYZers: The next meeting will be Friday, April 22nd. The program, entitled "Gabbing About Gardens," will be presented by Lisa Jenkins from Jim Jenkins Lawn & Garden Center. The sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board outside the Library. Please join us!

Announcements (cont'd)

Meals on Wheels Collection: This outreach organization at Grace Lutheran Church in South Park needs bottled salad dressing from now until Palm Sunday, April 10th. Their preferred sources would be Aldi's or The Dollar Store. Please place these items in the bin outside the kitchen. They are grateful for any donation. If you have questions, please contact Carol Ward.

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.

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 Sunday, April 10, 2022, for approval at the April Council meeting. Please place applications in the Council Secretary mail slot in the Conference Room.

For The Month of April

Acolytes:

8:30 a.m.
11:00 a.m.
Easter Sunrise

Joshua Cimarolli
Jonathan Tarrant
Noah McMinn

Lenten Services

6th Wednesday
Maundy Thursday
Maundy Thursday
Good Friday

7:30 p.m. (4/6)
2:00 p.m. (4/14)
7:30 p.m. (4/14)
7:30 p.m. (4/15)

Jonathan Tarrant
Elias Manzo
Jonathan Tarrant
Joshua Cimarolli

Crucifers:

8:30 a.m. (4/10, 4/17, 4/24)
11:00 a.m. (4/3, 4/17)

Maddie Cox
Vienne Battaglia

Altar Guild:

Eileen Bernish

Counters:

8:30 a.m.
11:00 a.m.

Frank Fife, Shane Cox
Marty Rieck, Tom Sanders

Ushers:

8:30 a.m.
11:00 a.m.

Bernard Paterra, John Ruzicka
Pete Huwe, Mark Hisdorf

Coffee Hour:

Donna Weighley

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OUR COMMUNION PRACTICE: Today, we celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion. 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 one of 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 from the altar, we always bow or kneel in prayer with 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.

Easter Baskets for our Shut-Ins/Homebound Members

This project is just about back to normal this year. Donations and volunteers are needed.

You are encouraged to visit with those receiving a basket depending on your and their comfort level. Some facilities may require that a mask be worn. Sign-up sheets for assembly at 9 a.m. and pickup/delivery at 10 a.m. on Saturday, April 9, are on the table at the bottom of the stairs near the South Park Road entrance.

Thank you so much for your help.

SUGGESTED DONATIONS

HOMEMADE GOODIES - muffins, cookies, etc. in baggies or individually wrapped.

Candy	Small notepads, pens
Snack crackers	Jello cups
100 calorie snacks	Fruit cups
Breakfast bars	Applesauce
Hot/cold cereal	Tea bags
Mini muffins	Hot chocolate mix
Cookies	Soup packets
Pudding cups	Tissue packs

Please choose store items that are individually wrapped and/or single-serving food items.

NOTHING WITH NUTS. Sugar-free items are welcomed. Any unused items will be donated to Meals on Wheels.

Please place items in the collection bin outside the kitchen by Thursday, April 7. (Baked goods can be left in the kitchen Friday or early Saturday morning.)

Questions??? Contact Jill Kurtz or Sue Rotz



Employment Opportunities at Ruthfred:

Parish Assistant: We are looking for a member of Ruthfred with a heart to serve Jesus and His church. The Parish Assistant performs a variety of ministry tasks in support of the ministries and pastors of Ruthfred. The position would be part time, 28 to 30 hours/week. The job description is posted on the church website. Interested persons should submit resumes to the Ruthfred Personnel Committee through the church office, c/o SallyOndrejko@ruthfred.org. Contact Kevin Boehme, Personnel Committee Chairman, at (724) 942-4551, for more information.

Administrative Assistant: We are looking for another member of Ruthfred with a heart to serve Jesus and our congregation. This person performs a variety of clerical tasks in support of the pastors and other Ruthfred staff members. The position would be part time, 15 to 20 hours/week. The job description is posted on the church website. Interested persons should submit resumes to the Ruthfred Personnel Committee through the church office, c/o SallyOndrejko@ruthfred.org. Contact Kevin Boehme, Personnel Committee Chairman, at (724) 942-4551, for more information.

Nursery School 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 note the change from the previous announcement). Please contact Shane Cox if you can help.

Adult Sunday School Class Today In Large Classroom

THOU SHALT HAVE NO FUN! Remember the Ten Commandments you learned in Sunday School or confirmation? – those killjoy rules God laid down to keep us from having any fun. Remember them? Join us as Pastor McMinn continues this Sunday morning adult study series. We are taking a fresh look at how God convicts, blesses, and guides His people through His Commandments. (It'll be fun!) Luther said, "*Whoever knows the Ten Commandments perfectly must know all Scripture. Such a person is qualified to judge all doctrines, estates, spirits, laws, and anything else in the world.*"

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## **Today in the Upper Room**

***Twisting Truth- Learning to Discern in a Culture of Deception***—In this six-session small group video series, Andy Stanley exposes some common ways God's truth gets twisted. Each one has the potential to destroy your relationships, cloud your decisions, and distort your perception of him. This study helps us identify where we have cultural "twisted thinking" with Biblical guidance to overcome them. All are welcome to join!

## **Young Adult Sunday School Class Today in the Conference Room**

All young adults are invited to attend a Bible study between worship services. We will be exploring an introduction to Divine Worship. In addition, we hope to grow together by looking at opportunities to be God's hands and feet in the mission field that surrounds us. We will be putting together plans for future servant events and group activities. Come check it out—we would love to see you! If you would like more information, please call Don Roose at (412) 584-2112 or Barb Roose at (540) 846-684.



## **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, April 5<sup>th</sup>, at the Church.

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**April 21-24 – Campus Days**

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Questions/concerns?

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

This Week At Ruthfred

Today (4/3) CITY MISSION FOOD SUNDAY

8:30 a.m.— Communion Service

9:45 a.m.—Sunday School

1 1:00 a.m.—Communion Service

6:00 p.m.—Communion Service

Easter Flower Order Deadline

Monday (4/4)

9:30 a.m.—JTTW Leaders Meeting

9:30 a.m.—Craft & Sew

7:00 p.m.—Elders' Meeting

Tuesday (4/5)

7:00 p.m.—Worship Team

HAPPY 90TH BIRTHDAY SHIRLEY WATSON

Wednesday (4/6)

9:15 a.m.—JTTW

2:00 p.m.—Lenten Service

5:45 p.m.—Children's Choir

6:00-7:00 p.m.—Soup & Sandwich Supper

6:15 p.m.—Jr. & Sr. Confirmation Classes

6:30 p.m.—Bell Choir

7:00 p.m.—Senior Choir (and after Lenten Service)

7:30 p.m.—Lenten Service

Thursday (4/7)

10:00 a.m.—Knit Wits

Friday (4/8)

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

Saturday (4/9)

9:00 a.m.—Easter basket assembly for shut-ins

10:00 a.m.—Delivery of Easter baskets

Sunday (4/10) Palm Sunday

8:30 a.m.—Worship Service

9:45 a.m.—Sunday School

1 1:00 a.m.—Worship Service

4-6 p.m.—Family Easter Festival

6:30 p.m.—Young Adult Bible Study (A & C Vogel's)

Last day Meals on Wheels salad dressing donations

God is always creating, always doing something new (Isaiah 43:18-19). Welcome to worship, where we listen for the new word God has for us today.

Attendance for Last Week:

Sunday Worship...229 Sunday School...109

8:30 Live Stream...52

JTTW (morn)...45

Lenten Services...166 7:30 Live Stream...7

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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