

Hallelujah



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 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

First Sunday after Easter, April 24, 2022
Church Anniversary Sunday

Prelude:

**"Alleluia! O Sons
and Daughters"**
(Dandrieu)

**"Prelude on
Easter Hymns"**
(Callahan)

The Opening Hymn:

**"My Church, My
Church"**

(Please stand as we
join our hearts in
song)

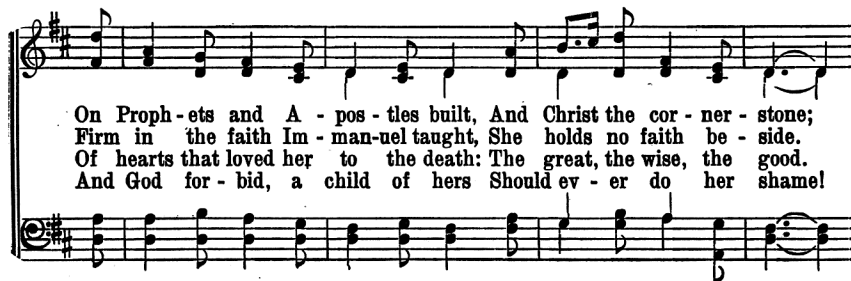
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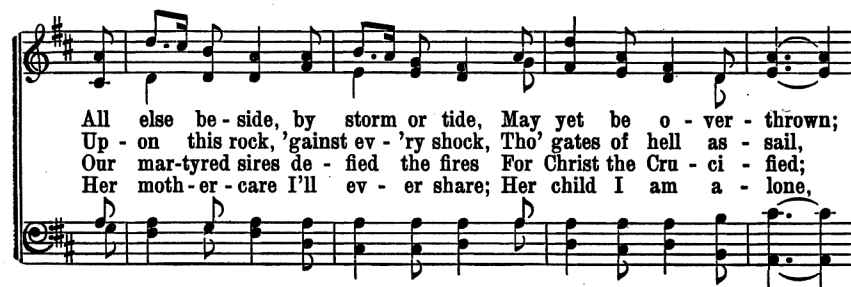
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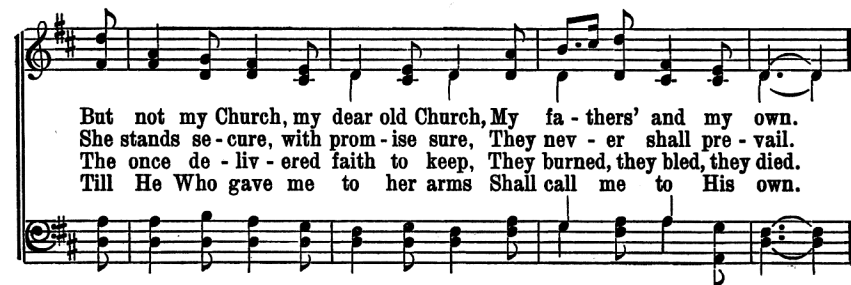
1. My Church, my Church, my dear old Church, My fa - thers' and my own!
2. My Church, my Church, my dear old Church, My glo - ry and my pride!
3. My Church, my Church, my dear old Church, I've heard the tale of blood,
4. My Church, my Church, my dear old Church, I love her an - cient name;



On Proph - ets and A - pos - tles built, And Christ the cor - ner - stone;
Firm in the faith Im - man - uel taught, She holds no faith be - side.
Of hearts that loved her to the death: The great, the wise, the good.
And God for - bid, a child of hers Should ev - er do her shame!



All else be - side, by storm or tide, May yet be o - ver - thrown;
Up - on this rock, 'gainst ev - 'ry shock, Tho' gates of hell as - sail,
Our mar - tyred sires de - fied the fires For Christ the Cru - ci - fied;
Her moth - er - care I'll ev - er share; Her child I am a - lone,



But not my Church, my dear old Church, My fa - thers' and my own.
She stands se - cure, with prom - ise sure, They nev - er shall pre - vail.
The once de - liv - ered faith to keep, They burned, they bled, they died.
Till He Who gave me to her arms Shall call me to His own.

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

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

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

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

The Call to Worship and Invocation

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

Congregation (C): Amen

The Confession of Sin (SBH, p. 41)

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

Our help is in the name of the Lord

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

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

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

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

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

(Silent Prayer of Personal Confession)

Together:

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

The Absolution:

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us, and has given His only-begotten son to die for us, and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name, He gives the power to become children of God, and bestows upon them His Holy Spirit. The one who believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this O Lord, unto us all.

C: Amen

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

“Kyrie” is 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 Introit (Read Responsively; Please stand)

P: Christ is Risen.

C: He is Risen indeed and is coming again.

P: As newborn babes, alleluia:

C: Desire the sincere milk of the Word, alleluia. Hear, O my people, and I will testify to You:

P: O Israel, if You will hearken to me. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

C: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

P: Sing aloud to God our strength:

C: Make a joyful noise to the God of Jacob.

(1 Pet. 2:2; Ps. 50:7, 81:6)

The Gloria Patri (Sung in Unison; SBH p. 17)

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

The Kyrie (Sung in Unison; SBH p. 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:**

**"When Morning
Gilds the Skies"**

(SBH416, v. 1-3, 5)

1. When morn - ing gilds the skies, My heart a - wak - ing cries,
2. When mirth for mu - sic longs, This is my song of songs,

May Je - sus Christ be praised. When eve - ning shad - ows fall,
May Je - sus Christ be praised. God's ho - ly house of prayer

This rings my cur - few call, May Je - sus Christ be praised.
Hath none that can com - pare With 'Je - sus Christ be praised.' A-men.

3 To him, my highest and best,
Sing I, when love-possest,
May Jesus Christ be praised.
What'er my hands begin,
This blessing breaketh in,
May Jesus Christ be praised.

5 Ye nations of mankind,
In this your concord find,
May Jesus Christ be praised.
Let all the earth around
Ring joyous with the sound,
May Jesus Christ be praised.

*German Hymn, XIX cent.
Tr. Robert Bridges, 1844-1930*

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, we beseech You, Almighty God, that we who have celebrated the solemnities of the Lord’s Resurrection may, by the help of Your grace, bring forth the fruits thereof in our life and conversation; through the same, Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end.

C: Amen

The First Lesson: Acts 5:12-20 (NASB)

¹² At the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders were taking place among the people; and they were all with one accord in Solomon’s portico. ¹³ But none of the rest dared to associate with them; however, the people held them in high esteem. ¹⁴ And all the more believers in the Lord, multitudes of men and women, were constantly added to *their number*, ¹⁵ to such an extent that they even carried the sick out into the streets and laid them on cots and pallets, so that when Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on any one of them. ¹⁶ Also the people from the cities in the vicinity of Jerusalem were coming together, bringing people who were sick or afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all being healed. ¹⁷ But the high priest rose up, along with all his associates (that is the sect of the Sadducees), and they were filled with jealousy. ¹⁸ They laid hands on the apostles and put them in a public jail. ¹⁹ But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the gates of the prison, and taking them out he said, ²⁰ “Go, stand and speak to the people in the temple the whole message of this Life.”

The Psalm: Psalm 148 (NASB)

P: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the heights! Praise Him, all His angels; praise Him, all His hosts!

C: Praise Him, sun and moon; praise Him, all stars of light!

P: Praise Him, highest heavens, and the waters that are above the heavens!

C: Let them praise the name of the Lord, for He commanded and they were created.

P: He has also established them forever and ever; He has made a decree which will not pass away.

C: Praise the Lord from the earth, sea monsters and all deeps;

P. Fire and hail, snow and clouds; stormy wind, fulfilling His word; Mountains and all hills; fruit trees and all cedars;

C. Beasts and all cattle; creeping things and winged fowl;

P: Kings of the earth and all peoples; princes and all judges of the earth;

C: Both young men and virgins; old men and children.

P. Let them praise the name of the Lord, for His name alone is exalted; His glory is above earth and heaven.

C. And He has lifted up a horn for His people, praise for all His godly ones; even for the sons of Israel, a people near to Him. Praise the Lord!

The Epistle Lesson: Revelation 1:4-18 (NASB)

⁴ John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace, from Him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven Spirits who are before His throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To Him who loves us and released us from our sins by His blood— ⁶ and He has made us to *be* a kingdom, priests to His God and Father—to Him *be* the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen. ⁷ BEHOLD, HE IS COMING WITH THE CLOUDS, and every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him; and all the tribes of the earth will mourn over Him. So it is to be. Amen. ⁸ “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.” ⁹ I, John, your brother and fellow partaker in the tribulation and kingdom and perseverance which are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. ¹⁰ I was in the Spirit on the Lord’s day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like the sound of a trumpet, ¹¹ saying, “Write in a book what you see, and send it to the seven churches: to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea.” ¹² Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking with me. And having turned I saw seven golden lampstands; ¹³ and in the middle of the lampstands I saw one like a son of man, clothed in a robe reaching to the feet, and girded across His chest with a golden sash. ¹⁴ His head and His hair were white like white wool, like snow; and His eyes were like a flame of fire. ¹⁵ His feet were like burnished bronze, when it has been made to glow in a furnace, and His voice was like the sound of many waters. ¹⁶ In His right hand He held seven stars, and out of His mouth came a sharp two-edged sword; and His face was like the sun shining in its strength. ¹⁷ When I saw Him, I fell at His feet like a dead man. And He placed His right hand on me, saying, “Do not be afraid; I am the first and the last, ¹⁸ and the living One; and I was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of death and of Hades.

The “Gradual” (Latin for *step*) is a liturgical reading bridging the readings of the epistle and the Gospel. It is comprised of Scripture, mostly the Psalms.

“Alleluia” is Hebrew for “Praise the Lord.”

The Gradual:

Alleluia, alleluia. The angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it. Alleluia. After eight days came Jesus, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst of His disciples and said to them, Peace be unto you. Alleluia.

(Matthew 28:2; John 20:19)

The Alleluia (Sung in Unison)

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Holy Gospel Lesson: John 20:19-31 (NASB)

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

¹⁹ So when it was evening on that day, the first *day* of the week, and when the doors were shut where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace *be* with you." ²⁰ And when He had said this, He showed them both His hands and His side. The disciples then rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ So Jesus said to them again, "Peace *be* with you; as the Father has sent Me, I also send you." ²² And when He had said this, He breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, *their sins* have been forgiven them; if you retain the *sins* of any, they have been retained." ²⁴ But Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples were saying to him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the imprint of the nails, and put my finger into the place of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe." ²⁶ After eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors having been shut, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace *be* with you." ²⁷ Then He said to Thomas, "Reach here with your finger, and see My hands; and reach here your hand and put it into My side; and do not be unbelieving, but believing." ²⁸ Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹ Jesus said to him, "Because you have seen Me, have you believed? Blessed *are* they who did not see, and *yet* believed." ³⁰ Therefore many other signs Jesus also performed in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹ but these have been written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name. "

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

Today we are privileged to witness the sacrament of Holy Baptism. We believe that Baptism is God's work. It is not merely a symbolic application of water, but water used according to God's command and in connection with His Word (see Matt. 28:19-20). In Baptism God causes us to be born again through the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit (see Titus 3:5 and 1 Peter 3:21). For little Bryson Joseph and Zeke Kenneth, Baptism marks the beginning of a new life in Christ that is nourished through a lifetime of continually hearing and learning God's Word.

The Baptismal Hymn: "Children of the Heavenly Father (SBH572)

1. Chil-dren of the heav-en-ly Fa-ther Safe-ly in his bos-om gath-er;
 2. God his own doth tend and nour-ish, In his ho-ly courts they flour-ish.

Nest-ling bird nor star in heav-en Such a ref-uge e'er was giv-en.
 From all e-vil things he spares them, In his might-y arms he bears them.

3 Neither life nor death shall ever
 From the Lord his children sever;
 Unto them his grace he showeth,
 And their sorrows all he knoweth.

4 Though he giveth or he taketh,
 God his children ne'er forsaketh,
 His the loving purpose solely
 To preserve them pure and holy.

*Caroline V. Sandell Berg, 1832–1903
 Tr. Ernest William Olson, 1870–*

The Baptism of Bryson Joseph Wellinger (8:30 a.m.)

The Baptism of Zeke Kenneth Picard (11:00 a.m.)

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

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

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

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

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

The Special Music

8:30 Bell Choir—*"Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"* (arr. Purifoy)

11:00 Senior Choir—*"This Joyful Eastertide"* (arr. Parker and Shaw)

This joyful Eastertide, Away with sin and sorrow!
My Love, the Crucified, Hath sprung to life this morrow.
Had Christ, that once was slain, Ne'er burst His three-day prison,
Our faith had been in vain: But now is Christ arisen.

The Announcements

The Children's Object Lesson

The Sermon Hymn:

"That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright" (AMB109)

1 That Eas - ter Day with joy was bright, The sun shone
2 O Je - sus, King of gen - tle - ness, Do Thou our
3 Je - sus, who art the Lord of all, In this our
4 All praise O ris - en Lord, we give To Thee, who

out with fair - er light, When, to their long - ing
in - most hearts pos - sess; And we to Thee will
Eas - ter fest - i - val, From ev - ery weap - on
dead, a - gain dost live; To God the Fa - ther

eyes re - stored, The A - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord.
ev - er raise The trib - ute of our grate - ful praise.
death can wield, Thine own re - deemed, Thy peo - ple, shield!
e - qual praise, And God the Ho - ly Ghost, we raise.

Text: Latin hymn, 4th or 5th c.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.
Tune: composed or adapted by Michael Praetorius, 1571–1621; harm. Martin Shaw, 1875–1958

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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:

"Receive The Helper HERE" | John 20:19-31

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 (After which the congregation shall sing “Amen”)

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:

"Spirit Of God, Descend Upon My Heart"

(SBH129)

The Silent Prayer & Chimes

The Postlude:

"Processional of Joy"

(Hopson)

1. Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart; Wean it from
2. I ask no dream, no proph - et ec - sta - sies, No sud - den

earth, through all its puls - es move; Stoop to my weak - ness,
rend - ing of the veil of clay, No an - gel vis - i -

might-y as thou art, And make me love thee as I ought to love.
tant, no o-pening skies; But take the dim-ness of my soul a - way. A-men.

3 Hast thou not bid me love thee, God and King;
All, all thine own, soul, heart and strength and mind?
I see thy Cross; there teach my heart to cling;
O let me seek thee, and O let me find!

4 Teach me to love thee as thine angels love,
One holy passion filling all my frame:
The baptism of the heaven-descended Dove,
My heart an altar, and thy love the flame. Amen.

George Croly, 1780-1860

Announcements

The altar flowers are presented by Donna and Jason Weighley in thanksgiving for and celebration of their 21st wedding anniversary.

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

Known to be hospitalized: Lundy Castro (Jen Carlson's dad), following hip surgery. Portage Hospital, Room 205, 500 Campus Dr., Hancock, MI 49930. Please support him with your cards and prayers.

Prayers for Recovery and Healing: Michelle Hopkins—chemotherapy. Terry Alwine—TownView Health and Rehabilitation. Margie Jacobson is now home from the hospital. Please keep them in your prayers, as well as all those members of the Ruthfred family who are facing health or other challenges.

Church Staff News: At its April meeting Church Council voted to approve Mason Mitchell for a part-time Youth Internship at Ruthfred for this summer.

National Day of Prayer: Please join us on Thursday, May 5th, at 7 p.m. in the adult Sunday School Room to pray for America. We will have a guided, informal time of prayer in a group (or groups) for approximately 45-60 minutes. Come and lift up your prayers vocally or silently.

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

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, May 8, 2022, for approval at the May Council meeting. Please place applications in the Council Secretary mail slot in the Conference Room.

Sincere Thank You from Meals on Wheels: On behalf of Meals on Wheels in South Park, I want to thank our generous congregation for donating over 78 bottles of salad dressing for their spring needs. They were very grateful to receive them. *Carol Ward*

GIFT Bible Study: Our April study will be at the Arelt's TODAY at 6:30 p.m. The new study book should be in and will be passed out. The cost of the book is \$8.00. Peggy Arelt is going to plan an activity for the evening.

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

Lost and Found: Two women's coats were found after the JTTW brunch on Wednesday. They are in the Office for the owners to claim.

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.

Lutherans for Life Quote: "Christians are called to proclaim the truth, and that truth is clear: All life is valuable. Each member of the human race is vital. All lives are indispensable because of Christ."—*Michelle Bauman, Director of Y4Life*

Announcements (cont'd)

Employment Opportunity at Ruthfred:

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 contact Shane Cox if you can help.

		Expenses Compared to Receipts			
RECEIPTS AND EXPENSES OF BUDGETED FUNDS		Member Donations	Transfers to Other Funds	Less: Actual Expenses	Surplus/ (Shortfall)
Year to Date March 31, 2022					
	Current	233,641*	(26,000)	186,853	20,788
	Building	7,995		—	7,995
	Benevolence	38,195	26,000	49,394	14,801
	Totals	279,831	—	236,247	43,584

* Includes special gift from Birmingham UCC (see article in March *Herald* newsletter)



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!

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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.

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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 meet on Tuesday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, at the Church.

### **SAVE THE DATE**

**May 13-15 — TNT Retreat**

**July 3-8 — Work Camp**

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Questions/concerns?

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Thank You for the Easter Baskets...

John and Dee Coldsmith: Thank you for taking the time out of your day to pack and deliver the goodies!

Gladys Constant: Thank you for the lovely Easter basket!

Eleanor Dymond: Thank you to all who contributed, filled, and delivered the baskets!

Betta and Fritz Heilman: Thank you for reaching out with this blessing, especially for the home made Easter card from Hollynne!.

Nancy McCloskey: What a yummy gift! Thank you so much!

Mary Ann Presto: Thank you for the Easter basket!

Else and Cindy Resosky: Thank you for the lovely Easter basket!

Gladys and Bob Reith: Thank you for the Easter basket full of goodies! We were especially touched by the home-made Easter card by Robert Schmidt.

Kay Wyrwas: Thank you for the Easter basket, especially to Mary Beth Dietz for delivering! And thank you to Ann Albanesi for remembering me!

Gifts to Our Church:

Benevolence Fund:

- ◆ Given by Chris and Ron Stout in memory of Marcia Pavesi.
- ◆ Given by Barbara Watt in memory of Marcia Pavesi.

Current Fund:

- ◆ Given by John and Dee Coldsmith as thanks for the "Easter Basket" and for all you do as a church family. We appreciate you taking the time out of your day for reaching out to home-bound members.
- ◆ Given by a Friend in Christ in memory of Marcia Pavesi.

Pastor's Fund:

- ◆ Given by Dan and Judy Bender in memory of Marcia Pavesi.
- ◆ Given by Gladys Constant in memory of Marcia Pavesi.
- ◆ Given by a Friend in Christ in memory of Marcia Pavesi.
- ◆ Given by Marc and Barb Harrold in memory of Marcia Pavesi.
- ◆ Given by Dorothy Kratz and family in memory of Marcia Pavesi.
- ◆ Given by Mary Lou and Joe McKenna in loving memory of Marcia Pavesi.
- ◆ Given by Pat Moore in memory of Will and Alma Vogel and Marcia Pavesi.
- ◆ Given by Fred and Sandy Pellegrino in memory of Marcia Pavesi.

Preschool Fund:

- ◆ Given by Carolyn Carr in loving memory of Marcia Pavesi.

Youth Fund:

Given by Carol Mueller in loving memory of Blaise Donolo.

Summer is just around the corner! How do I know this?



It's time to start planning for VBS!!

VBS 2022 will be July 25th-29th, 9 a.m. to noon

We are looking for Volunteers!!

Join us for an informational meeting on Sunday, May 1st.

We will meet in the Large Sunday School Classroom
after the 11 a.m. service.

Questions?

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

VBS 2022 set decorating!!

We are teaming up with the South Hills Bible Chapel again to decorate the sets for Vacation Bible School. We need a team of **YOU** to help with painting, cutting, and tracing to make the scenery for **VBS!** (NO ART EXPERIENCE NEEDED!!) VBS set work days are at the Bible Chapel on Tuesdays from 6 to 8 p.m. (enter door 2) or on Wednesdays from noon to 3 p.m. (enter door 5 and ring the bell).

If you are interested, the dates are:

April 26th and April 27th.

Anyone willing to help is welcome! If you have questions, please contact Jason Weighley at jason.weighley@gmail.com.



This Week At Ruthfred

Today (4/24) CHURCH ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY

8:30 a.m.—Worship Service (Wellinger baptism)
9:45 a.m.—Sunday School
11:00 a.m.—Worship Service (Picard baptism)
6:30 p.m.—GIFT Bible Study at the Arelts'
6:30 p.m.—Young Adult Bible Study at A & C Vogels'
HERALD DEADLINE

Monday (4/25) St. Mark, Evangelist

Tuesday (4/26)

7:00 p.m.—Worship Team

Wednesday (4/27)

5:45 p.m.—Children's Choir
6:30 p.m.—Bell Choir
6:45 p.m.—Confirmation Classes
7:30 p.m.—Senior Choir

Thursday (4/28)

10:00 a.m.—Knit Wits

Friday (4/27)

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

Sunday (5/1) 2nd SUNDAY AFTER EASTER/City

Mission Food Sunday

8:30 a.m.—Holy Communion
9:45 a.m.—Sunday School
11:00 a.m.—Holy Communion
6:00 p.m.—Holy Communion

Welcome to worship this second Sunday of Easter.

Faith is always a mix of belief and doubt, so with Thomas we proclaim: "My Lord and my God!" (John 20:28).

Attendance for Last Week:

Maundy Thursday...165 Live Stream...18
Good Friday Afternoon...92
Good Friday Evening...136 Live Stream...23
Easter Sunrise...37 Easter Worship...572
8:30 Live Stream...47

Prayer Requests

Please use this space to let the pastors, elders and/or church know of your prayer needs.

☐ Please keep this request Private (to be kept amongst the pastors 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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