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RUTHFRED LUTHERAN CHURCH

# Welcome to Ruthfred Lutheran Church!

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

If you are visiting today, we are glad you are here! Whether you are visiting from out of town, seeking a new church home, or for any other reason, thank you for choosing to worship with us. We would love to get in touch with you. Please fill out your contact information on the back cover of this bulletin, and place it in the offering basket.

## About Us:

- ◆ Since her opening service on Christmas Eve in 1948 and her charter the following year, Ruthfred Lutheran Church has been a congregation rooted in the conviction that the Bible is inspired by God, living and active, capable to produce faith in its hearers, and true and faithful in all its parts. As such, our preaching and teaching aim to be faithful to its correct interpretation and is central to our worship of God.
- ◆ Our Divine Service, called the “Common Service,” possesses a rich history that stems from the early days of the Lutheran Reformation. It is centered upon God’s Word, and proclaims the realities of God’s abundant grace in Jesus Christ from its start to its close. If this is a new form of worship for you, this bulletin will serve as a welcome companion. The order of service begins on page 3.
- ◆ The Divine Service begins as our organist begins the Prelude. When the music starts, please quiet your hearts as you prayerfully prepare for worship.



Our cover is a paper cut or *scherenschnitte* created specially for our church by our very own Kathryn Carr. The artwork will reflect liturgical and Ruthfred-specific themes that occur throughout the year.

# The Divine Service of the Word

The First Sunday in Lent, March 6, 2022

## Prelude:

### **"Choral"**

(Louis Vierne)

## The Opening

### Hymn:

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

(SBH515, 1st tune)

(Please stand as we  
join our hearts in  
song)

1. O Je - sus, I have prom - ised To serve thee to the end;  
2. O let me feel thee near me, The world is ev - er near;

Be thou for ev - er near me, My mas - ter and my friend;  
I see the sights that daz - zle, The tempt - ing sounds I hear;

I shall not fear the bat - tle If thou art by my side,  
My foes are ev - er near me, A - round me and with - in;

Nor wan - der from the path - way If thou wilt be my guide.  
But, Je - sus, draw thou near - er, And shield my soul from sin. A-men.

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

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

*John Ernest Bode, 1816-74*

## **The Call to Worship**

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

**Congregation (C): Amen**

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

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

## **The Order for Public Confession** (SBH, p. 247)

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

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

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

## **The Absolution, Admonition & Blessing:**

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, 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: He shall call on me, and I will answer him.

**C: I will deliver him and honor him. With long life will I satisfy him.**

P: And show him my salvation. He that dwells in the secret place of the most High.

**C: Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.**

(Psalm 91: 1, 15, 16)

### **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: Deuteronomy 26:1-11** (NASB)

<sup>1</sup> "Then it shall be, when you enter the land which the LORD your God gives you as an inheritance, and you possess it and live in it, <sup>2</sup> that you shall take some of the first of all the produce of the ground which you bring in from your land that the LORD your God gives you, and you shall put *it* in a basket and go to the place where the LORD your God chooses to establish His name. <sup>3</sup> You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time and say to him, 'I declare this day to the LORD my God that I have entered the land which the LORD swore to our fathers to give us.' <sup>4</sup> Then the priest shall take the basket from your hand and set it down before the altar of the LORD your God. <sup>5</sup> You shall answer and say before the LORD your God, 'My father was a wandering Aramean, and he went down to Egypt and sojourned there, few in number; but there he became a great, mighty and populous nation. <sup>6</sup> And the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, and imposed hard labor on us. <sup>7</sup> Then we cried to the LORD, the God of our fathers, and the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction and our toil and our oppression; <sup>8</sup> and the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm and with great terror and with signs and wonders; <sup>9</sup> and He has brought us to this place and has given us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. <sup>10</sup> Now behold, I have brought the first of the produce of the ground which You, O LORD have given me.' And you shall set it down before the LORD your God, and worship before the LORD your God; <sup>11</sup> and you and the Levite and the alien who is among you shall rejoice in all the good which the LORD your God has given you and your household."

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.

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 Blake, 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 Gradual**

For he shall give his angels charge over you to keep you in all your ways. They shall bear you up in their hands, lest you dash your foot against a stone. (Psalm 91: 11, 12)

***The Sentence for Lent***  
***Christ hath humbled himself, and become obedient unto death: even the death of the Cross.***

## **The Holy Gospel Lesson: Luke 4: 1-13** (NASB)

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

<sup>1</sup> Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led around by the Spirit in the wilderness <sup>2</sup> for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And He ate nothing during those days, and when they had ended, He became hungry. <sup>3</sup> And the devil said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread." <sup>4</sup> And Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'MAN SHALL NOT LIVE ON BREAD ALONE.'" <sup>5</sup> And he led Him up and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. <sup>6</sup> And the devil said to Him, "I will give You all this domain and its glory; for it has been handed over to me, and I give it to whomever I wish. <sup>7</sup> Therefore if You worship before me, it shall all be Yours." <sup>8</sup> Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'YOU SHALL WORSHIP THE LORD YOUR GOD AND SERVE HIM ONLY.'" <sup>9</sup> And he led Him to Jerusalem and had Him stand on the pinnacle of the temple, and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down from here; <sup>10</sup> for it is written, 'HE WILL COMMAND HIS ANGELS CONCERNING YOU TO GUARD YOU,' <sup>11</sup> and, 'ON *their* HANDS THEY WILL BEAR YOU UP, SO THAT YOU WILL NOT STRIKE YOUR FOOT AGAINST A STONE.'" <sup>12</sup> And Jesus answered and said to him, "It is said, 'YOU SHALL NOT PUT THE LORD YOUR GOD TO THE TEST.'" <sup>13</sup> When the devil had finished every temptation, he left Him until an opportune time.

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

## **The Baptism of** Blake Dowd (11:00)

## **The Receiving of New Member** Blake Dowd (11:00)

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—*On Eagle's Wings* (Joncas)

Andrew Vogel & Isaiah Manzo, cello

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, who abide in His shadow for life,  
say to the Lord: "My refuge, my Rock in whom I trust!"

And He will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,  
make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of His hand.

The snare of the fowler will never capture you, and famine will bring you no  
fear:  
under His wings your refuge, His faithfulness your shield.

You need not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day;  
though thousands fall about you, near you it shall not come.

For to His angels He's given a command to guard you in all of your ways;  
upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a  
stone.

### **The Announcements**


**The Sermon Hymn:**  
**"I Am Thine, O Lord"**  
 (AMB471)



1 I am Thine, O Lord— I have heard Thy voice, And it  
 2 Con - se - crate me now to Thy ser - vice, Lord, By the  
 3 O the pure de - light of a sin - gle hour That be -  
 4 There are depths of love that I can - not know Till I



told Thy love to me; But I long to rise in the  
 pow'r of grace di - vine; Let my soul look up with a  
 fore Thy throne I spend, When I kneel in pray'r and with  
 cross the nar - row sea; There are heights of joy that I



arms of faith And be clos - er drawn to Thee.  
 stead - fast hope And my will be lost in Thine.  
 Thee, my God, I com - mune as friend with friend.  
 may not reach Till I rest in peace with Thee.

*Refrain*



Draw me near - er, near-er, bless-ed Lord, To the cross where Thou hast died;



(near-er, near-er,)



Draw me near-er, near-er, near-er, bless-ed Lord, To Thy pre-cious, bleed-ing side.



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

I AM THINE  
 557 557 w/refrain



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:**

"God Has Spoken. It Is Written. For You" | Luke 4:1-13

**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.

### **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.**

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 13 for the purpose of aiding you in the same way.

### **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: "Let Us Break Bread" (AMB285)

1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;  
2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;

This system contains the first two staves of the musical score. The melody is in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

— Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees.  
— Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.

This system contains the next two staves of the musical score. The melody continues in the treble clef, and the accompaniment continues in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

### *Refrain*

When I fall on my knees, With my face to the ris - ing

This system contains the first two staves of the Refrain. The melody is in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me.

This system contains the next two staves of the Refrain. The melody continues in the treble clef, and the accompaniment continues in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;

This system contains the final two staves of the Refrain. The melody continues in the treble clef, and the accompaniment continues in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

(cont'd)

**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."

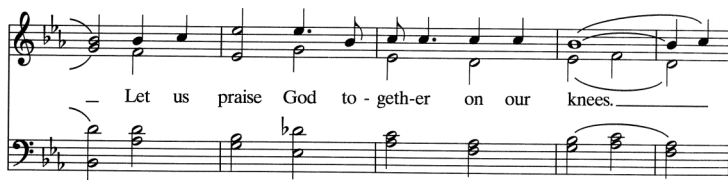
**Why ought we to remember and proclaim His death?**

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.

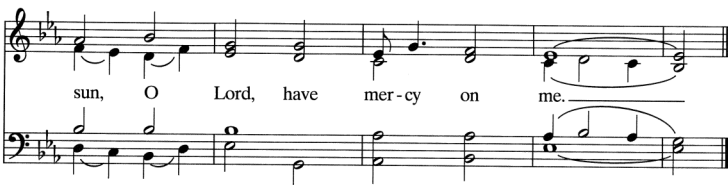
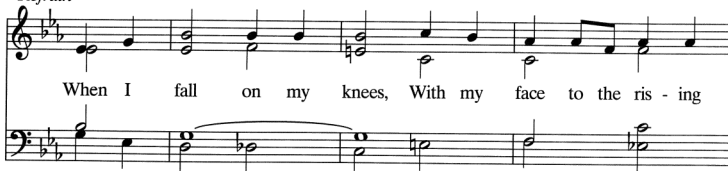
**Finally, why do you wish to go to receive Holy Communion?**

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.

## "Let Us Break Bread Together" (AMB285) (cont'd)



### Refrain



Text: African-American spiritual  
Tune: African-American spiritual

BREAK BREAD TOGETHER  
10 10 w/refrain

## 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: "O Living Bread from Heaven" (SBH285)**

1. O liv - ing Bread from heav - en, How hast thou fed thy guest!  
2. My Lord, thou here hast led me With - in thy ho - liest place,

The gifts thou now hast giv - en Have filled my heart with rest.  
And there thy - self hast fed me With treas - ures of thy grace;

O won - drous food of bless - ing, O cup that heals our woes,  
And thou hast free - ly giv - en What earth could nev - er buy,

My heart, this gift pos - sess - ing, In thank - ful song o'er - flows!  
The Bread of Life from heav - en, That now I shall not die. A-men.

3 Thou givest all I wanted,  
The food can death destroy:  
And thou hast freely granted  
The cup of endless joy.  
Ah, Lord, I do not merit  
The favor thou hast shown,  
And all my soul and spirit  
Bow down before thy throne.

4 Lord, grant me that, thus strengthened  
With heavenly food, while here  
My course on earth is lengthened,  
I serve with holy fear;  
And when thou call'st my spirit  
To leave this world below,  
I enter, through thy merit,  
Where joys unmingled flow. Amen.

*Johann Rist, 1607-67  
Tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1829-78*

**The Silent Prayer & Chimes**

**The Postlude: "If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee" (J. S. Bach)**

# Announcements

**The altar flowers** are presented by Patricia Lindauer in loving memory of Leonard Lindauer.

**Altar flowers are still available** for the following Sundays: April 3, May 1 & 29, June 26, August 21, October 16, November 6 & 27, and December 11. Please consider signing up.

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

**Prayers for Recovery and Healing:** Chris Clark is home after his surgery last week. Rich Lindner is at home recovering from surgery last week. Fritz Motzer is now home. Vic Massack is at home recuperating from recent rotator cuff and bicep surgery. Larry Holt is at Paramount in Bethel Park for rehab. Michelle Hopkins is undergoing chemotherapy. Please keep all of 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. Marie has just been moved to a facility in Ohio, but we do not yet have the address. Please support them with your prayers and cards.

**Current Fund:** Given by Linda Friedel in thanksgiving for Ruthfred's online services and for the ministry of Pastor Carlson and Pastor McMinn. Given by Lois Montgomery in thanksgiving for the Sunday Live Stream services.

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

**Welcome to New Member:** Today we welcome Blake Dowd, as he is baptized and received by confirmation of faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. Blake's address is: 321 Buffalo Ridge Rd., McMurray, PA 15317.

**City Mission Food Sunday is Today, Sunday, March 6:** 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 soup and salad suppers on Wednesday evenings 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 will be organizing the food. Joanne Salvetti will be 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!

**Craft & Sew thanks you** for all of the candy bar donations! Our bins are full, and we greatly appreciate your generosity!

**Knit Wits** will meet this month on March 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. All are welcome!

**Save the date for Parents' Night Out at Church:** Ruthfred Youth Ministry will be catering a dinner and providing entertainment for their parents on Friday, March 11, at 6:30 p.m.

**Save the date for Parents' Date Night!!!** Ruthfred will be sponsoring a date night for parents on March 26, 2022, from 5-8 p.m. here at the church. Parents can drop off their children at 5 p.m. (no later than 5:30 because we will be locking the doors for safety purposes) and pick them back up at 8 p.m. The children will enjoy dinner, play games, sing songs, have a Bible lesson, make a craft, have a snack, and watch a movie at the end of the night while waiting to be picked up. What do the parents do? They get to enjoy a few hours off for date night, knowing their kiddos are in good hands. You can register with the forms that are on the table outside the entrance to the Fellowship Hall or online at [vbspro.events/p/ruthfreddatenight](https://vbspro.events/p/ruthfreddatenight). If you have questions, please contact Donna Weighley at [donna.weighley@gmail.com](mailto:donna.weighley@gmail.com).

## Announcements (cont'd)

**Save the date: Family Easter Festival:** This fun fellowship event for young families will be held on Sunday, April 10, from 4-6 p.m. and many volunteers are needed. If you missed the volunteers' meeting last Sunday, please contact Barb Harrold—brharrold@comcast.net.

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

## For The Month of March

**Acolytes:** 8:30 a.m. Isaiah Compel  
11:00 a.m. Jonathan Tarrant

## Lenten Services

<u>Sermon Series</u>		
2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday	7:30 p.m. (3/9)	Isaiah Compel
3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday	(3/16)	Jonathan Tarrant
4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday	(3/23)	Isaiah Compel
5 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday	3/30)	Elias Manzo

**Crucifers:** 8:30 a.m. (3/13 & 3/27) Maddie Cox  
11:00 a.m. (3/6 & 3/20) Abby Stutzman

**Altar Guild:** Will Charlton

**Counters:** 8:30 a.m. Tom Glasser, Mark Killinger  
11:00 a.m. Kevin Boehme, Mark Riley

**Ushers:** 8:30 a.m. Bernard Paterra, Alan Hinkelman  
11:00 a.m. Kurt Ziegler, Richard Rostausher

**Coffee Hour:** Donna Weighley, Peggy Glasser



**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.**

Questions??? Contact Jill Kurtz or Sue Rotz

## **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**

There will not be class in the Upper Room this Sunday or next. Please join the class in the large classroom downstairs. A new series will start in the Upper Room on March 20.



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

A group study of Lutheran Apologetics will begin today. We will meet in the Conference Room between worship services. This study will begin with Lutheran Soteriology and how we use both covenants to better understand and defend the gift of salvation, the means used to deliver us, and the charge of the Great Commission. If you would like more information please call Don Roose at (412) 584-2112 or Barb Roose at (540) 846-6841.



## **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, March 8, at the Church.

### **SAVE THE DATE**

**March 11 – Parents' Night Out (sponsored by Youth Ministry)**

**March 26 – Parents' Date Night**

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### **Questions/concerns?**

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

## This Week At Ruthfred

**Today (3/6) 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

## Monday (3/7)

9:30 a.m.—JTTW Leaders Meeting

9:30 a.m.—Craft & Sew

## Tuesday (3/8)

7:00 p.m.—Worship Team

### Wednesday (3/9)

9:15 a.m.—JTTW

Noon—Esther

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

7:30 p.m.—Lenten Service

## Senior Choir will continue after Lenten Service

### Thursday (3/10)

10:00 a.m.—Knit Wits

### Friday (3/11)

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

6:30 p.m.—Parents' Night Out (Youth Ministry)

### Saturday (3/12)

## TURN YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD BEFORE BEDTIME

9:30 a.m.—Mary Bible Study

**Sunday (3/13) 2nd Sunday in Lent**

8:30 a.m.—Worship Service

9:45 a.m.—Sunday School

1 1:00 a.m.—Worship Service

Welcome to worship this first Sunday in Lent as we journey toward the cross and the empty tomb.

**Attendance for Last Week:**

Sunday Worship...296   Sunday School...101

8:30 Live Stream...54

JTTW (morn)...51

Lenten Services...256 7:30 Live Stream...19

## 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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