

*Hallelujah*



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 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

Fourth Sunday after Easter, May 15, 2022

## **Prelude:**

### **"Prelude on 'Quem Pastores'"**

(H. Willan)

### **"Adagio in E Major"**

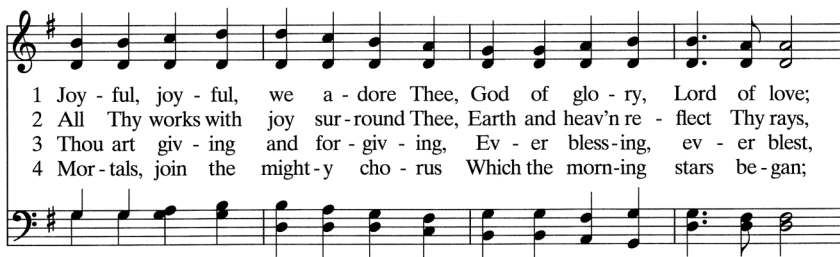
(F. Bridge)

## **The Opening Hymn:**

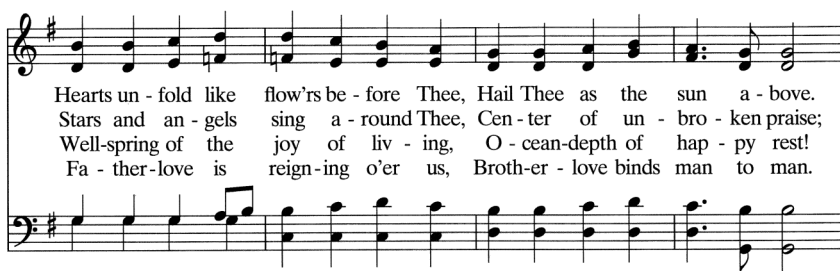
### **"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"**

(AMB197)

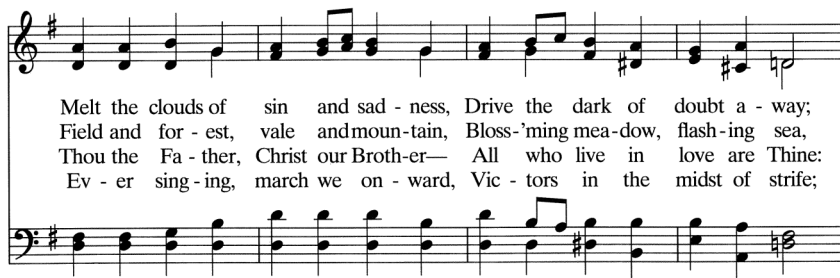
(Please stand as we  
join our hearts in  
song)



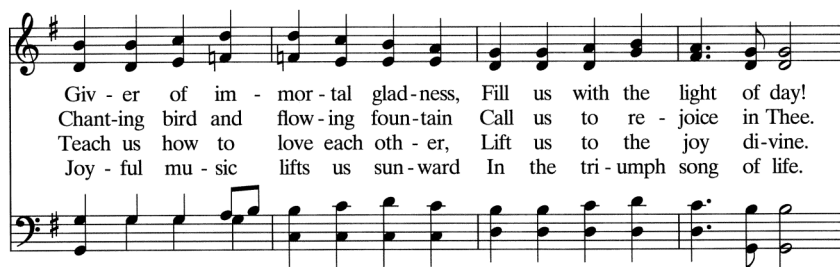
1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore Thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;  
2 All Thy works with joy sur-round Thee, Earth and heav'n re - flect Thy rays,  
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, Ev - er bless-ing, ev - er blest,  
4 Mor-tals, join the might-y cho - rus Which the morn-ing stars be - gan;



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore Thee, Hail Thee as the sun a - bove.  
Stars and an - gels sing a - round Thee, Cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise;  
Well-spring of the joy of liv - ing, O - cean-depth of hap - py rest!  
Fa - ther-love is reign-ing o'er us, Broth-er - love binds man to man.



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, Drive the dark of doubt a - way;  
Field and for - est, vale and moun-tain, Bloss-'ming mea-dow, flash-ing sea,  
Thou the Fa - ther, Christ our Broth-er— All who live in love are Thine:  
Ev - er sing-ing, march we on - ward, Vic - tors in the midst of strife;



Giv - er of im - mor-tal glad-ness, Fill us with the light of day!  
Chant-ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain Call us to re - joice in Thee.  
Teach us how to love each oth - er, Lift us to the joy di-vine.  
Joy - ful mu - sic lifts us sun-ward In the tri - umph song of life.

Text: Henry van Dyke, 1852–1933  
Tune: melody from Ninth Symphony, Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770–1827

HYMN TO JOY  
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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 Sins** (SBH, p. 15)

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 sins.

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: O Sing unto the Lord a new song, alleluia:

**C: For He has done marvelous things. Alleluia, alleluia.**

P: The Lord has made known His salvation; His righteousness has He openly showed in the sight of the heathen. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**C: His right hand, and His holy arm, have gotten Him the victory.** (Psalm 98:1-2)

### **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. 18)

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace that is from above, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the churches of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For this holy house, and for them that in faith, piety and fear of God offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.


**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: Help, save, pity and defend us, O God, by thy grace.


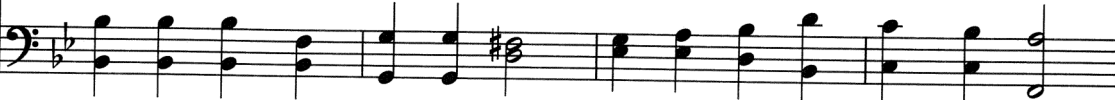
**C: Amen.**

## The Hymn of Praise:


"Hallelujah, What a Savior!" (AMB84)



1 "Man of Sor - rows!" what a name For the Son of God, who came  
2 Bear - ing shame and scoff - ing rude, In my place con - demned He stood—  
3 Guilt - y, vile and help - less we, Spot - less Lamb of God was He;  
4 Lift - ed up was He to die, "It is fin - ished," was His cry;  
5 When He comes, our glo - rious King, All His ran - somed home to bring,



Ru - ined sin - ners to re - claim!  
Sealed my par - don with His blood:  
Full a - tone - ment! can it be? Hal - le - lu - jah, what a Sav - ior!  
Now in heav'n ex - alt - ed high:  
Then a - new this song we'll sing:



Text: Philip P. Bliss, 1838–1876

Tune: Philip P. Bliss, 1838–1876

MAN OF SORROWS

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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: O God, who makes the minds of the faithful to be of one will, grant to Your people that they may love what You command, and desire what You promise; that, among the manifold changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end.

**C: Amen**

### **The First Lesson: Acts 11:1-18** (NASB)

<sup>1</sup> Now the apostles and the brethren who were throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. <sup>2</sup> And when Peter came up to Jerusalem, those who were circumcised took issue with him, <sup>3</sup> saying, “You went to uncircumcised men and ate with them.” <sup>4</sup> But Peter began *speaking* and *proceeded* to explain to them in orderly sequence, saying, <sup>5</sup> “I was in the city of Joppa praying; and in a trance I saw a vision, an object coming down like a great sheet lowered by four corners from the sky; and it came right down to me, <sup>6</sup> and when I had fixed my gaze on it and was observing it I saw the four-footed animals of the earth and the wild beasts and the crawling creatures and the birds of the air. <sup>7</sup> I also heard a voice saying to me, ‘Get up, Peter; kill and eat.’ <sup>8</sup> But I said, ‘By no means, Lord, for nothing unholy or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’ <sup>9</sup> But a voice from heaven answered a second time, ‘What God has cleansed, no longer consider unholy.’ <sup>10</sup> This happened three times, and everything was drawn back up into the sky. <sup>11</sup> And behold, at that moment three men appeared at the house in which we were *staying*, having been sent to me from Caesarea. <sup>12</sup> The Spirit told me to go with them without misgivings. These six brethren also went with me and we entered the man’s house. <sup>13</sup> And he reported to us how he had seen the angel standing in his house, and saying, ‘Send to Joppa and have Simon, who is also called Peter, brought here; <sup>14</sup> and he will speak words to you by which you will be saved, you and all your household.’ <sup>15</sup> And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as *He did* upon us at the beginning. <sup>16</sup> And I remembered the word of the Lord, how He used to say, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ <sup>17</sup> Therefore if God gave to them the same gift as *He gave* to us also after believing in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could stand in God’s way?” <sup>18</sup> When they heard this, they quieted down and glorified God, saying, “Well then, God has granted to the Gentiles also the repentance *that leads* to 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!  
Praise Him, highest heavens, and the waters that are above  
the heavens!**

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

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

P: Praise the Lord from the earth, sea monsters and all deeps; 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;  
kings of the earth and all peoples; princes and all judges of the  
earth;**

P. Both young men and virgins; old men and children. 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 21:1-7** (NASB)

<sup>1</sup> Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth passed away, and there is no longer *any* sea. <sup>2</sup> And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup> And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is among men, and He will dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself will be among them," <sup>4</sup> and He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be *any* death; there will no longer be *any* mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away." <sup>5</sup> And He who sits on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." And He said, "Write, for these words are faithful and true." <sup>6</sup> Then He said to me, "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give to the one who thirsts from the spring of the water of life without cost. <sup>7</sup> He who overcomes will inherit these things, and I will be his God and he will be My son."



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 right hand of the Lord is exalted; the right hand of the Lord does valiantly. Alleluia. Christ, being raised from the dead, dies no more; death has no more dominion over Him. Alleluia.

(Psalm 118:16; Romans 6:9)

### **The Alleluia (Sung in Unison)**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

### **The Holy Gospel Lesson: John 16:12-22** (NASB)

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

<sup>12</sup> "I have many more things to say to you, but you cannot bear *them* now. <sup>13</sup> But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come. <sup>14</sup> He will glorify Me, for He will take of Mine and will disclose *it* to you. <sup>15</sup> All things that the Father has are Mine; therefore I said that He takes of Mine and will disclose *it* to you. <sup>16</sup> A little while, and you will no longer see Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me." <sup>17</sup> *Some* of His disciples then said to one another, "What is this thing He is telling us, 'A little while, and you will not see Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me'; and, 'because I go to the Father?'" <sup>18</sup> So they were saying, "What is this that He says, 'A little while'? We do not know what He is talking about." <sup>19</sup> Jesus knew that they wished to question Him, and He said to them, "Are you deliberating together about this, that I said, 'A little while, and you will not see Me, and again a little while, and you will see Me'? <sup>20</sup> Truly, truly, I say to you, that you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice; you will grieve, but your grief will be turned into joy. <sup>21</sup> Whenever a woman is in labor she has pain, because her hour has come; but when she gives birth to the child, she no longer remembers the anguish because of the joy that a child has been born into the world. <sup>22</sup> Therefore you too have grief now; but I will see you again, and your heart will rejoice, and no one *will* take your joy away from you."

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

The Apostles' Creed is a statement of Christian belief used since the early Church. It's not specific to any one Christian denomination, but used by the Church as a whole. We choose to confess 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 Kurt Radke—*"Alleluia Evermore"* (K. Radke)

Battles they rage on every day, sometimes it seems all's gone astray until You  
shine on through  
When we go down to the depths of the ground and we wallow so long in the  
muck and mire we lose our sight of You  
Then flash goes the light once more and the stone is rolled away  
The angels are there and more, You stand in white array  
Alleluia, alleluia evermore  
Easy it is to sit on our seats and watch the world go by and let someone else do  
the job  
Harder it is to reach out our hand and touch the wounded one who only needs  
someone to care  
But flash goes the light once more and the stone is rolled away  
The angels are there and more, You stand in white array  
Alleluia, alleluia evermore  
Up from the dead comes the Son of God to conquer hell's great grasp  
Risen for us so we live a new life and follow in His path  
So often we needlessly fret about things which we have no reason to and still we  
lose sleep all night long  
The trick is to trust in the One who creates and renews every day every promise  
He's made, the One who lifted up the Son  
Yes flash goes the light once more and the stone is rolled away  
The angels are there and more, He stands in white array  
Alleluia, alleluia evermore  
Alleluia, alleluia evermore

11:00 Senior Choir—*"Sing to the Lord a Marvelous Song"* (Butler)

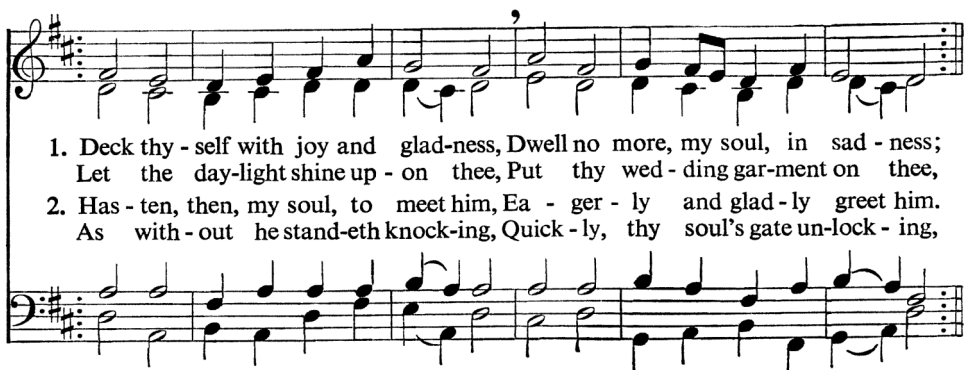
Sing to the Lord a marvelous song!  
Bring to the Lord a joyful song, a joyful new song!  
Rend your heart and not your garments,  
Turn unto the Lord your God.  
He is gracious and merciful,  
Slow to anger and of great kindness.  
O sing a marvelous new song!

## The Announcements

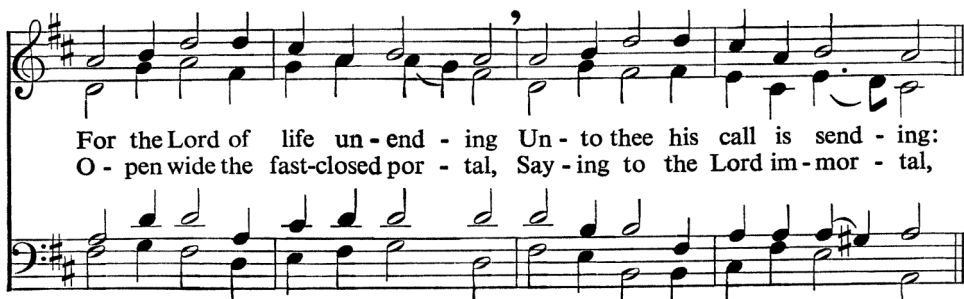
### The Children's Object Lesson

#### The Sermon Hymn:

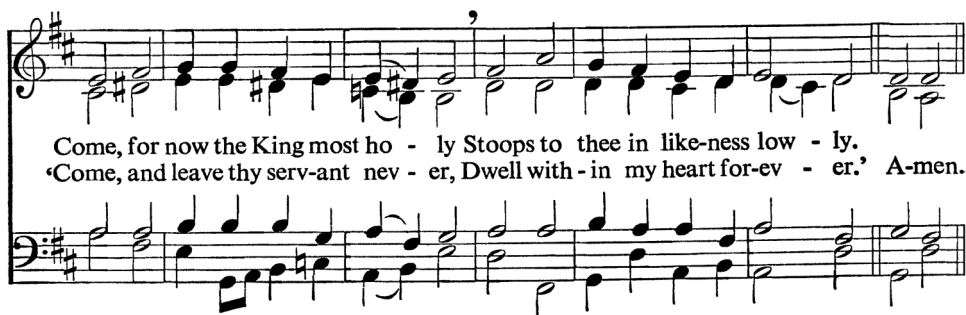
"Deck thyself with Joy and Gladness" (SBH262)



1. Deck thy - self with joy and glad-ness, Dwell no more, my soul, in sad - ness;  
Let the day-light shine up - on thee, Put thy wed - ding gar-ment on thee,  
2. Has - ten, then, my soul, to meet him, Ea - ger - ly and glad - ly greet him.  
As with - out he stand-eth knock-ing, Quick - ly, thy soul's gate un-lock - ing,



For the Lord of life un - end - ing Un - to thee his call is send - ing:  
O - pen wide the fast-closed por - tal, Say - ing to the Lord im - mor - tal,



Come, for now the King most ho - ly Stoops to thee in like-ness low - ly.  
'Come, and leave thy serv-ant nev - er, Dwell with - in my heart for-ev - er.' A-men.

3 Jesus, source of life and pleasure,  
Truest friend and dearest treasure,  
Joy, the sweetest man e'er knoweth;  
Fount, whence all my being floweth:

Humbly now I bow before thee,  
And in penitence adore thee;  
Worthily let me receive thee,  
Perfect peace and pardon give me. Amen.

*Johann Franck, 1618-77*

*Tr. John Casper Mattes, 1876-1948, a.*

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:**

"Grief Turned Into Joy" | John 16:12-22

### **Sermon Notes:**

### **The Offertory Response** (Sung in Unison; Please Stand)

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

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

### **The Lord's Prayer** (Prayed in Unison)

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

### **The Benediction**

P: May the Lord bless you and keep you.

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

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

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
(Numbers 6:24-26)

**C: Amen**

**The Closing Hymn: "This Joyful Eastertide" (W&R308)**

1 This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide, a - way with sin and  
 2 My be - ing shall re - joice se - cure with - in God's  
 3 Death's wa - ters lost their chill when Je - sus crossed the

sad - ness! Our Lord, the cru - ci - fied, has  
 keep - ing, un - til the trum - pet voice shall  
 riv - er. His love shall reach me still; his

*Refrain*  
 filled our hearts with glad - ness.  
 wake us from our sleep - ing. Had Christ, who once was  
 mer - cy is for - ev - er.

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**The Closing Hymn: "This Joyful Eastertide"** (W&R308) (cont'd)

slain, not burst his three-day pris - on, our faith would be in

vain. But now has Christ a - ris - en, a - ris - en, a -

ris - en, but now has Christ a - ris - en!

The image shows a three-system musical score for a hymn. Each system consists of a treble and bass staff joined by a brace. The key signature is three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are written below the staves. The first system ends with a double bar line. The second system ends with a double bar line. The third system ends with a double bar line. The melody is primarily in the treble staff, with the bass staff providing harmonic support.

WORDS: George R. Woodward (1848-1934), alt.  
MUSIC: J. Oudaen's *David's Psalmen*, 1685

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**The Silent Prayer & Chimes**

**The Postlude: "The Heavens Declare the Glory of God"** (B. Marcello)

# Announcements

**The altar flowers** are presented by Terry and Ellie Williams with thanks to God for the blessing of 50 years taking “the road less traveled” together, which they will celebrate on May 19<sup>th</sup>.

**The chancel rail flowers** are presented by David and Lisa Meyer in honor of Marian Meyer’s 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on May 12.

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

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

**Known to be hospitalized:** Al Hatala—St. Clair Hospital. Jim MacManus—McMurray Hills Manor Nursing & Rehabilitation Center.

**Prayers for Recovery and Healing:** Michelle Hopkins—chemotherapy. Please keep her in your prayers, as well as all those members of the Ruthfred family who are facing health or other challenges.

**Current Fund:** Given by Shirley Watson in memory of Marcia Pavesi.

**The John Pavesi family** would like to thank the Ruthfred Lutheran Church Congregation for their care, concern, and comfort during Marcia’s illness and passing. They would also like to give a special thank you to all those who helped with the luncheon after her funeral service. The Bible verse that Marcia held throughout her illness was Psalm 46:10—“Be still and know that I am God.”

**Volunteer Luncheon:** There will be a luncheon in the Fellowship Hall after the 11 a.m. worship service TODAY, for all who want to help with visitation, card-writing, and calling Ruthfred members. At the meeting Pastor McMinn and Connie Munn will discuss planned visitation efforts especially for May through July, but also into the future.

**Parents of Sunday School Students:** Save the date of June 5<sup>th</sup>! We will have a family gathering in the Fellowship Hall during the Sunday School hour for all families to celebrate our last day of regular Sunday School before summer begins. It will be a time of fellowship, food, and more! More information to come soon.

**Collection for the VA Hospital in Oakland:** During the month of May, we will be collecting items for MEN at the VA Hospital. Items can be placed in the marked bin in the Fireside Lounge through May 29<sup>th</sup>. The items needed are: sweat pants (bottoms only) in sizes M & L; socks (any type); men’s underwear (boxer-type); hygiene products in travel or small sizes (body wash, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, mouthwash, toothbrushes, combs, and chapstick). Please contact Jill or Roger Kurtz if you have questions. Thank you!

**Simple service opportunities for those with the “gift of hospitality”:** We are seeking 2 or 3 volunteers to coordinate and serve breakfast-type refreshments during the Sunday School hour on June 5<sup>th</sup> for a Family Sunday School. Donations of breakfast items (pastries, muffins, fresh fruit, kid-friendly breakfast casseroles) are another way to serve. Please see the sign-up sheet at the bottom of the staircase, or contact Joanne Savetti. Thank you in advance!

**Pray for the Senior Confirmation students** (Vienne Battaglia, Maddie Cox, Elias Manzo, Noah McMinn, and Abby Stutzman) as they prepare for their public exam tomorrow and for confirmation Sunday on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Pray for their parents and families also as the students look forward to this important step in their spiritual development.

## Announcements (cont'd)

**Craft & Sew Request:** Craft & Sew would like to honor our veterans at the City Mission again this year with patriotic pillowcases. What we need is at least one yard of patriotic fabric and solid colors of red, white and blue — please no glitter. If you are unable to purchase the fabric yourself, you may make a donation to Craft & Sew, and we will buy the fabric. Please note “fabric” on the envelope. There will be a collection bin in the fellowship hall for fabric donations. Please contact Arlene Ball if you have any questions. 412-977-8013 or Arlene1952@gmail.com.

**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 Thursday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, at 10 a.m. All are welcome!

**Young Adult Bible Study:** This group will meet today and on May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 p.m. 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](mailto:andrewvogel@ruthfred.org).

**Unclaimed 2017 Confirmation Photos:** There are five copies of the photo of the 2017 Confirmation Class that were never claimed. They are in the office and can be claimed on a first come, first serve basis. They will be discarded at the end of May if they are not claimed.

**Adult Sunday School in June:** Following up on Pastor McMinn’s solid series on the Ten Commandments, starting June 5th we will be beginning a 10-week Bible study entitled, “The Lamb of God, Seeing Jesus in Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy.” This video study, wonderfully presented by author Nancy Guthrie, was recently very inspiring for those in our Wednesday morning Journey Through the Word sessions. Please join us for this deeply Christ-centered series. For more information, please contact Kurt Ziegler.

Expenses Compared to Receipts				
<b><u>RECEIPTS AND EXPENSES OF BUDGETED FUNDS</u></b>	<b>Member Donations</b>	<b>Transfers Other</b>	<b>Less: Actual Expenses</b>	<b>Surplus/ (Shortfall)</b>
<b>Year to Date April 30, 2022</b>				
Current	330,275*	(26,000)	253,118	51,157
Building	11,386		13,980	(2,594)
Benevolence	51,795	26,000	64,206	13,589
<b>Totals</b>	<b>393,456</b>		<b>331,304</b>	<b>62,152</b>

\*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! Actually, we have had fun studying the Ten Commandments, getting into God's Word, watching Pastor Bryan Wolfmüller's YouTube videos (Teaching Christian Basics), reading some amazing (often amusing) commentary from Martin Luther, and looking at Luther's Large & Small Catechisms. This week we'll study the conclusion to the Ten Commandments, next week (May 22nd) we'll discuss how we LIVE WITH the Ten Commandments, and on May 29th we'll take a brief look at the Apostles' Creed. We hope you'll join us!

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## **Today in the Upper Room**

There will be no Sunday School in the Upper Room today. Please join the group downstairs in the large classroom.

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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, May 17<sup>th</sup>, at the Church.

The TNT girls' Bible study will meet Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 12:30 in the Fireside Lounge. We will continue with week two of our study. Hope to see you there!

### **SAVE THE DATE**

**July 3-8 — Work Camp**

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### **Questions/concerns?**

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

**Summer is just around the corner! How do I know this?**  
**It's time to start planning for VBS!!**  
**VBS 2022 will be July 25<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>, 9 a.m. to noon**  
**We are looking for Volunteers!!**



## **VBS 2022 set decorating is underway!**

We are teaming up with the South Hills Bible Chapel again to decorate the sets for Vacation Bible School. We need 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 remaining dates are:  
**May 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, and May 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>.**

Anyone willing to help is welcome! If you have questions, please contact Jason Weighley at [jason.weighley@gmail.com](mailto:jason.weighley@gmail.com).

## **Registration**

Registration is now open! Come with us on a Monumental Journey celebrating God's Greatness, July 25<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup>, at Ruthfred Lutheran Church from 9 a.m. to noon.  
Visit [www.ruthfred.org](http://www.ruthfred.org) to register.

Questions?  
Contact Jason Weighley by email at  
[Jason.weighley@gmail.com](mailto:Jason.weighley@gmail.com)

## This Week At Ruthfred

## Today (5/15)

8:30 a.m.—Worship Service

9:45 a.m.—Sunday School

11:00 a.m.—Worship Service

## Noon-ish—Visitation Volunteer Lunch

6:30 p.m.—Young Adult Bible Study at Andrew & Cassie Vogel's house

### Monday (5/16)

9:30 a.m.—Craft & Sew (Crafters only)

7:00 p.m.—Confirmation Public Exam

7:00 p.m.—Worship Team

## Tuesday (5/17) Primary Election Day

7:00 p.m.—Worship Team

### Wednesday (5/18)

6:45 p.m.—Senior Confirmation Class

7:00 p.m.—Senior Choir (last rehearsal until Fall)

### Thursday (5/19)

10:45 a.m.—Preschool Closing Program for 3-year-olds

2:00 p.m.—Ruth

### Friday (5/20)

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

### Saturday (5/21)

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

## Sunday (5/22) Confirmation Sunday

8:30 a.m.—Worship Service

9:45 a.m.—Sunday School

11:00 a.m.—Worship Service (Confirmation;  
reception after service)

6:30 p.m.—Young Adult Bible Study at Andrew & Cassie Vogel's house

6:30 p.m.—GIFT Bible Study at the Sauls' house

The psalmist calls all creation—sun and water, trees and mountains, animals and people—to praise the Lord (*Psalms 148*). And so we shall. Welcome!

**Attendance for Last Week:**

Church...294 Sunday School...90


8:30 Live Stream...45

## Prayer Requests

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

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

 Please make this request known to the Ruthfred prayer team and announce it to the congregation when appropriate.

## Visiting with us?

Please use this tear-off section to help us get to know a little bit about you and how we may best serve you.

If you have a specific concern or prayer request, please use the space on the other side of this fold.

Date:

Name:

Children:

Address:

Phone (indicate home, cell, etc.)

Email:

I am a/an:

- ☐ 1st-Time Visitor
- ☐ 2nd-Time Visitor
- ☐ Out-of-Town Visitor
- ☐ Regular Attendee

I would like to learn more about:

- ☐ What It Means To Be a Christian
- ☐ Church Membership
- ☐ Ruthfred's Ministries or Groups
- ☐ Ways To Share My Gifts

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