

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

The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost, July 3, 2022

The Celebration of 4th of July

Prelude:

"You Satisfy the Hungry Heart"

(C. Callahan)

"Let Us Break Bread"

(C. Callahan)

The Opening Hymn:

"God of Our Fathers"

(SBH521)

(Please stand as we join our hearts in song)

1. God of our fa - thers, whose al - might - y hand
2. Thy love di - vine hath led us in the hand past,

Leads forth in beau - ty all the star - ry band
In this free land by thee our lot is band cast;

Of shin - ing worlds in splen - dor through the skies,
Be thou our rul - er, guard - ian, guide, and stay;

Our grate - ful songs be - fore thy throne a - rise.
Thy word our law, thy paths our cho - sen way. A-men.

3 From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence,
Be thy strong arm our ever sure defence;
Thy true religion in our hearts increase,
Thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.

4 Refresh thy people on their toilsome way,
Lead us from night to never-ending day;
Fill all our lives with love and grace divine,
And glory, laud, and praise be ever thine. Amen.

Daniel C. Roberts, 1841–1907

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

A Reading from the Declaration of Independence

The Star-Spangled Banner—(vs. 1 & 4)

Oh, say, can you see, by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming?
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, thro' the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched were so gallantly streaming.

And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.

Oh, say, does that star-spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

Oh, thus be it ever when freemen shall stand,
Between their loved homes and the war's desolation;
Blest with vict'ry and peace, may the heav'n-rescued land
Praise the Power that has made and preserved us a nation.

Then conquer we must, when our cause it is just,

And this be our motto "In God is our trust";
And the star-spangled banner in triumph shall wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.

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

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.

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

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

The Absolution, Admonition & Blessing:

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, hath 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

The Introit (Read Responsively; Please stand)

P: You turn unto me and have mercy upon me.

C: For I am desolate and afflicted. Look upon my affliction and my pain.

P: And forgive all my sins. Unto You, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.

C: O my God, I trust in You, let me not be ashamed.

(Psalm 25:1-2, 16-18)

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.**

God's chief means of extending His grace to His is through His Word. Hearing it and learning it are central to His proper worship.

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 First Lesson: Psalm 66:1-7 (NASB)

- ¹ Shout joyfully to God, all the earth;
- ² Sing the glory of His name; make His praise glorious.
- ³ Say to God, "How awesome are Your works! Because of the greatness of Your power Your enemies will give feigned obedience to You.
- ⁴ "All the earth will worship You, and will sing praises to You; they will sing praises to Your name." *Selah*.
- ⁵ Come and see the works of God, *Who is* awesome in *His* deeds toward the sons of men.
- ⁶ He turned the sea into dry land; they passed through the river on foot; there let us rejoice in Him!
- ⁷ He rules by His might forever; His eyes keep watch on the nations; let not the rebellious exalt themselves. *Selah*.

The Gradual:

Cast your burden upon the Lord and He shall sustain you. I will call upon God; and the Lord shall save me. He has delivered my soul in peace. Alleluia, alleluia. I will love you, O Lord, my strength. The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer. Alleluia.

(Psalm 55:16, 18, 22; 18:1-2)

The Alleluia (Sung in Unison)

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Holy Gospel Lesson: Luke 10:1-20 (NASB)

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

¹ Now after this the Lord appointed seventy others, and sent them in pairs ahead of Him to every city and place where He Himself was going to come. ² And He was saying to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest. ³ Go; behold, I send you out as lambs in the midst of wolves. ⁴ Carry no money belt, no bag, no shoes; and greet no one on the way. ⁵ Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace *be* to this house.' ⁶ If a man of peace is there, your peace will rest on him; but if not, it will return to you. ⁷ Stay in that house, eating and drinking what they give you; for the laborer is worthy of his wages. Do not keep moving from house to house. ⁸ Whatever city you enter and they receive you, eat what is set before you; ⁹ and heal those in it who are sick, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' ¹⁰ But whatever city you enter and they do not receive you, go out into its streets and say, ¹¹ 'Even the dust of your city which clings to our feet we wipe off *in protest* against you; yet be sure of this, that the kingdom of God has come near.' ¹² I say to you, it will be more tolerable in that day for Sodom than for that city. ¹³ "Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the miracles had been performed in Tyre and Sidon which occurred in you, they would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes. ¹⁴ But it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon in the judgment than for you. ¹⁵ And you, Capernaum, will not be exalted to heaven, will you? You will be brought down to Hades! ¹⁶ "The one who listens to you listens to Me, and the one who rejects you rejects Me; and he who rejects Me rejects the One who sent Me." ¹⁷ The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name." ¹⁸ And He said to them, "I was watching Satan fall from heaven like lightning. ¹⁹ Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing will injure you. ²⁰ Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are recorded in heaven."

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

During the Service of Holy Communion, we confess our faith using the Words of the Nicene Creed. Though officially adopted a few hundred years after Christ's earthly ministry, the Creed emphasizes the truths that had been taught since the time of the Apostles, namely, that Christ is both fully God and fully man. As such, we are assured that in the person of Jesus Christ, God Himself became like us in every way, yet perfect and without sin; and shed His own Blood and gave His own Body in death so that we could find in Him forgiveness of sin and life eternal.

This creed has been used in worship across denominational lines.

The Confession of Faith: The Nicene Creed (Confessed in Unison)

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, Begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By whom all things were made; Who for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, And was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; And the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures, And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose Kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceeds 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: Sue Swan—"If My People Will Pray" (*Jimmy Owens*)

If My people which are called by My name,
Shall humble themselves, shall humble themselves and pray.
If My people who are called by My name,
Shall seek My face and turn from their wicked ways,
Then will I hear from heaven. Then will I hear from heaven.
Then will I hear and will forgive, forgive their sin.
If My people which are called by My name,
Shall humble themselves, shall humble themselves and pray;
I will forgive their sin, I will forgive their sin,
I will forgive their sin, And heal their land.

The Announcements

The Sermon Hymn:

**"Praise to the Lord,
the Almighty"**

(SBH408)

1. Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and sal -
2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won - drous - ly
Shel - ters thee un - der his wings, yea, so gen - tly sus -

a - tion;
va - tion: All ye who hear, Now to his tem - ple draw
reign - eth,
tain - eth: Hast thou not seen? All that is need - ful hath

near; Join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion.
been; Grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth. A - men.

3 Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.

Ponder anew

What the Almighty can do,

If with his love he befriend thee!

4 Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore him;
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!

Let the Amen

Sound from his people again;

Gladly for aye we adore him. Amen.

*Joachim Neander, 1650–80
Tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1829–78
Based on Psalms 103 and 150*

By permission of the Oxford University Press

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: "Praise God for His Awesome Works!" | Psalm 66:1-7

The Offertory Response (Sung in Unison; Please Stand)

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

On the first Sunday of each month, as well as on other special occasions, we have the privilege of receiving Holy Communion together. We do not require membership to participate in this. However, we do ask that those coming to receive Communion would be baptized believers in the saving work of Jesus Christ, who are of confirmation age (completed 8th grade), and who are in agreement with the biblical teaching of Christ concerning it.

We believe and teach that Holy Communion is a Sacrament in which we receive the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in, with, and under the bread and the wine, that it was instituted by Christ himself, and that it is given to us Christians to eat and to drink.

We believe and teach that the benefit for Christians receiving Communion is expressed in the words "given" and "shed for you for the forgiveness of sins" (See Matthew 26:26-29). As described by Martin Luther in his *Small Catechism*, these words show us that "forgiveness of sin, life and salvation" are given to us in Communion.

Luther formulated a list of 20 questions with appropriate responses to guide believers to prepare their hearts for Communion. We include a selection of those questions on the following page for the purpose of aiding you in the same way.

The Service for Communion

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And with thy Spirit.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up unto the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

C: It is meet and right so to do.

P: It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto Thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Thy glorious Name; ever more praising Thee, and saying:

C: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth; Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory; Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The Words of Institution:

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, in the night in which He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He brake it and gave it to His disciples, saying, take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you; This do in remembrance of Me.

After the same manner also, He took the cup, when He had supped, and, when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, drink ye all of it; this cup is the New Testament in my Blood, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins; this do, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of Me.

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Do you believe that you are a sinner?

Yes, I believe that I am a sinner.

Are you sorry for your sins?

Yes, I am sorry that I have sinned against God.

Do you desire to be saved?

Yes, such is my desire.

In Whom do you trust?

In my dear Lord, Jesus Christ.

What has Christ done for you that you trust in Him?

He died for me and shed His blood for me on the cross for the forgiveness of sins.

Do you believe that the true body and blood of Christ are in the Sacrament?

Yes, I believe it.

What induces you to believe this?

The Word of Christ, "Take, eat this is my Body; This is my Blood, drink of it all of you."

Why ought we to remember and proclaim His death?

That we may learn to believe that no creature could make satisfaction for our sins but Christ, true God and man; and that we may learn to look with terror at our sins, and to regard them as great indeed, and to find joy and comfort in Him alone, and thus be saved through such faith.

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

That I may learn to believe that Christ died for my sin out of great love, as before said; and that I may also learn from Him to love God and my neighbor.

The 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:

"O Bread of Life from Heaven" (SBH271)

1. O Bread of life from heav - en, To wea - ry pil - grims giv - en,
2. O fount of grace re - deem - ing, O riv - er ev - er stream - ing

O Man - na from a - bove! The souls that hun - ger feed thou, The
From Je - sus' ho - ly side! Come thou, thy - self be - stow - ing On

hearts that seek thee lead thou, With thy most sweet and ten - der love.
thirst - ing souls, and flow - ing Till all their wants are sat - is - fied. A-men.

3 O Jesus, by thee bidden,
We here adore thee, hidden
'Neath forms of bread and wine;
Grant, when the veil is riven,
We may behold in heaven
Thy glorious countenance divine. Amen.

*Latin hymn, cir. 1661
Tr. St. 1, 2, Philip Schaff, 1819-93
Tr. St. 3, Athelstan Riley, 1858-1945*

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 endures 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 Beautiful for Spacious Skies"

(SBH346)

The Silent Prayer & Chimes

The Postlude:

"God of Our Fathers"

(David Schack)

1. O beau - ti - ful for spa - cious skies, For am - ber waves of grain,
2. O beau - ti - ful for pil - grim feet, Whose stern, im - pas - sioned stress

For pur - ple moun - tain ma - jes - ties A - bove the fruit - ed plain!
A thor - ough - fare for free - dom beat A - cross the wil - der - ness!

A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,
A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God mend thine ev - ery flaw,

And crown thy good with broth - er - hood From sea to shin - ing sea.
Con - firm thy soul in self - con - trol, Thy lib - er - ty in law.

3 O beautiful for heroes proved
In liberating strife,
Who more than self their country loved,
And mercy more than life!
America! America!
May God thy gold refine,
Till all success be nobleness,
And every gain divine.

4 O beautiful for patriot dream
That sees, beyond the years,
Thine alabaster cities gleam,
Undimmed by human tears!
America! America!
God shed his grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea.

Katherine Lee Bates, 1859–1929

Announcements

The altar flowers are presented in loving memory of our husband/father/grandfather, Jack Fife, on the anniversary of his 94th birthday. You are greatly missed! The Jack Fife Family

Special thanks to Tom Glasser, Will Charlton, and Rich Lindner. They are reading Scripture and assisting with Holy Communion today at the 8:30, 11:00, and 6:00 services, respectively.

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

Known to be hospitalized: Fred Pellegrino recovering from surgery for a broken hip—UPMC-Passavant. Terry Alwine healing from a broken leg—Canonsburg Hospital.

Prayers for Recovery and Healing: Michelle Hopkins—chemotherapy. Al Hatala—Room 128D at Friendship Village. Vic Massack is now home recovering, as are Eleanor Dymond, Patricia VanKirk and Fritz Motzer. John (Bob) Koehnke is under hospice care at home (Asbury Place). Please keep them in your prayers, as well as all those members of the Ruthfred family who are facing health or other challenges.

Current Fund: Given by Eugene Hershberger in memory of Jim MacManus.

Pastor's Fund: Given by Leslie Horne in memory of Jim MacManus. Given by a Friend in Christ in memory of Jim MacManus. Given by Mick and Marlene Nowicki in memory of Jim MacManus. Given by Joanne Salvetti in memory of Jim MacManus.

Official Act: On Monday, June 27, 2022, at 11:00 a.m., a funeral service was held for Darryl L. Roussel in the sanctuary of our church. Our pastors and congregation extend Christian love and sympathy to Darryl's family.

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

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

Take Them a Meal: As a way to support the Taylor family, a schedule has been created at takethemameal.com, to provide them with two meals a week for a few months, June 9 through August 11. If you would like to volunteer, please go to the website, find their schedule with this password, 8593, and sign up. There are still some open slots in July and August. You will also find notes/instructions about dietary restrictions. If possible, please enter what you will be preparing so we can try to give them variety. Reminder slips with this information are available in baskets at the bottom of the stairs at the Patterson Road and back parking lot entrances. Thank you for your prayers and support for the Taylor family. Contact Jill Kurtz with any questions.

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

Announcements (cont'd)

Calling All Bookworms—We Need YOU! Our wonderful Library (located next to the Large Sunday School Room) is a fantastic resource for Christian books, DVD's, devotionals, reference manuals and more! We are looking for volunteers who can spare a few hours per month, at your convenience, to help organize, sort, label, and catalog our resources. Basic computer literacy (Excel, Word) is especially helpful, but a willing spirit is all that is needed. Elaine Widich has been undertaking this ministry by herself and could really use a few extra hands to assist. Please reach out to Melissa Bostaph (MelissaBostaph@Ruthfred.org) or see Elaine if you can help.

Young Adult Bible Study: This group will meet July 10th 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.

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 July 10 for approval at the July Council meeting. Application forms are available on the table at the bottom of the stairs near the Fellowship Hall or by calling the church office. Please place completed applications in the Council Secretary mail slot in the Conference Room.

Employment Opportunity at Ruthfred:

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

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

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

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

Expenses Compared to Receipts				
<u>RECEIPTS AND EXPENSES OF BUDGETED FUNDS</u>	Member Donations	Transfers Other	Less:	
			Actual Expenses	Surplus/ (Shortfall)
Year to Date May 31, 2022				
Current	383,944*	(26,000)	331,742	26,203
Building	14,642		13,980	662
Benevolence	64,870	26,000	81,838	9,032
Totals	463,456		427,560	35,897

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

For The Month of July

Acolytes:

8:30 a.m. (7/3)
(7/10)
(7/17)
(7/24)
(7/31)

Isaiah Compel
Jonathan Tarrant
Isaiah Compel
Noah McMinn
Jonathan Tarrant

11:00 a.m. (7/3)
(7/10)
(7/17)
(7/24)
(7/31)

Noah McMinn
Noah McMinn
Elias Manzo
Josh Cimarolli
Josh Cimarolli

Flag Bearers in Celebration of 4th of July

8:30 a.m. (7/3)

Josh Cimarolli
Isaiah Compel

1 1:00 a.m. (7/3)

Noah McMinn

Altar Guild:

Elaine Widich

Counters:

8:30 a.m.

Tom Glasser, Eric Wente

1 1:00 a.m.

Kris Wente, Josh Cox

Ushers:

8:30 a.m.

Bernard Paterra, John Ruzicka

1 1:00 a.m.

Will Charlton, Mark Hisdorf

Coffee Hour:

Handshue Family

[illegible]

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

Adult Sunday School Class Today In Large Classroom

Following up on Pastor McMinn's solid series on the Ten Commandments, we are undertaking 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.

~~~~~

## **Today in the Upper Room**

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

~~~~~

Journey Through the Word Summer Session

Wednesdays, June 15-August 10

10:00-11:30 a.m.

Biblical TV Series "The Chosen" Season 2

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

~~~~~

## **Summer Sunday School for Kids**

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

## YOUTH NEWS:

### SWAP (6-8 Grade)

Work Camp—July 3-8

There is NO **SWAP** tonight because of Work Camp.

### TNT (9-12 Grade)

Work Camp—July 3-8

TNT will NOT meet this week because of Work Camp.



SAVE THE DATE  
FLY Beyond July 17-21

~~~~~

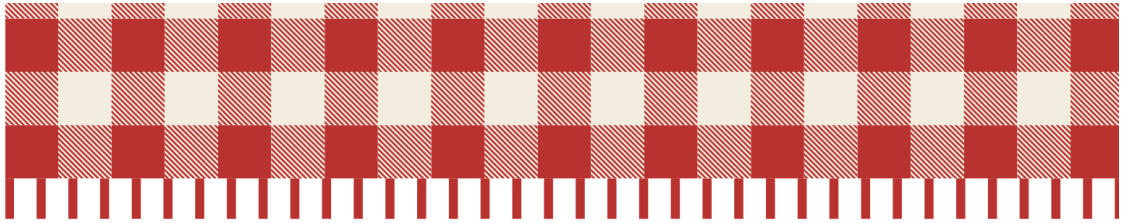
Questions/concerns?

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

SUMMER READING PROGRAM FOR KIDS!

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





SAVE THE DATE!

***ANNUAL
RUTHFRED LUTHERAN
CHURCH PICNIC***

Saturday, August 20th

3 pm - 7:00 pm

Ruthfred Ballfield

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

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



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



Registration

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

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

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

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

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

This Week At Ruthfred

Today (7/3) 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

HAPPY 95TH BIRTHDAY ELIZABETH WOOD

HAPPY 92ND BIRTHDAY FRITZ HEILMAN

Monday (7/4) INDEPENDENCE DAY

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday (7/5)

7:00 p.m.—Worship Team

Wednesday (7/6)

10:00 a.m.—Journey Through the Word

Friday (7/8)

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

Saturday (7/9)

9:30 a.m.—Mary Bible Study (Fireside Lounge)

Sunday (7/10)

8:30 a.m.—Worship Service

9:45 a.m.—Sunday School

11:00 a.m.—Worship Service

Welcome to worship in Jesus' name. As we pray today
that God bless America, may the whole world know
God's goodness and live in peace and love.

Attendance for Last Week:

Church...207 Sunday School...58

8:30 Live Stream...43

JTTW...17

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 only).

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

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

[illegible]