

RUTHFRED LUTHERAN CHURCH

Welcome to Ruthfred Lutheran Church!

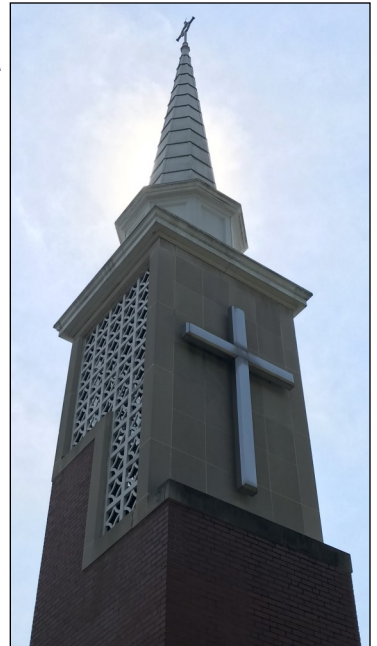
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We are delighted to have you with us this morning as we gather to worship the Lord Jesus Christ.

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 plate as it passes before you.

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 in Advent, December 19, 2021

Prelude:

Pastorale and Fugue on “From Heaven on High”

(J. Pachelbel)

**The Opening
Hymn:
"Of the Father's
Love Begotten"**
(AMB40)

(Please stand as we
join our hearts in
song)

1 Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten Ere the worlds be -
 2 Oh, that birth for - ev - er bless - ed, When the vir - gin,
 3 This is He whom seers in old time Chant - ed of with
 4 Let the heights of heav'n a - dore Him; An - gel hosts, His
 5 Christ, to Thee, with God the Fa - ther, And, O Ho - ly

gan to be, He is Al - pha and O - me - ga,
 full of grace, By the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing,
 one ac - cord, Whom the voic - es of the proph - ets
 prais - es sing; Pow'rs, do - min - ions, bow be - fore Him
 Ghost, to Thee, Hymn and chant and high thanks - giv - ing

He the source, the end - ing He, Of the things that are, that
 Bore the Sav - ior of our race, And the babe, the world's re -
 Prom - ised in their faith - ful word; Now He shines, the long - ex -
 And ex - tol our God and King; Let no tongue on earth be
 And un - wear - ied prais - es be: Hon - or, glo - ry, and do -

have been, And that fu - ture years shall see,
 deem - er, First re - vealed His sa - cred face,
 pect - ed; Let cre - a - tion praise its Lord
 si - lent, Ev - 'ry voice in con - cert ring
 min - ion, And e - ter - nal vic - to - ry

Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
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 Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
 Ev - er - more and ev - er - more. A - men

Text: Marcus Aurelius Clemens Prudentius, 348-413; tr. composite
 Tune: plainsong, Mode V, 13th c.

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM
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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 Confession of Sin (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 forgave the iniquity of my sin. (Psalm 32:5)

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

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

(Silent Prayer of Personal Confession)

Together:

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

The Absolution:

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

C: Amen

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

“Kyrie” is from the Greek word 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: Drop down, you heavens, from above.

C: And let the skies pour down righteousness. Let the earth open.

P: And let them bring forth salvation. The heavens declare the glory of God.

C: And the firmament shows his handiwork.

(Isaiah 45:8; Psalm 19: 1)

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.

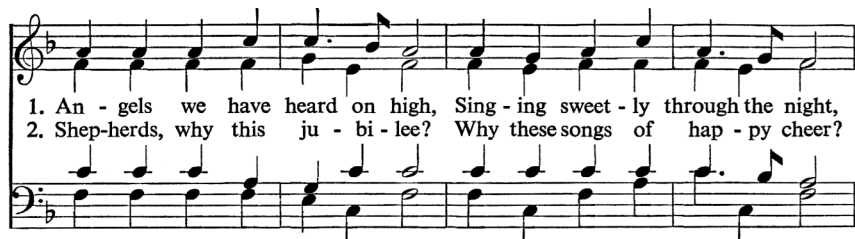
P: Help, save, pity and defend us, O God, by thy grace.

C: Amen.

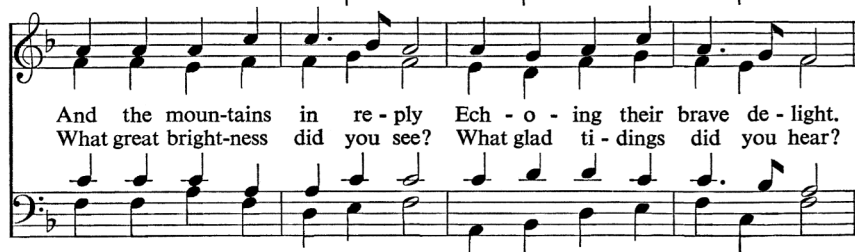
The Hymn of Praise:

"Angels, We Have Heard on High"

(SBH30)



1. An - gels we have heard on high, Sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,
2. Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why these songs of hap - py cheer?



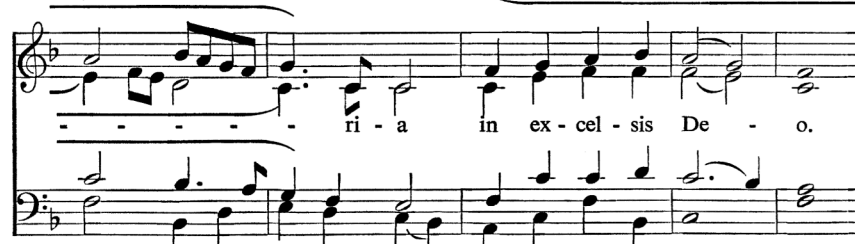
And the moun - tains in re - ply Ech - o - ing their brave de - light,
What great bright - ness did you see? What glad ti - dings did you hear?



Glo - - - - - ri - a



in ex - cel - sis De - o, Glo - - - - -



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3 Come to Bethlehem and see
Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee
Christ, the Lord, the new-born King.

4 See him in a manger laid
Whom the angels praise above;
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,
While we raise our hearts in love.

*Traditional French carol
Alt., Earl Marlatt, 1892-*

The "collect" is a prayer of the day for each day in the liturgical calendar. It is meant to "collect" the prayers of God's people.

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

The Collect:

P: The Lord be with you:

C: And with thy spirit.

P: Let us pray: Stir up your power O Lord, we pray. Come and with great might help and deliver us, that by the help of your grace whatsoever is hindered by our sins may be readily accomplished through your mercy and grace; who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end.

C: Amen

The Old Testament Lesson: Micah 5:1-5a; 7:14-20 (NASB)

¹ Now muster yourselves in troops, daughter of troops; they have laid siege against us; with a rod they will smite the judge of Israel on the cheek. ² But as for you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you One will go forth for Me to be ruler in Israel. His goings forth are from long ago, from the days of eternity." ³ Therefore He will give them up until the time when she who is in labor has borne a child. Then the remainder of His brethren will return to the sons of Israel. ⁴ And He will arise and shepherd His flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord His God. And they will remain, because at that time He will be great to the ends of the earth. ⁵ This One will be our peace.

¹⁴ Shepherd Your people with Your scepter, the flock of Your possession which dwells by itself in the woodland, in the midst of a fruitful field. Let them feed in Bashan and Gilead as in the days of old. ¹⁵ "As in the days when you came out from the land of Egypt, I will show you miracles." ¹⁶ Nations will see and be ashamed of all their might. They will put their hand on their mouth, their ears will be deaf. ¹⁷ They will lick the dust like a serpent, like reptiles of the earth. They will come trembling out of their fortresses; to the Lord our God they will come in dread and they will be afraid before You. ¹⁸ Who is a God like You, who pardons iniquity and passes over the rebellious act of the remnant of His possession? He does not retain His anger forever, because He delights in unchanging love. ¹⁹ He will again have compassion on us; He will tread our iniquities under foot. Yes, You will cast all their sins into the depths of the sea. ²⁰ You will give truth to Jacob and unchanging love to Abraham, which You swore to our forefathers from the days of old.

The Magnificat: (Read Responsively, Luke 1: 46-55)

P: And Mary said: My soul exalts the Lord.

C: And my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior.

P: For He has had regard for the humble state of His bonds slave; for behold, from this time on all generations will count me blessed.

C: For the Mighty One has done great things for me; and holy is His name.

P: AND HIS MERCY IS UPON GENERATION AFTER GENERATION TOWARD THOSE WHO FEAR HIM.

C: He has done mighty deeds with His arm; He has scattered *those who were* proud in the thoughts of their heart.

P: He has brought down rulers from *their* thrones, and has exalted those who were humble.

C: HE HAS FILLED THE HUNGRY WITH GOOD THINGS; and sent away the rich empty handed.

P: He has given help to Israel His servant, in remembrance of His mercy.

C: As He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and his descendants forever.

The Epistle Lesson: Hebrews 10:5-10 (NASB)

⁵ Therefore, when He comes into the world, He says, "Sacrifice and offering You have not desired, but a body You have prepared for Me; ⁶ In whole burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin You have taken no pleasure. ⁷ "Then I said, 'Behold, I have come (In the scroll of the book it is written of Me) to do Your will, O God.'" ⁸ After saying above, "Sacrifices and offerings and whole burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin You have not desired, nor have You taken pleasure in them" (which are offered according to the Law), ⁹ then He said, "Behold, I have come to do Your will." He takes away the first in order to establish the second. ¹⁰ By this will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

The Gradual:

The Lord is near unto all them that call upon him. To all that call upon him in truth. My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord and let all flesh bless his holy Name. Alleluia, alleluia. You are my help and my deliverer. Make no delay, O my God. Alleluia. (Psalm 145:18, 21; 70:5)

The Alleluia (Sung in Unison)

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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 Holy Gospel Lesson: Luke 1: 39-45 (NASB)

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

³⁹ Now at this time Mary arose and went in a hurry to the hill country, to a city of Judah, ⁴⁰ and entered the house of Zacharias and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹ When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the baby leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. ⁴² And she cried out with a loud voice and said, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! ⁴³ And how has it happened to me, that the mother of my Lord would come to me? ⁴⁴ For behold, when the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby leaped in my womb for joy. ⁴⁵ And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what had been spoken to her by the Lord.”

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

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

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

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

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

The Special Music

8:30 Bell Choir—*“Christmas Medley”* (Arr. Purifoy)

11:00 Senior Choir—*“Savior of the Nations, Come”* (Roff)

Savior of the Nations, Come

Savior of the nations, come! Leave for us thy glorious home!
Glad hosannas we will sing, Greeting thee, our Heavenly King,
Greeting our Redeemer.

With true loyalty and love, We receive thee from above,
Making solemn vow to pay, Full allegiance to thy sway,
Welcome, O Redeemer!

Welcome to this vale of tears, Now in ripeness of the years,
Born as man with men to dwell, Come, our true Emmanuel,
Come, O come, Redeemer!

The Lighting Of The Fourth Advent Candle

The Reading of the Prophecy: Isaiah 9:2

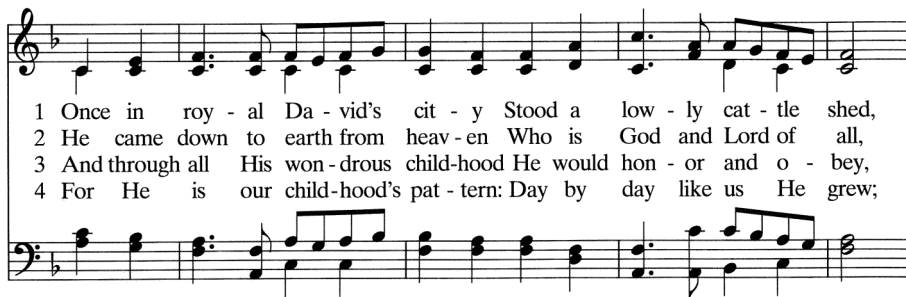
The Reading of the Fulfillment: John 8:12

The Announcements

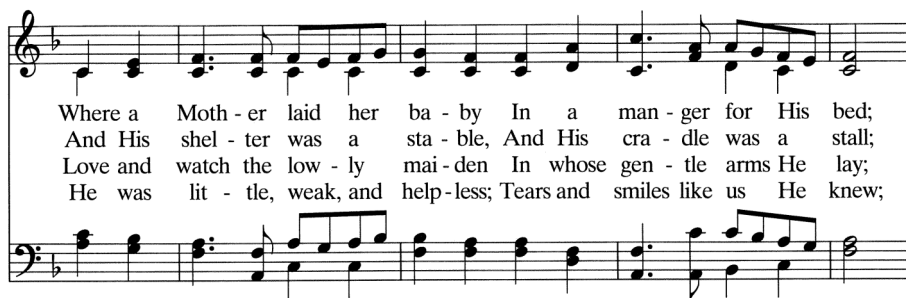
The Children’s Object Lesson

The Sermon Hymn:

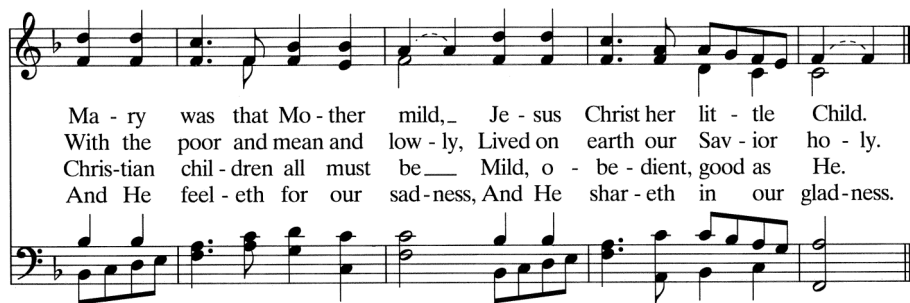
"Once in Royal David's City" (AMB37)



1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y Stood a low - ly cat - tle shed,
 2 He came down to earth from heav - en Who is God and Lord of all,
 3 And through all His won - drous child-hood He would hon - or and o - bey,
 4 For He is our child-hood's pat - tern: Day by day like us He grew;



Where a Moth - er laid her ba - by In a man - ger for His bed;
 And His shel - ter was a sta - ble, And His cra - dle was a stall;
 Love and watch the low - ly mai - den In whose gen - tle arms He lay;
 He was lit - tle, weak, and help - less; Tears and smiles like us He knew;



Ma - ry was that Mo - ther mild, Je - sus Christ her lit - tle Child.
 With the poor and mean and low - ly, Lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.
 Chris - tian chil - dren all must be Mild, o - be - dient, good as He.
 And He feel - eth for our sad - ness, And He shar - eth in our glad - ness.

5 And our eyes at last shall see Him
 Through His own redeeming love,
 For that Child so dear and gentle
 Is our Lord in heav'n above;
 And He leads His children on
 To the place where He is gone.

6 Not in that poor lowly stable,
 With the oxen standing by,
 We shall see Him; but in heaven,
 Set at God's right hand on high,
 When like stars His children crowned
 All in white shall wait around.

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:

"The Promise of God: The Shepherd of Peace & The Bread of Life is Coming" | Micah 5:1-5a; 7:14-20

1. Smite:
2. Site:
3. Son:
4. Shepherd:
5. Scepter:
6. Sin:
7. Sacrifice:
8. Salvation:

The Offertory Response

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:

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

(SBH27, 1st tune)

The Silent Prayer & Chimes

Postlude:

Improvisation

1. O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, How still we see thee lie!
2. For Christ is born of Ma - . . ry, And gath - ered all a - bove,

A - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep The si - lent stars go by;
While mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep Their watch of won - dering love.

Yet in thy dark streets shin - eth The ev - er - last - ing Light;
O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er Pro - claim the ho - ly birth,

The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee to-night.
And prais - es sing to God the King, And peace to men on earth! A-men.

3 How silently, how silently,
The wondrous Gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts
The blessings of his heaven.
No ear may hear his coming,
But in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive him, still
The dear Christ enters in.

4 O holy Child of Bethlehem,
Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in,
Be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
The great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us,
Our Lord Immanuel! Amen.

Phillips Brooks, 1835-93

Announcements

The altar flowers are presented by Elizabeth and John Stilley with thanks to God for 61 years of a blessed and loving marriage.

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

Known to be hospitalized: Terry Alwine—Canonsburg Hospital after surgery to repair his shattered elbow; Ray Feller—Canonsburg Hospital after hip surgery on Tuesday; Nancy McCloskey has been moved from Jefferson Hospital to the Baptist Home. She is in Room 209. Please support all three members, as well as their families, with your prayers and cards.

2021 Contributions: Financial contributions to be recorded in the year 2021 must be postmarked by Friday, December 31, 2021. Contributions postmarked after December 31st will be recorded in 2022.

Baptist Home Angel Tree Thank You: I want to thank everyone who gave Christmas gifts to the residents of the Baptist Home. The Baptist Home was very appreciative of your generosity.
Jan Ruzicka

The Women's Ministry would like to thank everyone for all their help with the Christmas Luncheon. The Cox family prepared a delicious lunch. Joanne Salvetti made the beautiful snowflake cookies for each place setting. Joanne and Arlene Ball worked the kitchen along with the Coxes and servers: Rich Rostauscher, Bill Rotz, Ned Wellman, Terry Williams, Colton, and Maddie. Rory Smith played his guitar and led the sing-along. Brian set the up stage and all the tables, and Sally Ondrejko prepared the programs and song sheets. A huge thank-you to all!!

Ruthfred Church Staff News: At the Church Council Meeting on the 13th A. J. Dolence was hired as part time Livestream & Social Media Assistant. At the same meeting Council re-opened the search for Accounting Manager. The individual who had been hired decided that it was more than he was wanting to undertake.

2022 VBS Director Needed: Please let one of the pastors know if you are interested in leading this vibrant, week-long summer program for kids.

Council News: The Nominating Committee submitted their slate of candidates to the Council, which in turn approved the slate. A big thank you goes to all of the Committee members for their time and effort: Mark Arelt, Steve Cox, Connie Munn, Paula Mikulan, and Caleb Cox. Also, the Council approved improvements to the Fellowship Hall. Painting has begun and will be finished prior to the start of carpet installation on December 27th.

New Year's Eve: There will NOT be an event at the church on New Year's Eve this year because of the number of Christmas events on the calendar.

Sunday School on December 26th: No formal Children's Sunday School will be held on the 26th (to give our teachers a Christmas break). Adult Sunday School **will** be held that day. Instead of the study of Romans that day, Pastor Carlson will be leading the singing of favorite Christmas carols and providing the stories behind some of them. If parents wish to attend the adult class, there will be places for children to go: the Nursery will be staffed for ages 3 and under; a Christian movie will be shown and supervised in the Fellowship Hall for grades Pre-K to 5; youth in grades 6 to 8 may attend the high school class, the movie, or the adult class.

Announcements

Thank you for the Adopt A Family Gift cards!!! Last Monday evening I dropped off 90 gift cards totaling just over \$3,300 to Adopt A Family/South Hills. Please know that these gift cards will make a world of difference to so many struggling local families this Christmas. Your generosity continues to amaze me! An added thank you to everyone who provided a gift receipt or wrote the gift card amount on their envelope. It was a huge help with the sorting & organizing! Thank you, **Carol Ward**

The 2022 Flower Chart is now available for your Sunday reservations for altar flowers. It is located by the water fountain in the Patterson Road hallway. Please sign-up if you are able, especially for the January slots.

2022 OFFERING ENVELOPES: are by the elevators near the Sanctuary. Please pick your envelopes up this morning if you have not already done so! After today the envelopes will be moved to the Library.

The 2022 Coffee Hour Sign-up Sheet is now posted on the wall near the kitchen and Fireside Lounge.

Lutherans for Life Quote: “The birth of Christ is the ultimate solution to the loneliness that began in the Garden of Eden. Jesus came because God cares about lonely people, and so should we. Find opportunities to give lonely people gifts—not merely physical items, but the gift of your time, presence, and encouragement. May the glorious Gospel that is preached to you in the birth of Jesus be the gospel that you preach to yourself and your family this month.” — *Paul David Tripp, pastor, author, conference speaker*



Adult SS Class Today In Large Classroom

Pastor Carlson is teaching the Adult Sunday School Class on the book of Romans. This book contains the most complete and comprehensive explanations of the teachings of the Christian faith. Each week we will be doing a chapter overview while also doing a deep dive to discover particular gems. Whether you have never read the book, or have it memorized, this will be a great opportunity for you to grow in your understanding of your Christian faith! Today we are studying Chapter 10.

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## **Today in the Upper Room**

**Forgiving What You Can't Forget**—Join us for a continuing 6-week Bible study in which author Lysa TerKeurst shares her personal journey with forgiveness and what the Bible has to say about letting go of resentment and finding peace. In each individual session, we will explore a step-by-step plan to free ourselves from hurt, disempower triggers that hijack our emotions, deal with difficult relationships, and discover the life-giving freedom that our souls desperately need. All are welcome to join—drop in on any one of the sessions!!!

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YOUTH NEWS

SWAP (6-8th Grades)

There will be no SWAP meeting tonight or next Sunday.

TNT (9-12th Grades)

There will be no TNT meeting this week. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, December 28.

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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 (12/19) 4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ADVENT**

8:30 a.m.— Worship Service

9:45 a.m.—Sunday School

11:00 a.m.—Worship Service

Herald deadline

## Tuesday (12/21)

7:00 p.m.—Worship Team

# Happy 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday to Lorraine Christman

## Wednesday (12/22)

5:45 p.m.—Children's Choir

7:30 p.m.—Senior Choir

**Friday (12/24) CHRISTMAS EVE**

5:00 p.m.—Worship Service

7:00 p.m.—Worship Service

9:00 p.m.—Worship Service

## Saturday (12/25) CHRISTMAS DAY

10:00 a.m.—Communion Service

## Sunday (12/26)

8:30 a.m.—Worship Service

9:45 a.m.—Adult Sunday School

11:00 a.m.—Worship Service

Welcome to Ruthfred Lutheran Church on this fourth Sunday of Advent. In worship, Christian education, fellowship, and service we continue to look toward the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Attendance for Last Week:

Church...291 Sunday School...97

8:30 Live Stream Participants...54

## 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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