



RUTHFRED LUTHERAN CHURCH

Welcome to Ruthfred Lutheran Church!

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

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

About Us:

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



Our cover is a paper cut or *scherschnitte* 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 Lent, March 27, 2022

Prelude:

“Allegro Moderato”

(G. F. Handel)

“Andante”

(G. F. Handel)

“La Rejouissance”

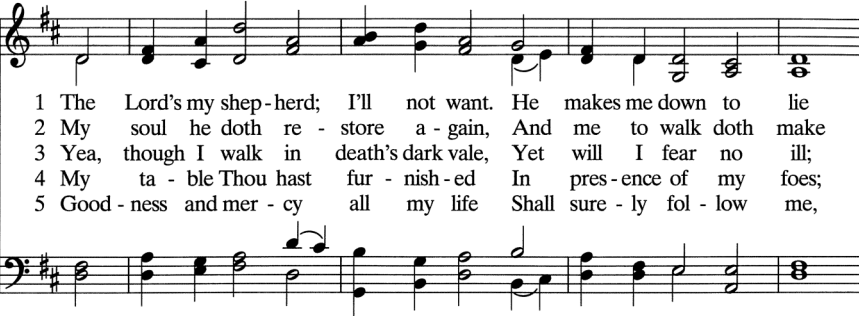
(G. F. Handel)

The Opening Hymn:

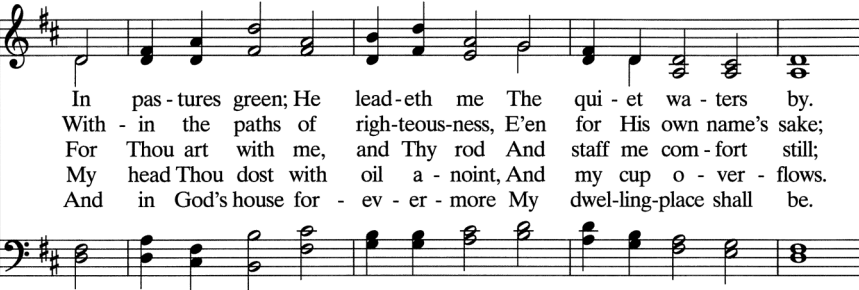
“The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want”

(AMB569)

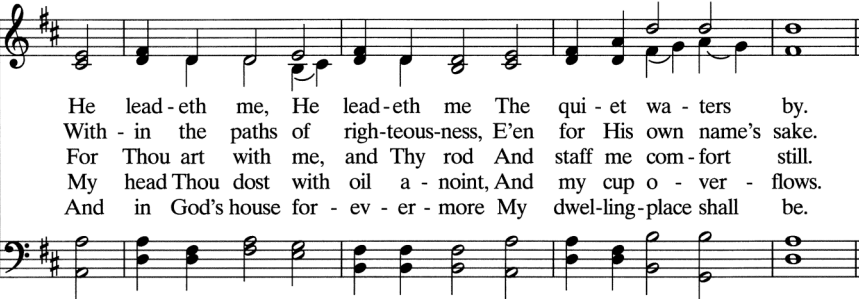
(Please stand as we
join our hearts in
song)



1 The Lord's my shep-herd; I'll not want. He makes me down to lie
2 My soul he doth re-store a-gain, And me to walk doth make
3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, Yet will I fear no ill;
4 My ta-ble Thou hast fur-nish-ed In pres-ence of my foes;
5 Good-ness and mer-cy all my life Shall sure-ly fol-low me,



In pas-tures green; He lead-eth me The qui-et wa-ters by.
With-in the paths of righ-teous-ness, E'en for His own name's sake;
For Thou art with me, and Thy rod And staff me com-fort still;
My head Thou dost with oil a-noint, And my cup o-ver-flows.
And in God's house for-ev-er-more My dwel-ling-place shall be.



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Text: Psalter, Edinburgh, 1650
Tune: J. L. Macbeth Bain, ca. 1840–1925, adapt.

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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 Sin (SBH, p. 41)

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

Our help is in the name of the Lord

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

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

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

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

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

(Silent Prayer of Personal Confession)

Together:

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

The Absolution:

P: The Almighty and merciful God grant unto you, being penitent, pardon and remission of all your sins, time for amendment of life, and the grace and comfort of His Holy Spirit.

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: Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad with her.

C: All you that love her. Rejoice for joy with her.

P: All you that mourn for her. I was glad when they said to me.

C: Let us go into the house of the Lord.

(Isaiah 66:10; Psalm 122:1)

The Gloria Patri (Sung in Unison; SBH p. 41)

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

The Kyrie (Sung in Unison; SBH p. 48)

P: Lord, have mercy upon us.

C: Lord, have mercy upon us.

P: Christ, have mercy upon us.

C: Christ, have mercy upon us.

P: Lord, have mercy upon us.

C: Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Hymn of Praise:

"Doxology" (SBH602)

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise

The first system of musical notation for the hymn. It consists of a treble and a bass staff, both in the key of D major (indicated by two sharps). The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. The lyrics are written below the staves.

him, all crea - tures here be - low; Praise him a - bove, ye

The second system of musical notation. It continues the melody and bass line from the first system. The lyrics are written below the staves.

heaven - ly host; Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A-men.

The third system of musical notation, which concludes the hymn. It includes a double bar line at the end of the melody. The lyrics are written below the staves.

Thomas Ken, 1637-1711

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: Grant, we beseech You, Almighty God, that we, who for our evil deeds do worthily deserve to be punished, by the comfort of Your grace may mercifully be relieved; 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 Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 12 (NASB)

¹ Then you will say on that day, “I will give thanks to You, O Lord; for although You were angry with me, Your anger is turned away, and You comfort me.” ² “Behold, God is my salvation, I will trust and not be afraid; for the Lord God is my strength and song, and He has become my salvation.” ³ Therefore you will joyously draw water from the springs of salvation. ⁴ And in that day you will say, “Give thanks to the Lord, call on His name. Make known His deeds among the peoples; make them remember that His name is exalted.” ⁵ Praise the Lord in song, for He has done excellent things; let this be known throughout the earth. ⁶ Cry aloud and shout for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

The Psalm: Psalm 32:1-5 (NASB)

P: How blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered!

C: How blessed is the man to whom the Lord does not impute iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit!

P: When I kept silent about my sin, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long.

C: For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me; my vitality was drained away as with the fever heat of summer. Selah.

P: I acknowledged my sin to You, and my iniquity I did not hide;

C: I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord”; and You forgave the guilt of my sin. Selah.

The Epistle Lesson: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 (NASB)

¹⁶ Therefore from now on we recognize no one according to the flesh; even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know Him in this way no longer. ¹⁷ Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come. ¹⁸ Now all these things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation, ¹⁹ namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and He has committed to us the word of reconciliation. ²⁰ Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were making an appeal through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹ He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

The Gradual:

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.

I was glad when they said to me: let us go into the house of the Lord. Peace be within your walls and prosperity within your palaces. They that trust in the Lord shall be as Mount Zion, which cannot be removed, but abides forever. (Psalm 122:1, 7; 125:1)

Following the Gradual reading, the congregation shall sing.

The Sentence for Lent

Christ hath humbled himself, and become obedient unto death: even the death of the Cross.

The Holy Gospel Lesson: John 4:3-30, 39-42 (NASB)

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

³ He [Jesus] left Judea and went away again into Galilee. ⁴ And He had to pass through Samaria. ⁵ So He came to a city of Samaria called Sychar, near the parcel of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph; ⁶ and Jacob’s well was there. So Jesus, being wearied from His journey, was sitting thus by the well. It was about the sixth hour. ⁷ There came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus said to her, “Give Me a drink.” ⁸ For His disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. ⁹ Therefore the Samaritan woman said to Him, “How is it that You, being a Jew, ask me for a drink since I am a Samaritan woman?” (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) ¹⁰ Jesus answered and said to her, “If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, ‘Give Me a drink,’ you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water.” ¹¹ She said to Him, “Sir, You have nothing to draw with

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The Holy Gospel Lesson: John 4:3-30, 39-42 (NASB) (cont'd)

and the well is deep; where then do You get that living water?

¹² You are not greater than our father Jacob, are You, who gave us the well, and drank of it himself and his sons and his cattle?" ¹³

Jesus answered and said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again; ¹⁴ but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him shall never thirst; but the water that I will give him will become in him a well of water springing up to eternal life." ¹⁵ The woman

said to Him, "Sir, give me this water, so I will not be thirsty nor come all the way here to draw." ¹⁶ He said to her, "Go, call your husband and come here." ¹⁷ The woman answered and said, "I have no

husband." Jesus said to her, "You have correctly said, 'I have no husband'; ¹⁸ for you have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your husband; this you have said truly." ¹⁹ The

woman said to Him, "Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet. ²⁰ Our fathers worshiped in this mountain, and you people say that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship." ²¹ Jesus said

to her, "Woman, believe Me, an hour is coming when neither in this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. ²² You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³ But an hour is coming, and now is,

when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for such people the Father seeks to be His worshipers. ²⁴ God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth." ²⁵ The woman said to Him, "I know that Messiah is coming

(He who is called Christ); when that One comes, He will declare all things to us." ²⁶ Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am He." ²⁷ At this point His disciples came, and they were amazed that He had been speaking with a woman, yet no one said, "What do You

seek?" or, "Why do You speak with her?" ²⁸ So the woman left her waterpot, and went into the city and said to the men, ²⁹ "Come, see a man who told me all the things that I have done; this is not the Christ, is it?" ³⁰ They went out of the city, and were coming to Him.

³⁹ From that city many of the Samaritans believed in Him because of the word of the woman who testified, "He told me all the things that I have done." ⁴⁰ So when the Samaritans came to Jesus, they were asking Him to stay with them; and He stayed there two days.

⁴¹ Many more believed because of His word; ⁴² and they were saying to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves and know that this One is indeed the Savior of the world." .

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 Senior Choir—*Rejoice!* (Courtney)

11:00 Peggy Arelt, piano—*Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross* (Broughton)

Rejoice!

Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I say rejoice.
Rejoice, ye pure in heart, Rejoice, give thanks and sing;
Your festive banner wave on high, The cross of Christ your King.
Rejoice, give thanks and sing.


Be anxious for nothing;
But in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving
let your requests be made known to God.
And the peace of God, which passes all understanding,
will keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I say rejoice.
Go on through life's long path, Still chanting as ye go;
From youth to age, by night and day, In gladness and in woe:
Rejoice, give thanks and sing.


The Announcements

The Children's Object Lesson


The Sermon Hymn: "Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain" (AMB419)



1 Come to Cal - v'ry's ho - ly moun-tain, Sin - ners, ru - ined by the fall;
2 Come in pov - er - ty and mean-ness, Come de - filed with - out, with - in;
3 Come in sor - row and con - tri - tion, Wound-ed, im - po - tent, and blind;
4 He that drinks shall live for ev - er; 'Tis a soul re - new-ing flood:



Here a pure and heal - ing foun-tain Flows to you, to me, to all;
From in - fec - tion and un-clean-ness, From the lep - ro - sy of sin,
Here the guilt - y free re - mis - sion, Here the troub-led peace may find:
God is faith - ful; God will nev - er Break His cov - e - nant of blood,



In a full per - pet - ual tide, O - pened when our Sav - ior died.
Wash your robes and make them white; Ye shall walk with God in light.
Health this foun-tain will re - store; He that drinks shall thirst no more.
Signed when our Re - deem - er died, Seal'd when He was glo - ri - fied.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854
Tune: Ludvig M. Lindeman, 1812–1887

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The Sermon is the central component of our Worship. In it, we hear God's Word taught and explained. We hear His Law, convicting of sin and guiding the believer. We also hear the promises of His Gospel, the Good News of Christ's work for us—His redemption, forgiveness and provision of life eternal.

The Sermon: "Divine Water: Loving & Living; Cleansing & Creating" | John 4:3-30, 39-42

Sermon Notes:

1. Divine Appointment:
2. Divine Thirst:
3. Drink Requested:
4. Dilemma of depth:
5. Drink Requested:
6. Dilemma of life:
7. Distraction of religion:
8. Declaration of truth
9. Disciples amazed:
10. Discovery of many because of the testimony of one:

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:

"There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood"

(AMB412)

The Silent Prayer & Chimes

The Postlude:

"Jig Fugue"

(D. Buxtehude)

1 There is a foun - tain filled with blood Drawn from Im - man - uel's veins,
2 The dy - ing thief re - joiced to see That foun-tain in his day,
3 Dear dy - ing Lamb, Thy pre - cious blood Shall nev - er lose its pow'r,
4 E'er since by faith I saw the stream Thy flow-ing wounds sup - ply,
5 When this poor lisp - ing, stam-m'ring tongue Lies si - lent in the grave,

And sin - ners plunged be - neath that flood Lose all their guilt - y stains:
And there may I, though vile as he, Wash all my sins a - way:
Till all the ran - somed Church of God Be saved to sin no more:
Re - deem-ing love has been my theme And shall be till I die:
Then in a no - bler, sweet - er song, I'll sing Thy pow'r to save:

Lose all their guilt - y stains, Lose all their guilt - y stains;
Wash all my sins a - way, Wash all my sins a - way;
Be saved to sin no more, Be saved to sin no more;
And shall be till I die, And shall be till I die;
I'll sing Thy pow'r to save, I'll sing Thy pow'r to save;

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Text: William Cowper, 1731-1800
Tune: American melody

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Announcements

The altar flowers are presented by Diane Lewis to the glory of God in honor of her sister, Caryl Hansen's, 90th birthday on March 26.

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

Prayers for Recovery and Healing: Michelle Hopkins is undergoing chemotherapy. Fritz Heilman is at home recovering from a fall. Patty Sanders is at home after a brief stay at St. Clair Hospital. Marcia Pavesi continues to fight pancreatic cancer. Please keep them in your prayers, as well as all those in the Ruthfred family who are facing health or other challenges.

Current Fund: Given by Pam Jackson Hollenbach in memory of Pastor Dennis — in thanksgiving for her catechism class in the early 1950's. Her parents were Richard and Irene Jackson.

Music Fund: Given by Cindy Schreiner in memory of Will and Alma Vogel. Given by a Friend in Christ in memory of Will and Alma Vogel.

Pastor's Fund: Given by Mark and Edda Sheatsley in loving memory of Edda's mother, Benita Nunez.

A Sincere Thank You from Edda Sheatsley for the cards, words of encouragement, Pastor's visit, and prayers regarding the loss of her mother: "It's truly a blessing for me and my family. I'm comforted in knowing she believed in Jesus as her Lord and Savior."

Meals on Wheels Collection: This outreach organization at Grace Lutheran Church in South Park needs bottled salad dressing from now until Palm Sunday, April 10th. Their preferred sources would be Aldi's or The Dollar Store. Please place these items in the bin outside the kitchen. They are grateful for any donation. If you have questions, please contact Carol Ward.

Easter Flower Orders: Please consider ordering a tulip or a lily in memory of or in honor of a loved one to decorate our beautiful sanctuary for Easter. Envelopes will be available in the pew racks from now until April 3. **The cost for a tulip or a lily is \$12.00.** Place your cash or check in the envelope and write your dedication, name, and type of flower you prefer on the outside of the envelope. Envelopes may be placed in the collection baskets or in the box in the office.



Family Easter Festival: The 3rd annual festival for young families returns on April 10, 4-6 p.m.! Activities are geared to children ages 2-8, but ALL are welcome. Inviting friends is encouraged. Please take a postcard located at the base of the stairwell, if needed. To ensure adequate supplies and food, sign-up is REQUIRED by April 3, either on the website: ruthfred.org/announcements OR on the list posted next to the Nursery.

Volunteer/Donation opportunities for the Family Easter Festival: Donations of desserts are needed for the Festival. Please sign up on the list at the base of the stairs, or contact Peggy Cox. The response for volunteer staffers for the activities was great, but we could still use one or two more willing "where needed" helpers. Contact Barb Harrold, brharrold@comcast.net to volunteer.

Young Adult Bible Study: This group will meet **today** at 6:30 p.m. at Andrew and Cassie Vogel's house (please note the change of location). All young adults are welcome to join. For questions or further information, please contact Andrew at andrewvogel@ruthfred.org.

Lost and Found: A pair of women's glasses with red frames was found after the Ash Wednesday service. They are on the window ledge in the Office for the owner to claim

Announcements (cont'd)

Lenten Soup and Salad Suppers: Please join us for soup and salad suppers on Wednesday evenings from 6—7 p.m. An evening service will follow at 7:30 p.m. If you attend the 2:00 p.m. service, you are welcome to attend the supper also. Peggy Cox will be organizing the food. Joanne Salvetti will be coordinating volunteers for setting up, serving, and cleaning up. Please contact Joanne at 724-206-0744 if you are able to help. Thank you in advance!

VBS Work Days: The South Hills Bible Chapel has graciously accepted Ruthfred as a partner in producing scenery for VBS this year. While each church will have its own VBS program in different weeks, the two churches will share scenery. Work days for creating the scenery have begun. If you are able and willing to help, you can join the fun on Tuesdays from 6—8 p.m. or Wednesdays from 12—3 p.m. Use Door 2 on Tuesday or Door 5 on Wednesday (ring the bell). Meetings will continue into April. For questions, please contact Jason Weighley.

Youth Bible Camperships: \$100 Bible Camperships are available to our youth attending a Christian camp. All camperships must be approved by Church Council. Deadline to submit an application is Sunday, April 10, 2022, for approval at the April Council meeting. Please place applications in the Council Secretary mail slot in the Conference Room.

City Mission Food Sunday is Next Sunday, April 3: This is our monthly food collection for the City Mission in Washington, PA. There is a flyer with needed items on the bulletin board across from the downstairs elevator. Donations can be placed in the bin outside the kitchen. Thank you for helping!

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

Lutherans for Life Quote: “You and I are God’s workmanship as well. In and of ourselves we have nothing to offer God. But He gave us His Son, eternal life, forgiveness of sins, as well as the grace to serve Him. By God’s tender-mercies we are qualified to serve Him now and forevermore!” — *Redeemer Lutheran Church, Sister Lakes, MI*

Employment Opportunities at Ruthfred:

Parish Assistant: We are looking for a member of Ruthfred with a heart to serve Jesus and His church. The Parish Assistant performs a variety of ministry tasks in support of the ministries and pastors of Ruthfred. The position would be part time, 28 to 30 hours/week. The job description is posted on the church website. Interested persons should submit resumes to the Ruthfred Personnel Committee through the church office, c/o SallyOndrejko@ruthfred.org. Contact Kevin Boehme, Personnel Committee Chairman, at (724) 942-4551, for more information.

Administrative Assistant: We are looking for another member of Ruthfred with a heart to serve Jesus and our congregation. This person performs a variety of clerical tasks in support of the pastors and other Ruthfred staff members. The position would be part time, 15 to 20 hours/week. The job description is posted on the church website. Interested persons should submit resumes to the Ruthfred Personnel Committee through the church office, c/o SallyOndrejko@ruthfred.org. Contact Kevin Boehme, Personnel Committee Chairman, at (724) 942-4551, for more information.

Nursery School Attendant: Do you have a heart for the youngest in our Church family? We have a need for a nursery worker during Sunday School (please note the change from the previous announcement). Please contact Shane Cox if you can help.

Easter Baskets for our Shut-Ins/Homebound Members

This project is just about back to normal this year. Donations and volunteers are needed. You are encouraged to visit with those receiving a basket depending on your and their comfort level. Some facilities may require that a mask be worn. Sign-up sheets for assembly at 9 a.m. and pickup/delivery at 10 a.m. on Saturday, April 9, are on the table at the bottom of the stairs near the South Park Road entrance.

Thank you so much for your help.

SUGGESTED DONATIONS

HOMEMADE GOODIES - muffins, cookies, etc. in baggies or individually wrapped.

Candy	Small notepads, pens
Snack crackers	Jello cups
100 calorie snacks	Fruit cups
Breakfast bars	Applesauce
Hot/cold cereal	Tea bags
Mini muffins	Hot chocolate mix
Cookies	Soup packets
Pudding cups	Tissue packs

Please choose store items that are individually wrapped and/or single-serving food items. **NOTHING WITH NUTS.** Sugar-free items are welcomed. Any unused items will be donated to Meals on Wheels.

**Please place items in the collection bin outside the kitchen by
Thursday, April 7.**

Questions??? Contact Jill Kurtz or Sue Rotz



Adult Sunday School Class Today In Large Classroom

THOU SHALT HAVE NO FUN! Remember the Ten Commandments you learned in Sunday School or confirmation? – those killjoy rules God laid down to keep us from having any fun. Remember them? Join us as Pastor McMinn continues this Sunday morning adult study series. We are taking a fresh look at how God convicts, blesses, and guides His people through His Commandments. (It'll be fun!) Luther said, "*Whoever knows the Ten Commandments perfectly must know all Scripture. Such a person is qualified to judge all doctrines, estates, spirits, laws, and anything else in the world.*"

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## **Today in the Upper Room**

***Twisting Truth- Learning to Discern in a Culture of Deception***—In this six-session small group video series, Andy Stanley exposes some common ways God's truth gets twisted. Each one has the potential to destroy your relationships, cloud your decisions, and distort your perception of him. This study helps us identify where we have cultural "twisted thinking" with Biblical guidance to overcome them. All are welcome to join!

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Young Adult Sunday School Class Today in the Conference Room

All young adults are invited to attend a Bible study between worship services. We will be exploring an introduction to Divine Worship. In addition, we hope to grow together by looking at opportunities to be God's hands and feet in the mission field that surrounds us. We will be putting together plans for future servant events and group activities. Come check it out—we would love to see you! If you would like more information, please call Don Roose at (412) 584-2112 or Barb Roose at (540) 846-6841.



YOUTH NEWS

SWAP (6-8 Grade)

There is **SWAP** tonight, 6-7:30 p.m. at the Church.

TNT (9-12 Grade)

TNT will meet on Tuesday, March 29, at the Church.

SAVE THE DATE
March 26 – Parents' Date Night

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### **Questions/concerns?**

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(c) (218)-230-5800**

## This Week At Ruthfred

**Today (3/27) 4th Sunday in Lent**

8:30 a.m.—Worship Service

9:45 a.m.—Sunday School

1 1:00 a.m.—Worship Service

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

6:30 p.m.—Young Adult Bible Study at the Vogels'

house (Cassie and Andrew)

### *Herald* deadline

### Monday (3/28)

9:30 a.m.—JTTW Leaders Meeting

## Tuesday (3/29)

7:00 p.m.—Worship Team

7:00 p.m.—Benevolence Committee

### Wednesday (3/30)

9:15 a.m.—JTTW

2:00 p.m.—Lenten Service

5:45 p.m.—Children's Choir

6:00-7:00 p.m.—Soup & Sandwich Supper

6:15 p.m.—Jr. & Sr. Confirmation Classes

6:30 p.m.—Bell Choir

7:00 p.m.—Senior Choir (continues after Service)

7:30 p.m.—Lenten Service

### Friday (4/1)

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

### Saturday (4/2)

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

**Sunday (4/3) 5th Sunday in Lent**

## City Mission Food Sunday

### Easter Flower order deadline

8:30 a.m.—Holy Communion

9:45 a.m.—Sunday School

1 1:00 a.m.—Holy Communion

6:00 p.m.—Holy Communion

Wherever we have been, whatever we have done, our all-loving heavenly Father welcomes us into His arms.

Let us worship.

**Attendance for Last Week:**

Contemporary Worship...50   Live Stream...7

Sunday Worship...230    Sunday School...97

8:30 Live Stream...43

JTTW (morning)...42

Lenten Services...136    Live Stream...22

## 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:

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Name:

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Children:

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Address:

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Phone (indicate home, cell, etc.)

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Email:

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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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