



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 plays 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 Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost, October 16, 2022

## Prelude:

### Pastorale on "The King of Love"

(J. Barr)

### "Lord Jesus, Think on Me"

(I. Prins)

## The Opening

### Hymn:

### "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

(SBH #530, 2<sup>nd</sup> tune)

(Please stand as we join our hearts in song)

1. The King of love my shep - herd is, Whose good - ness  
2. Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow My ran - somed  
3. Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, But yet in

fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if  
soul he lead - eth, And where the ver - dant  
love he sought me, And on his shoul - der

I am his, And he is mine for ev - er.  
pas - tures grow With food ce - les - tial feed - eth.  
gent - ly laid, And home, re - joic - ing, brought me. A-men.

4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill  
With thee, dear Lord, beside me,  
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,  
Thy Cross before to guide me.

5 Thou spread'st a table in my sight;  
Thy unction grace bestoweth;  
And O what transport and delight  
From thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so through all the length of days  
Thy goodness faileth never;  
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise  
Within thy house for ever. Amen.

Henry Williams Baker, 1821-77  
Psalm 23

The “invocation” is Latin for “call upon.” In the Invocation we remember our baptism and acknowledge God as our Father. We are reminded that through Christ’s name we have access to the Father’s throne by the Holy Spirit. Because we are children of God, we have the privilege to invite (invoke) God’s presence and blessing upon this service of “divine liturgy” in which we receive the Work of God through His Word and Spirit, and also in which we offer up to God our praise as an act of worship. *Hebrews 10:19-25; 13:15; Ephesians 2:18*

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

Because sin is both corporate and personal, we confess our sins together, and privately in the silence of our hearts.

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

## **The Call to Worship and Invocation**

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

**Congregation (C): Amen**

## **The Confession of Sins** (SBH, p. 15)

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

Our help is in the name of the Lord

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

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

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

P: Let us bow or kneel for the confession of our 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: Reward them that wait for You, O Lord; and let Your prophets be found faithful.

**C: Hear the prayer of Your servants and of Your people Israel.**

P: I was glad when they said to me:

**C: Let us go into the house of the Lord.** (Psalm 122:1; 1 Kings 8:30)

### **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:

## "Abide with Me"

(SBH #576)

1. A - bide with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide;  
 2. Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;  
 3. I need thy pres - ence ev - ery pass - ing hour;

The dark - ness deep - ens, Lord, with me a - bide;  
 Earth's joys grow dim, its glo - ries pass a - way;  
 What but thy grace can foil the temp - ter's power?

When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,  
 Change and de - cay in all a - round I see;  
 Who like thy - self my guide and stay can be?

Help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.  
 O thou who chang - est not, a - bide with me.  
 Through cloud and sun - shine, O a - bide with me. A-men.

4 I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;  
 Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.  
 Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?  
 I triumph still, if thou abide with me!

5 Hold thou thy Cross before my closing eyes,  
 Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;  
 Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;  
 In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me. Amen.

*Henry Francis Lyte, 1793-1847*

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

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

### **The Collect:**

P: The Lord be with you:

**C: And with thy spirit.**

P: O God, forasmuch as without You we are not able to please You, mercifully grant, that Your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts. 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: Genesis 32:22-30** (NASB)

<sup>22</sup> Now he arose that same night and took his two wives and his two maids and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. <sup>23</sup> He took them and sent them across the stream. And he sent across whatever he had. <sup>24</sup> Then Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. <sup>25</sup> When he saw that he had not prevailed against him, he touched the socket of his thigh; so the socket of Jacob's thigh was dislocated while he wrestled with him. <sup>26</sup> Then he said, "Let me go, for the dawn is breaking." But he said, "I will not let you go unless you bless me." <sup>27</sup> So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." <sup>28</sup> He said, "Your name shall no longer be Jacob, but Israel; for you have striven with God and with men and have prevailed." <sup>29</sup> Then Jacob asked him and said, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And he blessed him there. <sup>30</sup> So Jacob named the place Peniel, for *he said*, "I have seen God face to face, yet my life has been preserved."

### **The Psalm: Psalm 121** (NASB)

P: I will lift up my eyes to the mountains; from where shall my help come?

**C: My help *comes* from the LORD, Who made heaven and earth.**

P: He will not allow your foot to slip; He who keeps you will not slumber.

**C: Behold, He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.**

P: The LORD is your keeper; The LORD is your shade on your right hand.

**C: The sun will not smite you by day, nor the moon by night.**

P: The LORD will protect you from all evil; He will keep your soul.

**C: The LORD will guard your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forever.**

### **The Epistle Lesson: 2 Timothy 3:14—4:5** (NASB)

<sup>14</sup> You, however, continue in the things you have learned and become convinced of, knowing from whom you have learned *them*, <sup>15</sup> and that from childhood you have known the sacred writings which are able to give you the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. <sup>16</sup> All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; <sup>17</sup> so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.

<sup>1</sup> I solemnly charge *you* in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by His appearing and His kingdom: <sup>2</sup> preach the word; be ready in season *and* out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction. <sup>3</sup> For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but *wanting* to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires, <sup>4</sup> and will turn away their ears from the truth and will turn aside to myths. <sup>5</sup> But you, be sober in all things, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

### **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 unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord. Peace be within thy walls and prosperity within thy palaces. Alleluia, alleluia. O praise the Lord, all ye nations, praise Him, all ye people. Alleluia. (Psalm 122:1,7; Psalm 117:1)

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

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

“Alleluia” is Hebrew for “Praise the Lord.”

### **The Holy Gospel Lesson: Luke 18:1-8** (NASB)

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

<sup>1</sup> Now He was telling them a parable to show that at all times they ought to pray and not to lose heart, <sup>2</sup> saying, “In a certain city there was a judge who did not fear God and did not respect man. <sup>3</sup> There was a widow in that city, and she kept coming to him, saying, ‘Give me legal protection from my opponent.’ <sup>4</sup> For a while he was unwilling; but afterward he said to himself, ‘Even though I do not fear God nor respect man, <sup>5</sup> yet because this widow bothers me, I will give her legal protection, otherwise by continually coming she will wear me out.’” <sup>6</sup> And the Lord said, “Hear what the unrighteous judge said; <sup>7</sup> now, will not God bring about justice for His elect who cry to Him day and night, and will He delay long over them? <sup>8</sup> I tell you that He will bring about justice for them quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will He find faith on the earth?”

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



The Apostles' Creed is a statement of Christian belief used since the early Church. It's not specific to any one Christian denomination, but used by the Church as a whole. We choose to confess it together as a unified reminder of what we believe to be true about God, and His caring service to us.

### **The Confession of Faith:** The Apostles' Creed (Confessed in Unison)

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

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

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

### **The Anthems**

8:30 Bell Choir—*O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee* (arr. Kinyon)

11:00 Senior and Children's Choirs—*Look at the World* (Rutter)

Look at the world, everything all around us:  
Look at the world, and marvel every day.  
Look at the world: so many joys and wonders,  
So many miracles along our way.

Praise to thee, O lord, for all creation,  
Give us thankful hearts, that we may see:  
All the gifts we share, and every blessing,  
All things come of Thee.

Look at the earth, bringing forth fruit and flower;  
Look at the sky, the sunshine and the rain.  
Look at the hills, look at the trees and mountains,  
Valley and flowing river, field and plain.

Think of the spring, think of the warmth of summer;  
Bringing the harvest before the winter's cold.  
Everything grows, everything has a season,  
Till it is gathered to the Father's fold.

Every good gift, all that we need and cherish;  
Comes from the Lord in token of His love.  
We are His hands, stewards of all His bounty;  
His is the earth, and His the heavens above.

### **The Announcements**

### **The Children's Object Lesson**

The Sermon Hymn: "Jesus, Thou Art Mine Forever" (SBH #518)

1. Je - sus, thou art mine for - ev - er, Dear - er far than earth to me;  
2. Thou a - lone art all my treas-ure, Who hast died that I might live;  
3. Bright-est gems and fair - est flow - ers Lose their beau - ty in thy frown;

Nei - ther life nor death shall sev - er Those sweet ties which bind to thee.  
Thou con-fer - est no-blest pleas-ure, Who dost all my sins for-give.  
Joy and peace, like balm-y show-ers, In thy smile come gent-ly down. A-men.

4 Lamb of God! I do implore thee,  
Guard, support me, lest I fall;  
Let me evermore adore thee,  
Be my everlasting All. Amen.

*Matthias Loy, 1826-1915*

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:** "Struggle with God and Be Blessed" | Genesis 32:22-30

**Sermon Notes:**

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

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

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

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

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

**The Benediction**

P: May the Lord bless you and keep you.

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

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

In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

(Numbers 6:24-26)

**C: Amen.**

### The Closing Hymn:

#### **"Make Me a Captive, Lord"**

(SBH #508)

### The Silent Prayer & Chimes

#### **The Postlude:**

#### **"Chaconne"**

(W. Held)

1. Make me a cap - tive, Lord, And then I shall be free;  
2. My heart is weak and poor Un - til it mas - ter find;

Force me to ren - der up my sword, And I shall con-queror be.  
It has no spring of ac - tion sure, It var - ies with the wind.

I sink in life's a - larms When by my - self I stand;  
It can - not free - ly move Till thou hast wrought its chain;

Im - pris - on me with - in thine arms, And strong shall be my hand.  
En - slave it with thy match-less love, And death - less it shall reign. A-men.

3 My power is faint and low  
Till I have learned to serve;  
It wants the needed fire to glow,  
It wants the breeze to nerve;  
It cannot drive the world  
Until itself be driven;  
Its flag can only be unfurled  
When thou shalt breathe from heaven.

4 My will is not my own  
Till thou hast made it thine;  
If it would reach a monarch's throne  
It must its crown resign;  
It only stands unbent  
Amid the clashing strife,  
When on thy bosom it has leant  
And found in thee its life. Amen.

*George Matheson, 1842–1906*

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# Announcements

**The altar flowers** are presented by Pete and Jill Huwe in appreciation for our Pastors and Staff here at Ruthfred. Thank you for your dedication and hearts for our congregation!

**Nursery Today:** 8:30—Jenna Schwartz & Sadie Carlson; Sunday School—Jenna Schwartz; 11:00—Claudia Patalong.

**Substitute Organist:** Please welcome Essi Efthimiou as our long-term substitute organist during Fred's absence. Thank you, Essi!

**Known to be hospitalized:** Larry Sheatsley—ProMedica in Baldwin. Ken Ebel—ProMedica in Bethel Park, Room 335B. Joe Cawley—Canonsburg Hospital. Fred Schell (broken ribs)—Presbyterian Hospital. Nancy Halboth—St. Clair Hospital. Please keep them in your prayers and support them with cards.

**Prayers for Recovery and Healing:** Joan Reagan (knee replacement) is now home recovering. Andy Kovac is home resting after a brief hospital stay. Judy Bender is at home recovering after fracturing an ankle. Lundy Castro (Jen Carlson's dad) is battling Stage 4 Metastatic Melanoma. His mailing address is: 49196 N. Grosse Pointe Shores Rd., Hancock, MI 49930. Please keep them in your prayers, as well as all those members of the Ruthfred family who are facing health or other challenges.

**Official Act:** On Monday, October 10, 2022, at 10 a.m., Pastor Carlson officiated at a memorial service for Kama Allen (daughter of Caryl Hansen). Kama passed away in July. The service was held at Washington Cemetery, with the burial immediately following. Please continue to pray God's comfort for Caryl and Kama's family.

**Music Fund:** Given by Mary Ann Presto in loving memory of her husband, John.

**Pastor's Fund:** Given by Sandy and Fred Pellegrino in honor of Pastor Carlson and Pastor McMinn. Given by Chris and Marcia Clark in memory of Pat VanKirk.

**Condolences:** Our Ruthfred family extends Christian love and sympathy to Jen Carlson and family for the death of her uncle, Terrence Leon Castro, 76, who passed away on October 5, 2022, in Lincoln, Nebraska. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

**Address update:** Nancy Halboth's address has changed. It is now: Overlook Green, 5250 Meadowgreen Dr., Room 1883, Pittsburgh, PA 15236.

**XYZers:** The next meeting is Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup>. Featured speaker will be Karen Cahall, a retired Education Coordinator, Pittsburgh History & Landmarks Foundation. In March, Karen led "An Armchair Walking Tour of the Strip District." This time, she will guide us through another Pittsburgh neighborhood. Peggy Cox will provide a delicious lunch. The sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board outside the Library. Please join us!

**Light of Life Collection:** After hearing the Light of Life Rescue Mission presentation in Sunday School, we are going to follow up with a collection of items for hygiene kits and care bags. From now until October 30<sup>th</sup>, please place your donations in the bin in the Fireside Lounge. The following items are needed: travel size deodorant, toothpaste, soap/body wash, shampoo, and hand sanitizer; toothbrushes; lip balm; washcloths; combs; bandaids in assorted sizes; and full size shaving cream for men and women. Thank you for your help and support of this ministry. Please contact Jill Kurtz with any questions.

# Announcements (cont'd)

**Craft and Sew:** We are back! Last year we sent almost 4,000 tray favors to our two facilities. We are so grateful for everyone's support in donating the candy needed for these favors! Now our candy supply needs to be replenished so we can continue this ministry. We are looking for snack-size/mini-size versions of: Twix, Milky Way, Kit Kats, York Peppermint Patties, M & M packs, and Hershey kisses. Contributions can be made all year and left in the kitchen. If you have questions, contact Kathy Rostauscher.

**Craft and Sew Sewers Only:** We will be meeting October 24<sup>th</sup> instead of October 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Parents of preschoolers through 5th graders:** On October 30<sup>th</sup>, please plan to attend a special Reformation Sunday Family Sunday School with your children. Highlights include the presentation of Bibles to all 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders, and a chance to meet Martin Luther and hear his story! Also enjoy fun activities, fellowship and light refreshments (NOT a full breakfast). Don't miss it!

**Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Collection:** It's hard to believe that it's time to be thinking of Christmas gifts, but Samaritan's Purse, run by Franklin Graham, will begin collecting filled shoeboxes and shipping them to children in need all over the world, including Native Americans living on reservations, before Thanksgiving. These shoebox gifts are filled with fun toys, school supplies and hygiene items and for many of these children, this shoebox gift is the only gift that they will receive.

Please take a shoebox from the "Operation Christmas Child" table on the Sanctuary level, by the elevators. Inside each shoebox will be "How to Pack a Shoebox" instructions, along with the Boy/Girl label that you will attach to the lid of your shoebox. Gift ideas are available on the display table. Fill a box and return it to the Fireside Lounge no later than noon on Sunday November 20<sup>th</sup>. The shipping fee has increased to \$10 this year, which can be paid online at [www.samaritanspurse.org/occ](http://www.samaritanspurse.org/occ) or enclose your check inside the enclosed envelope and make it payable to "Samaritan's Purse" and write "Operation Christmas Child" in the memo section.

***NOTE: SHOEBOXES CANNOT BE ACCEPTED AFTER SUNDAY NOVEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup> BECAUSE THEY MUST BE DELIVERED THE NEXT DAY.*** Please contact Carol Ward with any questions at (412) 559-2592 or [wardmailbox1@gmail.com](mailto:wardmailbox1@gmail.com). Thank you!!

**Evening Journey Through the Word:** We start up THIS week. Please join us on Wednesday evening at 6:45 as we begin our study of Dr. David Jeremiah's The Book of Signs. We hope you can also join us beforehand, at 6:00 p.m., for fellowship during our Forkless Dinners. Further information, and registration, is available on the church website at [www.ruthfred.org](http://www.ruthfred.org) under the "Grow and Learn" tab.

**Light of Life Thanksgiving Food Boxes:** This year Light of Life plans to distribute 2,000 boxes of food to families in the Northside area. Each box will contain a Thanksgiving dinner for 4, including a turkey and a pie. We are going to help them this year by collecting **6-ounce boxes of turkey stuffing**. We have committed to collecting 150 boxes. Please place your contributions in the marked bin outside the kitchen in the Fellowship Hall. Items need to be brought in no later than **November 9**. They will be delivered November 10. Thank you for supporting this project! Contact Jill Kurtz with any questions.



We will be offering a new member class soon. If you, or someone you know, is interested, please let Melissa Bostaph, our Parish Assistant, know. Email: [melissabostaph@ruthfred.org](mailto:melissabostaph@ruthfred.org)



## Adult Sunday School Class In Large Classroom

Pastor Carlson is teaching a series on the book of I Thessalonians for the Adult Sunday School Class. The little book of I Thessalonians is perhaps the earliest canonical writing of St. Paul. It's focus is "**The Life of the Christian Congregation.**" It is a gem of a book, filled with "an unmingled sweetness" of Christian love. In it we will be learning about sharing our faith, serving one another, living godly lives, understanding the end times, and how to live out the Gospel in the community of the congregation. You are invited!!! It will be wonderful to study and discuss this book together!



## YOUTH NEWS

### SWAP (6-8 Grade)

There is **NO SWAP** tonight for the middle school students!

**SWAP Retreat at Seneca Hills Bible Camp:** October 21-23. All 6<sup>th</sup>–8<sup>th</sup> grade students are invited to attend a weekend of games, worship, and small group discussions. Our guest speaker will be Coltin Cox, our new, incoming Youth Director, who will be sharing several messages! Forms are located near the Youth Director's office and need to be completed and submitted by **TODAY**. Please contact Jill Huwe with any additional questions.

**All 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students:** Registration for the AFLC Free Lutheran Youth (FLY) Convention, slated to be July 3-8, 2023, at the YMCA in Estes Park, Colorado, opens on October 20<sup>th</sup>. This biennial convention brings 2,000 AFLC youth from across the nation together for an unparalleled opportunity for spiritual, emotional, and relational growth! The theme will be "Restored," based on **Rev. 21:5-7**. Contact Jill Huwe or Kris Wenthe for more information. You can review information at <https://www.flyconvention.org>. An informational letter has been sent to your homes!

### TNT (9-12 Grade)

TNT will meet at Ruthfred on October 18<sup>th</sup>, 7-9 p.m.

### **Questions/concerns?**

**Contact: Any member of the Youth Committee** (Pete & Jill Huwe; Eric & Kris Wenthe; Jon & Denise Stutzman; or Shane & Kate Cox)

## October 2022 Evening Journey Through the Word (JTTW)

We invite you to join us and grow in knowledge and comprehension of Scripture concerning “31 Undeniable Prophecies of the Apocalypse” in Dr. David Jeremiah’s The Book of Signs. Evening JTTW will be studying the international and cultural signs and their significance to end-time events. You will see not only how God’s Word offers insights into the future, but also how Scripture builds faith through the events of the past and encouragement in the uncertainty of the present. Dr. Jeremiah hopes for us to discover what Scripture reveals about the signs of the times and the signs of God’s plan for the future. The end times may be near, but as Christians, our future is secure. Indeed, we live in a chaotic world, but we can be confident and at peace because God is the author of history and because the return of the Prince of Peace may be closer than we think.



Please join us **October 19, 2022**, as we begin a twelve-week study with Dr. Jeremiah’s The Book of Signs. Our Wednesday evening gatherings will begin with a Forkless Dinner offered for all registered families from 6:00-6:30 p.m. Following this fellowship time, the Evening JTTW program will run in parallel with Kids’ Time and Confirmation classes. For more information on programs and registration, visit the Ruthfred Lutheran Church website at [www.ruthfred.org](http://www.ruthfred.org).

If you have any questions, please contact Jodie or Mark Riley, 412-401-9137

## This Week At Ruthfred

## Today (10/16)

8:30 a.m.— Worship Service

9:45 a.m.—Sunday School

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## Monday (10/17)

9:30 a.m.—Craft and Sew (CRAFTERS ONLY;

SEWERS 10/24)

9:30 a.m.—JTTW Leaders

7:00 p.m.—Elders' Prayer Time

7:30 p.m.—Council Meeting

**Tuesday (10/18) St. Luke, Evangelist**

7:00 p.m.—Worship Team

### Wednesday (10/19)

9:15 a.m.—Journey Through the Word (JTTW)

5:45 p.m.—Children's Choir

6:00 p.m.—**Forkless Dinner** (All welcome, but please pre-register!)

6:30 p.m.—Bell Choir

6:45 p.m.—Confirmation; Kids' Time; **Evening JTTW**

7:30 p.m.—Senior Choir

## Thursday (10/20)

2:00 p.m.—Ruth

### Friday (10/21)

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

**Sunday (10/23) St. James of Jerusalem, Martyr**

8:30 a.m.—Communion Service

9:45 a.m.—Sunday School

11:00 a.m.—Communion Service

6:30 p.m.—GIFT Bible Study

6:30 p.m.—Young Adult Bible Study @ A.&C. Vogel's'

Jesus urges us to pray always and not lose heart (*Luke 18:1*). So we gather today for prayer, and also to give God praise and thanksgiving. Welcome!

Attendance for Last Week:

Sunday Church...243 Sunday School...78

8:30 Live Stream...47

JTTW...50

Kids' Time...31

## Prayer Requests

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

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

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

## Visiting with us?

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

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

Date:

Name:

Children:

Address:

Phone (indicate home, cell, etc.)

Email:

I am a/an:

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

I would like to learn more about:

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

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