

RUTHFRED LUTHERAN CHURCH

# Welcome to Ruthfred Lutheran Church!

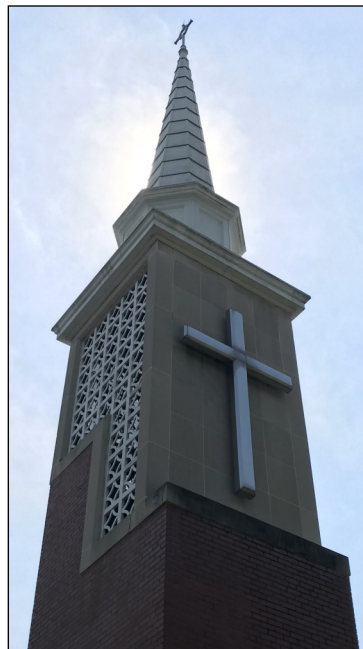
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**We are delighted to have you with us this morning as we gather to worship the Lord Jesus Christ.**

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

## About Us:

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



Our cover is a paper cut, or *scherenschnitte*, created specially for our church by our very own Kathryn Carr. The artwork will reflect liturgical and Ruthfred-specific themes that occur throughout the year.

# The Divine Service of the Word

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost August 7, 2022

## Prelude:

### **"Voluntary in D"**

(John Stanley)

### **"Now Pray We to the Holy One"**

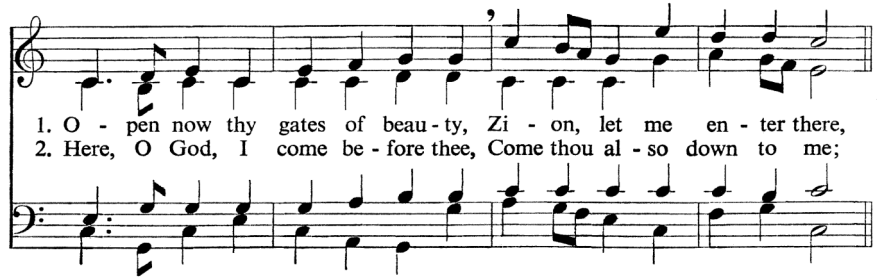
(D. Buxtehude)

## The Opening Hymn:

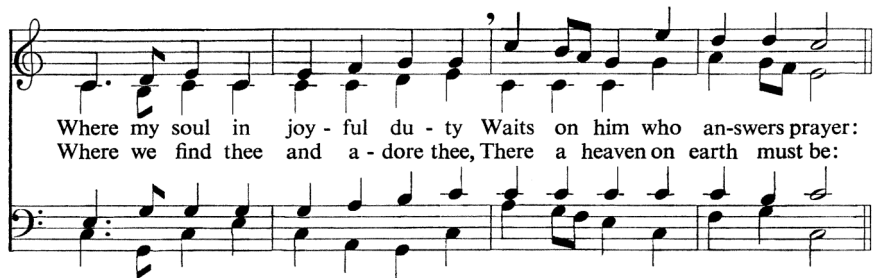
### **"Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"**

(SBH#187)

(Please stand as we  
join our hearts in  
song)



1. O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty, Zi - on, let me en - ter there,  
2. Here, O God, I come be - fore thee, Come thou al - so down to me;



Where my soul in joy - ful du - ty Waits on him who an - swers prayer:  
Where we find thee and a - dore thee, There a heaven on earth must be:



O how bless - ed is this place, Filled with sol - ace, light, and grace.  
To my heart O en - ter thou, Let it be thy tem - ple now. A - men.

3 Here thy praise is gladly chanted,  
Here thy seed is duly sown;  
Let my soul, where it is planted,  
Bring forth precious sheaves alone:  
So that all I hear may be  
Fruitful unto life in me.

4 Thou my faith increase and quicken,  
Let me keep thy gift divine;  
Howsoe'er temptations thicken,  
May thy word still o'er me shine,  
As my guiding star through life,  
As my comfort in my strife.

5 Speak, O God, and I will hear thee,  
Let thy will be done indeed;  
May I undisturbed draw near thee  
While thou dost thy people feed;  
Here of life the fountain flows,  
Here is balm for all our woes. Amen.

*Benjamin Schmolck, 1672–1737  
Tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1829–78*

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

**Unison: (U): Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Jesus Christ, thy Son our Lord, Amen.**

P: Let us humbly kneel, and make confession unto God, imploring his forgiveness, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**U: O God, our heavenly Father, I confess unto thee that I have grievously sinned against thee in many ways; not only by outward transgressions, but also by secret thoughts and desires which I cannot fully understand, but which are all known unto thee. I do earnestly repent, and am heartily sorry for these my offenses, and I beseech thee of thy great goodness to have mercy upon me, and for the sake of thy dear Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, to forgive my sins, and graciously to help my infirmities. Amen.**

## **The Absolution, Admonition & Blessing:**

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, hath had mercy upon us, and for the sake of the sufferings, death, and resurrection of his dear Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, forgiveth us all our sins. As a Minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare unto you who do truly repent and believe in him, the entire forgiveness of all your sins. In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

P: On the other hand, by the same authority, I declare unto the impenitent and unbelieving, that so long as they continue in their impenitence, God hath not forgiven their sins, and will assuredly visit their iniquities upon them, if they turn not from their evil ways, and come to true repentance and faith in Christ, ere the day of grace be ended.

P: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the Love of God, and the Communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all.

**C: Amen**

“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.

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

The “Gradual” (Latin for *step*) is a liturgical reading bridging the readings of the epistle and the Gospel. It is comprised of Scripture, mostly the Psalms.

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

### **The Introit** (Read Responsively; Please stand)

P: We have thought of Your lovingkindness, O God;

**C: In the midst of Your temple.**

P: According to Your Name, O God, so is Your praise unto the ends of the earth;

**C: Your right hand is full of righteousness.**

P: Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;

**C: In the city of our God, in the mountain of His holiness.**

(Psalm 48: 1, 9, 10)

### **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 First Lesson: Psalm 103:10-17**(NASB)

<sup>10</sup> He has not dealt with us according to our sins, nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. <sup>11</sup> For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His lovingkindness toward those who fear Him.

<sup>12</sup> As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us. <sup>13</sup> Just as a father has compassion on *his* children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear Him. <sup>14</sup> For He Himself knows our frame; He is mindful that we are *but* dust. <sup>15</sup> As for man, his days are like grass; as a flower of the field, so he flourishes. <sup>16</sup> When the wind has passed over it, it is no more, and its place acknowledges it no longer. <sup>17</sup> But the lovingkindness of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear Him, and His righteousness to children’s children.

### **The Gradual:**

Be thou my strong rock, for a house of defense to save me. In You, O Lord, do I put my trust: let me never be ashamed. Alleluia, alleluia. The Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the ungodly shall perish. Alleluia.

(Psalm 31: 1, 23)

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

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

### **The Holy Gospel Lesson: Luke 13:10-17** (NASB)

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

<sup>10</sup> And He was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. <sup>11</sup> And there was a woman who for eighteen years had had a sickness caused by a spirit; and she was bent double, and could not straighten up at all. <sup>12</sup> When Jesus saw her, He called her over and said to her, “Woman, you are freed from your sickness.” <sup>13</sup> And He laid His hands on her; and immediately she was made erect again and *began* glorifying God. <sup>14</sup> But the synagogue official, indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, *began* saying to the crowd in response, “There are six days in which work should be done; so come during them and get healed, and not on the Sabbath day.” <sup>15</sup> But the Lord answered him and said, “You hypocrites, does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the stall and lead him away to water *him*?” <sup>16</sup> And this woman, a daughter of Abraham as she is, whom Satan has bound for eighteen long years, should she not have been released from this bond on the Sabbath day?” <sup>17</sup> As He said this, all His opponents were being humiliated; and the entire crowd was rejoicing over all the glorious things being done by Him.

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

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

During the Service of Holy Communion, we confess our faith using the Words of the Nicene Creed.

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

This creed has been used in worship across denominational lines.

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

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

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one Holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the Resurrection of the dead, And the Life of the world to come. Amen.

### **The Special Music**

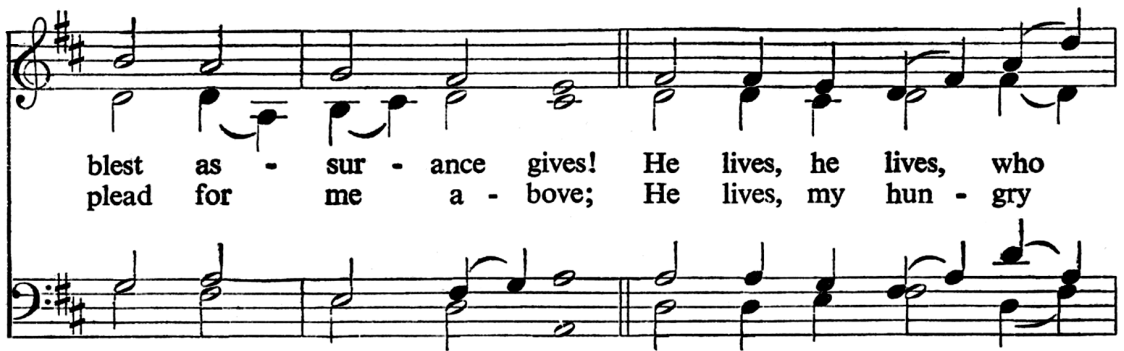
11:00: Isaiah Manzo—*Hymn Medley* (Ted Hunter)  
Organ/Cello Duet

### **The Announcements**

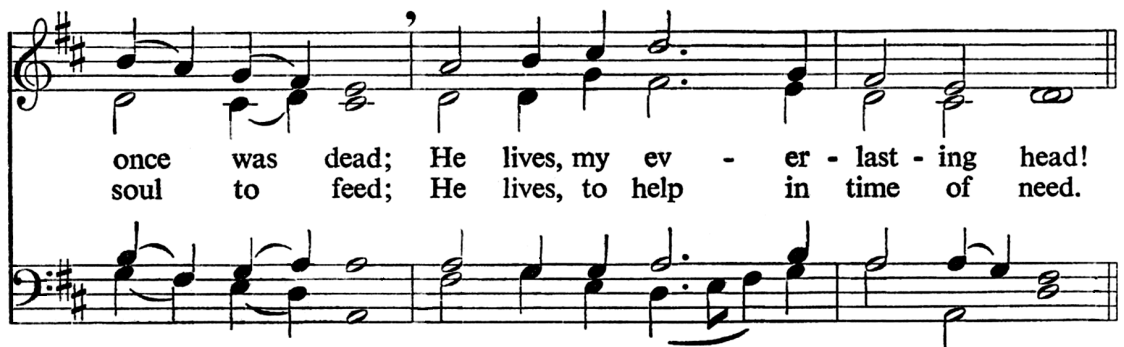
**The Sermon Hymn: "I Know That My Redeemer Lives" (SBH#387)**



1. I know that my Re - deem - er lives: What joy the  
2. He lives, to bless me with his love; He lives, to



blest plead as - sur - ance gives! He lives, he lives, who  
plead for me a - bove; He lives, my hun - gry



once was dead; He lives, my ev - er - last - ing head!  
soul to feed; He lives, to help in time of need.

3 He lives, and grants me daily breath;  
He lives, and I shall conquer death;  
He lives, my mansion to prepare;  
He lives, to bring me safely there.

4 He lives, all glory to his Name;  
He lives, my Saviour, still the same;  
What joy the blest assurance gives:  
I know that my Redeemer lives!

*Samuel Medley, 1738-99*

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:**

"Healing Hands of Grace" | Luke 13:10-17

**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)



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

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

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

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

## **The Service for Communion**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And with thy Spirit.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them up unto the Lord.**

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

**C: It is meet and right so to do.**

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

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

## **The Words of Institution:**

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

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

## **The Lord's Prayer**

P: Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And, forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil;

**C: For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And with thy spirit.**

**Do you believe that you are a sinner?**

Yes, I believe that I am a sinner.

**Are you sorry for your sins?**

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

**Do you desire to be saved?**

Yes, such is my desire.

**In Whom do you trust?**

In my dear Lord, Jesus Christ.

**What has Christ done for you that you trust in him?**

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

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

Yes, I believe it.

**What induces you to believe this?**

The Word of Christ, "Take, eat this is My body; This is My blood, drink of it all of you."

**Why ought we to remember and proclaim His death?**

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

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

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

## The Agnus Dei:

**C: O Christ thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us;**

**O Christ thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us;**

**O Christ thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us thy peace. Amen.**

## The Distribution

*During Communion:*

*"Just As I Am" (SBH#370, 2nd tune))*

1. Just as I am, with-out one plea, But that thy Blood was shed for me,  
2. Just as I am, and wait - ing not To rid my soul of one dark blot,

And that thou bidd'st me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
To thee, whose Blood can cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

3 Just as I am, though tossed about  
With many a conflict, many a doubt,  
Fightings and fears within, without,  
O Lamb of God, I come.

4 Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;  
Sight, riches, healing of the mind,  
Yea, all I need, in thee to find,  
O Lamb of God, I come.

5 Just as I am, thou wilt receive,  
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
Because thy promise I believe,  
O Lamb of God, I come.

6 Just as I am; thy love unknown  
Has broken every barrier down;  
Now to be thine, yea thine alone,  
O Lamb of God, I come.

*Charlotte Elliott, 1789-1871*

### **The Nunc Dimittis:**

**U: Lord now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace, according to Thy word; For mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people; A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the Glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

### **The Prayer**

P: O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.

**C: And His mercy endureth forever.**

### **The Closing Prayer** *(after which the congregation sings "Amen.")*

P: The Lord be with you.

**C. And with thy spirit**

P: Bless we the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **The Benediction**

P: May the Lord bless you and keep you.

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

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

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

(Numbers 6:24-26)

**C: Amen**

**The Closing Hymn: "Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing"** (AMB#247)

**The Silent Prayer & Chimes**

**The Postlude: "Toccata in F Major"** (D. Buxtehude)

1 Lord, dis - miss us with Thy bless-ing, Fill our hearts with joy and peace!  
2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion For Thy gos - pel's joy - ful sound.  
3 So, when - e'er the sig - nal's giv - en Us from earth to call a - way,

Let us each, Thy love pos - sess - ing, Tri - umph in re - deem-ing grace.  
May the fruits of Thy sal - va - tion In our hearts and lives a - bound.  
Borne on an - gel's wings to heav-en, Glad the sum - mons to o - bey,

O re - fresh us, O re - fresh us, Trav-'ling through this wil - der-ness.  
May Thy pres-ence, May Thy pres-ence With us ev - er - more be found.  
May we read - y, May we read - y, Rise and reign in end-less day.

Text: John Fawcett, 1740-1817  
Tune: Sicilian melody, 18th c.

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# Announcements

**The altar flowers** are presented by Sandy Pellegrino, Linda Friedel, and Keith Boucher in loving memory of our sister Oona (Oney) Richardson, in commemoration of her death on August 8, 2021, and her birthday on September 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Altar Flowers Erratum:** Last Sunday's altar flowers were presented by Jim and Judy Agnew in thanksgiving for their 55 years of marriage and the **50-year** anniversary of joining Ruthfred. We apologize for the typo!

**Special thanks** to Eric Wente, Will Charlton, and Rich Lindner. They are reading Scripture and assisting with Holy Communion today at the 8:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., and 6:00 p.m. services, respectively.

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

**Hospitalized:** Terry Alwine—ProMedica in McMurray, Room 112. Terry especially appreciates cards as he faces yet another extended stay in a medical facility, and he is thankful for all of your support. Berni Alderson (husband of Nelda) is at Jefferson Hospital after a fall. Fritz Heilman—Friendship Village Health Care Unit, Room 128. Please keep them in your prayers and support them with cards.

**Prayers for Recovery and Healing:** Patricia VanKirk—chemotherapy for liver cancer. Fred Pellegrino (broken hip) is now home, but he is undergoing rehab. Fritz Motzer has returned home. Their new address is: The Waters of McMurray, 441 Valley Brook Rd., Apt. 307, McMurray, PA 15317. Ray Feller is back at Concordia after hip replacement surgery. Please keep all of them in your prayers, as well as all those members of the Ruthfred family who are facing health or other challenges

**In Hospice Care:** Marie Wilmer. Please keep Marie in your prayers. Her health is declining.

**Condolences:** Our Pastors and congregation extend Christian love and sympathy to Carol Holt and her family on the passing of Carol's husband, Larry.

**Official Act:** On Thursday, August 4, 2022, at 11:00 a.m., a funeral was held for Larry L. Holt in the Ruthfred sanctuary. Pastor Steven P. Carlson officiated.

**Pastor's Fund:** Given by Zoe and Munawwar Akhtar in memory of Larry Holt. Given by Sandy and Fred Pellegrino in loving memory of Larry Holt.

**VBS Fund:** Given by Sandy and Fred Pellegrino.

**Farewell Reception:** Next week, after the 11:00 a.m. service, we will be having a cake reception in the Fellowship Hall for Regan Johnson. Regan has served faithfully as Ruthfred's Youth Minister for the past year. He will be moving to Hawaii to continue ministry there. Please come and help us to honor him!

**XYZ Kick-Off is Just Around the Corner!** We are looking for individuals who are interested in joining our XYZ (eXtra Years with Zest) Organizational Team to help plan and lead this wonderful ministry. XYZ is geared towards our "retired" members and community, but it is not limited to that group. The group meets ca. 6 times a year for a catered lunch, fellowship, and an engaging presentation by a local guest speaker. We would **welcome your help** with planning the continuation of this outreach ministry. Please reach out to Melissa Bostaph, Parish Assistant, if you would like to get involved or have questions: [melissabostaph@ruthfred.org](mailto:melissabostaph@ruthfred.org).

# Announcements (cont'd)

**Sincere Thank You:** Thank you so much for the beautiful plant, cards, and wonderful luncheon that was shared in honor of my husband, Darryl. Your thoughtfulness was greatly appreciated.—Beverly Roussel and family

**Kids' Time Volunteers Needed:** Do you enjoy games and teaching kids about the Word of God? If so, we need you for **Wednesday** night **Kids' Time** starting September 14 to help spread the love of Jesus. For more information, or to sign up, please contact Lauren Compel or Denise Stutzman at: vbs\_laurencompel@yahoo.com or denisestutzman@ruthfred.org. Thank you!

**Craft & Sew:** The crafters and sewers are both taking a break in August, but will resume their activities in September.

**City Mission Request:** They are in immediate need of new or like-new (clean, no stains) TWIN bed sheets for their men's section. There is a collection bin in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you for any help you can provide!

**Foundation of Life Team:** We are considering the creation of a Lutherans For Life (LFL) Life Team at Ruthfred. This will be a group of individuals who want to become involved in the sanctity of human life issues related to abortion, assisting crisis pregnancy centers, euthanasia, assisted suicide, and many others areas. Training is prepared by LFL and will equip members of the team to work effectively in these ministries. There will be an article published in a future *Herald* that will more fully address the Life Team and its work. Shortly thereafter we will schedule a meeting for those members who want to explore how to become more involved in the pro-life arena. Keep your eye on upcoming bulletins for the date and time.

**Take Them a Meal Samaritan Ministry Opportunities:** Visit the website. (If you use the family-specific URL, you do not need the password.) Sign up and read any notes or dietary restrictions. If possible, list the dish you will be preparing, so we can try to provide variety. Reminder slips with this information are available at the church entrances. Thank you for blessing these families!

**Taylor family:** We are providing 2 meals a week through August 29. Their URL is [takethemameal.com/NIOF9396](http://takethemameal.com/NIOF9396). (Password is 8593.) Thank you for the prayers and support for the Taylor family. Contact Jill Kurtz with any questions.

**Patricia & William VanKirk:** We are providing 2 meals a week through September 8. Their URL is [takethemameal.com/LONC0466](http://takethemameal.com/LONC0466). (Password is 8376.) Contact Melissa Bostaph at the church with questions or to have her sign you up or deliver your meals.

## **Employment Opportunity at Ruthfred:**

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

**Summer Reading Program for Kids:** "CPH Reads" is a summer reading program offered by Concordia Publishing House. Ruthfred is participating as a way to keep our kids reading and growing their faith over the summer. The program is designed for ages 2 through 5th grade (younger children can be read to by parents or other adults). We have a variety of CPH Arch books available for borrowing, located on a bookshelf in the Fellowship Hall. Parents need to register children on the [cph.org/reads](http://cph.org/reads) website. The books read are then logged online with CPH. There are also cards to take home to track reading progress. Each faith-based CPH book counts for 100 points. Other books can be read for 50 points each. For more information, contact Peggy Glasser.

## For The Month

**Acolytes:**

8:30 a.m. (8/7)  
(8/14)  
(8/21)  
(8/28)

Isaiah Compel  
Noah McMinn  
Jonathan Tarrant  
Isaiah Compel

11:00 a.m. (8/7)  
(8/14)  
(8/21)  
(8/28)

Elias Manzo  
Elias Manzo  
Josh Cimarolli  
Elias Manzo

**Altar Guild:**

Mari Donlin

### Counters:

8:30 a.m.  
1 1:00 a.m.

Neil Wagner, Frank Fife  
Will Charlton, Eric Wente

**Ushers:**

8:30 a.m.

Bernard Paterra, John Ruzicka

1 1:00 a.m.

Nathan &amp; Jonathan Stutzman

### Coffee Hour:

Stout family

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**OUR COMMUNION PRACTICE:** Today, we celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion. Today, by means of bread and wine, Jesus Christ gives Himself to each communicant. This is His Word and promise. We accept His Word. If you are not a member of a Lutheran church, we ask you to speak to our pastors at any time about the meaning of Holy Communion and a person's desire to receive it. When we come to the altar.. we must come with believing and repentant hearts. As we return.. we always bow or kneel in prayer in thanksgiving to God for what Jesus Christ has given unto us. We do not practice the communion of children who are not instructed and confirmed, but the children are encouraged to come to the altar rail for a family blessing.



## **Adult Sunday School Class Today In Large Classroom**

Following up on Pastor McMinn's solid series on the Ten Commandments, we are undertaking a 10-week Bible study entitled, "The Lamb of God, Seeing Jesus in Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy." This video study, wonderfully presented by author Nancy Guthrie, was recently very inspiring for those in our Wednesday morning Journey Through the Word sessions. Please join us for this deeply Christ-centered series. For more information, please contact Kurt Ziegler.

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## **Journey Through the Word Summer Session**

**Wednesdays, June 15-August 10**

**10:00-11:30 a.m.**

### **Biblical TV Series "The Chosen" Season 2**

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

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## **Summer Sunday School for Kids**

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



# YOUTH NEWS

## SWAP (6-8 Grade)

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

## TNT (9-12 Grade)

TNT will meet on Tuesday, August 9<sup>th</sup>, at Caleb Cox's house, 7-9 p.m. The address is 169 Terrace Dr., Monongahela, PA.

Hazelbaker's Canoe Trip, Saturday, August 13<sup>th</sup>, 11 a.m.—6 p.m.



**Questions/concerns?**

**Contact: Regan Johnson at [ReganJohnson@ruthfred.org](mailto:ReganJohnson@ruthfred.org)  
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## Kids Time



**Did you love VBS? Then come and join us Wednesday nights for some fun, friends, and fellowship—all while learning more about God's Love.**

**WHEN:** Wednesday nights, Sept 14, 2022 - Feb 15, 2023

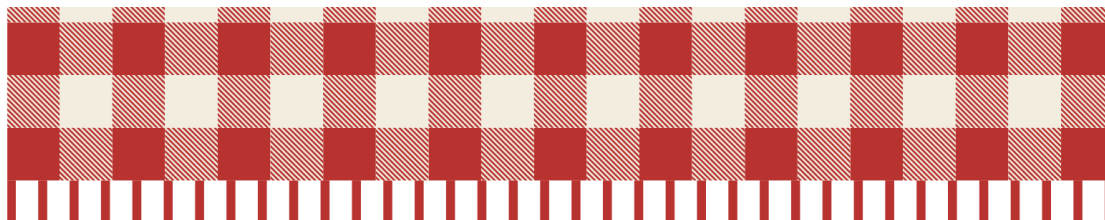
**TIME:** 6:45-8:00 p.m.

**WHO:** All kids in grades Kindergarten-6th

**Register here:**

**<https://vbspro.events/p/kidstime2022>**

**NO Registration Fee**



**SAVE THE DATE!**

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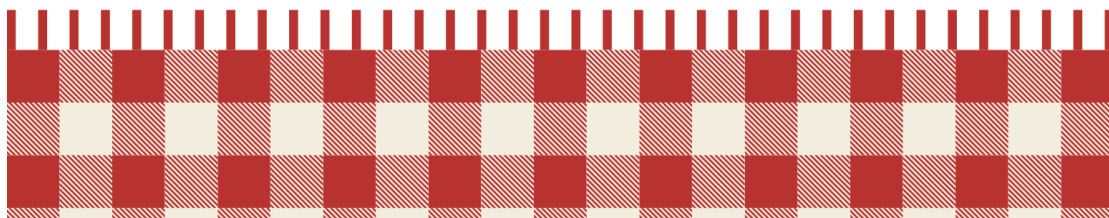
**Saturday, August 20th**

**3 pm - 7:00 pm**

**Ruthfred Ballfield**

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

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



## This Week At Ruthfred

**Today (8/7) CITY MISSION FOOD SUNDAY**

8:30 a.m.— Communion Service

9:45 a.m.—Sunday School

11:00 a.m.—Communion Service

6:00 p.m.—Communion Service

## Monday (8/8)

7:00 p.m.—Elders' Prayer Time

7:30 p.m.—Council Meeting

## Tuesday (8/9)

7:00 p.m.—Worship Team

## Wednesday (8/10)

10:00 a.m.—Final JTTW Summer Session

## Noon—Esther Circle

## Thursday (8/11)

10:00 a.m.—Knit Wits

### Friday (8/12)

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

### Saturday (8/13)

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

## Sunday (8/14)

8:30 a.m.—Worship Service

9:45 a.m.—Sunday School

1 1:00 a.m.—Worship Service

Farewell Reception for Regan Johnson after 11:00 a.m. service

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In the name of Jesus—teacher, friend, healer, Lord,  
Messiah, Savior—we welcome you to worship.

**Attendance for Last Week:**

Church...237   Sunday School...71

8:30 Live Stream...47

JTTW...12

VBS Attendance:

Average Daily... 181

Closing Program...282

## 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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