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Ruthfred Lutheran Church

Welcome to Ruthfred Lutheran Church!

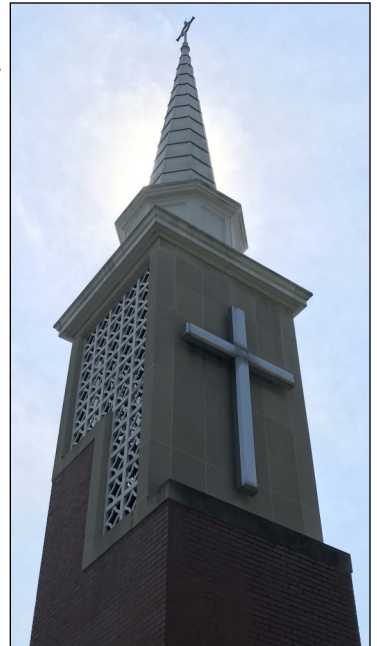
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We are delighted to have you with us this morning as we gather to worship the Lord Jesus Christ.

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

About Us:

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



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

The Divine Service of the Word

Pentecost Sunday, June 5, 2022

Prelude:

"Come, Holy Ghost"

(J. S. Bach)

"Come Down, O Love Divine"

(M. Burkhardt)

The Opening Hymn:

"Spirit Of God"

(SBH 129)

(Please stand as we join our hearts in song)

1. Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart; Wean it from
2. I ask no dream, no proph - et ec - sta - sies, No sud - den

earth, through all its puls - es move; Stoop to my weak - ness,
rend - ing of the veil of clay, No an - gel vis - i -

might-y as thou art, And make me love thee as I ought to love.
tant, no o-pening skies; But take the dim-ness of my soul a - way. A-men.

3 Hast thou not bid me love thee, God and King;
All, all thine own, soul, heart and strength and mind?
I see thy Cross; there teach my heart to cling;
O let me seek thee, and O let me find!

4 Teach me to love thee as thine angels love,
One holy passion filling all my frame:
The baptism of the heaven-descended Dove,
My heart an altar, and thy love the flame. Amen.

George Croly, 1780–1860

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, has had mercy upon us, and for the sake of the sufferings, death, and resurrection of His dear Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, forgives us all our sins. As a Minister of the Church of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore declare unto you who do truly repent and believe in Him, the entire forgiveness of all your sins. In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

P: On the other hand, by the same authority, I declare unto the impenitent and unbelieving, that so long as they continue in their impenitence, God has 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 children 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: The Spirit of the Lord fills the world, alleluia.

C: Let the righteous be glad, let them rejoice before God; yes, let them exceedingly rejoice. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

P: Let God arise, let His enemies be scattered.

C: Let them also that hate Him flee before Him. (Psalm 68:1, 3)

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 145:15, 16

¹⁵ The eyes of all look to You, and You give them their food in due time. ¹⁶ You open Your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

Epistle Lesson: 1 Corinthians 10:16-17; 11:26-30 (NASB)

¹⁶ Is not the cup of blessing which we bless a sharing in the blood of Christ? Is not the bread which we break a sharing in the body of Christ? ¹⁷ Since there is one bread, we who are many are one body; for we all partake of the one bread.

²⁶ For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes. ²⁷ Therefore whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner, shall be guilty of the body and the blood of the Lord. ²⁸ But a man must examine himself, and in so doing he is to eat of the bread and drink of the cup. ²⁹ For he who eats and drinks, eats and drinks judgment to himself if he does not judge the body rightly. ³⁰ For this reason many among you are weak and sick, and a number sleep.

The Gradual:

Alleluia, alleluia. You send forth your Spirit, they are created and you renew the face of the earth. Alleluia, Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia.

(Psalm 104: 30)

The Alleluia (Sung in Unison)

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Holy Gospel Reading: Matthew 26:26-29 (NASB)

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

²⁶ While they were eating, Jesus took some bread, and after a blessing, He broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, “Take, eat; this is My body.” ²⁷ And when He had taken a cup and given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; ²⁸ for this is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for forgiveness of sins. ²⁹ But I say to you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in My Father’s kingdom.”

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: Senior Choir—*Holy Spirit, Live in Me* (Kirby/Schrader)

Holy Spirit, live in me; More like Jesus let me be;
Fill my soul with peace and love, Make me gentle as a dove.
More like Jesus as I go, Pilgrim in this world below;
Poor in spirit I would be, Holy Spirit, live in me.

More like Jesus when I pray, More like Jesus day by day;
He will teach me how to live, All my sinful ways forgive,
Born of Him, by grace renewed, By His love my will subdued;
Rich in faith I still would be, Holy Spirit live in me.

The Announcements

Recognition of High School Graduates

The Sermon Hymn: "Gracious Spirit, Dove Divine" (AMB129)

1 Gra - cious Spir - it, Dove di - vine! Let Thy
 2 Speak Thy par - d'ning grace to me, Set the
 3 Life and peace to me im - part, Seal sal -
 4 Let me nev - er from Thee stray, Keep me

light with - in me shine; All my guilt - y
 bur - dened sin - ner free; Lead me to the
 va - tion on my heart; Breathe Thy - self in -
 in the nar - row way; Fill my soul with

fears re - move, Fill me with Thy heav'n - ly love.
 Lamb of God; Wash me in His pre - cious blood.
 to my breast, Ear - nest of e - ter - nal rest.
 joy di - vine, Keep me, Lord, for - ev - er Thine.

Text: John Stocker, 1777

Tune: Louis Gottschalk, 1829–1869; arr. Edwin P. Parker, 1836–1925

LAST HOPE

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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:

"Grace at the Table" | 1 Corinthians 10:16-17; 11:26-30; Matthew 26:26-29

1. Foreshadowed and Prepared for through the Passover.
2. On the night of His Betrayal.
3. Eucharist: Blessing & Thanks.
4. Broken and Given for you.
5. Bread & Body.
6. Wine & Blood.
7. Covenant Promise of God.
8. Repentance & Confession.
9. Future Feast in the New Kingdom.
10. Go forth in Peace.

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 First Holy Communion of the 2022 Confirmation Class (11:00)

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 page 14 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.

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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.

This Is The Feast

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.

Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.

Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia. Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

The Distribution

During Communion we shall sing: "Let Us Break Bread Together" (AMB285) and "Break Thou the Bread of Life" (SBH491)

1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;
2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;

— Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees.
— Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.

Refrain

When I fall on my knees, With my face to the ris - ing

sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me.

3. Let us praise God together on our knees;
Let us praise God together on our knees.

Text: African-American spiritual
Tune: African-American spiritual

BREAK BREAD TOGETHER
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The Distribution (cont'd)

"Break Thou the Bread of Life" (SBH491)

1. Break thou the bread of life, Dear Lord, to me,
As thou didst break the loaves Be - side the sea;
Be - yond the sa - cred page I seek thee, Lord;
My spir - it pants for thee, O liv - ing Word! A-men.

2 Bless thou the truth, dear Lord,
To me, to me,
As thou didst bless the bread
By Galilee;
Then shall all bondage cease,
All fetters fall;
And I shall find my peace,
My All-in-all! Amen.

Mary A. Lathbury, 1841-1913

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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 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 shall sing "Amen.")*

P: The Lord be with you.

C. And with thy spirit

P: Bless we the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

The Benediction

P: May the Lord bless you and keep you.

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

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

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

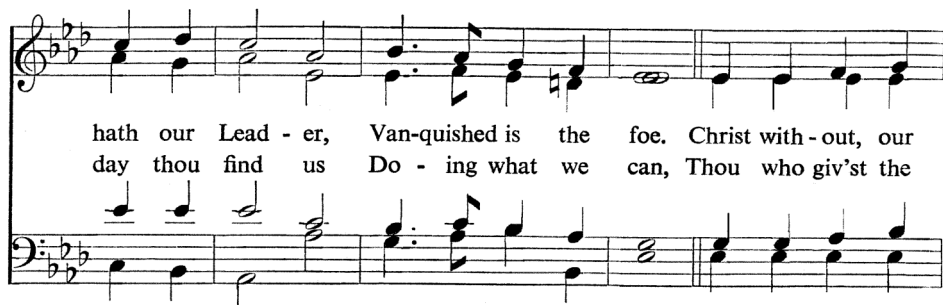
(Numbers 6:24-26)

C: Amen

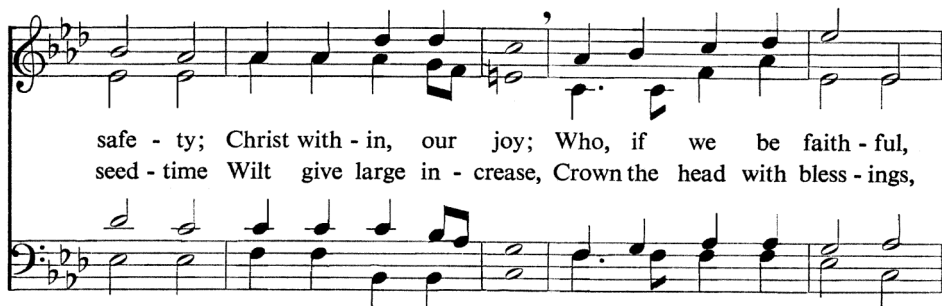
The Closing Hymn: "On Our Way Rejoicing" (SBH195)



1. On our way re - joic - ing Glad - ly let us go; Con-quered
2. If with hon - est - heart - ed Love for God and man, Day by

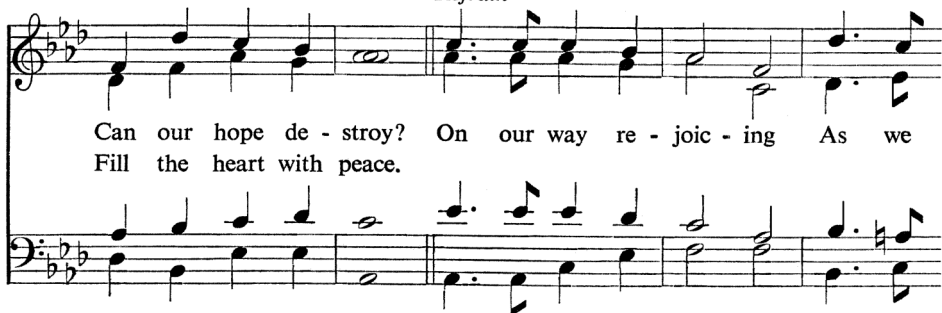


hath our Lead - er, Van-quished is the foe. Christ with - out, our
day thou find us Do - ing what we can, Thou who giv'st the



safe - ty; Christ with - in, our joy; Who, if we be faith - ful,
seed - time Wilt give large in - crease, Crown the head with bless - ings,

Refrain



Can our hope de - stroy? On our way re - joic - ing As we
Fill the heart with peace.

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The Closing Hymn: “On Our Way Rejoicing” (SBH195) (cont’d)

for-ward move, Heark-en to our prais-es, O thou God of love! A-men.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves, a treble staff on top and a bass staff on the bottom. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats). The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a steady rhythm.

3 Unto God the Father
Joyful songs we sing,
Unto God the Saviour
Thankful hearts we bring,
Unto God the Spirit
Bow we and adore,
On our way rejoicing
Now and evermore. Amen.

John S. B. Monsell, 1811–75

The Silent Prayer & Chimes

The Postlude: “Rondeau” (J. Mouret)

Announcements

The altar flowers are presented by Chris Stout to the glory of God for His many blessings—particularly, my mother, my husband, and a church that stands on His inerrant Word.

The chancel rail flowers are presented by Joan and Cliff Morton in celebration of their 66th wedding anniversary.

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

Known to be hospitalized: None known.

Prayers for Recovery and Healing: Michelle Hopkins—chemotherapy. Jim MacManus—at McMurray Hills Manor. Al Hatala—COVID, Room 128D at Friendship Village. Please keep them in your prayers, as well as all those members of the Ruthfred family who are facing health or other challenges.

Pastor's Fund: Given by Chris and Marcia Clark with thankfulness for your guidance.

Take Them a Meal: As a way to support the Taylor family, a schedule has been created on this website, takethemameal.com, to provide them with two meals a week for a few months, June 9 through August 4. If you would like to volunteer, please go to the website, find their schedule with this password, 8593, and sign up. You will also find notes/instructions about dietary restrictions. If possible, please enter what you will be preparing so we can try to give them variety. Reminder slips with this information are available in baskets at the bottom of the stairs at the Patterson Road and back parking lot entrances. Thank you for your prayers and support for the Taylor family. Contact Jill Kurtz with any questions.

Special thanks to Sue Hughes for all of her help with the senior confirmation class! Sue helped out each week throughout the year and filled in for me during the final weeks as well. Her great love for the students has been a wonderful blessing to each of them! God bless you, Mrs. Hughes! *Pastor Carlson & Confirmation Students*

From Pastor and Jen Carlson to Council & the Congregation: Thank you so much for the Ministry Appreciation card and also for the gift cards which I discovered on my desk on June 1st! As I look back over these past 30 years of ministry, I am humbled by God's goodness and grace, and I praise the Lord for His good work which He has privileged Jen and me to be a part of throughout these years! This ministry is a sacred calling and trust from the Lord, and I pray that I will be a good steward of that call in the years to come as well. It is a blessed joy to serve among you at Ruthfred!

The Knit Wits group (knitters and crocheters) will continue to meet this summer at 10 a.m. on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays in the Fireside Lounge. Please consider joining us, and bring a friend if you like! All are welcome! We are still in need of small containers of liquid dish soap to accompany the knitted and crocheted dish cloths we are making for local food banks. There is a collection bin in the Fireside Lounge. Please call Pat Lutz if you need more information.

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, June 12, 2022, for approval at the June Council meeting. Application forms are available on the table at the bottom of the stairs near the Fellowship Hall or by calling the church office. Please place completed applications in the Council Secretary mail slot in the Conference Room.

Announcements (cont'd)

Young Adult Bible Study: This group will meet in June on the 12th and 26th at 6:30 p.m. at Andrew and Cassie Vogel's house. All young adults are welcome to join. For questions or further information, please contact Andrew at andrewvogel@ruthfred.org.

Post-Secondary Graduates: Each year Ruthfred gratefully acknowledges the accomplishments of our congregation's college graduates. If you know of any members of our congregation who are graduating in 2022 from any colleges, universities, or trade schools, please email Felicia Rieck at FeliciaRieck@ruthfred.org with each graduate's full name, name of school, name of degree, and graduation date. We'll list them in a bulletin in June.

Employment Opportunity at Ruthfred:

Nursery 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 contact Shane Cox if you can help.

Craft & Sew Request: Craft & Sew sewers would like to honor our veterans at the City Mission this year with patriotic pillowcases. We were able to do this last year through the kind and generous donations from the congregation. We need at least one yard of patriotic fabric and solid colors of red, white and blue—please no glitter. If you are unable to purchase the fabric yourself but would like to participate, you may make a donation to Craft & Sew, and we will buy the fabric, please note "fabric" on the envelope. There will be a collection bin in the fellowship hall for fabric donations. Please contact Arlene Ball if you have any questions. 412-977-8013 or Arlene1952@gmail.com. Please join us at 9:30 on Tuesday, June 28th for our next meeting!

Association of Free Lutheran Congregations (AFLC) Annual Conference: Our church body, the AFLC, will hold its Annual Conference June 15th—18th at the Association Retreat Center (ARC) in Osceola, Wisconsin. Ruthfred Church Council has agreed to cover airfare, meals, and hotel expenses for up to 6 Ruthfred members to attend. Visit aflc.org/about-us/conferences/ for more information. Contact John Morden if you plan to attend. Register ASAP. Pastor Carlson plans to attend the conference, as do Pastor McMinn and his family.

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.

Lost and Found Notice: A resident from the area called to say that he found a woman's ring on May 22nd near the back parking lot in the dirt, on the creek side. Please call the office for further information.

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

First Holy Communion

Today, the Confirmation Class of 2022 is receiving their first Holy Communion at the 11:00 service. We ask God's blessings upon their lives.

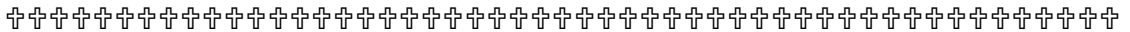
Vienne Capri Battaglia

Madelynne Claire Cox

Elias Matthew Manzo

Noah William McMinn

Abigail Kelly Stutzman



2022 High School Graduates

Congratulations to all of our seniors graduating from high school this year! We pray for God's blessings on the next chapter of your lives.

Isaac Nirella

Josh Libell

Olivia Underwood

Natalie Scott

Caitlyn Bostaph



Ana Crain

Blake Dowd

Heather Weighley

Morgan Phelps

Anna Counihan

For The Month of June

Acolytes: 8:30 a.m. (6/5, 6/26) Jonathan Tarrant
(6/12) Isaiah Compel
(6/19) Noah McMin

11:00 a.m. (6/5, 6/19) Josh Cimarolli
(6/12, 6/26) Elias Manzo

Crucifers: 8:30 a.m. (6/12) Maddie Cox

11:00 a.m. (6/5) Sadie Carlson

Altar Guild: Rich Kleiser

<u>Scripture Readers:</u>	8:30 a.m. (6/12, 6/19) (6/26)	Tom Sanders TBD
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11:00 a.m. (6/12)	Kurt Ziegler
(6/19)	Tom Sanders
(6/26)	Will Charlton

Counters: 8:30 a.m. Tom Eld, Neil Wagner

11:00 a.m. Will Charlton, Mark Riley

Ushers: 8:30 a.m. Bernard Paterra, John Ruzicka

11:00 a.m. Ned Wellman, Mark Riley

Coffee Hour: Arlene Fees

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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, starting today we are beginning 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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## **Today in the Upper Room**

**The Truth in Love** —This series is a 4-week DVD study confirming God's Love for us! In this day and age of political correctness, the Bible makes it clear that the job of a Christian is to speak the truth in love. Both truth and love are critically important to in order to correctly deal with sin and walk with God. In this series, pastor and author Dr. Jeff Schreve shares the timeless truths of scripture that bring conviction and hope in the Lord Jesus Christ. All are welcome to join!

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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. Hope to see you there!

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## **Summer Sunday School for Kids**

**(starting June 12<sup>th</sup>)**

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 p.m. at the Church.

## TNT (9-12 Grade)

TNT will meet on Tuesday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, at the Church for the Summer Kickoff, 5:30-9 p.m. Rising 9th graders are welcome!

### SAVE THE DATE

July 3-8 — Work Camp

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Questions/concerns?

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

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**Summer is just around the corner! How do I know this?**

**It's time to start planning for VBS!!**

**VBS 2022 will be July 25<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>, 9 a.m. to noon**

**We are looking for Volunteers!!**



## **Registration**

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

### Questions?

Contact Jason Weighley by email at  
[Jason.weighley@gmail.com](mailto:Jason.weighley@gmail.com)

## This Week At Ruthfred

### Today (6/5) PENTECOST SUNDAY

8:30 a.m.—Communion Service  
9:45 a.m.—Sunday School (Family Gathering)  
11:00 a.m.—Communion Service & First Holy  
Communion for 2022 Confirmands  
6:00 p.m.—Communion Service  
High School Graduate Recognition  
City Mission Food Sunday

### Monday (6/6)

9:30 a.m.—Craft & Sew (Crafters only)  
7:00 p.m.—Elders' Meeting

### Tuesday (6/7)

7:00 p.m.—Worship Team

### Wednesday (6/8)

Noon—Esther

### Thursday (6/9)

10:00 a.m.—Knit Wits

### Friday (6/10)

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

### Saturday (6/11) ST. BARNABAS, APOSTLE

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

### Sunday (6/12) HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY

8:30 a.m.—Worship Service  
9:45 a.m.—Sunday School  
11:00 a.m.—Worship Service  
6:30 p.m.—Young Adult Bible Study (A & C Vogels')

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At Pentecost we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit!  
Welcome to worship as we pray to be aware of the  
Spirit's movement around us here, as well.

#### Attendance for Last Week:

Sunday Worship...210 Sunday School...87  
Live Stream...42

## Prayer Requests

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

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

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

## 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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