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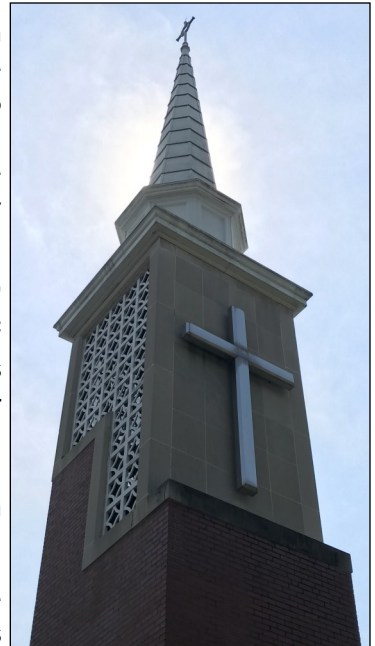
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**We are delighted to have you with us this morning as we gather to worship the Lord Jesus Christ.**

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

Reformation Sunday, October 30, 2022

## Prelude:

### **"Festival Prelude on 'Ein feste Burg'"**

(Telemann/  
Rotermund)

### **"Praise to the Lord" (Walther)**

## The Opening Hymn:

### **"Lift High the Cross" (AMB #508)**

(Please stand as we  
join our hearts in  
song)

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim Till

all the world a - dore His sa - cred name.

1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our Cap - tain trod,  
2 Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,  
3 All new - born sol - diers of the Cru - ci - fied  
4 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,  
5 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

*to Refrain*  
Our King vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.  
The hosts of God in con - qu'ring ranks com - bine.  
Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died.  
As Thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to Thee.  
Praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

Text: George W. Kitchin, 1827–1912; Michael R. Newbolt, 1874–1956

Tune: Sydney H. Nicholson, 1875–1947

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Congregation (C): Amen**

## **The Confession of Sins** (SBH, p. 41)

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

Our help is in the name of the Lord

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

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

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

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

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

(Silent Prayer of Personal Confession)

**Together:**

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

## **The Absolution:**

P: 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: The Lord of hosts is with us.

**C: The God of Jacob is our refuge.**

P: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be removed.

**C: And though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea.**

P: God is our refuge and strength.

**C: A very present help in trouble.**

(Psalm 46: 1, 2, 7)

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

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

### **The Kyrie** (Sung in Unison; SBH p. 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: "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast In Thy Word"** (SBH #155, 2nd tune)

1. Lord, keep us steadfast in thy word, Curb  
2. Lord Je - sus Christ, thy power make known, For

those who fain by craft or sword Would wrest the king-dom from thy  
thou art Lord of lords a - lone; De - fend thy Chris-ten-dom, that

Son, And set at naught all he hath done.  
we May ev - er - more sing praise to thee. A - men.

3 O Comforter of priceless worth,  
Send peace and unity on earth;  
Support us in our final strife,  
And lead us out of death to life. Amen.

*Martin Luther, 1483-1546  
Tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1829-78*

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 Lord God, heavenly Father, pour out, we beseech Thee, Thy Holy Spirit upon Thy faithful people. Keep them steadfast in Thy grace and truth. Protect and comfort them in all temptation. Defend them against all enemies of Thy Word, and bestow upon Christ's Church militant Thy saving peace. Through the same Thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with Thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end.

**C: Amen**

### **The Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 1:10-18** (NASB)

<sup>10</sup> Hear the word of the LORD, you rulers of Sodom; give ear to the instruction of our God, you people of Gomorrah. <sup>11</sup> "What are your multiplied sacrifices to Me?" Says the LORD. "I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams and the fat of fed cattle; and I take no pleasure in the blood of bulls, lambs or goats. <sup>12</sup> When you come to appear before Me, who requires of you this trampling of My courts? <sup>13</sup> Bring your worthless offerings no longer, incense is an abomination to Me. New moon and sabbath, the calling of assemblies—I cannot endure iniquity and the solemn assembly. <sup>14</sup> I hate your new moon *festivals* and your appointed feasts, they have become a burden to Me; I am weary of bearing *them*. <sup>15</sup> So when you spread out your hands *in prayer*, I will hide My eyes from you; Yes, even though you multiply prayers, I will not listen. Your hands are covered with blood. <sup>16</sup> Wash yourselves, make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your deeds from My sight. Cease to do evil, <sup>17</sup> Learn to do good; seek justice, reprove the ruthless, defend the orphan, plead for the widow." <sup>18</sup> "Come now, and let us reason together," says the LORD, "Though your sins are as scarlet, they will be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they will be like wool."

### **The Psalm: Psalm 130** (NASB, Read Responsively)

P: Out of the depths I have cried to You, O LORD.

**C: Lord, hear my voice! Let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications.**

P: If You, LORD, should mark iniquities, O LORD, who could stand?

**C: But there is forgiveness with You, that You may be feared.**

P: I wait for the LORD, my soul does wait, and in His word do I hope.

**C: My soul *waits* for the Lord more than the watchmen for the morning; *indeed, more than the watchmen for the morning.***

P: O Israel, hope in the LORD; for with the LORD there is lovingkindness, and with Him is abundant redemption.

**C: And He will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.**

**The Epistle Lesson: 2 Thessalonians 1:1-5, 11-12** (NASB)

<sup>1</sup> Paul and Silvanus and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: <sup>2</sup> Grace to you and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>3</sup> We ought always to give thanks to God for you, brethren, as is *only* fitting, because your faith is greatly enlarged, and the love of each one of you toward one another grows *ever* greater; <sup>4</sup> therefore, we ourselves speak proudly of you among the churches of God for your perseverance and faith in the midst of all your persecutions and afflictions which you endure. <sup>5</sup> *This is* a plain indication of God's righteous judgment so that you will be considered worthy of the kingdom of God, for which indeed you are suffering....<sup>11</sup> To this end also we pray for you always, that our God will count you worthy of your calling, and fulfill every desire for goodness and the work of faith with power, <sup>12</sup> so that the name of our Lord Jesus will be glorified in you, and you in Him, according to the grace of our God and *the* Lord Jesus Christ.

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 Gradual:**

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, in the city of our God, in the mountain of His holiness. Walk about Zion. Tell the towers of this. Mark you well her bulwarks, consider her palaces that you may tell it to the generation following. Alleluia, alleluia. For this God is our God for ever and ever. He will be our guide even to death. Alleluia. (Psalm 48: 1-3, 13, 14)

**The Alleluia** (Sung in Unison)

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**The Holy Gospel Lesson: John 8:31-36** (NASB)

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

<sup>31</sup> So Jesus was saying to those Jews who had believed Him, "If you continue in My word, *then* you are truly disciples of Mine; <sup>32</sup> and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." <sup>33</sup> They answered Him, "We are Abraham's descendants and have never yet been enslaved to anyone; how is it that You say, 'You will become free?'" <sup>34</sup> Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is the slave of sin. <sup>35</sup> The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son does remain forever. <sup>36</sup> So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."

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—*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* (arr. Wagner)

11:00 Senior Choir—*From Age to Age the Same* (Larson)

God is our refuge and our strength, our help in times of trouble.  
We shall not fear for God is near, though the earth should be removed.  
Though the waters roar and foam, though the mountains fall into the sea.  
God is our refuge and our strength, from age to age the same!

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of our God;  
a holy place of the Most High God.  
God is in her midst; she shall not be moved.  
Though the nations rage, and the kingdoms fall,  
God evermore shall reign!

Come, and behold the works of the Lord. He rules o'er all the earth.  
Come, and behold the ways of the Lord. He makes the wars to cease.  
Be still and know that I am God; I am exalted over all the earth.

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;  
Our helper He, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.  
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;  
His craft and power are great, and, armed with cruel hate,  
on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing,  
Were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing.  
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He;  
Lord Sabaoth His name, from age to age the same  
and He must win the battle. Amen!

### **The Announcements**

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

**The Sermon Hymn: "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"** (SBH #158)

1. I love thy king - dom, Lord, The house of thine a - bode,  
2. I love thy Church, O God; Her walls be - fore thee stand,

The Church our blest Re - deem - er saved With his own pre-cious Blood.  
Dear as the ap - ple of thine eye, And grav - en on thy hand. A-men.

3 For her my tears shall fall,  
For her my prayers ascend;  
To her my cares and toils be given,  
Till toils and cares shall end.

4 Beyond my highest joy  
I prize her heavenly ways,  
Her sweet communion, solemn vows,  
Her hymns of love and praise.

5 Jesus, thou Friend divine,  
Our Saviour and our King,  
Thy hand from every snare and foe  
Shall great deliverance bring.

6 Sure as thy truth shall last,  
To Sion shall be given  
The brightest glories earth can yield,  
And brighter bliss of heaven. Amen.

*Timothy Dwight, 1752-1817*

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:** “Know the Truth and Be Free” | John 8:31-36

**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:

### **"A Mighty Fortress**

(SBH #150)

## The Silent Prayer &

### Chimes

## The Postlude:

### **"Praise to the Lord"**

(Manz)



1. A might-y for-tress is our God, A bul-wark nev-er fail-ing;  
Our help-er he a-mid the flood Of mor-tal ills pre-vail-ing;
2. Did we in our own strength con-fide Our striv-ing would be los-ing;  
Were not the right Man on our side, The Man of God's own choos-ing.



For still our an-cient foe Doth seek to work us woe; His craft and power are  
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Je-sus, it is he; Lord Sa-ba-oth his



great, And, armed with cru-el hate, On earth is not his e-qual.  
Name, From age to age the same, And he must win the bat-tle.



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| 3 And though this world, with devils filled,<br>Should threaten to undo us;<br>We will not fear, for God hath willed<br>His truth to triumph through us:<br>The prince of darkness grim,<br>We tremble not for him;<br>His rage we can endure,<br>For lo! his doom is sure,<br>One little word shall fell him. | 4 That word above all earthly powers,<br>No thanks to them, abideth;<br>The Spirit and the gifts are ours<br>Through him who with us sideth:<br>Let goods and kindred go,<br>This mortal life also;<br>The body they may kill:<br>God's truth abideth still,<br>His kingdom is forever. |
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*Martin Luther, 1483–1546  
Tr. Frederick H. Hedge, 1805–90  
Based on Psalm 46*

# Announcements

**The altar flowers** are presented by the Bostaph family to the Glory of God in thanksgiving for all of His blessings!

**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!

**Special Musicians:** Please welcome Edward Kocher and Robert Schmalz, trombonists. Thank you, Edward and Robert, for your addition to our services today!

**All Saints' Sunday** is next Sunday, November 6, 2022. During the service we will be remembering all those who have passed away during this past year.

**Known to be hospitalized:** Joe Cawley—Providence Point. Fred Schell (broken ribs)—Presbyterian Hospital. (Fred's home address is: 103 South Grandview Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15205.) Derrick Fouks (father of Brandon) was in a car accident on October 9<sup>th</sup> and sustained serious injuries. (Address: 2463 County Rd. H, Deer Park, WI 54007.) Please keep them in your prayers and support them with cards.

**Prayers for Recovery and Healing:** Larry Sheatsley has been discharged from Concordia. Joan Reagan (knee replacement) is home recovering. 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.

**Pastor's Fund:** Given by Chris and Marcia Clark with thanks to the Lord for blessing us with 53 years of marriage.

**Condolences:** Our pastors and congregation extend Christian love and sympathy to Elaine Grant and her family. Elaine's brother Merle Grant passed away on Monday, October 24<sup>th</sup> in Florida. Please keep Elaine's family in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

**Christmas Giving Tree:** Beginning today, Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, a tree outside the elevator will be decorated with small red & green envelopes to benefit the Adopt-A-Family program. This program benefits local families who cannot provide meals, or gifts, for their family at Christmas. The holidays are one of the most expensive times of the year for families—especially those who are struggling to make ends meet. Your generosity can help alleviate this burden. Last year this program helped over 200 local families to enjoy Christmas.



If you can possibly donate a gift card to Giant Eagle, Shop N Save, Walmart, Aldi's, Eat 'N Park, or Target, it would help provide food, and possibly a small gift, this Christmas. Please include the gift card receipt, or write the dollar amount on the envelope, and then either place it in the weekly offering basket or take it to the office where there is a decorated collection bin. All gift cards must be turned in by Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>. I will deliver them the next day. Thank you! **Carol Ward** (412) 559-2592

# Announcements (cont'd)

**Parents of preschoolers through 5th graders:** Today, please 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 20th. 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!

**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.



**Journey Through the Word:** Both morning and evening sessions are up and running, but you can still join one of these Wednesday studies. The morning group is studying *1 Corinthians*, using N. T. Wright's study guide. Contact Sue Swan if you would like more information: 412-708-3535 or writing [cygnet@gmail.com](mailto:cygnet@gmail.com). The evening group is studying Dr. David Jeremiah's The Book of Signs. Each lesson stands alone, and there are plenty of books. Please contact Jodie or Mark Riley if you need more information: 412-401-9137.

**Seeking Member with 3-D Printing Capability:** The liners in the vases for the altar flowers are starting to leak, and altar supply catalogs do not have the correct size, so we are hoping that someone with a 3-D printer might be able to make two new liners. Please contact the office if you can help. Thank you!

## 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 **SWAP** tonight for the middle school students! 6-7:30 p.m. at the Church.

**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, opened on October 20<sup>th</sup>. This biennial convention brings approximately 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 Wentz 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 November 1<sup>st</sup>, 7-9 p.m.

### Questions/concerns?

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

## Membership Class



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:



Today we celebrate Reformation Day, the anniversary of the day (October 31, 1517) when Martin Luther nailed his “95 Theses” to the Castle Church door in Wittenberg, Germany. For further information, you can read Pastor Carlson’s article in the October, 2022, issue of the Herald. If you do not receive this publication by snail mail or email and would like to, please contact the Church Office. You can access the issue online on the Ruthfred website: [ruthfred.org/files/October-2022-Ruthfred-Herald.pdf](http://ruthfred.org/files/October-2022-Ruthfred-Herald.pdf).

Additional resources:

- There is a shelf devoted to books on Lutheranism in our Church Library
- Ambassador Publications. View their website @ [www.ambassadorpublications.org](http://www.ambassadorpublications.org). One of their publications is Luther for the Busy Man, which “breaks up Luther’s commentary on the standard Gospel texts into manageable daily content, organized according to the Church Year.” You can also sign up for a free daily LFTBM devotional delivered through email and/or text notification by visiting the following website: [lutherforthebusyman.org/index.php/subscribe/](http://lutherforthebusyman.org/index.php/subscribe/). If you prefer audio, you can listen to a daily podcast reading on the LFTBM website: [lutherforthebusyman.org](http://lutherforthebusyman.org).
- Pastor Carlson and Pastor McMinn.

## This Week At Ruthfred

**Today (10/30) REFORMATION SUNDAY**

8:30 a.m.—Worship Service

9:45 a.m.—Sunday School and Family Sunday School

11:00 a.m.—Worship Service

**Monday (10/31) REFORMATION DAY**

9:30 a.m.—JTTW Leaders

**Tuesday (11/1) ALL SAINTS DAY**

7:00 p.m.—Worship Team

### Wednesday (1 1/2)

9:15 a.m.—JTTW

5:45 p.m.—Children's Choir

6:00 p.m.—Forkless Dinner

6:30 p.m.—Bell Choir

6:45 p.m.—Confirmation Classes/JTTW/Kids' Time

7:30 p.m.—Senior Choir

**Friday (1 1/4)**

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

**Saturday (11/5) TURN YOUR CLOCKS BACK**

**Sunday (11/6) ALL SAINTS SUNDAY**

## INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

**FOR THE PERSECUTED CHURCH**

## CITY MISSION FOOD SUNDAY

8:30 a.m.—Holy communion

9:45 a.m.—Sunday School

1 1:00 a.m.—Holy Communion

6:00 p.m.—Holy Communion



Welcome to worship, Christian education, and fellowship as we gather in the name of our Savior and as His body united in love. Amen.

**Attendance for Last Week:**

Church...203 Sunday School 73

8:30 Live Stream ...42

JTTW (morning)...45

JTTW (evening)...67

Kids' Time...21

## 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:

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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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