

Hallelujah



RUTHFRED LUTHERAN CHURCH

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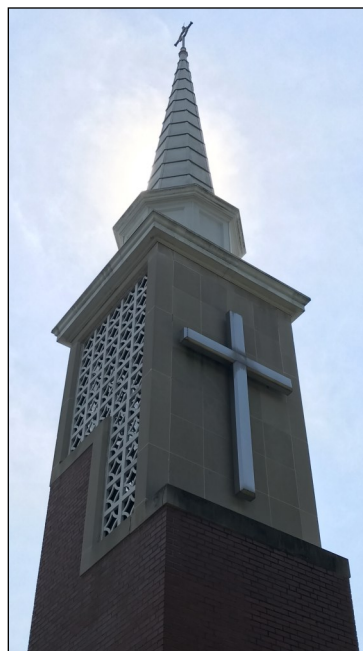
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We are delighted to have you with us this morning as we gather to worship the Lord Jesus Christ.

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 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 Second Sunday after Easter, May 1, 2022

Prelude:

"Voluntary on 'Hyfrydol'"

(Charles Callahan)

"Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring"

(Kevin Norris)

The Opening Hymn:

"That Easter Day with Joy was Bright"

(SBH94, 1st tune)

(Please stand as we
join our hearts in
song)

The musical score is written for a piano and voice. It features a treble and bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is in the treble clef, and the piano accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the melody. The score is divided into two systems. The first system contains the first two lines of the hymn, and the second system contains the next two lines. The piano accompaniment consists of a simple harmonic pattern in the left hand and a more active melody in the right hand.

1. That Eas - ter Day with joy was bright, The sun shone
2. O Je - sus, King of gen - tle - ness, Do thou our

out with fair - er light, When, to their long - ing eyes re -
in - most hearts pos - sess; And we to thee will ev - er

stored, The A - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord.
raise The trib - ute of our grate - ful praise. A - men.

3 Jesus, who art the Lord of all,
In this our Easter festival,
From every weapon death can wield,
Thine own redeemed, thy people, shield!

4 All praise, O risen Lord, we give
To thee, who, dead, again dost live;
To God the Father equal praise,
And God the Holy Ghost, we raise.

Amen.

Latin hymn, IV or V cent.

Tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-66 a.

Tune from THE COWLEY CAROL BOOK (Mowbrays).

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 Introit (Read Responsively; Please stand)

P: Christ is Risen.

C: He is Risen indeed and is coming again.

P: The earth is full of goodness of the Lord, alleluia:

C: By the word of the Lord were the heavens made. Alleluia, alleluia.

P: Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous:

C: For praise is suitable for the upright. (Psalm 33:1, 5, 6)

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: Acts 9: 1-22 (NASB)

¹ Now Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest, ² and asked for letters from him to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, both men and women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³ As he was traveling, it happened that he was approaching Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him; ⁴ and he fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?" ⁵ And he said, "Who are You, Lord?" And He said, "I am Jesus whom you are persecuting, ⁶ but get up and enter the city, and it will be told you what you must do." ⁷ The men who traveled with him stood speechless, hearing the voice but seeing no one. ⁸ Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; and leading him by the hand, they brought him into Damascus. ⁹ And he was three days without sight, and neither ate nor drank. ¹⁰ Now there was a disciple at Damascus named Ananias; and the Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." And he said, "Here I am, Lord." ¹¹ And the Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and inquire at the house of Judas for a man from Tarsus named Saul, for he is praying, ¹² and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him, so that he might regain his sight." ¹³ But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much harm he did to Your saints at Jerusalem; ¹⁴ and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on Your name." ¹⁵ But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen instrument of Mine, to bear My name before the Gentiles and kings and the sons of Israel; ¹⁶ for I will show him how much he must suffer for My name's sake." ¹⁷ So Ananias departed and entered the house, and after laying his hands on him said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road by which you were coming,

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The First Lesson: Acts 9: 1-22 (NASB) (cont'd)

has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.”¹⁸ And immediately there fell from his eyes something like scales, and he regained his sight, and he got up and was baptized;¹⁹ and he took food and was strengthened. Now for several days he was with the disciples who were at Damascus,²⁰ and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, “He is the Son of God.”²¹ All those hearing him continued to be amazed, and were saying, “Is this not he who in Jerusalem destroyed those who called on this name, and who had come here for the purpose of bringing them bound before the chief priests?”²² But Saul kept increasing in strength and confounding the Jews who lived at Damascus by proving that this Jesus is the 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.

The Gradual:

Alleluia, alleluia. Then was the Lord Jesus known of the disciples in the breaking of bread. Alleluia. I am the Good Shepherd and know My sheep, and am known of Mine. Alleluia.

(Luke 24:35; John 10:14)

The Alleluia (Sung in Unison)

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Holy Gospel Reading: John 21: 1-14 (NASB)

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

¹ After these things Jesus manifested Himself again to the disciples at the Sea of Tiberias, and He manifested Himself in this way. ² Simon Peter, and Thomas called Didymus, and Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, and the sons of Zebedee, and two others of His disciples were together. ³ Simon Peter said to them, “I am going fishing.” They said to him, “We will also come with you.” They went out and got into the boat; and that night they caught nothing. ⁴ But when the day was now breaking, Jesus stood on the beach; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵ So Jesus said to them, “Children, you do not have any fish, do you?” They answered Him, “No.” ⁶ And He said to them, “Cast the net on the right-hand side of the boat and you will find a catch.” So they cast, and then they were not able to haul it in because of the great number of fish. ⁷ Therefore that disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord.” So when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put his outer garment on (for he was stripped for work), and threw himself into the sea. ⁸ But the other disciples came in the little boat, for they were not far from the land, but about one hundred yards away, dragging the net full of fish. ⁹ So when they got out on the land, they saw a charcoal fire

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The Holy Gospel Reading: John 21: 1-14 (NASB) (cont'd)

already laid and fish placed on it, and bread. ¹⁰ Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish which you have now caught." ¹¹ Simon Peter went up and drew the net to land, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three; and although there were so many, the net was not torn. ¹² Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." None of the disciples ventured to question Him, "Who are You?" knowing that it was the Lord. ¹³ Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and the fish likewise. ¹⁴ This is now the third time that Jesus was manifested to the disciples, after He was raised from the dead .

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

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

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—*A Gentle Alleluia* (Monteverdi/Edwards)

Alleluia.

Praise now the Lord with songs of peace.

Let not your voices ever cease.

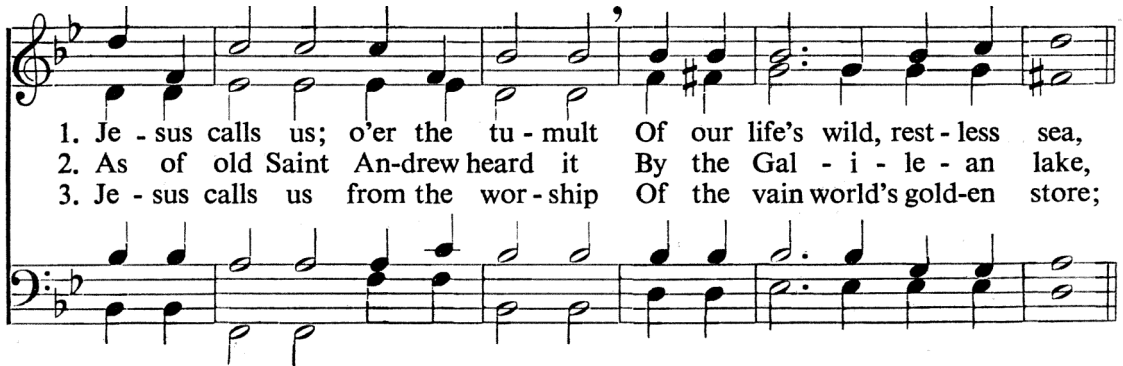
Alleluia. Amen.

The Announcements

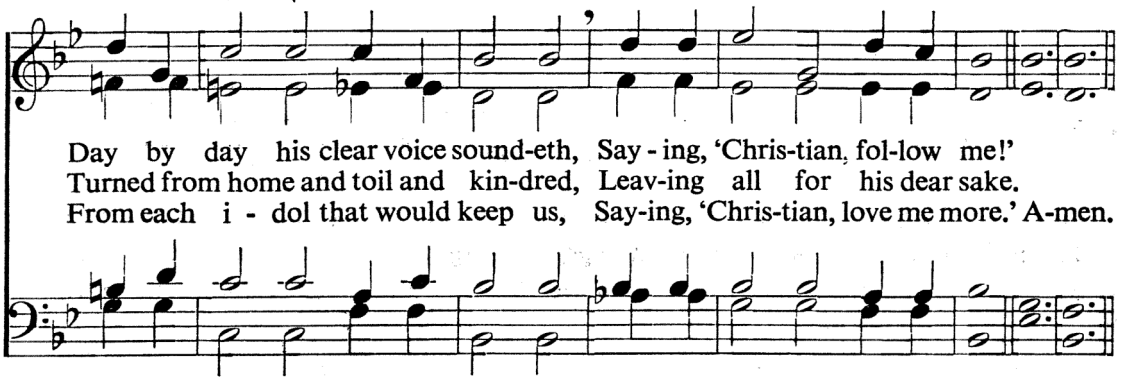
During the Service of Holy Communion, we confess our faith using the Words of the Nicene Creed. Though officially adopted a few hundred years after Christ's earthly ministry, the Creed emphasizes the truths that had been taught since the time of the Apostles, namely, that Christ is both fully God and 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.

The Sermon Hymn: "Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult" (SBH553)



1. Je - sus calls us; o'er the tu - mult Of our life's wild, rest - less sea,
2. As of old Saint An-drew heard it By the Gal - i - le - an lake,
3. Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship Of the vain world's gold-en store;



Day by day his clear voice sound-eth, Say - ing, 'Chris-tian, fol-low me!'
Turned from home and toil and kin-dred, Leav-ing all for his dear sake.
From each i - dol that would keep us, Say-ing, 'Chris-tian, love me more.' A-men.

4 In our joys and in our sorrows,
Days of toil and hours of ease,
Still he calls, in cares and pleasures,
'Christian, love me more than these.'

5 Jesus calls us! By thy mercies,
Saviour, make us hear thy call,
Give our hearts to thine obedience,
Serve and love thee best of all. Amen.

Cecil Frances Alexander, 1823-95

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.

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.

The Sermon:

"I'm Going Fishing!" | John 21:1-14

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 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.

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 12 for the purpose of aiding you in the same way.

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 alway.

C: And with thy spirit.

The Agnus Dei:

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

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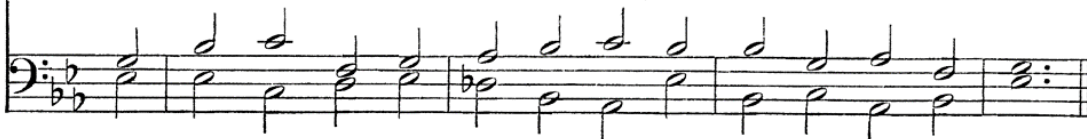
O Christ thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us thy peace. Amen.

The Distribution

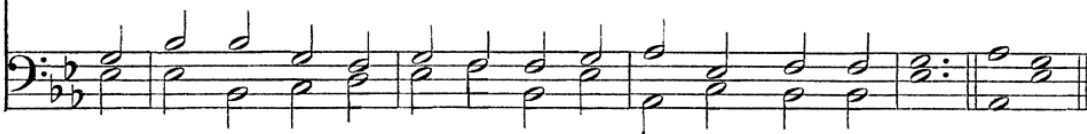
During Communion we shall sing: "According to Thy Gracious Word" (SBH266)



1. Ac - cord - ing to thy gra-cious word, In meek hu - mil - i - ty,
2. Thy Bod - y, bro - ken for my sake, My bread from heaven shall be;
3. Geth - sem - a - ne can I for - get, Or there thy con - flict see,



- This will I do, my dy - ing Lord, I will re - mem - ber thee.
Thy tes - ta - men - tal cup I take, And thus re - mem - ber thee.
Thine ag - o - ny and blood-y sweat, And not re - mem - ber thee? A-men.



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| 4 When to the Cross I turn mine eyes, | 5 Remember thee, and all thy pains, |
| And rest on Calvary, | And all thy love to me; |
| O Lamb of God, my Sacrifice, | Yea, while a breath, a pulse remains, |
| I must remember thee! | Will I remember thee. |

- 6 And when these failing lips grow dumb,
And mind and memory flee,
When thou shalt in thy kingdom come,
Jesus, remember me. Amen.

James Montgomery, 1771-1854

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:

"More Love to Thee, O Christ"

(SBH392)

The Silent Prayer & Chimes

The Postlude:

"Good Christian Men, Rejoice and Sing"

(Healey Willan)

1. More love to thee, O Christ, More love to thee!
2. Once earth - ly joy I craved, Sought peace and rest;

Hear thou the prayer I make On bend - ed knee;
Now thee a - lone I seek, Give what is best:

This is my ear - nest plea, More love, O Christ, to thee,
This all my prayer shall be, More love, O Christ, to thee,

More love to thee, More love to thee.
More love to thee, More love to thee. A - men.

3 Then shall my latest breath
Whisper thy praise;
This be the parting cry
My heart shall raise;
This still its prayer shall be,
More love, O Christ, to thee,
More love to thee. Amen.

Elizabeth Prentiss, 1818-78

Announcements

The altar flowers are presented by Grace Diehm and Patty Sanders in loving memory of Charles Diehm.

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

Special thanks to Tom Sanders, Kurt Ziegler, and Rich Lindner. They are reading Scripture and assisting with Holy Communion today at the 8:30, 11:00, and 6:00 services, respectively.

Prayers for Recovery and Healing: Michelle Hopkins—chemotherapy. Terry Alwine is now home. Please keep them in your prayers, as well as all those members of the Ruthfred family who are facing health or other challenges.

On hospice care: Al Hatala and Marie Wilmer continue under hospice care. Please pray for them and support them with cards.

Our pastors and congregation extend Christian love and sympathy to Amy, Zach, and Alea Taylor upon the passing of husband and father, D. J., on Sunday, April 24, 2022. D. J.'s memorial service was held at Ruthfred on Wednesday, April 27, 2022. Please keep Amy, Zach, Alea, and their extended family in your prayers. If you would like to send Amy a note or a card, her address is: 2762 W. Munroe St., Bethel Park, PA 15102.

National Day of Prayer: Please join us on Thursday, May 5th, at 7 p.m. in the adult Sunday School Room to pray for America. We will have a guided, informal time of prayer in a group (or groups) for approximately 45-60 minutes. Come and lift up your prayers vocally or silently.

The Knit Wits group is working on a new project—knitted and crocheted dish cloths to be shared, along with a bottle of dishwashing liquid, with our local food banks. Dish soap contributions are welcomed and can be left in the bin in the Fireside Lounge. Please call Pat Lutz if you need more information. Our next meeting will be Thursday, May 12, at 10 a.m. All are welcome!

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, May 8, 2022, for approval at the May Council meeting. Please place applications in the Council Secretary mail slot in the Conference Room.

Sincere Thank You from Meals on Wheels: On behalf of Meals on Wheels in South Park, I want to thank our generous congregation for donating over 78 bottles of salad dressing for their spring needs. They were very grateful to receive them. *Carol Ward*

Young Adult Bible Study: This group will meet in May on the 15th and 22nd 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.

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.

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.

Announcements (cont'd)

More Easter Basket Thank You Notes: Joan and Cliff Morton are thankful for the lovely basket full of delicious goodies and other thoughtful items. Joan Reagan reports that it was such a joy to receive the Easter basket and appreciates the thoughts and ideas needed for the preparation.

Volunteer Luncheon: There will be a luncheon in the Fellowship Hall after the 11 a.m. worship service on Sunday, May 15th, for all who want to help with visitation, card-writing, and calling Ruthfred members. At the meeting Pastor McMinn and Connie Munn will discuss planned visitation efforts especially for May through July, but also into the future. If you're planning to attend the luncheon, please RSVP via e-mail to Felicia Rieck at feliciarieck@ruthfred.org BY TUESDAY, MAY 10th.

Parents of Sunday School Students: Save the date of June 5th! We will have a family gathering in the Fellowship Hall during the Sunday School hour for all families to celebrate our last day of regular Sunday School before summer begins. It will be a time of fellowship, food, and more! More information to come soon.

Craft & Sew Request: Craft & Sew 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. What we need is 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.

Collection for the VA Hospital in Oakland: During the month of May, we will be collecting items for MEN at the VA Hospital. Items can be placed in the marked bin in the Fireside Lounge through May 29th. The items needed are: sweat pants (bottoms only) in sizes M & L; socks (any type); men's underwear (boxer-type); hygiene products in travel or small sizes (body wash, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, mouthwash, toothbrushes, combs, and chapstick). Please contact Jill or Roger Kurtz if you have questions. Thank you!

Gifts to our Church:

Current Fund:

- ♦ Given by a Friend in Christ in memory of Bill Schultz and Marcia Pavesi.
- ♦ Given by a Chuck and Susan Carlson (Marcia's sister) in memory of Marcia Pavesi.

Pastor's Fund:

- ♦ Given by Barb Thomas in memory of Edda Sheatsley's mother, Benita Nunez, and in memory of Mary Lou Streiner's brother, Bill Schultz.
- ♦ Given by a Friend in Christ in memory of D. J. Taylor.

Preschool Fund:

- ♦ Given by Barb Thomas in memory of Marcia Pavesi for her years of teaching preschool.
- ♦ Given by Eugene Hershberger in memory of Marcia Pavesi.
- ♦ Given by Chris and Marcia Clark in memory of Marcia Pavesi.

For The Month

Acolytes:

8:30 a.m.

Isaiah Compel

11:00 a.m. (5/1, 5/8, 5/15, 5/29)
(5/22)

Noah McMinn
TBD

Flag Bearer in celebration of Memorial Day Sunday

8:30 a.m. (5/29)

Isaiah Compel
Joshua Cimarolli

11:00 a.m. (5/29)

Noah McMinn
Elias Manzo

Crucifers:

8:30 a.m. (5/8, 5/29)

Maddie Cox

11:00 a.m. (5/1, 5/15)
(5/22)

Vienne Battaglia
TBD

Altar Guild:

Joanne Salvetti

Counters:

8:30 a.m.

Chris Clark, TBD

1 1:00 a.m.

Marty Rieck, Kevin Boehme

Ushers:

8:30 a.m.

Bernard Paterra, John Ruzicka
George Barrett, Ray Urksa

1 1:00 a.m.

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Coffee Hour:

Susan Bohaski

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OUR COMMUNION PRACTICE: Today, we celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion. 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

THOU SHALT HAVE NO FUN! Remember the Ten Commandments you learned in Sunday School or confirmation? – those killjoy rules God laid down to keep us from having any fun. Remember them? Join us as Pastor McMinn continues this Sunday morning adult study series.

We are taking a fresh look at how God convicts, blesses, and guides His people through His Commandments. (It'll be fun!) Luther said, "*Whoever knows the Ten Commandments perfectly must know all Scripture. Such a person is qualified to judge all doctrines, estates, spirits, laws, and anything else in the world.*"

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## **Today in the Upper Room**

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

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Young Adult Sunday School Class Today in the Conference Room

All young adults are invited to attend a Bible study between worship services. We will be exploring an introduction to Divine Worship. In addition, we hope to grow together by looking at opportunities to be God's hands and feet in the mission field that surrounds us. We will be putting together plans for future servant events and group activities. Come check it out—we would love to see you! If you would like more information, please call Don Roose at (412) 584-2112 or Barb Roose at (540) 846-684.

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# **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, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, at the Church.

### **SAVE THE DATE**

**May 13-15 — TNT Retreat**

**July 3-8 — Work Camp**

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Questions/concerns?

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

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

It's time to start planning for VBS!!

VBS 2022 will be July 25th-29th, 9 a.m. to noon

We are looking for Volunteers!!

Join us for an informational meeting TODAY. We will meet in the Large Sunday School Classroom after the 11 a.m. service.



VBS 2022 set decorating is underway!

We are teaming up with the South Hills Bible Chapel again to decorate the sets for Vacation Bible School. We need help with painting, cutting, and tracing to make the scenery for **VBS!** (NO ART EXPERIENCE NEEDED!!) VBS set work days are at the Bible Chapel on Tuesdays from 6 to 8 p.m. (enter door 2) or on Wednesdays from noon to 3 p.m. (enter door 5 and ring the bell).

If you are interested, the dates are:

May 3rd and 4th, May 10th and 11th, May 17th and 18th, and May 24th and 25th.

Anyone willing to help is welcome! If you have questions, please contact Jason Weighley at jason.weighley@gmail.com.

Registration

Registration is now open! Come with us on a Monumental Journey celebrating God's Greatness, July 25th to 29th, at Ruthfred Lutheran Church from 9 a.m. to noon.

Visit www.ruthfred.org to register.

Questions?

Contact Jason Weighley by email at
Jason.weighley@gmail.com

This Week At Ruthfred

Today (5/1) CITY MISSION FOOD SUNDAY

8:30 a.m.— Communion Service
9:45 a.m.—Sunday School
11:00 a.m.—Communion Service
After 11:00 a.m. service—VBS Planning Meeting
6:00 p.m.—Communion Service

Monday (5/2)

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

Tuesday (5/3)

9:30 a.m.—Craft & Sew (sewers only)
7:00 p.m.—Worship Team

Wednesday (5/4)

5:45 p.m.—Children's Choir
6:45 p.m.—Confirmation Classes
7:30 p.m.—Senior Choir

Thursday (5/5)

7:00 p.m.—National Day of Prayer Observance
Happy 90th birthday Martha Schneider

Friday (5/6)

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

Sunday (5/8) MOTHER'S DAY

8:30 a.m.—Worship Service
9:45 a.m.—Sunday School
11:00 a.m.—Worship Service

“To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!” (Revelation 5:13). During the announcements, please sign the Friendship Pad and return it to the center aisle.

Attendance for Last Week:

Saturday Worship...45 Live Stream...3
Sunday Worship...268 Sunday School...78
8:30 Live Stream...48

Prayer Requests

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