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RUTHFRED LUTHERAN CHURCH

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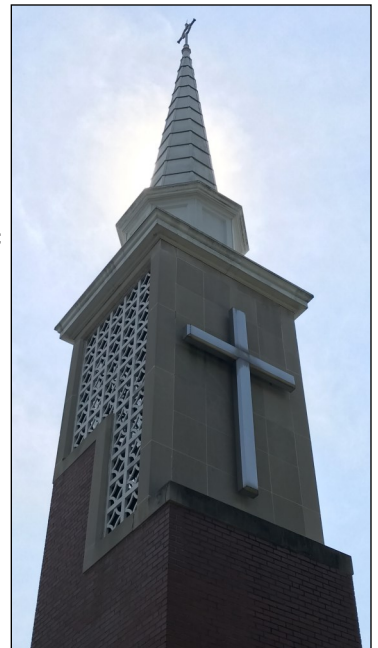
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We are delighted to have you with us this morning as we gather to worship the Lord Jesus Christ.

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 plays the Prelude. When the music starts, please quiet your hearts as you prayerfully prepare for worship.



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

The Divine Service of the Word

The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost October 2, 2022

Prelude:

**"Prelude on 'Be
Thou My Vision'"**

(G. Young)

"Eucharistia"

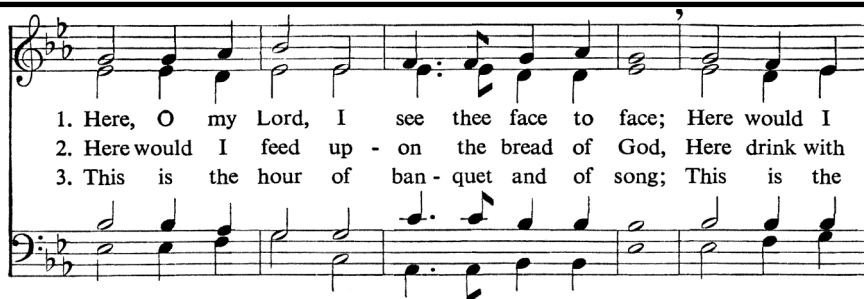
(G. W. Cassler)

The Opening Hymn:

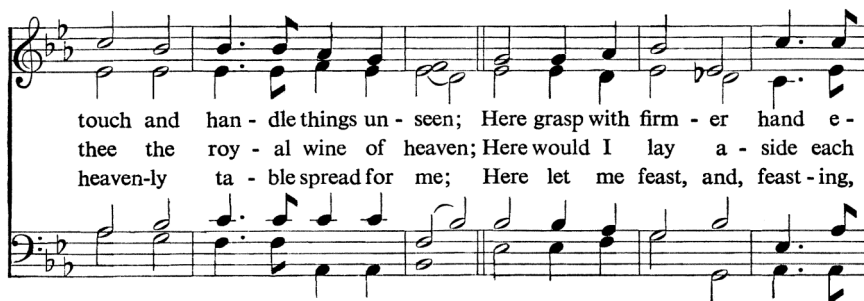
**"Here, O My Lord,
I See Thee Face to
Face"**

(SBH #275)

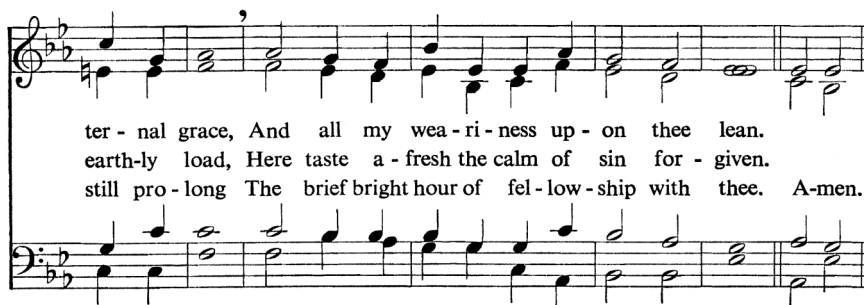
(Please stand as we
join our hearts in
song)



1. Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face; Here would I
2. Here would I feed up - on the bread of God, Here drink with
3. This is the hour of ban - quet and of song; This is the



touch and han - dle things un - seen; Here grasp with firm - er hand e -
thee the roy - al wine of heaven; Here would I lay a - side each
heaven-ly ta - ble spread for me; Here let me feast, and, feast - ing,



ter - nal grace, And all my wea - ri - ness up - on thee lean.
earth-ly load, Here taste a - fresh the calm of sin for - given.
still pro - long The brief bright hour of fel - low - ship with thee. A-men.

4 I have no help but thine; nor do I need
Another arm save thine to lean upon;
It is enough, my Lord, enough indeed;
My strength is in thy might, thy might alone.

5 Mine is the sin, but thine the righteousness;
Mine is the guilt, but thine the cleansing Blood;
Here is my robe, my refuge, and my peace;
Thy Blood, thy righteousness, O Lord, my God. Amen.

Horatius Bonar, 1808–89

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

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

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

The Call to Worship and Invocation

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

Congregation (C): Amen

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

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

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

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

The Absolution, Admonition & Blessing:

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

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

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

C: Amen

“Introit” means “to enter into,” and is a responsive reading meant to lead God’s forgiven children into the worship of Him. The words are from Scripture, and relate to the theme of the day in the liturgical calendar.

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

The Introit (Read Responsively; Please stand)

P: Be merciful unto me, O Lord,

C: For I cry unto Thee daily.

P: For Thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive,

C: And plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon Thee.

P: Bow down Thine ear, O Lord, hear me,

C: For I am poor and needy. (Psalm 86: 1, 3-5)

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: Habakkuk: 1:1-4; 2:1-4(NASB)

¹ The oracle which Habakkuk the prophet saw. ² How long, O Lord, will I call for help, and You will not hear? I cry out to You, “Violence!” Yet You do not save. ³ Why do You make me see iniquity, and cause me to look on wickedness? Yes, destruction and violence are before me; strife exists and contention arises. ⁴ Therefore the law is ignored and justice is never upheld. For the wicked surround the righteous; therefore justice comes out perverted.

¹ I will stand on my guard post and station myself on the rampart; and I will keep watch to see what He will speak to me, and how I may reply when I am reproved. ² Then the Lord answered me and said, “Record the vision and inscribe it on tablets, that the one who reads it may run. ³ “For the vision is yet for the appointed time; It hastens toward the goal and it will not fail. Though it tarries, wait for it; for it will certainly come, it will not delay. ⁴ “Behold, as for the proud one, his soul is not right within him; but the righteous will live by his faith.

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:

The heathen shall fear the Name of the Lord; and all the kings of the earth Thy glory. When the Lord shall build up Zion, He shall appear in His glory. Alleluia, Alleluia. O sing unto the Lord a new song, for He hath done marvelous things. Alleluia.

(Psalm 28: 1, 2, 7; 65:1)

The Alleluia (Sung in Unison)

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Holy Gospel Lesson: Luke 17:1-10 (NASB)

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

¹ He said to His disciples, "It is inevitable that stumbling blocks come, but woe to him through whom they come! ² It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck and he were thrown into the sea, than that he would cause one of these little ones to stumble. ³ Be on your guard! If your brother sins, rebuke him; and if he repents, forgive him. ⁴ And if he sins against you seven times a day, and returns to you seven times, saying, 'I repent,' forgive him." ⁵ The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" ⁶ And the Lord said, "If you had faith like a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and be planted in the sea'; and it would obey you. ⁷ "Which of you, having a slave plowing or tending sheep, will say to him when he has come in from the field, 'Come immediately and sit down to eat'? ⁸ But will he not say to him, 'Prepare something for me to eat, and properly clothe yourself and serve me while I eat and drink; and afterward you may eat and drink'? ⁹ He does not thank the slave because he did the things which were commanded, does he? ¹⁰ So you too, when you do all the things which are commanded you, say, 'We are unworthy slaves; we have done only that which we ought to have done.'"

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

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 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 Anthem

11:00: Senior Choir—"Jesus Took the Cup" (arr. Hopson)

Jesus took the bread, He took the bread and blest it,
then gave it to his disciples, He gave it to them saying:
"Take and eat this bread. This bread is my own body.
Do this and remember, remember me and eat."

Jesus took the cup, He took the cup, gave thanks,
then gave it to his disciples, He gave it to them saying:
"Take and drink this cup, This cup is my own blood,
Do this and remember, remember me and drink."
Thanks to God forever.

The Announcements

The Sermon Hymn: "Be Still, My Soul, for God Is Near" (SBH #267)

1. Be still, my soul, for God is near, The great High
2. To make thy heart his low - ly throne, Thy Sav - iour

Priest is with thee now! The Lord of Life him -
God in love draws nigh; He gives him - self un -

self is here, Be - fore whose face the an - gels bow.
to his own, For whom he once came down to die. A - men.

- 3 He pleads before the mercy-seat,
He pleads with God, he pleads for thee;
He gives thee bread from heaven to eat:
His Flesh and Blood in mystery.
- 4 I come, O Lord, for thou dost call,
To blend my pleading prayer with thine;
To thee I give myself, my all,
And feed on thee, and make thee mine.
Amen.

William Dalrymple Maclagan, 1826–1910

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:

"Cry Out to God! He'll Answer! " | Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

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 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.

(continued on next page)

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 believers to prepare their hearts for Communion. We include a selection of those questions on the following page for the purpose of aiding you in the same way.

The Service for Communion (cont'd)

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.

The Agnus Dei:

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

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

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

The Distribution

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.

During Communion:
"O God, Unseen, Yet Ever Near" (SBH #263, 1st tune)

1. O God, un-seen, yet ev - er near, Thy pres-ence may we feel;
2. Here may thy faith-ful peo - ple know The bless-ings of thy love;

And thus, in-spired with ho - ly fear, Be - fore thine al - tar kneel.
The streams that through the des-ert flow, The man - na from a - bove. A-men.

3 We come, obedient to thy word,
To feast on heavenly food;
Our meat the Body of the Lord,
Our drink his precious Blood.

4 Thus may we all thy words obey,
For we, O God, are thine;
And go rejoicing on our way,
Renewed with strength divine. Amen.

Edward Osler, 1798–1863

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:

"Go, My Children, with My Blessing"

(Worship & Rejoice
#719)

The Silent Prayer & Chimes

The Postlude:

"Liturgical Improvisation III"

(G. Oldroyd)

1 Go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing, nev-er a-lone.
2 Go, my chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, at peace and pure.
3 Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, clos-er to me;
4 I, the Lord, will bless and keep you and give you peace;

Wak-ing, sleep-ing, I am with you; you are my own.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
grow in love and love by serv-ing, joy-ful and free.
I, the Lord, will smile up-on you and give you peace:

In my love's bap-tis-mal riv-er I have made you mine for
Here you heard my dear Son's sto-ry; here you touched him, saw his
Here my Spir-it's pow-er filled you; here his ten-der com-fort
I, the Lord, will be your Fa-ther, Sav-ior, Com-fort-er, and

ev-er. Go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing— you are my own.
glo-ry. Go, my chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, at peace and pure.
stilled you. Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, joy-ful and free.
Broth-er. Go, my chil-dren, I will keep you and give you peace.

Announcements

The altar flowers are presented by Frank and Lisa Fife to the Glory of God and in celebration of their 11th wedding anniversary.

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

6:00 p.m. Service Helpers: Thank you to Peggy Arelt for playing the organ and to Rich Lindner for doing the Scripture reading and helping with Holy Communion.

Known to be hospitalized: Larry Sheatsley—ProMedica in Baldwin. Ken Ebel—ProMedica in Bethel Park. Joe Cawley—Encompass Health Rehabilitation Hospital of Sewickley, 351 Camp Meeting Rd., Sewickley, PA 15143. Dennis Triebisch—Encompass Health Rehabilitation Hospital of Sewickley. Please keep them in your prayers and support them with cards.

Prayers for Recovery and Healing: Elizabeth Hardy is now home recovering from her recent surgery. Carolyn Carr is at home recuperating from a serious concussion. Phone calls are difficult, but she appreciates cards. Sue Rotz is at home recovering from knee surgery. Margaret Triebisch is now home after a recent hospital stay. Fritz Motzer is also home after a brief hospital stay. Please keep them in your prayers, as well as all those members of the Ruthfred family who are facing health or other challenges.

In hospice care: Marie Wilmer. Please keep her in your prayers and support her with cards.

Pastor's Fund: Given by Chris and Marcia Clark in memory of Larry Holt.

Sincere Thank You from Carolyn Carr: Thank you, church family, for your prayers, thoughtfulness, and cards. I look forward to Sundays of worshipping with you in person in our Lord's care and in His time!

AFLC President's Installation: Tomorrow evening, Monday, October 3rd, Rev. Micah Hjermstad will be installed as AFLC President in the Hauge Chapel at 7:00 p.m. (Central Time). All are welcome to attend this service in person, or to join online via livestream. If you wish to watch online that evening, visit flbc.edu/live.

Family Fall Festival will be hosted by Ruthfred's TNT youth. All are welcome to join us on Saturday, October 15, 2022, from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Cox Family Farm. The address is 1007 Route 481, Monongahela, PA 15063. This year we will be featuring a chili cook-off, so dust off your favorite chili recipe and your crockpot/slow cooker and get warmed up for some friendly competition! There is a sign-up sheet on the table outside the Fellowship Hall for those who plan to attend. If you have already signed up, please update your entry if you will be bringing chili. Instead of, or in addition to, chili, you can also bring cornbread or other appropriate sides, or desserts. The Cox family will provide cheese, sour cream, and other toppings, as well as hot dogs. You will be able to plug in your crockpot/slowcooker to keep your chili warm. The TNT youth have some fun fall activities planned, and the Praise Team will hold a concert at 5 p.m. (so no Saturday Contemporary Worship Service that day). Please join us for fun, food, and fellowship!

City Mission Clothing & Shoe Donation Bin: There is now a bin situated next to the building in the back parking lot. Please place your gently used clothes and shoes in the bright blue bin to bless people in need in the South Hills.

Portals of Prayer for October thru December: The new edition is available near all entrances. Pick yours up today!

Announcements (cont'd)

Planning Committee for Reformation Day-themed Family Sunday School: Anyone interested in brainstorming ideas for crafts or activities for this Group Sunday School, please meet in the Conference Room TODAY, October 2, during the Sunday School hour. This event on October 30th will be for families of preschool through 5th graders. More details to come. If you have questions, please contact Barb Harrold, brharrold@comcast.net.

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

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

Souper September: Thank you to our church family who generously donated so many cans of soup in memory of Pastor Dennis! Your generosity will help so many of our local neighbors in need this fall and winter through the food pantry at S.H.I.M. and also the City Mission in Washington, PA. — Carol Ward

Sincere Thank You: Jaime White, Activities Director for Concordia Lutheran Ministries in Cabot, PA, called to thank Ruthfred, and in particular the Craft and Sew group, for all of the wonderful favors, walker bags, etc., which have been sent to Concordia. She expressed that these gifts are a true blessing for the staff and residents!

Lutherans for Life National Conference: The 2022 Lutherans for Life National Conference will be held at the Holiday Inn Hotel & Conference Center in Rock Island, IL, on October 21-22. Visit their website at www.lutheransforlife.org for details.

October 2022 Evening Journey Through the Word (JTTW)

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



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

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

For The Month of October, 2022

Acolytes: 8:30 a.m. Elliot McMinn

11:00 a.m. Evan Gusky

Crucifers: 11:00 a.m. (10/02) Courtney Felicetti

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8:30 a.m. (10/09) Morgan Dolence

11:00 a.m. (10/16) Holly Miller

8:30 a.m. (10/23) Courtney Felicetti

11:00 a.m. (10/30) Morgan Dolence

Altar Guild: Joanne Salvetti

Counters: 8:30 a.m. Tom Glasser

Mark Arelt (10/2, 10/23/ 10/30)

Mick Nowicki (10/9)

TBD (10/16)

11:00 a.m. Tom Sanders, Steve Kratz

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

11:00 a.m. Mark Hisdorf

Steve Kratz (10/2, 10/9); Will Charlton (10/16, 10/23, 10/30)

Coffee Hour: Mary Lou Streiner

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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 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! 6-7:30pm at the Church.

SWAP Retreat at Seneca Hills Bible Camp: October 21-23. All 6th–8th grade students are invited to attend a weekend of games, worship, and small group discussions. Our guest speaker will be Coltin Cox, our new, incoming Youth Director, who will be sharing several messages! Forms are located near the Youth Director's office and need to be completed and submitted by October 16th. Please contact Jill Huwe with any additional questions.

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

TNT (9-12 Grade)

TNT will meet at Ruthfred on October 4th, 7-9 p.m.

Questions/concerns?

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

This Week At Ruthfred

Today (10/2) WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

8:30 a.m.— Communion Service

9:45 a.m.—Sunday School

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6:00 p.m.—Communion Service

City Mission Food Sunday

Monday (10/3)

9:30 a.m.—JTTW Leaders

9:30 a.m.—Craft & Sew

Tuesday (10/4)

7:00 p.m.—Worship Team

Wednesday (10/5)

5:45 p.m.—Children's Choir

6:30 p.m.—Bell Choir

6:45 p.m.—Confirmation and Kids' Time

7:30 p.m.—Senior Choir

Happy 94th Birthday, Patricia Lindauer!

Friday (10/7)

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

Saturday (10/8)

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

Sunday (10/9) PASTOR APPRECIATION SUNDAY

8:30 a.m.—Worship Service

9:45 a.m.—Sunday School

11:00 a.m.—Worship Service

Welcome to worship this autumn morning! I invite you to greet those near you as brothers and sisters in Christ.

Attendance for Last Week:

Church...235 Sunday School...61

8:30 Live Stream...43

Morning JTTW...56

Kids' Time...32

Prayer Requests

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