

RUTHFRED LUTHERAN CHURCH

Welcome to Ruthfred Lutheran Church!

Member of the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations (www.aflc.org)

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

Sexagesima Sunday, February 20, 2022

Prelude:

"Voluntary in C"

(William Croft)

"Prelude on 'The King of Love'"

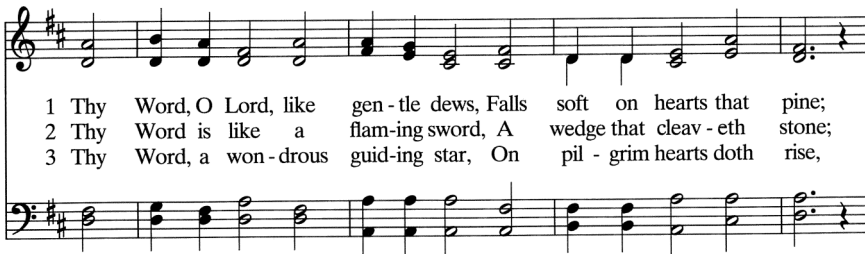
(Gordon Young)

The Opening Hymn:

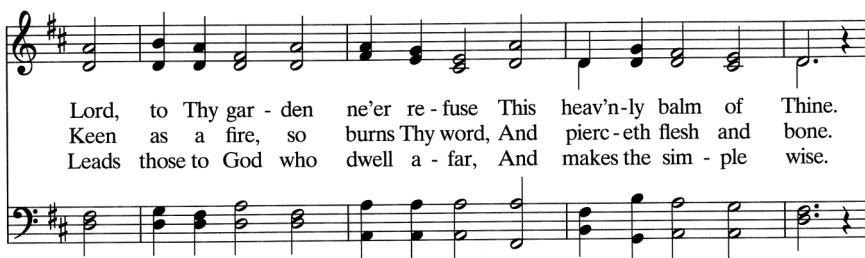
"The Word, O Lord, Like Gentle Dews"

(AMB265)

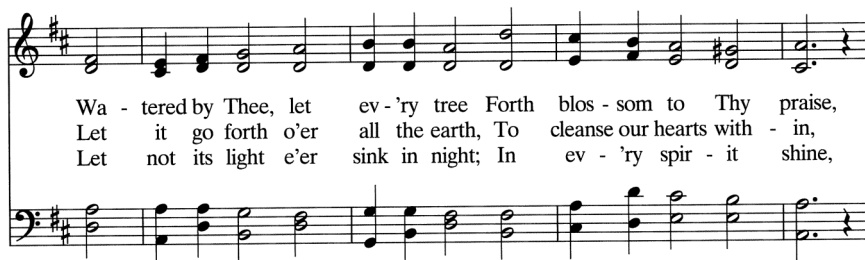
(Please stand as we join our hearts in song)



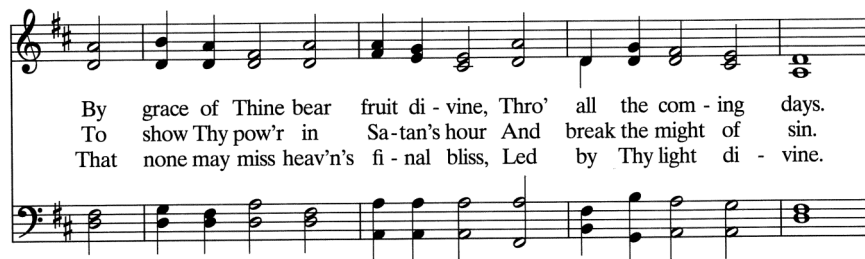
1 Thy Word, O Lord, like gen - tle dews, Falls soft on hearts that pine;
2 Thy Word is like a flam - ing sword, A wedge that cleav - eth stone;
3 Thy Word, a won - drous guid - ing star, On pil - grim hearts doth rise,



Lord, to Thy gar - den ne'er re - fuse This heav'n - ly balm of Thine.
Keen as a fire, so burns Thy word, And pierc - eth flesh and bone.
Leads those to God who dwell a - far, And makes the sim - ple wise.



Wa - tered by Thee, let ev - 'ry tree Forth blos - som to Thy praise,
Let it go forth o'er all the earth, To cleanse our hearts with - in,
Let not its light e'er sink in night; In ev - 'ry spir - it shine,



By grace of Thine bear fruit di - vine, Thro' all the com - ing days.
To show Thy pow'r in Sa - tan's hour And break the might of sin.
That none may miss heav'n's fi - nal bliss, Led by Thy light di - vine.

Text: Carl B. Garve, 1763–1841; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1829–1878
Tune: Danish melody

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The Call to Worship

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

Congregation (C): Amen

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 Confession of Sin (SBH, p. 15)

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.

The Introit (Read Responsively; Please stand)

P: Awake, why do You sleep, O Lord?

C: Arise, do not cast us off forever.

P: Why do you hide Your face and forget our affliction?

C: Our soul is bowed down to the dust; arise for our help and redeem us.

P: We have heard with our ears, O God.

C: Our fathers have told us what work You did in their days.

(Psalm 44:1, 23-26)

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.

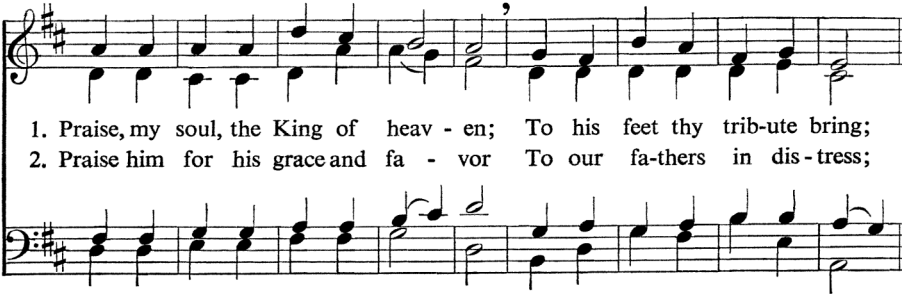
P: Help, save, pity and defend us, O God, by Thy grace.

C: Amen.

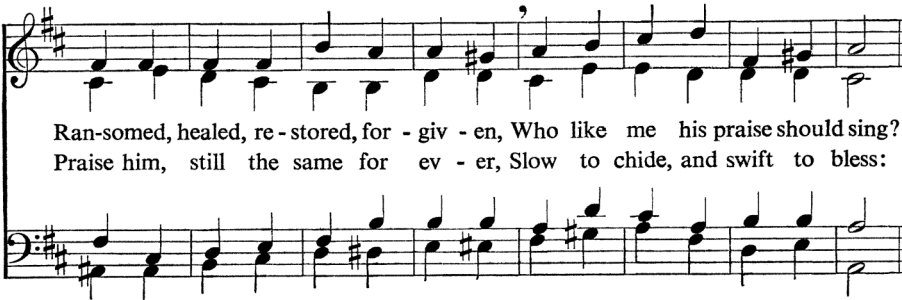
“Kyrie” is Latin for *Lord*, which is the first word of the prayer. Distinct from the confession of sin, it is a prayer for God to grant His mercy in every aspect of our lives and to supply us with all our needs, personally, corporately and for the whole world.

The Hymn of Praise:

"Praise My Soul the King of Heaven" (SBH160, 1st tune)



1. Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en; To his feet thy trib-ute bring;
2. Praise him for his grace and fa - vor To our fa-thers in dis - tress;



Ran-somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, Who like me his praise should sing?
Praise him, still the same for ev - er, Slow to chide, and swift to bless:



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness.

3 Father-like he tends and spares us,
Well our feeble frame he knows;
In his hands he gently bears us,
Rescues us from all our foes:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Widely as his mercy flows.

4 Angels, help us to adore him,
Ye behold him face to face;
Sun and moon, bow down before him;
Dwellers all in time and space:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise with us the God of grace.

*Henry Francis Lyte, 1793–1847
Based on Psalm 103*

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, who sees that we put not our trust in anything that we do, mercifully grant that by Thy power we may be defended against all adversity. Through 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: Genesis 45:3-15 (NASB)

³ Then Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph! Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, for they were dismayed at his presence. ⁴ Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Please come closer to me." And they came closer. And he said, "I am your brother Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt." ⁵ Now do not be grieved or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶ For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there are still five years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvesting. ⁷ God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant in the earth, and to keep you alive by a great deliverance. ⁸ Now, therefore, it was not you who sent me here, but God; and He has made me a father to Pharaoh and lord of all his household and ruler over all the land of Egypt. ⁹ Hurry and go up to my father, and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, "God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. ¹⁰ You shall live in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children and your flocks and your herds and all that you have. ¹¹ There I will also provide for you, for there are still five years of famine to come, and you and your household and all that you have would be impoverished.'" ¹² Behold, your eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see, that it is my mouth which is speaking to you. ¹³ Now you must tell my father of all my splendor in Egypt, and all that you have seen; and you must hurry and bring my father down here." ¹⁴ Then he fell on his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, and Benjamin wept on his neck. ¹⁵ He kissed all his brothers and wept on them, and afterward his brothers talked with him.

The Psalm: Psalm 103:1-13 (NASB, Read Responsively)

P: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget none of His benefits; who pardons all your iniquities, who heals all your diseases;

C: Who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with lovingkindness and compassion; who satisfies your years with good things, so that your youth is renewed like the eagle.

P: The Lord performs righteous deeds and judgments for all who are oppressed. He made known His ways to Moses, His acts to the sons of Israel.

C: The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in lovingkindness. He will not always strive with us, nor will He keep His anger forever.

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

C: As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us. Just as a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear Him.

The Epistle Lesson: 1 Corinthians 15:21-26 (NASB)

²¹ For since by a man came death, by a man also came the resurrection of the dead. ²² For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all will be made alive. ²³ But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, after that those who are Christ's at His coming, ²⁴ then comes the end, when He hands over the kingdom to the God and Father, when He has abolished all rule and all authority and power. ²⁵ For He must reign until He has put all His enemies under His feet. ²⁶ The last enemy that will be abolished is death.

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

Let men know that You, whose Name alone is Jehovah, are the Most High over all the earth. O my God, make them like a wheel as the stubble before the wind. You have given a banner to those who fear You, that it may be displayed because of the truth.
(Psalm 83:13, 18; Psalm 60:4)

The Alleluia (Sung in Unison)

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Holy Gospel Lesson: Luke 6:27-38 (NASB)

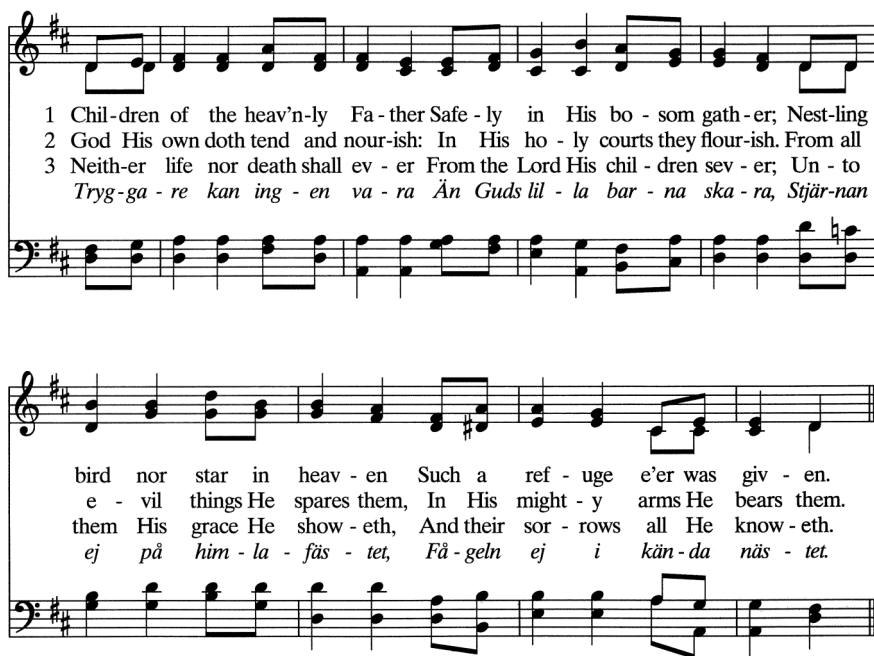
The Congregation rises and sings, “**Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

²⁷ “But I say to you who hear, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸ bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. ²⁹ Whoever hits you on the cheek, offer him the other also; and whoever takes away your coat, do not withhold your shirt from him either. ³⁰ Give to everyone who asks of you, and whoever takes away what is yours, do not demand it back. ³¹ Treat others the same way you want them to treat you. ³² If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³ If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴ If you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners in order to receive back the same amount. ³⁵ But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for He Himself is kind to ungrateful and evil men. ³⁶ Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. ³⁷ Do not judge, and you will not be judged; and do not condemn, and you will not be condemned; pardon, and you will be pardoned. ³⁸ Give, and it will be given to you. They will pour into your lap a good measure—pressed down, shaken together, and running over. For by your standard of measure it will be measured to you in return.”

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

Today we are privileged to witness the sacrament of Holy Baptism. We believe that Baptism is God's work. It is not merely a symbolic application of water, but water used according to God's command and in connection with His Word (see Matt. 28:19-20). In Baptism God causes us to be born again through the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit (see Titus 3:5 and 1 Peter 3:21). For little Juliet Anne, Baptism marks the beginning of a new life in Christ that is nourished through a lifetime of continually hearing and learning God's Word.

The Baptismal Hymn: 8:30 "Children of the Heavenly Father" (AMB560)



1 Chil-dren of the heav'n-ly Fa-ther Safe-ly in His bo-som gath-er; Nest-ling
 2 God His own doth tend and nour-ish: In His ho-ly courts they flour-ish. From all
 3 Neith-er life nor death shall ev-er From the Lord His chil-dren sev-er; Un-to
Tryg-ga-re kan ing-en va-ra Än Guds lil-la bar-na ska-ra, Stjär-nan

bird nor star in heav-en Such a ref-uge e'er was giv-en.
 e-vil things He spares them, In His might-y arms He bears them.
 them His grace He show-eth, And their sor-rows all He know-eth.
ej på him-la-fäs-tet, Få-geln ej i kän-da näs-tet.

4 Praise the Lord in joyful numbers:
 Your Protector never slumbers.
 At the will of your Defender
 Ev'ry foeman must surrender.

5 Though He giveth or He taketh,
 God His children ne'er forsaketh,
 His the loving purpose solely
 To preserve them pure and holy.

Text: Lina Sandell Berg, 1832–1903; tr. Ernst W. Olson, 1870–1958
 Tune: Swedish folk tune

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The Baptism of Juliet Anne Demkowicz

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 Special Music

8:30 Bell Choir—" *Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us*" (arr. Purifoy)

11:00 Senior Choir—" *Go Ye Into All the World*" (Butler)

Go ye into all the world and preach My gospel to every creature!

Jesus said, "This is the great commandment:
that ye love one another as I have loved you.

Greater love hath no man than this;
that he lay down his life for his friends."

"Let not your heart be troubled, You believe in God,
If you believe in God, You believe in Me!"

The Announcements

The Children's Object Lesson

The Receiving of New Members (8:30 and 11:00)

The Sermon Hymn:
“Before Jehovah’s Aweful Throne” (SBH161)

1. Be - fore Je - ho - vah's awe - ful throne, Ye
 2. His sov - ereign power, with - out our aid, Made

na - tions bow with sa - cred joy: Know that the Lord is
 us of clay, and formed us men; And when like wan-dering

God a - lone, He can cre - ate, and he de - stroy.
 sheep we strayed, He brought us to his fold a - gain.

<p>3 We are his people, we his care, Our souls and all our mortal frame: What lasting honors shall we rear, Almighty Maker, to thy Name?</p>	<p>4 We'll crowd thy gates with thankful songs, High as the heavens our voices raise, And earth, with her ten thousand tongues, Shall fill thy courts with sounding praise.</p>
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5 Wide as the world is thy command,
 Vast as eternity thy love;
 Firm as a rock thy truth shall stand,
 When rolling years shall cease to move.

Isaac Watts, 1674–1748
Revised by John Wesley, 1703–91
Psalm 100

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:

"What did Jesus mean, 'Do not judge?'" | Luke 6:27-38

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.

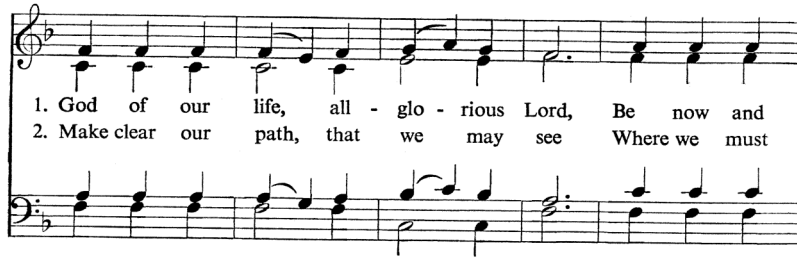
In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

(Numbers 6:24-26)

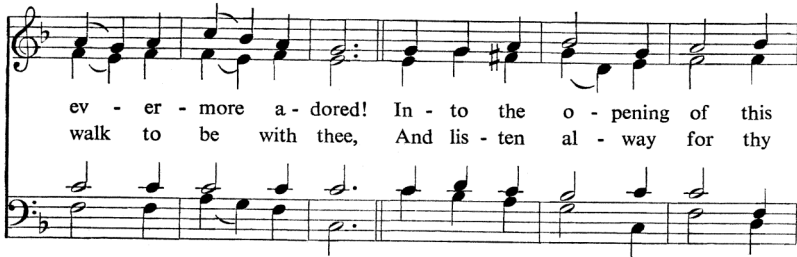
C: Amen.

The Closing Hymn:

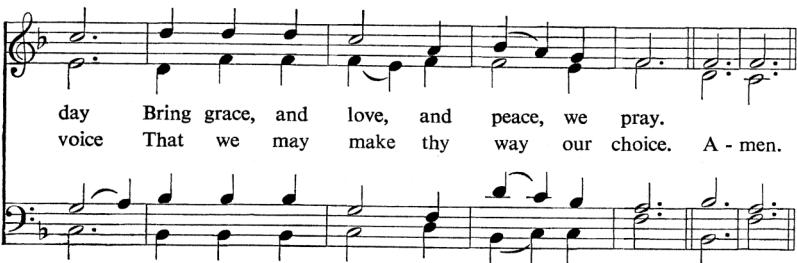
"God of Our Life, All Glorious Lord" (SBH209)



1. God of our life, all - glo - rious Lord, Be now and
2. Make clear our path, that we may see Where we must



ev - er - more a - dored! In - to the o - pening of this
walk to be with thee, And lis - ten al - way for thy



day Bring grace, and love, and peace, we pray.
voice That we may make thy way our choice. A - men.

3 Give help for doing every task,
Nor let us fail of thee to ask
For grace in speech, for love in deed,
From wrongful actions to be freed.

5 Thus may we walk our way with thee,
Enabled by thy grace to be
A little less unworthy, Lord,
Of thee our Friend, our Holy God.

4 Inspire us to do some deed
For other's good to help in need;
To rescue and to lead from shame;
To bless with comfort in thy Name.

6 At eventide then will we raise
A grateful heart in songs of praise;
And worship thee, and thy dear Son,
With God the Spirit, ever One. Amen.

Paul Zeller Strodach, 1876-1947

The Silent Prayer & Chimes

The Postlude:

"Fantasie in C" (J. S. Bach)

Announcements

The altar flowers are presented by the Vogel family in loving memory of Will and Alma Vogel on what would have been their 68th wedding anniversary, February 23rd.

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

Prayers for Recovery and Healing: Fritz Motzer is now at Friendship Village after a stint at St. Clair Hospital. Vic Massack is at home recuperating from recent rotator cuff and bicep surgery. Terry Alwine is now home. Larry Holt is at Paramount in Bethel Park. Michelle Hopkins will be undergoing chemotherapy for the next few months. Please keep all of them in your prayers, as well as all those in the Ruthfred family who are facing health or other challenges.

Birth Announcement: Congratulations to Bryan and Sandy Newman on the birth of their granddaughter, Hazel Grace Pan, on February 15th. Hazel is the daughter of Hannah and Tommy Pan.

Save the date for A Parents' Night Out!!! Ruthfred will be sponsoring a night off for parents on March 26, 2022, from 5-8 p.m. here at the church. Parents can drop off their children at 5 p.m. and pick them back up at 8 p.m. The children will enjoy dinner, play games, sing songs, make a craft, have a snack, and watch a movie at the end of the night while waiting to be picked up. What do the parents do? They get to enjoy a few hours off for date night themselves, knowing their kiddos are in good hands. Registration forms are on the table outside the Fellowship Hall.

Young Adult Bible Study: This group will start up with a meeting at Andrew and Cassie Vogel's house on Sunday, February 27th at 6:30 p.m. All young adults are welcome to join as we plan on beginning a new study for 2022. The group will meet once or twice a month. For questions or further information, please contact Andrew at andrewvogel@ruthfred.org.

Family Easter Festival: The volunteer info/planning meeting for the Family Easter Festival is next Sunday, February 27, during the Sunday School hour. We will meet in the Conference Room. This fun fellowship event for young families will be held on Sunday, April 10, from 4-6 p.m. Many volunteers are needed. To see how you can serve, please attend the meeting or contact Barb Harrold—brharrold@comcast.net.

Craft & Sew is calling again: We are in need of the following candy: Hershey Kisses, Hershey bars, Milky Ways, Kit Kats, and Three Musketeers bars (all in snack or mini size). So far this year we have sent over 500 tray favors to Cabot, and we receive many thank you cards from the residents there. Anyone wishing to join us, please do. No special talent is needed. Remember, many hands make light work and lots of fun!

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.

Attention all XYZers: The sign-up sheets are available on the bulletin board outside the Library for the next meeting, which will be Friday, February 25th. The speaker will be Anne Davis, founder and director of Horses with Hope, a therapeutic horse riding program for children, youth, and adults based in the South Hills. Peggy Cox will prepare a delicious lunch.

Council Dinner: There will be a dinner to honor Council members—outgoing, remaining, and incoming—on Monday, February 21st at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Families of Council members are invited as well.

Lenten Soup and Salad Suppers: Please join us for soup and salad suppers on Wednesday evenings from 6—7 p.m. starting Ash Wednesday. Peggy Cox will be organizing the food. Joanne Salvetti will be coordinating volunteers for setting up, serving, and cleaning up. Please contact Joanne at 724-206-0744 if you are able to help. Thank you in advance!

Gifts to Our Church

Music Fund

- * Given by Karen Agostinella in memory of Will and Alma Vogel.
- * Given by Lou and Arlene Ball in memory of Alma and Will Vogel.
- * Given by Ray and Jackie Feller in memory of Will and Alma Vogel.

Pastor's Fund

- * Given by Marc and Barb Harrold in memory of Alma and Will Vogel.



NEW MEMBERS

These people are being received today by confirmation of faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior:

Caitlyn Victoria Bostaph
344 Turngate Dr.
Bethel Park, PA 15102

Judy Ann Minkemeyer
250 Drake Rd.
Bethel Park, PA 15102

Zachary Alan Cannata
2645 Sacramento Ave.
Pittsburgh, PA 15204

Isaac Nirella
3427 Thornwood Dr.
Bethel Park, PA 15102

Ed and June Malachosky
6327 Mitch Haven Dr.
Eighty Four, PA 15330

Morgan Emily Phelps
257 Gilkeson Rd.
Bethel Park, PA 15102

Anne B. McCafferty
631 McMurray Rd., Apt. 320
Bethel Park, PA 15102

Natalie Rose Scott
5720 Koeffler Dr.
Pittsburgh, PA 15236

Today we are also welcoming these people who have transferred their membership back to Ruthfred:

Melanie Roscoe
1160 Bower Hill Rd., Apt. 302A
Pittsburgh, PA 15243

Lauren and Christopher Thomas (Charlotte,
Ellie)
103 Marigold Dr.
Venetia, PA 15367

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 in Pastor McMinn's new Sunday morning adult study series. We'll take 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**

**Forgotten God**—Join us for the continuation of a 7-week DVD series by author and Pastor Dr. Francis Chan. This series explores the true source of the church's and individuals' foundation and guidance--the Holy Spirit. Dr. Chan contends that we've ignored the Holy Spirit for far too long, and that without Him, we operate in our own strength, only accomplishing human-sized results. This series will offer a compelling invitation to understand, embrace, and follow the Holy Spirit's direction in our lives. Each session is stand-alone, so all are welcome to join in on the weekly discussions as you are able!

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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 be at the Church on Tuesday, February 22nd, 7-9 p.m.

SAVE THE DATE

February 25-26 — 30-Hour Famine

Questions/concerns?

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

This Week At Ruthfred

Today (2/20) SEXAGESIMA SUNDAY

8:30 a.m.—Worship Service (Demkowicz baptism)

9:45 a.m.—Sunday School

11:00 a.m.—Worship Service

**WELCOMING OF NEW MEMBERS DURING
BOTH SERVICES**

Monday (2/21) President's Day

9:30 a.m.—JTTW Leaders' Meeting

9:30 a.m.—Craft & Sew

6:00 p.m.—Council Dinner

Tuesday (2/22)

7:00 p.m.—Worship Team

Wednesday (2/23)

9:15 a.m.—JTTW

5:45 p.m.—Children's Choir

6:30 p.m.—Bell Choir

6:45 p.m.—Confirmation

7:30 p.m.—Senior Choir

Thursday (2/24)

10:00 a.m.—Knit Wits

Friday (2/25)

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

Noon—XYZ [Horses with Hope Director Anne Davis]

Sunday (2/27) TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

8:30 a.m.—Worship Service

9:45 a.m.—Sunday School

11:00 a.m.—Worship Service (Cannata baptism)

6:30 p.m.—GIFT Bible Study (Arelts' House)

Family of Christ, welcome to worship! In Jesus' name,
please greet the children of God seated near you.

Attendance for Last Week:

Sunday Worship...248 Sunday School...104

8:30 Live Stream...53

JTTW (morning)...50

JTTW (evening)...17

Kids' Time...28

Prayer Requests

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

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

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

Visiting with us?

Please use this tear-off section to help us get to know a little bit about you and how we may best serve you.

If you have a specific concern or prayer request, please use the space on the other side of this fold.

Date:

Name:

Children:

Address:

Phone (indicate home, cell, etc.)

Email:

I am a/an:

- ☐ 1st-Time Visitor
- ☐ 2nd-Time Visitor
- ☐ Out-of-Town Visitor
- ☐ Regular Attendee

I would like to learn more about:

- ☐ What It Means To Be a Christian
- ☐ Church Membership
- ☐ Ruthfred's Ministries or Groups
- ☐ Ways To Share My Gifts

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