

RUTHFRED LUTHERAN CHURCH

Welcome to Ruthfred Lutheran Church!

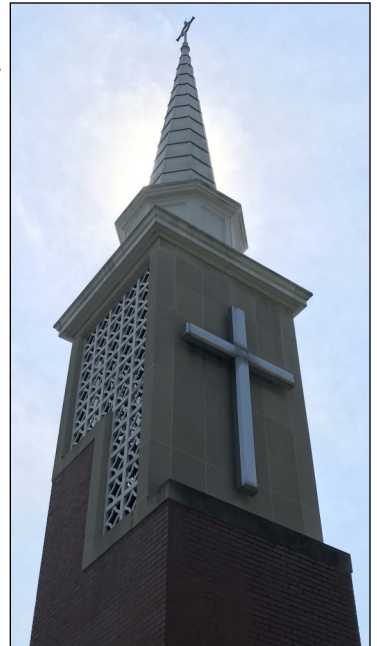
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We are delighted to have you with us this morning as we gather to worship the Lord Jesus Christ.

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

About Us:

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



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

The Divine Service of the Word

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost, September 25, 2022

Prelude:

"Fugue"

(Abraham van den Kerckhoven)

"This Is My Father's World"

(P. L. Harris)

"Sweet Hour of Prayer"

(Gene Clarke)

"Prayer for Peace"

(Paul Taylor)

The Opening Hymn:

"O Word of God Incarnate"

(SBH #252)

(Please stand as we join our hearts in song)

1. O Word of God in - car - nate, O Wis - dom from on high,
2. The Church from her dear Mas - ter Re - ceived the gift di - vine,

O Truth un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of our dark sky;
And still that light she lift - eth O'er all the earth to shine.

We praise thee for the ra - diance That from the hal - lowed page,
It is the gold - en cas - ket Where gems of truth are stored;

A lan - tern to our foot - steps, Shines on from age to age.
It is the heaven - drawn pic - ture Of Christ, the liv - ing Word. A - men.

3 It floateth like a banner
Before God's host unfurled;
It shineth like a beacon
Above the darkling world;
It is the chart and compass
That o'er life's surging sea,
'Mid mists and rocks and quicksands,
Still guides, O Christ, to thee.

4 O make thy Church, dear Saviour,
A lamp of burnished gold,
To bear before the nations
Thy true light, as of old;
O teach thy wandering pilgrims
By this their path to trace,
Till, clouds and darkness ended,
They see thee face to face. Amen.

William Walsham How, 1823-97

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 Call to Worship and Invocation

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

Congregation (C): Amen

The Confession of Sin (SBH, p. 41)

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

Our help is in the name of the Lord

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

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

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

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

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

(Silent Prayer of Personal Confession)

Together:

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

The Absolution 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).

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

"Kyrie" is 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 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

The Introit (Read Responsively; Please stand)

P: Bow down Your ear, O Lord, hear me.

C: O You, my God, save Your servant that trusts in You.

P: Be merciful unto me, O Lord;

C: For I cry unto You daily.

P: Rejoice the soul of Your servant;

C: For unto You, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.

(Psalm 86: 1-4)

The Gloria Patri (Sung in Unison; SBH p. 43)

**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. 48)

P: Lord, have mercy upon us.

C: Lord, have mercy upon us.

P: Christ, have mercy upon us.

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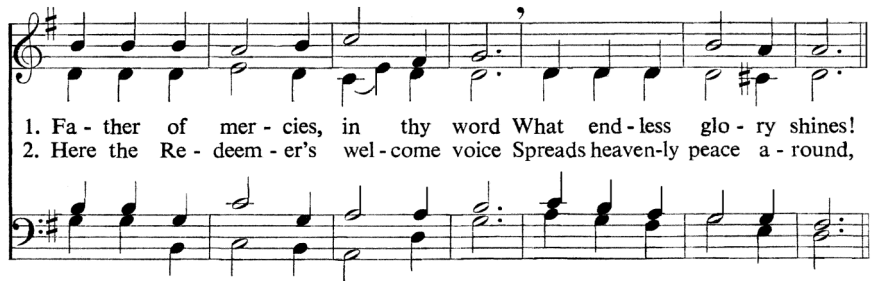
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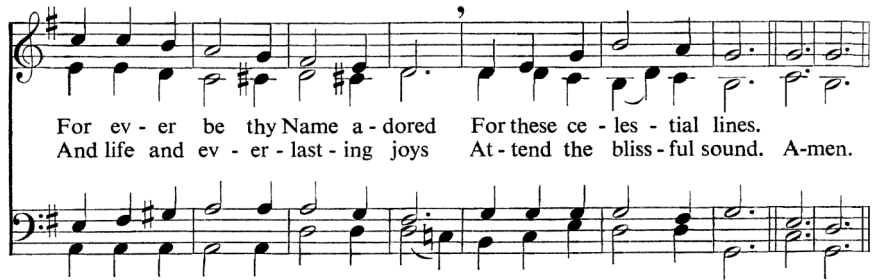
The Hymn of Praise:

**"Father of Mercies,
in Thy Word"**

(SBH #256)



1. Fa - ther of mer - cies, in thy word What end - less glo - ry shines!
2. Here the Re - deem - er's wel - come voice Spreads heaven - ly peace a - round,



For ev - er be thy Name a - dored For these ce - les - tial lines.
And life and ev - er - last - ing joys At - tend the bliss - ful sound. A-men.

3 O may these heavenly pages be
My ever dear delight,
And still new beauties may I see
And still increasing light.

4 Divine Instructor, gracious Lord,
Be thou for ever near;
Teach me to love thy sacred word
And view my Saviour there. Amen.

Anne Steele, 1716-78

The "collect" is a prayer of the day for each day in the liturgical calendar. It is meant to "collect" the prayers of God's people.

The Collect:

P: The Lord be with you:

C: And with thy spirit.

P: O Lord, we beseech Thee, let Thy continual pity cleanse and defend Thy Church; and because it cannot continue in safety without Thy succor, preserve it evermore by Thy help and goodness; through Thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with Thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end.

C: Amen

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 Old Testament Lesson: Amos 6:1-7 (NASB)

¹ Woe to those who are at ease in Zion and to those who *feel*/secure in the mountain of Samaria, the distinguished men of the foremost of nations, to whom the house of Israel comes. ² Go over to Calneh and look, and go from there to Hamath the great, then go down to Gath of the Philistines. Are they better than these kingdoms, or is their territory greater than yours? ³ Do you put off the day of calamity, and would you bring near the seat of violence? ⁴ Those who recline on beds of ivory and sprawl on their couches, and eat lambs from the flock and calves from the midst of the stall, ⁵ Who improvise to the sound of the harp, and like David have composed songs for themselves, ⁶ Who drink wine from sacrificial bowls While they anoint themselves with the finest of oils, yet they have not grieved over the ruin of Joseph. ⁷ Therefore, they will now go into exile at the head of the exiles, and the sprawlers' banqueting will pass away.

The Psalm: Psalm 146 (NASB)

P: Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

C: I will praise the Lord while I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

P: Do not trust in princes, in mortal man, in whom there is no salvation.

C: His spirit departs, he returns to the earth; in that very day his thoughts perish.

P: How blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God,

C: Who made heaven and earth, the sea and all that is in them; Who keeps faith forever;

P: Who executes justice for the oppressed; Who gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets the prisoners free.

C: The Lord opens the eyes of the blind; the Lord raises up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous;

P: The LORD protects the strangers; He supports the fatherless and the widow, but He thwarts the way of the wicked.

C: The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the Lord!

The Epistle Lesson: 1 Timothy 3:1-13(NASB)

¹ It is a trustworthy statement: if any man aspires to the office of overseer, it is a fine work he desires *to do*. ² An overseer, then, must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, temperate, prudent, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, ³ not addicted to wine or pugnacious, but gentle, peaceable, free from the love of money. ⁴ *He must* be one who manages his own household well, keeping his children under control with all dignity ⁵ (but if a man does not know how to manage his own household, how will he take care of the church of God?), ⁶ *and* not a new convert, so that he will not become conceited and fall into the condemnation incurred by the devil. ⁷ And he must have a good reputation with those outside *the church*, so that he will not fall into reproach and the snare of the devil. ⁸ Deacons likewise *must be* men of dignity, not double-tongued, or addicted to much wine or fond of sordid gain, ⁹ *but* holding to the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience. ¹⁰ These men must also first be tested; then let them serve as deacons if they are beyond reproach. ¹¹ Women *must* likewise *be* dignified, not malicious gossips, but temperate, faithful in all things. ¹² Deacons must be husbands of *only* one wife, and good managers of *their* children and their own households. ¹³ For those who have served well as deacons obtain for themselves a high standing and great confidence in the faith that is in Christ Jesus.

The Gradual:

It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto Your Name, O most High. To show forth Your lovingkindness in the morning and Your faithfulness every night. Alleluia. Alleluia. O God, my heart is fixed. I will sing and give praise, even with my glory. Alleluia. (Psalm 92:1-2; 57:7)

The Alleluia (Sung in Unison)

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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 Holy Gospel Lesson: Luke 16:19-31 (NASB)

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

¹⁹ “Now there was a rich man, and he habitually dressed in purple and fine linen, joyously living in splendor every day. ²⁰ And a poor man named Lazarus was laid at his gate, covered with sores, ²¹ and longing to be fed with the *crumbs* which were falling from the rich man’s table; besides, even the dogs were coming and licking his sores. ²² Now the poor man died and was carried away by the angels to Abraham’s bosom; and the rich man also died and was buried. ²³ In Hades he lifted up his eyes, being in torment, and saw Abraham far away and Lazarus in his bosom. ²⁴ And he cried out and said, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus so that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool off my tongue, for I am in agony in this flame.’ ²⁵ But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your life you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus bad things; but now he is being comforted here, and you are in agony. ²⁶ And besides all this, between us and you there is a great chasm fixed, so that those who wish to come over from here to you will not be able, and *that* none may cross over from there to us.’ ²⁷ And he said, ‘Then I beg you, father, that you send him to my father’s house— ²⁸ for I have five brothers—in order that he may warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.’ ²⁹ But Abraham said, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.’ ³⁰ But he said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent!’ ³¹ But he said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be persuaded even if someone rises from the dead.’”

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

The Apostles' Creed is a statement of Christian belief used since the early Church. It's not specific to any one Christian denomination, but used by the Church as a whole. We choose to confess it together as a unified reminder of what we believe to be true about God, and His caring service to us.

The Confession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed (Confessed in Unison)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and Earth

And In Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost; The Holy Christian Church, the Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body, And the Life everlasting. Amen.

The Special Music

8:30: Senior Choir—"Thy Strong Word" (Williams/Hillert)

Thy strong word did cleave the darkness;

At Thy speaking it was done.

For created light we thank Thee,

While Thine ordered seasons run.

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Praise to Thee who light dost send!

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Alleluia without end!

Thy strong Word bespeaks us righteous;

Bright with Thine own holiness,

Glorious now, we press toward glory,

And our lives our hopes confess.

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Praise to Thee who light dost send!

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Alleluia without end!

God the Father, light-creator,

To Thee laud and honor be.

To Thee, Light of Light begotten,

Praise be sung eternally.

Holy Spirit, light-revealer,

Glory, glory be to Thee.

Mortals, angels, now and ever

Praise the holy Trinity!

11:00: Cara Vines—"How Can I Keep from Singing" (Lowry/DeFord and Loynes)

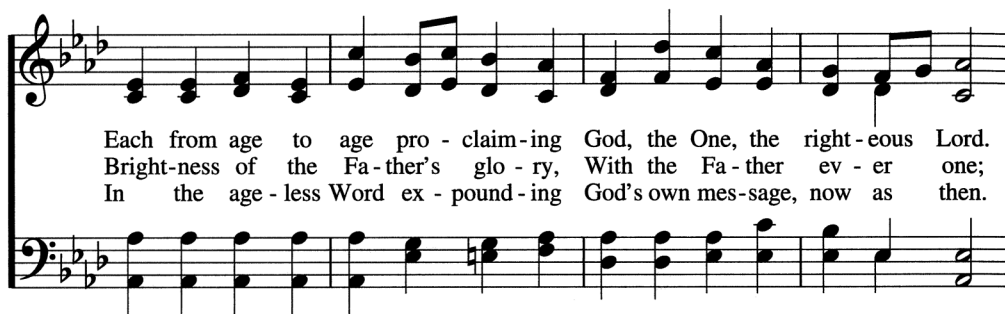
The Announcements

The Children's Object Lesson

The Sermon Hymn: "God Has Spoken by His Prophets" (Rejoice Hymns #183)



1. God has spo - ken by His proph-ets, Spo - ken His un-chang-ing Word,
2. God has spo - ken by Christ Je - sus, Christ the ev - er - last - ing Son,
3. God is speak-ing by His Spir - it, Speak-ing to our hearts a - gain,



Each from age to age pro - claim-ing God, the One, the right - eous Lord.
Bright-ness of the Fa - ther's glo - ry, With the Fa - ther ev - er one;
In the age - less Word ex - pound - ing God's own mes-sage, now as then.



In the world's de - spair and tur-moil, One firm an-chor holds us fast:
Spo - ken by the Word in - car-nate, God of God, ere time was born;
Thru the rise and fall of na-tions, One sure faith yet stand-ing fast:



God is King, His throne e - ter - nal, God the First and God the Last.
Light of Light, to earth de - scend - ing, Christ as God in hu - man form.
God a - bides, His Word un - chang - ing, God the First and God the Last.

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: "God's Message for You " | Luke 16:19-31

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:

"Built on a Rock"

(SBH #151)

The Silent Prayer & Chimes

The Postlude:

"Little Rondo"

(Richard Blake)

1. Built on a rock the church doth stand, E - ven when stee - ples are
2. Not in our tem - ples made with hands God, the al - might - y, is
3. We are God's house of liv - ing stones, Built for his own hab - i -

fall - ing; Crum - bled have spires in ev - ery land, Bells still are
dwell - ing; High in the heavens his tem - ple stands, All earth - ly
ta - tion; He fills our hearts, his hum - ble thrones, Grant - ing us

chim - ing and call - ing; Call - ing the young and old to rest,
tem - ples ex - cell - ing; Yet he who dwells in heaven a - bove
life and sal - va - tion; Were two or three to seek his face,

Call - ing the souls of men dis - tressed, Long - ing for life ev - er - last - ing.
Deigns to a - bide with us in love, Mak - ing our bod - ies his tem - ple.
He in their midst would show his grace, Bless - ings up - on them be - stow - ing.

4 Yet in this house, an earthly frame,
Jesus the children is blessing;
Hither we come to praise his Name,
Faith in our Saviour confessing;
Jesus to us his Spirit sent,
Making with us his covenant,
Granting his children the kingdom.

5 Through all the passing years, O Lord,
Grant that, when church bells are ringing,
Many may come to hear God's word
Where he this promise is bringing:
I know mine own, mine own know me,
Ye, not the world, my face shall see;
My peace I leave with you, amen.

*Nikolai F. S. Grundtvig, 1783–1872; Tr. Carl Doving, 1867–1937
Revised, Fred C. M. Hansen, 1888–*

Announcements

The altar flowers are presented by Linda Schweitzer in memory of Wil Schweitzer—greatly missed by family and friends.

The chancel rail flowers are presented in honor of our parents, Rich and Janet Fedio, on their 50th wedding anniversary on September 23rd. We are so blessed and thankful for them every day. With love from, Denise, Jon, Nathan, Abby, and Tyler Stutzman; Dan Fedio; Tim, Peg, Samantha, and Brandon Fedio.

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

Guest organist today: Many thanks to Peggy Arelt for playing while Fred is recuperating.

Known to be hospitalized: Larry Sheatsley—Canonsburg Hospital, Room 226. Please keep him in your prayers and support him 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. Terry Alwine is now home from the hospital. Please keep them in your prayers, as well as all those members of the Ruthfred family who are facing health or other challenges.

Upcoming surgery: Please pray for Sue Rotz, who will be having knee surgery on September 26th.

Official Act: On Saturday, September 24, 2022, at 12:30 p.m., Pastor Carlson and Pastor McMinn officiated at the wedding of Andrea Groves and Crispin Havener at Heinz Chapel. The congregation wishes Andrea and Crispin God's blessings as they begin this new chapter.

Pastor's Fund:

- Given by Chris and Marcia Clark in memory of Pat VanKirk.
- Given by Bill VanKirk and Debbie Huffman and family in memory of Pat VanKirk and in thanksgiving for the pastors and congregation of Ruthfred.
- Given by Crispin and Andrea (Groves) Havener with gratitude to Pastor Carlson and Pastor McMinn for officiating at their wedding.

Youth Fund: Given by Nancy Jane and Ray Balach in memory of Marcia Pavesi.

With grateful hearts we thank you for all of the meals, cards, prayers, and support from our Ruthfred family. A special thank you to Pastor Carlson and Pastor McMinn. Your many visits and prayers gave us strength and comfort. Love, **Bill VanKirk and family**

Sincere thanks from the planning committee to all those who helped to make the Family Sunday School Rally Day a success on September 11th!

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.

AFLC President's Installation: On the evening of 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.

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 NEXT Sunday, 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 marked bin in the Fireside Lounge. Items needed are: 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. Contact Jill Kurtz with any questions.

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!

"Souper" September: Today is the last day to donate for this annual soup drive in memory of Pastor Dennis. This year's donations will benefit S.H.I.M. (South Hills Interfaith Movement), located in Bethel Park, and also City Mission in Washington, PA. Any type of soup will be accepted, but they are especially in need of low-sodium soups. The container where you may place your donations is outside of the kitchen.

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

Benevolence Committee: Our next meeting will be Monday, September 26th at 7 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge. We will be discussing the budget. We invite the congregation's input, so please speak with a committee member or come to the meeting with suggestions or questions. Committee members are Sue Hughes, Patty Condre, Kathi Siciliano, Tom Swan, and Jill Kurtz.

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

Adult SS 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!



2022-2023 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". Evening JTTW 2022-2023 will use the first of three study guides that accompany Dr. David Jeremiah's The Book of Signs to examine the international and cultural signs of the times and the significance to end-time events.

Evening JTTW provides families with the opportunity to begin or continue the journey of studying biblical truth. Then, when we face the future, we will enjoy a wondrously close relationship with the Almighty God and be better prepared to walk with the Lord Jesus Christ in peace and comfort. Please consider growing with us to be informed witnesses for Christ. This is a great time to be alive, a time God chose for us with a command to speak His truth into the lives of others.



Please join us **October 19, 2022**, as we begin a twelve-week study of Dr. Jeremiah's The Book of Signs. Our Wednesday evening gatherings will begin with a Forkless Dinner offered for all families from 6:00-6:30 p.m. Following this fellowship time, a Kids' Time program is offered for children that runs in parallel with Evening JTTW. For more information on programs and to register for Evening JTTW, visit the Ruthfred Lutheran Church website at www.ruthfred.org. There is also an article in the current issue of the Herald.

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

Lutheran's for Life Quote: "Moved by the Holy Spirit, may we help each other carry the crosses we face together. May we work to eliminate suffering together. And may we find healing, belonging, peace, and joy, together in the cross of Christ."—*Michelle Bauman, Director of Y4Life*

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! 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.

TNT (9-12 Grade)

TNT will meet at Ruthfred on September 27th, 7-9 p.m.

The Ruthfred FLY Convention informational meeting for parents of current 7th—12th grade students will be Tuesday, September 27th at 6:30 p.m. in the Adult Sunday School classroom. The FLY Convention is a 5-day event (July 3-8, 2023) at the YMCA in Estes Park, CO. It will bring together ca. 2,000 AFLC youth from across the nation for an unparalleled opportunity for spiritual, emotional, and relational growth! Visit their website for more information: <http://www.flyconvention.org>.

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## Questions/concerns?

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

|                                                    |             | Expenses Compared to Receipts |           |          |             |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------------------------|-----------|----------|-------------|
| <u>RECEIPTS AND EXPENSES<br/>OF BUDGETED FUNDS</u> |             |                               |           | Less:    |             |
|                                                    |             | Member                        | Transfers | Actual   | Surplus/    |
|                                                    |             | Donations                     | Other     | Expenses | (Shortfall) |
| Year to Date August 31, 2022                       |             |                               |           |          |             |
|                                                    | Current     | 564,111*                      | (34,000)  | 553,764  | (23,653)    |
|                                                    | Building    | 23,233                        |           | 31,837   | (8,604)     |
|                                                    | Benevolence | 102,934                       | 34,000    | 130,742  | 6,192       |
|                                                    | Totals      | 690,278                       |           | 716,343  | (26,065)    |

\*Includes special gift from Birmingham UCC—see article in March Herald newsletter

## This Week At Ruthfred

### Today (9/25)

8:30 a.m.—Worship Service  
9:45 a.m.—Sunday School  
11:00 a.m.—Worship Service  
6:30 p.m.—GIFT Bible Study  
Herald deadline

### Monday, (9/26)

9:30 a.m.—JTTW Leaders  
7:00 p.m.—Benevolence Committee

### Tuesday (9/27)

7:00 p.m.—Worship Team

### Wednesday (9/28)

9:15 a.m.—JTTW  
5:45 p.m.—Children's Choir  
6:30 p.m.—Bell Choir  
6:45 p.m.—Confirmation; Kids' Time  
7:30 p.m.—Senior Choir

### Thursday (9/29) St. Michael and All Angels

### Friday (9/30)

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

### Sunday (10/2)

8:30 a.m.—Holy Communion  
9:45 a.m.—Sunday School  
11:00 a.m.—Holy Communion  
6:00 p.m.—Holy Communion

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"The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul....The precepts of the Lord are right, giving joy to the heart" (Psalm 19:7-8, NIV). Welcome to worship, where the Word of God refreshes us.

Attendance for Last Week:

Saturday Contemporary Worship...37  
Sunday Worship...256 Sunday School...96  
8:30 Live Stream...45  
JTTW morning...57  
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 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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