

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 an offering basket.

About Us:

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



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

The Divine Service of the Word

The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost, August 6, 2023

Prelude:

"Bread of the World"

(D. Burton)

"I Come with Joy"

(J. Barr)

"Minuet"

(J. S. Bach)

Isaiah Manzo, cello

The Opening

Hymn:

"Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"

(SBH #187)

(Please stand as we
join our hearts in
song)

1. O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty, Zi - on, let me en - ter there,
2. Here, O God, I come be - fore thee, Come thou al - so down to me;

Where my soul in joy - ful du - ty Waits on him who an - swers prayer:
Where we find thee and a - dore thee, There a heaven on earth must be:

O how bless - ed is this place, Filled with sol - ace, light, and grace.
To my heart O en - ter thou, Let it be thy tem - ple now. A - men.

3 Here thy praise is gladly chanted,
Here thy seed is duly sown;
Let my soul, where it is planted,
Bring forth precious sheaves alone:
So that all I hear may be
Fruitful unto life in me.

4 Thou my faith increase and quicken,
Let me keep thy gift divine;
Howsoe'er temptations thicken,
May thy word still o'er me shine,
As my guiding star through life,
As my comfort in my strife.

5 Speak, O God, and I will hear thee,
Let thy will be done indeed;
May I undisturbed draw near thee
While thou dost thy people feed;
Here of life the fountain flows,
Here is balm for all our woes. Amen.

Benjamin Schmolck, 1672–1737
Tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1829–78

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, forgives us all our sins. As a Minister of the Church of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore declare unto you who do truly repent and believe in Him, the entire forgiveness of all your sins. In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

P: On the other hand, by the same authority, I declare unto the impenitent and unbelieving, that so long as they continue in their impenitence, God 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 is through His Word. Hearing it and learning it are central to His proper worship.

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 Introit (Read Responsively; Please stand) (SBH p. 2/98)

P: Behold, God is my helper.

C: The Lord is with them that uphold my soul.

P: He shall reward evil unto my enemies, cut them off in Your truth.

C: Save me, O God, by Your Name and judge me by Your strength.

(Psalm 54:1, 4, 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: Isaiah 55:1-5 (NASB)

¹ “Ho! Every one who thirsts, come to the waters; and you who have no money come, buy and eat. Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost. ² “Why do you spend money for what is not bread, and your wages for what does not satisfy? Listen carefully to Me, and eat what is good, and delight yourself in abundance. ³ “Incline your ear and come to Me. Listen, that you may live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, *according to* the faithful mercies shown to David. ⁴ “Behold, I have made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. ⁵ “Behold, you will call a nation you do not know, and a nation which knows you not will run to you, because of the LORD your God, even the Holy One of Israel; for He has glorified you.”

The Gradual (SBH p. 98)

Keep me, O Lord, as the apple of the eye. Hide me under the shadow of Your wings. Let my sentence come forth from Your presence. Let Your eyes behold the things that are equal. Alleluia, alleluia. Deliver me from my enemies, O my God. Defend me from those that rise up against me. Alleluia.

(Psalm 17:2, 8, 13, 14)

The Alleluia (Sung in Unison) (p. 4/24)

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Holy Gospel Lesson: Matthew 14:13-21 (NASB)

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

¹³ Now when Jesus heard *about John*, He withdrew from there in a boat to a secluded place by Himself; and when the people heard *of this*, they followed Him on foot from the cities. ¹⁴ When He went ashore, He saw a large crowd, and felt compassion for them and healed their sick.

¹⁵ When it was evening, the disciples came to Him and said, "This place is desolate and the hour is already late; so send the crowds away, that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." ¹⁶ But Jesus said to them, "They do not need to go away; you give them *something to eat!*" ¹⁷ They said to Him, "We have here only five loaves and two fish." ¹⁸ And He said, "Bring them here to Me." ¹⁹ Ordering the people to sit down on the grass, He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up toward heaven, He blessed *the food*, and breaking the loaves He *gave them* to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds, ²⁰ and they all ate and were satisfied. They picked up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve full baskets. ²¹ There were about five thousand men who ate, besides women and children.

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

The Confession of Faith: The Nicene Creed (Confessed in Unison) (p. 4)

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 proceeds 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.

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 Special Music

11:00: Isaiah Manzo, cello—"For the Beauty of the Earth" (arr. T. Hunter)

The Announcements

The Sermon Hymn:

"Break Thou the Bread of Life"

(SBH #491)

1. Break thou the bread of life, Dear Lord, to me,
As thou didst break the loaves Be - side the sea;
Be - yond the sa - cred page I seek thee, Lord;
My spir - it pants for thee, O liv - ing Word! A-men.

The musical score is written for a single melodic line on a treble clef staff with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The score is divided into four systems, each with a single line of music and its corresponding lyrics. The first system begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The second system continues the melody. The third system continues the melody. The fourth system concludes the hymn with a double bar line and a final chord.

2 Bless thou the truth, dear Lord,
To me, to me,
As thou didst bless the bread
By Galilee;
Then shall all bondage cease,
All fetters fall;
And I shall find my peace,
My All-in-all! Amen.

Mary A. Lathbury, 1841-1913

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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: "Real Food for Real People" | Matthew 14:13-21

The Offertory Response (Sung in Unison; Please Stand) (SBH p. 27)

Create in me a clean heart, O God: and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence: and take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Your salvation: and uphold me with Your free Spirit. (Psalm 51:10-12)

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.

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 (SBH p. 29)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And with thy Spirit.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up unto the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

C: It is meet and right so to do.

P: It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto Thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Thy glorious Name; ever more praising Thee, and saying:

C: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth; Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory; Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The Words of Institution: (SBH p. 12/35)

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 (SBH p. 12/35)

P: Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And, forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil;

C: For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

P: The peace of the Lord be with you alway.

C: And with thy spirit.

Do you believe that you are a sinner?

Yes, I believe that I am a sinner.

Are you sorry for your sins?

Yes, I am sorry that I have sinned against God.

Do you desire to be saved?

Yes, such is my desire.

In Whom do you trust?

In my dear Lord, Jesus Christ.

What has Christ done for you that you trust in Him?

He died for me and shed His blood for me on the cross for the forgiveness of sins.

Do you believe that the true body and blood of Christ are in the Sacrament?

Yes, I believe it.

What induces you to believe this?

The Word of Christ, "Take, eat this is my Body; This is my Blood, drink of it all of you."

Why ought we to remember and proclaim His death?

That we may learn to believe that no creature could make satisfaction for our sins but Christ, true God and man; and that we may learn to look with terror at our sins, and to regard them as great indeed, and to find joy and comfort in Him alone, and thus be saved through such faith.

Finally, why do you wish to go to receive Holy Communion?

That I may learn to believe that Christ died for my sin out of great love, as before said; and that I may also learn from Him to love God and my neighbor.

The Agnus Dei (p. 12/36)

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

During Communion:

"Bread of the World in Mercy Broken" (SBH #279)

EUCCHARISTIC HYMN. 9 8, 9 8.

JOHN S. B. HODGES, 1830-1915

Devotionally

1. Bread of the world in mer - cy bro - ken, Wine of the

soul in mer - cy shed, By whom the words of life were

spo - ken And in whose death our sins are dead; A - men.

2 Look on the heart by sorrow broken,

Look on the tears by sinners shed;

And be thy feast to us the token

That by thy grace our souls are fed. Amen.

Reginald Heber, 1783-1826

The Nunc Dimittis (SBH p. 13/38)

U: Lord now let Your servant depart in peace, according to Your word; For my eyes have seen Your salvation, which You have prepared before the face of all people; A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the Glory of Your 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 (SBH p. 13/38)

P: O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.

C: And His mercy endures 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 (SBH p. 14/40)

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.

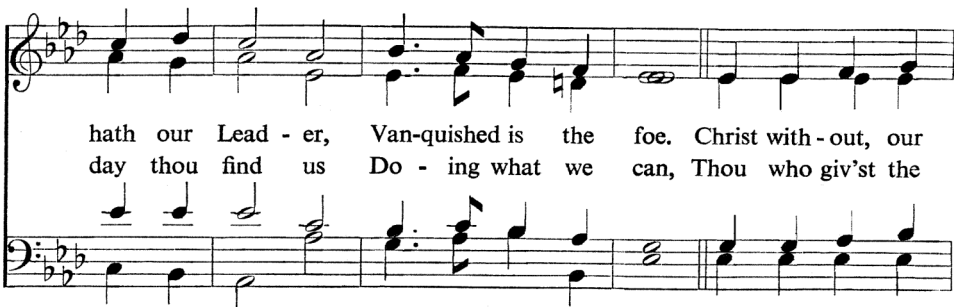
(Numbers 6:24-26)

C: Amen.

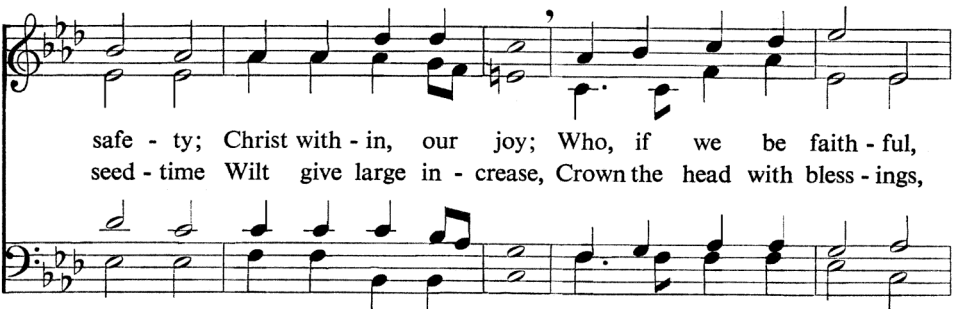
The Closing Hymn: "On Our Way Rejoicing" (SBH #195)



1. On our way re - joic - ing Glad - ly let us go; Con-quer-
 2. If with hon - est - heart - ed Love for God and man, Day by

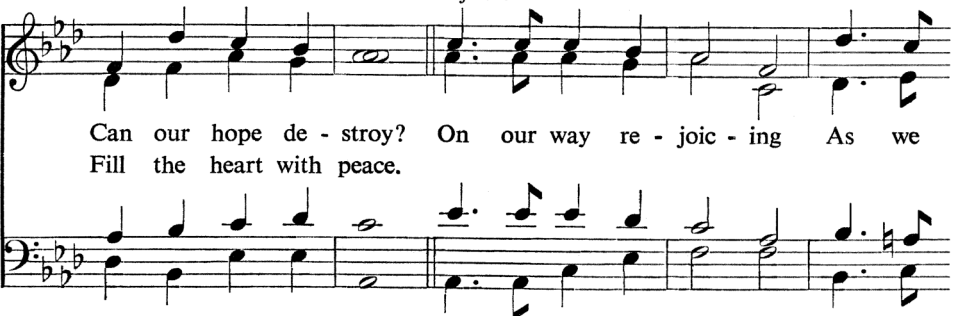


hath our Lead - er, Van-quished is the foe. Christ with - out, our
 day thou find us Do - ing what we can, Thou who giv'st the



safe - ty; Christ with - in, our joy; Who, if we be faith - ful,
 seed - time Wilt give large in - crease, Crown the head with bless - ings,

Refrain



Can our hope de - stroy? On our way re - joic - ing As we
 Fill the heart with peace.

The Closing Hymn: "On Our Way Rejoicing" (SBH #195) (cont'd)

for-ward move, Heark-en to our prais - es, O thou God of love! A-men.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves, a treble staff on top and a bass staff on the bottom. The key signature is three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the treble staff, aligned with the notes. The lyrics are: "for-ward move, Heark-en to our prais - es, O thou God of love! A-men." The word "Heark" is misspelled as "Heark" instead of "Hearken".

3 Unto God the Father
Joyful songs we sing,
Unto God the Saviour
Thankful hearts we bring,
Unto God the Spirit
Bow we and adore,
On our way rejoicing
Now and evermore. Amen.

John S. B. Monsell, 1811-75

The Silent Prayer & Chimes

The Postlude: "Trumpet Melody" (R. Dinda)

Announcements

The altar flowers are presented by Mark and Jodie Riley in thanksgiving for 45 years of marriage.

Welcome to Our Guest Preacher: Today we welcome Rev. Gary Jorgenson to the pulpit. Rev. Jorgenson is the AFLC Vice President, a position he has held since July of 2017. Gary grew up in northwest North Dakota. He graduated from the Free Lutheran Seminary and was ordained in 1982. He has served congregations in Stanley, ND, Ottawa, IL, Durant, OK, East Grand Forks, MN, and Brainerd, MN. Gary and his wife, Jeanne, have four children and 10 grandchildren. We are blessed to have Rev. Jorgenson with us today while Pastor McMinn and his family are on vacation.

Special thanks to Kurt Ziegler. He is leading the liturgy, reading Scripture, and assisting with Holy Communion today at the 8:30 and 11:00 services. (There will NOT be a 6:00 service today.)

Nursery Today: 8:30—Donna Weighley; 11:00—Claudia Patalong.

Known to be hospitalized: Dan Gill (broken hip)—Allegheny General Hospital.

Prayers for Recovery and Healing: Larry Sheatsley—ProMedica Skilled Nursing and Rehab (Bethel Park). Dot Corbett—back at Concordia after a brief stay at St. Clair Hospital. Debbie Huffman—at home recovering from surgery. Jodie Riley—breast cancer. Bill VanKirk—skin cancer. Dee Coldsmith—Providence Point. Marian Meyer—back fracture. Ken Meyer (Marian's son)—stage 4 prostate cancer. Gene Hershberger—treatment for lung cancer. Amy Jones (Al Malone's daughter)—broken pelvis. Her address is 1216 Valley St., McKees Rocks, PA 15136. Abby Stutzman—autoimmune disorders. Virginia DiSalvo. Please keep them in your prayers, as well as all those members of the Ruthfred family who are facing health or other challenges.

Condolences: Our pastor and congregation extend Christian love and sympathy to Donna (Cuthbert) Neil's family. She passed away on August 1, 2023, after a brief illness. Please keep her husband, Paul, and their family in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Welcome Today!: We are so blessed to have everyone, visitors and regular attendees alike, in worship today! Please take the time to greet one another in His Name!

Volunteer Guidelines: Please note that **all volunteers age 18 and older must have current clearances** in order to serve with children and youth at VBS, Sunday School, and youth events. Clearances are good for 5 years. Contact Felicia Rieck in the church office for more information.

Employment Opportunity at Ruthfred: Nursery Attendant: Do you have a heart for the youngest in our Church family? We have a need for nursery workers. Please contact Shane Cox if you can help.

Save the Date!: Ruthfred's annual church picnic is Sunday, August 20th, 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. We'll be cooking up hamburgers and hotdogs; you bring a side or dessert. Last names A—K please bring a salad, L—S please bring a side (other than salad), and T—Z please bring a dessert. There will be fun activities for all ages, including a dunk tank, bounce house, face painting, and bingo. The Praise Team will also be performing. Please join us!

2023-2024 Preschool Registration is now open online at ruthfred.org. Contact AnnieBuzon@ruthfred.org with any questions or to schedule a tour. Spaces are available.

Announcements (cont'd)

Leaders of Youth Today Email (LYTE) Sign-Up: This group is a monthly email chain for anyone who wants to stay up-to-date with current events in the lives of youth and youth culture, including the health and events of Ruthfred youth. LYTE will serve as a training and equipping resource for those who serve the youth of our church, both within the walls and outside the walls. If you have a desire for the youth in our congregation to know and love Jesus within the culture where they live, this group is for you. Please contact our Youth Director, Coltin Cox, if you would like to be added to the list: ColtinCox@ruthfred.org.

Journey Through the Word Summer Film Festival: Many excellent Christian movies have been released through the years. We have viewed a variety of old and new, fiction and documentary, this summer. This Wednesday we will screen our final movie for the summer session. No registration is necessary, and **all** are welcome! The movie will be shown at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, August 9th. Our movie will be "**A Man Called Peter.**" This biographical feature film from 1955 presents the story of the Scottish-born Minister who became Chaplain of the U.S. Senate and was the husband of Christian writer Catherine Marshall.

Support Life: Human Coalition/Health for Her in Bethel Park has contacted Ruthfred with some urgent needs. If you would like to make a donation, please place your items in the marked bin in the Fireside Lounge by August 13. If a group would like to go in on an item, they are in need of NEW (still in the box) Pack 'N Plays, travel systems, and infant car seats. Other needs include shampoo, lotion, diaper cream, wipes; NEW receiving blankets, baby blankets, and mini crib sheets; NEW or GENTLY USED **newborn** short & long sleeve onesies; **newborn** girls' sleepers; **newborn to 6 months** girls' and boys' spring/summer clothes; **newborn to 12 months** girls' fall/winter clothing; and **newborn** boys' fall/winter clothing. Thank you for your help. Please contact Jill Kurtz with any questions.

Gifts to Our Church

Current Fund

- Given by George and Dottie Barrett in loving memory of our wonderful friend Jim Segerdahl.
- Given by Friends in Christ in memory of James Segerdahl.
- Given by Robert and Lynn Vogel in memory of our Uncle Jim (James) Segerdahl.
- Given by Norma Vogel in loving memory of Uncle Jim Segerdahl.
- Given by Melissa and Charles Tea in memory of James Segerdahl.
- Given by Michael and Marcie Zanic in memory of James Segerdahl.

FBLC Scholarship Fund

- Given by Bob and Gladys Reith in memory of Jim Segerdahl.
- Given by Elaine Widich in memory of Joanne Salvetti.

JTTW Fund

- Given by Gene and Nancy McCloskey in memory of Jim Segerdahl.

Music Fund

- Given by Joyce Bock in memory of Jim Segerdahl and in honor of Joanne Segerdahl.

Gifts to Our Church (cont'd)

Pastor's Fund

- Given by Bill and Carol Ward in memory of Joanne Salvetti.
- Given by Joe and Mary Lou McKenna in memory of Jim Segerdahl.
- Given by Mick and Marlene Nowicki in memory of Jim Segerdahl.
- Given by Eric and Beth Langkamp in memory of Jim Segerdahl.
- Given by Lou and Arlene Ball in memory of Jim Segerdahl.

Youth Fund

- Given by Elaine Widich in memory of Joanne Salvetti.



For The Month of August

Acolytes:

8:30 a.m. (8/6)
(8/13)
(8/20)
(8/27)

Jonathan Tarrant
Elliot McMin
Asher Manzo
Jonathan Tarrant

11:00 a.m. (8/6)
(8/13)
(8/20)
(8/27)

Josh Cimarolli
Evan Gusky
Ryan Handshue
Josh Cimarolli

Altar Guild:

Elaine Widich

Counters:

8:30 a.m.
11:00 a.m.

Paul Mikulan, Gary Fischer
Josh Cox, Nathan Donolo

Ushers:

8:30 a.m.

Bernard Paterra, John Ruzicka

1 1:00 a.m.

TBD

Coffee Hour:

Chris and Ron Stout

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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.

Ruthfred 75th Anniversary Committee Request: Next April, Ruthfred will celebrate the 75th anniversary of its incorporation. Planning has begun for celebrating this milestone. If you would like to join the planning committee, please contact Becky Evans. In the meantime, please be thinking about your happiest memories of Ruthfred. If you are willing to share a memory or memories, there is a collection box on the table near the elevator on the lower level. Or, feel free to send an email to ruthfred@ruthfred.org. Thank you for blessing us with your memories!

Adult Sunday School Class Today In Large Classroom

Why is Ruthfred part of a national church body called the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations (AFLC)? What's the AFLC, what's a congregation, and why does that matter to me? Pastor McMinn and others will guide the adult Sunday School class through a series called "*The Gospel in The Congregation*," written in part by Pastor James Molstre, a former pastor at Ruthfred. Join us for this series, which includes great videos and a short, helpful workbook.

Don't assume you already understand the Biblical role of a congregation and your part in it. Come and see for yourself what it's all about. This Sunday we will finish **Lesson 5—Congregation Self-government**.

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## **Summer Sunday School for Kids**

Miss Bunny (Barger) and Miss Susan (Wholey) will continue their wonderful Sunday School class for 4- & 5-year-olds through the summer. Jason Weighley & Friends will offer a special Sunday School series for kids ages 6—5<sup>th</sup> grade featuring the Torchlighters' animated films about heroes of the Faith. Students in grade 6 and up will join Mason for youth Sunday School classes. If you can help with the nursery this summer, please contact Shane Cox.

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YOUTH NEWS

SWAP (6-8 Grade)

There is a **SWAP** meeting tonight at Ruthfred 6-7:30 p.m.

TNT (9-12 Grade)

TNT will meet on Tuesday, August 8th 7-9:00 p.m. at the Huwes' house (5602 Saddlebrook Dr., Bethel Park).

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### **Questions/concerns?**

**Contact: Coltin Cox at [ColtinCox@ruthfred.org](mailto:ColtinCox@ruthfred.org), or  
(c) (724)-825-9790**

## This Week At Ruthfred

**Today (8/6) 10<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

8:30 a.m.—Holy Communion

9:45 a.m.—Sunday School

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(Pastor Gary Jorgenson preaching)

## City Mission Food Sunday

## Tuesday (8/8)

7:00 p.m.—Worship Team

### Wednesday (8/9)

10:00 a.m.—Journey Through the Word Summer

### Films ("A Man Called Peter")

Noon—Esther

### Friday (8/11)

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

## Saturday (8/12)

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

**Sunday (8/13) 11<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

8:30 a.m.—Worship Service

9:45 a.m.—Sunday School

11:00 a.m.—Worship Service

Welcoming of New Members at both services

Through Isaiah, God calls, "Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters" (Isaiah 55:1). We come today to the Living Water made known in Jesus Christ. Welcome!

**Attendance for Last Week:**

Church...207   Sunday School...42

8:30 Live Stream...42

JTTW...16

VBS Attendance:

Average daily...164

Closing Program...242

## Prayer Requests

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
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