

RUTHFRED LUTHERAN CHURCH

# Welcome to Ruthfred Lutheran Church!

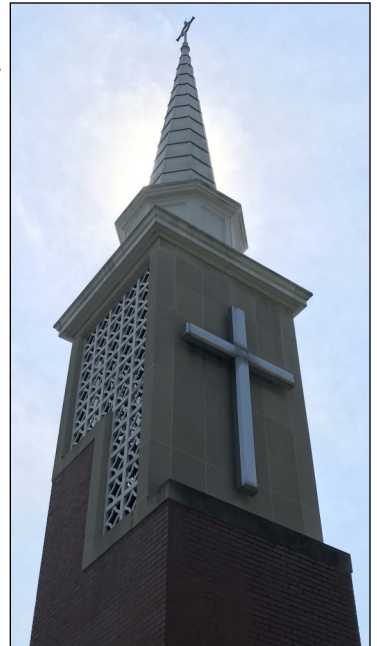
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**We are delighted to have you with us this morning as we gather to worship the Lord Jesus Christ.**

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 Tenth Sunday after Pentecost, August 14, 2022

## Prelude:

**"Adagio (Sonata II)"**

**"Come, Everyone That Thirsteth"**

**"O Rest in the Lord"**

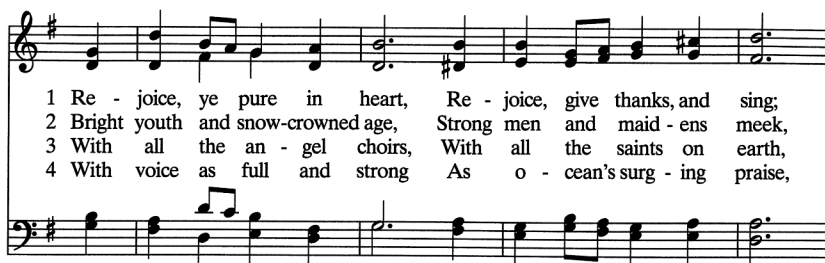
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## The Opening Hymn:

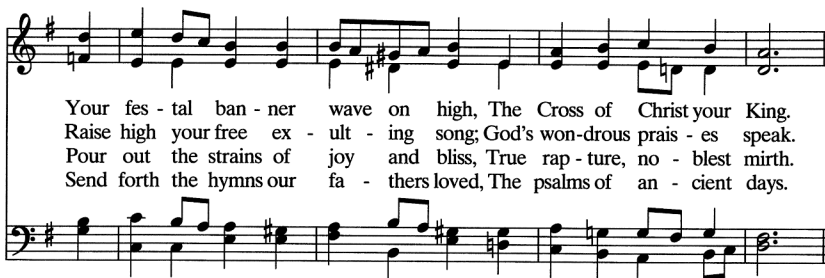
**"Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart"**

(AMB#463)

(Please stand as we join our hearts in song)



1 Re - joice, ye pure in heart, Re - joice, give thanks, and sing;  
2 Bright youth and snow-crowned age, Strong men and maid - ens meek,  
3 With all the an - gel choirs, With all the saints on earth,  
4 With voice as full and strong As o - cean's surg - ing praise,



Your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, The Cross of Christ your King.  
Raise high your free ex - ult - ing song; God's won-drous prais - es speak.  
Pour out the strains of joy and bliss, True rap - ture, no - blest mirth.  
Send forth the hymns our fa - thers loved, The psalms of an - cient days.



*Refrain*  
Re - joice, re - joice! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!  
(Re-joyce,) (re-joyce!)

5 Still lift your standard high,  
Still march in firm array,  
As warriors through the darkness toil  
Till dawns the golden day.  
(to Refrain)

6 At last the march shall end,  
The wearied ones shall rest,  
The pilgrims find their Father's house,  
Jerusalem the blest.  
(to Refrain)

7 Then on, ye pure in heart,  
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing;  
Your festal banner wave on high,  
The Cross of Christ your King.  
(to Refrain)

Text: Edward Hayes Plumptre, 1821-1891  
Tune: Arthur Henry Messier, 1834-1916

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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 Sins** (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: Behold, God is mine helper:

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

P: He shall reward evil unto my enemies:

**C: Cut them off in Thy truth.**

P: Save me, O God, by Thy Name:

**C: And judge me by thy strength.** (Psalm 54:1, 4, 5)

### **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.

**C: Christ, have mercy upon us.**

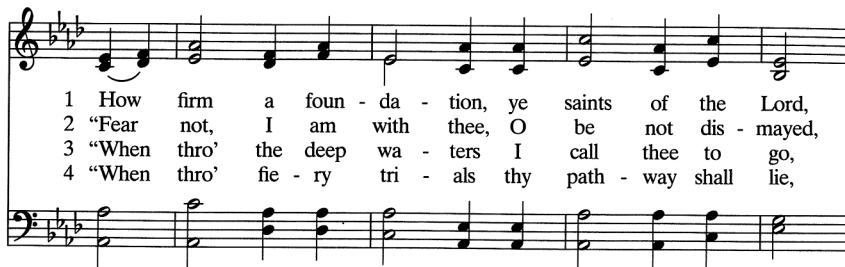
P: Lord, have mercy upon us.

**C: Lord, have mercy upon us.**

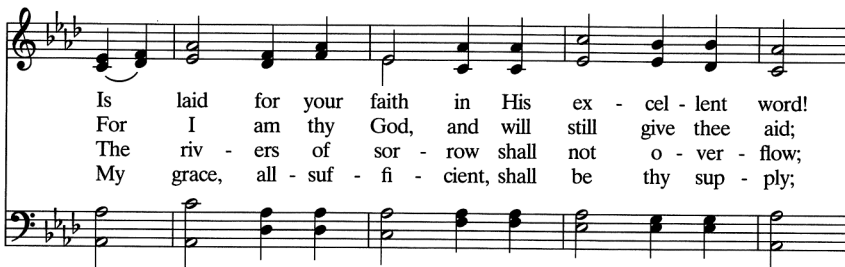
## The Hymn of Praise:

### "How Firm a Foundation"

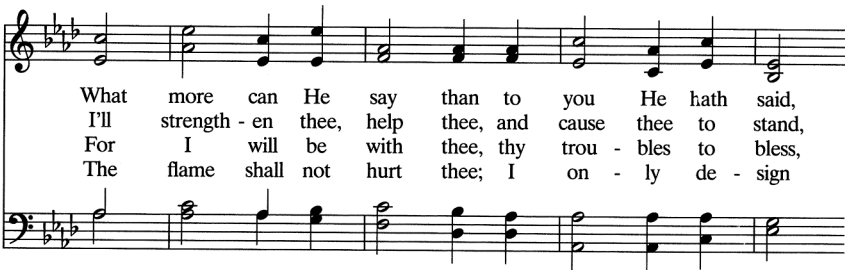
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1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,  
 2 "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dis - mayed,  
 3 "When thro' the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,  
 4 "When thro' fie - ry tri - als thy path - way shall lie,



Is laid for your faith in His ex - cel - lent word!  
 For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;  
 The riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver - flow;  
 My grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;



What more can He say than to you He hath said,  
 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
 For I will be with thee, thy trou - bles to bless,  
 The flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign



To you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?  
 Up - held by My right - eous, om - ni - po - tent hand."  
 And sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress."  
 Thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine."

Text: "K" in Rippon's Selection, 1787

Tune: early American melody; Funk's Genuine Church Music, 1832

FOUNDATION  
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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.

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.

P: Let Your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of Your humble servants. And, that they may obtain their petitions, make them to ask such things as shall please You. Through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end.

**C: Amen.**

**The Old Testament Lesson: Jeremiah 23:16-29** (NASB)

<sup>16</sup> Thus says the LORD of hosts, "Do not listen to the words of the prophets who are prophesying to you. They are leading you into futility; they speak a vision of their own imagination, not from the mouth of the LORD. <sup>17</sup> "They keep saying to those who despise Me, 'The LORD has said, "You will have peace"; and as for everyone who walks in the stubbornness of his own heart, they say, 'Calamity will not come upon you.' <sup>18</sup> "But who has stood in the council of the LORD, that he should see and hear His word? Who has given heed to His word and listened? <sup>19</sup> "Behold, the storm of the LORD has gone forth in wrath, even a whirling tempest; it will swirl down on the head of the wicked. <sup>20</sup> "The anger of the LORD will not turn back until He has performed and carried out the purposes of His heart; in the last days you will clearly understand it. <sup>21</sup> "I did not send *these* prophets, but they ran. I did not speak to them, but they prophesied. <sup>22</sup> "But if they had stood in My council, then they would have announced My words to My people, and would have turned them back from their evil way and from the evil of their deeds. <sup>23</sup> "Am I a God who is near," declares the Lord, "And not a God far off? <sup>24</sup> "Can a man hide himself in hiding places so I do not see him?" declares the LORD. "Do I not fill the heavens and the earth?" declares the LORD. <sup>25</sup> "I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy falsely in My name, saying, 'I had a dream, I had a dream!' <sup>26</sup> How long? Is there *anything* in the hearts of the prophets who prophesy falsehood, even *these* prophets of the deception of their own heart, <sup>27</sup> who intend to make My people forget My name by their dreams which they relate to one another, just as their fathers forgot My name because of Baal? <sup>28</sup> The prophet who has a dream may relate *his* dream, but let him who has My word speak My word in truth. What does straw have *in common* with grain?" declares the LORD. <sup>29</sup> "Is not My word like fire?" declares the LORD, "and like a hammer which shatters a rock?

**The Psalm: Psalm 119:81-88** (NASB)

P: My soul languishes for Your salvation; I wait for Your word.

**C: My eyes fail *with longing* for Your word, while I say, "When will You comfort me?"**

P: Though I have become like a wineskin in the smoke, I do not forget Your statutes.

**C: How many are the days of Your servant? When will You execute judgment on those who persecute me?**

**The Psalm: Psalm 119:81-88** (NASB) (cont'd)

P: The arrogant have dug pits for me, *men* who are not in accord with Your law.

**C: All Your commandments are faithful; they have persecuted me with a lie; help me!**

P: They almost destroyed me on earth, but as for me, I did not forsake Your precepts.

**C: Revive me according to Your lovingkindness, so that I may keep the testimony of Your mouth.**

**The Epistle Lesson: Hebrews 11:17-31, 12:1-3**(NASB)

<sup>17</sup> By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was offering up his only begotten *son*,  
<sup>18</sup> *it was he* to whom it was said, "IN ISAAC YOUR DESCENDANTS SHALL BE CALLED."  
<sup>19</sup> He considered that God is able to raise *people* even from the dead, from which he also received him back as a type.  
<sup>20</sup> By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau, even regarding things to come.  
<sup>21</sup> By faith Jacob, as he was dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, and worshiped, *leaning* on the top of his staff.  
<sup>22</sup> By faith Joseph, when he was dying, made mention of the exodus of the sons of Israel, and gave orders concerning his bones.  
<sup>23</sup> By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden for three months by his parents, because they saw he was a beautiful child; and they were not afraid of the king's edict.  
<sup>24</sup> By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter,  
<sup>25</sup> choosing rather to endure ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin,  
<sup>26</sup> considering the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures of Egypt; for he was looking to the reward.  
<sup>27</sup> By faith he left Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king; for he endured, as seeing Him who is unseen.  
<sup>28</sup> By faith he kept the Passover and the sprinkling of the blood, so that he who destroyed the firstborn would not touch them.  
<sup>29</sup> By faith they passed through the Red Sea as though *they were passing* through dry land; and the Egyptians, when they attempted it, were drowned.  
<sup>30</sup> By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they had been encircled for seven days.  
<sup>31</sup> By faith Rahab the harlot did not perish along with those who were disobedient, after she had welcomed the spies in peace.

<sup>1</sup> Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,  
<sup>2</sup> fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.  
<sup>3</sup> For consider Him who has endured such hostility by sinners against Himself, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.



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 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 Gradual:**

O Lord our Lord, how excellent is Your Name in all the earth, who hast set Your glory above the heavens. Alleluia, alleluia. Give ear, O my people, to my law. Incline your ears to the words of my mouth. Alleluia. (Psalm 8: 1; Psalm 78: 1)

### **The Alleluia** (Sung in Unison)

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

### **The Holy Gospel Lesson: Luke 12:49-53** (NASB)

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

<sup>49</sup> "I have come to cast fire upon the earth; and how I wish it were already kindled! <sup>50</sup> But I have a baptism to undergo, and how distressed I am until it is accomplished! <sup>51</sup> Do you suppose that I came to grant peace on earth? I tell you, no, but rather division; <sup>52</sup> for from now on five *members* in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three. <sup>53</sup> They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

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

### **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 & 11:00: Kerry Macugoski & Peggy Cox—*Great Is Thy Faithfulness* (Runyan/Larson)

### **The Announcements**

### **The Children's Object Lesson**

The Sermon Hymn: "Ye Servants of God" (SBH#446)

1. Ye ser - vants of God, your Mas - ter pro - claim,  
2. God rul - eth on high, al - might - y to save;

And pub - lish a - broad his won - der - ful Name;  
And still he is nigh, his pres - ence we have;

The Name all - vic - to - rious of Je - sus ex - tol;  
The great con - gre - ga - tion his tri - umph shall sing,

His king - dom is glo - rious, and rules o - ver all.  
As - crib - ing sal - va - tion to Je - sus our King. A - men.

3 Salvation to God, who sits on the throne!  
Let all cry aloud, and honor the Son:  
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,  
Fall down on their faces, and worship the Lamb.

4 Then let us adore, and give him his right,  
All glory and power, all wisdom and might,  
All honor and blessing, with angels above,  
And thanks never ceasing, and infinite love. Amen.

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:

"Jesus Came to Divide Us" | Luke 12:49-53

### 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:

### **"Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"**

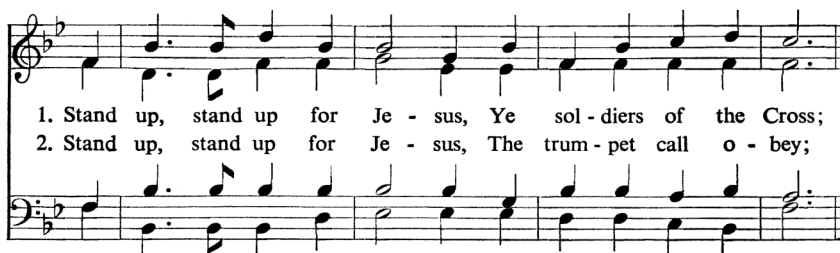
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## The Silent Prayer & Chimes

## The Postlude:

### **"Allegro Vivace (Sonata II)**

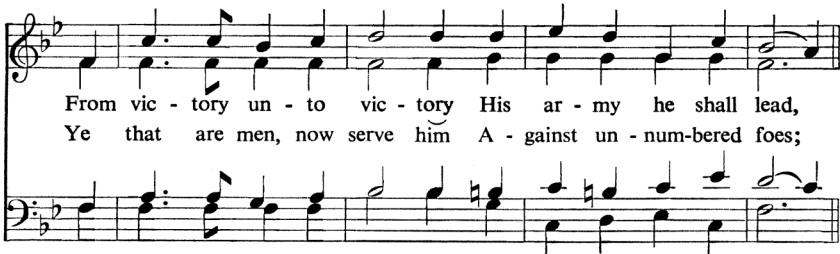
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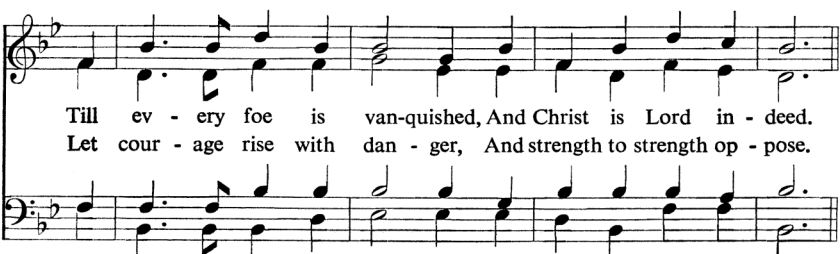
1. Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, Ye sol - diers of the Cross;  
2. Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, The trum - pet call o - bey;



Lift high his roy - al ban - ner, It must not suf - fer loss:  
Forth to the might - y con - flict In this his glo - rious day:



From vic - tory un - to vic - tory His ar - my he shall lead,  
Ye that are men, now serve him A - gainst un - num - bered foes;



Till ev - ery foe is van - quished, And Christ is Lord in - deed.  
Let cour - age rise with dan - ger, And strength to strength op - pose.

3 Stand up, stand up for Jesus,  
Stand in his strength alone;  
The arm of flesh will fail you,  
Ye dare not trust your own:  
Put on the gospel armor,  
Each piece put on with prayer;  
Where duty calls or danger,  
Be never wanting there.

4 Stand up, stand up for Jesus,  
The strife will not be long;  
This day the noise of battle,  
The next the victor's song:  
To him that overcometh  
A crown of life shall be;  
He with the King of Glory  
Shall reign eternally.

*George Duffield, 1818-88*

# Announcements

**The altar flowers** are presented by Donna and Jason Weighley in honor of their daughter Heather's 19<sup>th</sup> birthday.

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

**Known to be hospitalized:** Terry Alwine—now at Encompass Health Rehabilitation Hospital of Sewickley, 351 Camp Meeting Rd., Room 117, Sewickley, PA 15143. Fritz Heilman—Friendship Village Health Care Unit, Room 128. Dee Coldsmith—St. Clair Hospital. Frank King—St. Clair Hospital. Patricia VanKirk—St. Clair Hospital. Please keep them in your prayers and support them with cards.

**Prayers for Recovery and Healing:** Fred Pellegrino—recovering from a broken hip. Ray Feller is home at Concordia after hip replacement surgery. Berni Alderson (husband of Nelda) is now home. Please keep all of them in your prayers, as well as all those members of the Ruthfred family who are facing health or other challenges.

**A Sincere Thank You** from Terry and Ellen Alwine to everyone for the beautiful cards and prayers! Thank you also to both pastors for the visits!

**Thank You to Our Ruthfred Family:** Thank you so much for all of your prayers and support over these last nine months. I don't believe a week has gone by that I haven't received a card, text, or help from a member of Ruthfred! We are so blessed and grateful for such a wonderful church family. Thank you for continuing to keep me in your prayers.—Love, Michelle Hopkins and family.

**Updated Member Addresses:** Please note the following recent address changes for members: Lee MacManus, Concordia of South Hills, 1300 Bower Hill Rd., #345, Pittsburgh, PA 15243; Carol Mueller, Sunrise Senior Living, 500 Village Dr., #221, Pittsburgh, PA 15241; Foster Walker, Artis Senior Living, 1001 Higbee Dr., Suite 227, Bethel Park, PA 15102.

We also have an address for Josh Libell while he is at boot camp (thru October 7th). **Please note that you must use the exact address (without the line number notes), and you must use a white envelope.** SR Libell, Joshua, J. [line 1], Ship 12, USS Triton DIV 348 [line 2], Recruit Training Command [line 3], 3515 Sailor Drive [line 4], Great Lakes, IL 60088-3515 [line 5].

**Farewell Reception:** Today, after the 11:00 a.m. service, we will be having a cake reception in the Fellowship Hall for Regan Johnson. Regan has served faithfully as Ruthfred's Youth Minister for the past year. He will be moving to Hawaii to continue ministry there. Please come and help us to honor him!

**Prayer Request:** Please be in prayer for United Lutheran Church in Laurel, NE, which is served by our former vicar, Pastor Matt Quanbeck, as well as by Coltin Cox (Youth Director). Last week, three of their members (and another resident) were killed in a brutal attack on two households.

**Church Picnic Pie Eating Contest:** The sign-up sheets are posted with the Picnic flyers throughout the church. Participation is limited to the first twelve adults who register.

**Young Adult Bible Study:** Our next meeting will be on Sunday, August 21<sup>st</sup>, at Andrew and Cassie Vogel's house. This will be our only August meeting. All young adults are welcome to join. For questions or further information, please contact Andrew at [andrewvogel@ruthfred.org](mailto:andrewvogel@ruthfred.org).

## Announcements (cont'd)

**Craft & Sew:** The crafters and sewers are both taking a break in August, but will resume their activities in September.

**Kids' Time Volunteers Needed:** Do you enjoy games and teaching kids about the Word of God? If so, we need you for **Wednesday** night **Kids' Time** starting September 14 to help spread the love of Jesus. For more information, or to sign up, please contact Lauren Compel or Denise Stutzman at: [vbs\\_laurencompel@yahoo.com](mailto:vbs_laurencompel@yahoo.com) or [denisestutzman@ruthfred.org](mailto:denisestutzman@ruthfred.org). Thank you!

**XYZ Kick-Off is Just Around the Corner!** We are looking for individuals who are interested in joining our **XYZ** (eXtra Years with Zest) Organizational Team to help plan and lead this wonderful ministry. XYZ is geared towards our "retired" members and community, but it is not limited to that group. The group meets ca. 6 times a year for a catered lunch, fellowship, and an engaging presentation by a local guest speaker. We would **welcome your help** with planning the continuation of this outreach ministry. Please reach out to Melissa Bostaph, Parish Assistant, if you would like to get involved or have questions: [melissabostaph@ruthfred.org](mailto:melissabostaph@ruthfred.org).

**City Mission Request:** They are in immediate need of new or like-new (clean, no stains) TWIN bed sheets for their men's section. There is a collection bin in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you for any help you can provide!

**Foundation of Life Team:** We are considering the creation of a Lutherans For Life (LFL) Life Team at Ruthfred. This will be a group of individuals who want to become involved in the sanctity of human life issues related to abortion, assisting crisis pregnancy centers, euthanasia, assisted suicide, and many others areas. Training is prepared by LFL and will equip members of the team to work effectively in these ministries. There will be an article published in a future *Herald* that will more fully address the Life Team and its work. Shortly thereafter we will schedule a meeting for those members who want to explore how to become more involved in the pro-life arena. Keep your eye on upcoming bulletins for the date and time.

### **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.

**Staff News:** We are excited to announce that **Coltin (Rebecca) Cox** has accepted the offer of the Youth Director position here at Ruthfred! Coltin is a son of Josh & Gina Cox, who are members at Ruthfred. Coltin will not be able to start until in July of next year, as he is finishing out his position at United Lutheran in NE, so please pray for our Youth Committee as they give extra leadership to our youth throughout this coming year. Our Youth Committee members are: Pete (chair) & Jill Huwe, Eric & Kris Wenthe, Jon & Denise Stutzman, and Shane & Kate Cox.

## **Adult Sunday School Class Today In Large Classroom**

We are continuing a 10-week Bible study entitled, "The Lamb of God, Seeing Jesus in Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy." This video study is wonderfully presented by author Nancy Guthrie. Next Sunday (August 21<sup>st</sup>) will be our final week with this study. Please join us for this deeply Christ-centered series. For more information, please contact Kurt Ziegler.

### **Looking ahead for Adult Sunday School:**

Sunday, August 28<sup>th</sup>: Light of Life Rescue Mission

Sunday, September 4<sup>th</sup>: Compassion International

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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 Regan for youth Sunday School classes. We plan to have the nursery staffed. If you can help with the nursery this summer, please contact Shane Cox.

## **Gifts to Our Church**

**Benevolence Fund:** Given by William Moore, Karen Barrett, and Richard Moore in memory of Larry Holt.

**Benevolence Fund (Ukrainian Ministry):** Given by a Friend in Christ in honor of Jesus' Ukrainian ministry.

**Building Fund:** Given by Deb Skundrich in memory of Larry Holt.

### **Current Fund:**

Given by Arlene Fees in memory of Larry Holt—I know that Larry will be up in Heaven with our Lord.

Given by Mary Kay Miller in memory of Larry Holt—I know that Larry was, and Carol continues to be, dear and loved by your church.

Given by J. Thomas Touchton in memory of Darryl Roussel and in honor of the Roussel family's longstanding ties to Ruthfred.

**Library Fund:** Given by Tom and Ginny Leech in memory of Larry Holt.

**Pastor's Fund:** Given by Bob and Gladys Reith in memory of Larry Holt.



# YOUTH NEWS

## SWAP (6-8 Grade)

There is **SWAP** tonight, 6-7:30 at the Church.

## TNT (9-12 Grade)

TNT will meet on Tuesday, August 16<sup>th</sup>, at the Griffiths' house, 7-9 p.m. The address is 431 Coleman Rd., McDonald, PA.

### Questions/concerns?

Contact: Regan Johnson at [ReganJohnson@ruthfred.org](mailto:ReganJohnson@ruthfred.org)  
(c) (218)-230-5800

Or, after August 17<sup>th</sup>, please contact:

Any member of the Youth Committee

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## Kids Time



Did you love VBS? Then come and join us Wednesday nights for some fun, friends, and fellowship—all while learning more about God's Love.

**WHEN:** Wednesday nights, Sept 14, 2022 - Feb 15, 2023

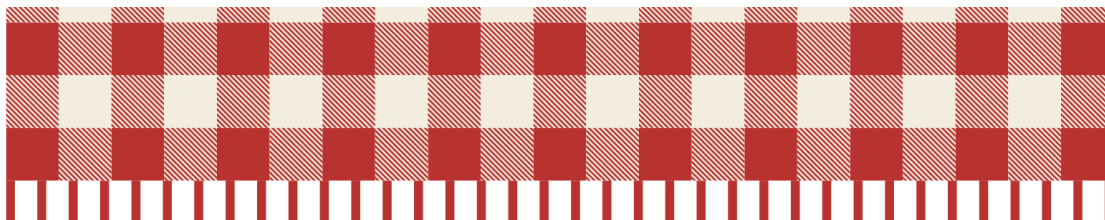
**TIME:** 6:45-8:00 p.m.

**WHO:** All kids in grades Kindergarten-6th

**Register here:**

<https://vbspro.events/p/kidstime2022>

**NO Registration Fee**



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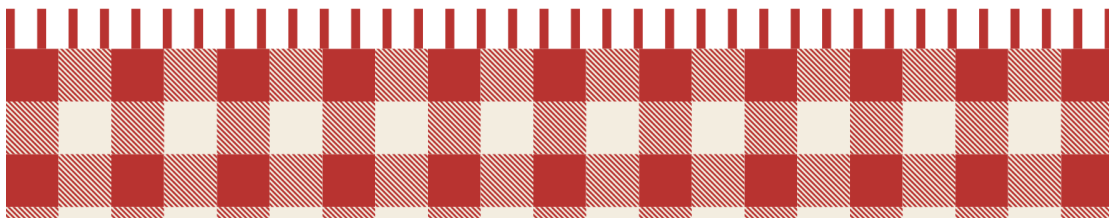
**Saturday, August 20th**

**3 pm - 7:00 pm**

**Ruthfred Ballfield**

We'll be cooking up hamburgers and hotdogs, you bring a side or dessert to round out our old-fashioned church picnic! Last names A-M bring a dessert, last names N-Z bring a side dish.

Fun for all ages! Pie-eating contest, Bingo, wiffleball, water balloon toss, Praise Team & more!



## This Week At Ruthfred

## Today (8/14)

8:30 a.m.—Worship Service

9:45 a.m.—Sunday School

11:00 a.m.—Worship Service

## Noon-ish—Farewell Reception for Regan Johnson

**Monday, (8/15) St. Mary, Mother of Our Lord**

## Tuesday (8/16)

7:00 p.m.—Worship Team

### Wednesday (8/17)

## Regan Johnson's last day as Youth Ministry Director

### Friday (8/19)

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

### Saturday (8/20)

3:00-7:00 p.m.—RUTHFRED CHURCH PICNIC AND PRAISE TEAM

## Sunday (8/21)

8:30 a.m.—Worship Service

9:45 a.m.—Sunday School

11:00 a.m.—Worship Service

6:30 p.m.—Young Adult Bible Study @ A. & C. Vogels'

The Lord is a God nearby, not far off, Jeremiah tells us. Welcome, to each of you! God delights to draw near to you and rejoices when you come near to him.


Attendance for Last Week:  
Church...255 Sunday School...60  
8:30 Live Stream...40  
JTTW...15

## Prayer Requests

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

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☐ 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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