

Hallelujah



RUTHFRED LUTHERAN CHURCH

Welcome to Ruthfred Lutheran Church!

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

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

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

About Us:

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



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

The Divine Service of the Word

Mother's Day

The Third Sunday after Easter, May 8, 2022

Prelude:

"Lyric Sinfonia"

(C. Uehlein)

"Cantabile"

(C. Uehlein)

The Opening Hymn:

"Come Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain"

(SBH106, 1st tune)

(Please stand as we join our hearts in song)

1. Come, ye faith - ful, raise the strain Of tri - um - phant glad - ness;
2. Now the queen of sea - sons, bright With the day of splen - dor,

God hath brought his Is - ra - el In - to joy from sad - ness;
With the roy - al feast of feasts, Comes its joy to ren - der;

'Tis the spring of souls to - day: Christ hath burst his pris - on,
Comes to glad - den Chris - tian men, Who with true af - fec - tion

And from three days' sleep in death, As a sun hath ris - en.
Wel - come in un - wea - ried strains Je - sus' res - ur - rec - tion.

3 All the winter of our sins,
Long and dark, is flying
From his light, to whom we give
Laud and praise undying.
Neither might the gates of death,
Nor the tomb's dark portal,
Nor the watchers, nor the seal,
Hold thee as a mortal;

4 But today amidst the Twelve
Thou didst stand, bestowing
That thy peace, which evermore
Passeth human knowing.
Come, ye faithful, raise the strain
Of triumphant gladness;
God hath brought his Israel
Into joy from sadness.

*St. John of Damascus, VIII cent.
Tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-66*

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

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 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:

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us, and has given His only-begotten son to die for us, and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name, He gives the power to become children of God, and bestows upon them His Holy Spirit. The one who believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this O Lord, unto us all.

C: Amen

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

“Kyrie” is from the Greek word 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 Introit (Read Responsively; Please stand)

P: Christ is Risen.

C: He is Risen indeed and is coming again.

P: Make a joyful noise unto God, all you lands, alleluia:

C: Sing forth the honor of His Name, alleluia; make His praise glorious. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

P: Say unto God, how awesome are You in Your works.

C: Through the greatness of Your power shall Your enemies submit themselves unto You. (Psalm 66: 1-3)

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:

"The Gloria" (SBH
p. 49-51)

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

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

P: Glory be to God on high!

C: (Sung in unison)

**And on earth peace, good will toward men.
We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee,
We give thanks to Thee for thy great glory, O Lord God,
Heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.**

**O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
That takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy
upon us.**

**For Thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord;
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high...
In the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

The Collect:

P: The Lord be with you:

C: And with thy spirit.

P: Let us pray: Almighty God, in your kindness you show the light of your truth to those who live in error and darkness; so that they might turn to you and walk in your ways of righteousness. Grant unto all who are in the fellowship of the Body of Christ, the Church, that they might turn from those things that are contrary to their profess of faith, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; 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 First Lesson: Acts 20:17-35 (NASB)

¹⁷ From Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called to him the elders of the church. ¹⁸ And when they had come to him, he said to them, "You yourselves know, from the first day that I set foot in Asia, how I was with you the whole time, ¹⁹ serving the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials which came upon me through the plots of the Jews; ²⁰ how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you publicly and from house to house, ²¹ solemnly testifying to both Jews and Greeks of repentance toward God and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. ²² And now, behold, bound by the Spirit, I am on my way to Jerusalem, not

The First Lesson: Acts 20:17-35 (NASB) (cont'd)

knowing what will happen to me there,²³ except that the Holy Spirit solemnly testifies to me in every city, saying that bonds and afflictions await me.²⁴ But I do not consider my life of any account as dear to myself, so that I may finish my course and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify solemnly of the gospel of the grace of God.²⁵ And now, behold, I know that all of you, among whom I went about preaching the kingdom, will no longer see my face.²⁶ Therefore, I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all men.²⁷ For I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole purpose of God.²⁸ Be on guard for yourselves and for all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.²⁹ I know that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock;³⁰ and from among your own selves men will arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them.³¹ Therefore be on the alert, remembering that night and day for a period of three years I did not cease to admonish each one with tears.³² And now I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build *you* up and to give *you* the inheritance among all those who are sanctified.³³ I have coveted no one's silver or gold or clothes.³⁴ You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my *own* needs and to the men who were with me.³⁵ In everything I showed you that by working hard in this manner you must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He Himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'

The Psalm: Psalm 23 (NASB, Read Responsively)

P: The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

C: He makes me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside quiet waters.

P: He restores my soul; He guides me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

C: Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

P: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You have anointed my head with oil; My cup overflows.

C: Surely goodness and lovingkindness will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

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 Epistle Lesson: Revelation 7:9-17 (NASB)

⁹ After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could count, from every nation and all tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, and palm branches were in their hands; ¹⁰ and they cry out with a loud voice, saying, "Salvation to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb." ¹¹ And all the angels were standing *around* the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures; and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² saying, "Amen, blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might, *be* to our God forever and ever. Amen." ¹³ Then one of the elders answered, saying to me, "These who are clothed in the white robes, who are they, and where have they come from?" ¹⁴ I said to him, "My lord, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵ For this reason, they are before the throne of God; and they serve Him day and night in His temple; and He who sits on the throne will spread His tabernacle over them. ¹⁶ They will hunger no longer, nor thirst anymore; nor will the sun beat down on them, nor any heat; ¹⁷ for the Lamb in the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and will guide them to springs of the water of life; and God will wipe every tear from their eyes."

The Gradual

Alleluia, alleluia. The Lord has sent redemption unto his people. Alleluia. It is written that the Christ must suffer, and rise from the dead and thus enter into his glory. Alleluia. (Psalm 119: 9; Luke 24: 46)

The Alleluia (Sung in Unison)

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Holy Gospel Lesson: John 10:22-30 (NASB)

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

²² At that time the Feast of the Dedication took place at Jerusalem; ²³ it was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴ The Jews then gathered around Him, and were saying to Him, "How long will You keep us in suspense? If You are the Christ, tell us plainly." ²⁵ Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe; the works that I do in My Father's name, these testify of Me. ²⁶ But you do not believe because you are not of My sheep. ²⁷ My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; ²⁸ and I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand. ²⁹ My Father, who has given *them* to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch *them* out of the Father's hand. ³⁰ I and the Father are one."

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 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 Senior Choir—*Jubilate Deo* (Pote)

11:00 Children's Choir—*My Mother's Love for Me*

Jubilate Deo

Jubilate Deo, jubilate Deo. Make a joyful noise unto God.

O sing a song, a joyful song, a song of praise unto God.
Let the anthems ring while voices sing a song of praise unto God.
Jubilate Deo.

My singing is a prayer, O Lord, a prayer of thanks and praise;
in music, Lord, I worship Thee; Thy beauty fills my days.
I give my talents Lord to Thee, my mind and heart and voice,
for Thou alone art worthy, Lord; in Thee I do rejoice, O Lord in Thee.

Accept the worship of my heart, accept my music, too:
Help me to live always for Thee, Lord keep me strong and true.
O bless me, Lord, and help me sing Thy love so full and free;
and bless all those who listen, Lord, help them to worship Thee.

My Mother's Love For Me

I know the way God cares for me
I've felt it in my mother's arms
Sweet hope of heav'n in her gentleness
Reflections of His love

I know the way that God sees me
I've seen that joy shine in my mother's eyes
Sweet hope of heav'n in her gentleness
Reflections of His love

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My Mother's Love For Me (cont'd)

I know the sound of God's songs over me
I've heard them in my mother's voice
Sweet hope of heav'n in her gentleness
Reflections of His love
So I'll give thanks to God above
For the gift of a mother's love

The Announcements

The Children's Object Lesson

The Sermon Hymn: "Happy the Home When God Is There"

Henry Ware, Jr.
Bryan Jeffery Leech, alt.

ST. AGNES
John B. Dykes



1 Hap - py the home when God is there And love fills ev - ery - one,
2 *Hap - py the home where God's strong love Is start - ing to ap - pear,*
3 Hap - py the home where prayer is heard And praise is ev - ery - where,
4 *Lord, let us in our homes a - gree This bless - ed peace to gain;*



1 When with u - ni - ted work and prayer The Mas - ter's will is done.
2 *Where all the chil - dren hear His fame And par - ents hold Him dear.*
3 Where par - ents love the sa - cred Word And its true wis - dom share.
4 *U - nite our hearts in love to Thee, And love to all will reign. A - men.*

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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:

"Be True to Your Mother!" | Acts 20:17-35

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:

"The Church's One Foundation" (SBH

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The Silent Prayer & Chimes

The Postlude:

"Postlude on an Original Theme"

(C. Uehlein)

1. The Church's one foun - da - tion Is Je - sus Christ her Lord;
2. E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, Yet one o'er all the earth,

She is his new cre - a - tion By wa - ter and the word:
Her char - ter of sal - va - tion One Lord, one faith, one birth;

From heaven he came and sought her To be his ho - ly bride,
One ho - ly Name she bless - es, Par - takes one ho - ly food,

With his own Blood he bought her, And for her life he died.
And to one hope she press - es, With ev - ery grace en - dued. A-men.

3 'Mid toil and tribulation,
And tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation
Of peace for evermore;
Till with the vision glorious
Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious
Shall be the Church at rest.

4 Yet she on earth hath union
With God, the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion
With those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we
Like them, the meek and lowly,
On high may dwell with thee. Amen.

Samuel John Stone, 1839-1900

Announcements

The altar flowers are presented by Will and Bev Charlton with thanks to our Lord for His many blessings in our lives on this our 40th anniversary. One of the greatest blessings is the recent birth of our beautiful granddaughter. Also, in memory of our mothers, Dolly Charlton and Elizabeth Mrazik, on this Mother's Day.

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

Special thanks to Tom Sanders and Mark Riley. They are reading Scripture today at the 8:30 and 11:00 services, respectively.

Known to be hospitalized: Al Hatala (broken hip)—St. Clair Hospital. Lee MacManus—St. Clair Hospital.

Prayers for Recovery and Healing: Michelle Hopkins—chemotherapy. Fritz Heilman is home after a fall. Mark Pugh is recovering from cataract surgery. Please keep them in your prayers, as well as all those members of the Ruthfred family who are facing health or other challenges.

Volunteer Luncheon: There will be a luncheon in the Fellowship Hall after the 11 a.m. worship service on Sunday, May 15th, for all who want to help with visitation, card-writing, and calling Ruthfred members. At the meeting Pastor McMin and Connie Munn will discuss planned visitation efforts especially for May through July, but also into the future. If you're planning to attend the luncheon, please RSVP via e-mail to Felicia Rieck at feliciarieck@ruthfred.org BY TUESDAY, MAY 10th.

Parents of Sunday School Students: Save the date of June 5th! We will have a family gathering in the Fellowship Hall during the Sunday School hour for all families to celebrate our last day of regular Sunday School before summer begins. It will be a time of fellowship, food, and more! More information to come soon.

Craft & Sew Request: Craft & Sew would like to honor our veterans at the City Mission this year with patriotic pillowcases. We were able to do this last year through the kind and generous donations from the congregation. What we need is at least one yard of patriotic fabric and solid colors of red, white and blue — please no glitter. If you are unable to purchase the fabric yourself but would like to participate, you may make a donation to Craft & Sew, and we will buy the fabric, please note "fabric" on the envelope. There will be a collection bin in the fellowship hall for fabric donations. Please contact Arlene Ball if you have any questions. 412-977-8013 or Arlene1952@gmail.com.

Collection for the VA Hospital in Oakland: During the month of May, we will be collecting items for MEN at the VA Hospital. Items can be placed in the marked bin in the Fireside Lounge through May 29th. The items needed are: sweat pants (bottoms only) in sizes M & L; socks (any type); men's underwear (boxer-type); hygiene products in travel or small sizes (body wash, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, mouthwash, toothbrushes, combs, and chapstick). Please contact Jill or Roger Kurtz if you have questions. Thank you!

Simple service opportunities for those with the "gift of hospitality": We are seeking 2 or 3 volunteers to coordinate and serve breakfast-type refreshments during the Sunday School hour on June 5th for a Family Sunday School. Donations of breakfast items (pastries, muffins, fresh fruit, kid-friendly breakfast casseroles) are another way to serve. Please see the sign-up sheet at the bottom of the staircase, or contact Erin McMin: erinmcminn@hotmail.com. Thank you in advance!

Announcements (cont'd)

Staff News: Council voted to hire Melissa Bostaph as Parish Assistant. She'll begin around June 6th. Melissa has been a member of Ruthfred for several years and currently serves as one of our 3rd & 4th grade Sunday School teachers. She earned her bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Robert Morris, her MBA from Duquesne, and worked in logistics for Bayer Corporation. She's the mother of seven children. Melissa possesses a deep love and appreciation for our congregation and is grateful to God for this opportunity.

Pray for the Senior Confirmation students (Vienne Battaglia, Maddie Cox, Elias Manzo, Noah McMinn, and Abby Stutzman) as they prepare for their May 16th public exam, and for confirmation Sunday on May 22nd. Pray for their parents and families also as the students look forward to this important step in their spiritual development.

The Knit Wits group is working on a new project—knitted and crocheted dish cloths to be shared, along with a bottle of dishwashing liquid, with our local food banks. Dish soap contributions are welcomed and can be left in the bin in the Fireside Lounge. Please call Pat Lutz if you need more information. Our next meeting will be Thursday, May 12, at 10 a.m. All are welcome!

Young Adult Bible Study: This group will meet in May on the 15th and 22nd at 6:30 p.m. at Andrew and Cassie Vogel's house. All young adults are welcome to join. For questions or further information, please contact Andrew at andrewvogel@ruthfred.org.

Employment Opportunity at Ruthfred:

Nursery Attendant: Do you have a heart for the youngest in our Church family? We have a need for a nursery worker during Sunday School. Please contact Shane Cox if you can help

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## **Gifts to our Church**

### **Current Fund**

- ◆ Given by Pete and Linda Friedel in thanksgiving for Ruthfred's online services, which they watch from Maryland.

### **Pastor's Fund**

- ◆ Given by Susan Bohaski in memory of Marcia Pavesi and D. J. Taylor.
- ◆ Given by Mary Habovick in memory of Marcia Pavesi.
- ◆ Given by Bryan and Sandy Newman in memory of D. J. Taylor.

### **Sunday School Fund**

- ◆ Given by Kevin and Susan Boehme in memory of Marcia Pavesi.

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

THOU SHALT HAVE NO FUN! Remember the Ten Commandments you learned in Sunday School or confirmation? – those killjoy rules God laid down to keep us from having any fun. Remember them? Join us as Pastor McMinn continues this Sunday morning adult study series.

We are taking a fresh look at how God convicts, blesses, and guides His people through His Commandments. (It'll be fun!) Luther said, "*Whoever knows the Ten Commandments perfectly must know all Scripture. Such a person is qualified to judge all doctrines, estates, spirits, laws, and anything else in the world.*"

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Today in the Upper Room

Twisting Truth- Learning to Discern in a Culture of Deception—In this six-session small group video series, Andy Stanley exposes some common ways God's truth gets twisted. Each one has the potential to destroy your relationships, cloud your decisions, and distort your perception of him. This study helps us identify where we have cultural "twisted thinking" with Biblical guidance to overcome them. All are welcome to join!

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## **Young Adult Sunday School Class Today in the Conference Room**

All young adults are invited to attend a Bible study between worship services. We will be exploring an introduction to Divine Worship. In addition, we hope to grow together by looking at opportunities to be God's hands and feet in the mission field that surrounds us. We will be putting together plans for future servant events and group activities. Come check it out—we would love to see you! If you would like more information, please call Don Roose at (412) 584-2112 or Barb Roose at (540) 846-684.

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YOUTH NEWS:

SWAP (6-8 Grade)

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

TNT (9-12 Grade)

TNT will meet on Tuesday, May 10th, at the Church.

TNT Retreat at Seneca Hills, May 13-15

SAVE THE DATE
July 3-8 — Work Camp

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**Questions/concerns?**

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



# Ruthfred Lutheran Preschool

Register now for the 2022-2023 school year!

3- and 4-year-old classes still available but filling up fast!

Register online at [ruthfred.org](http://ruthfred.org)

Contact Denise Stutzman for more information or to schedule a tour.



[DeniseStutzman@ruthfred.org](mailto:DeniseStutzman@ruthfred.org)



*Her children rise up and call her blessed...*  
Proverbs 31:28, ESV

**Summer is just around the corner! How do I know this?  
It's time to start planning for VBS!!**

**VBS 2022 will be July 25<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>, 9 a.m. to noon  
We are looking for Volunteers!!**



## **VBS 2022 set decorating is underway!**

We are teaming up with the South Hills Bible Chapel again to decorate the sets for Vacation Bible School. We need help with painting, cutting, and tracing to make the scenery for VBS! (NO ART EXPERIENCE NEEDED!!) VBS set work days are at the Bible Chapel on Tuesdays from 6 to 8 p.m. (enter door 2) or on Wednesdays from noon to 3 p.m. (enter door 5 and ring the bell).

If you are interested, the dates are:

**May 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, May 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, and May 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>.**

Anyone willing to help is welcome! If you have questions, please contact Jason Weighley at [jason.weighley@gmail.com](mailto:jason.weighley@gmail.com).

## **Registration**

Registration is now open! Come with us on a Monumental Journey celebrating God's Greatness, July 25<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup>, at Ruthfred Lutheran Church from 9 a.m. to noon.

Visit [www.ruthfred.org](http://www.ruthfred.org) to register.

Questions?  
Contact Jason Weighley by email at  
[Jason.weighley@gmail.com](mailto:Jason.weighley@gmail.com)

## This Week At Ruthfred

**Today (5/8) MOTHER'S DAY**

8:30 a.m.—Worship Service

9:45 a.m.—Sunday School

1 1:00 a.m.—Worship Service

## Monday (5/9)

7:00 p.m.—Elders' Prayer Time

7:30 p.m.—Council Meeting

## Tuesday (5/10)

7:00 p.m.—Worship Team

### Wednesday (5/11)

Noon—Esther

### 6:45 p.m.—Confirmation Classes

7:30 p.m.—Senior Choir

### Thursday (5/12)

10:00—Knit Wits

**HAPPY 90<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY MARIAN MEYER**

### Friday (5/13)

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

### Saturday (5/14)

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

## Sunday (5/15)

8:30 a.m.—Worship Service

9:45 a.m.—Sunday School

1 1:00 a.m.—Worship Service

## Noon-ish—Visitation Volunteer Lunch

6:30 p.m.—Young Adult Bible Study at Andrew &

Cassie Vogel's house

Welcome to worship this fourth Sunday of Easter. And a happy Mother's Day to all mother-figures! During the announcements, please sign the Friendship Pad and return it to the center aisle.

Attendance for Last Week:

Sunday Worship...263    Sunday School...90

8:30 Live Stream...47

## 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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