

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 an offering basket at the back of the sanctuary.

## 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 in 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 *scherschnitte*, 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 Third Sunday after Pentecost, June 18, 2023  
Father's Day

## Prelude:

### **"Praeludium in A minor"**

(H. C. Eddy)

### **"Variations on Ratisbon"**

(D. Burton)

## The Opening Hymn:

### **"Faith of Our Fathers"**

(SBH #52016)

(Please stand as we  
join our hearts in  
song)

1. Faith of our fa - thers! liv - ing still In spite of  
2. Our fa - thers, chained in pris - ons dark, Were still in

dun - geon, fire, and sword; O how our hearts beat high with joy  
heart and con - science free, And blest would be their chil-dren's fate,

*Refrain*  
When - e'er we hear that glo - rious word: Faith of our  
If they, like them, should die for thee: Faith of our

fa - thers, ho - ly faith, We will be true to thee till death.  
fa - thers, ho - ly faith, We will be true to thee till death.

3 Faith of our fathers! we will love  
Both friend and foe in all our strife;  
And preach thee, too, as love knows how,  
By kindly words and virtuous life:

*Frederick William Faber, 1814-63*

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** (SBH, p. 15)

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. 15-16)

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** (SBH, p. 16)

P: The Almighty and merciful God grant unto you, being penitent, pardon and remission of all your sins, time for amendment of life, and the grace and comfort of His Holy Spirit.

**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 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 Introit** (Read Responsively; Please stand) (SBH p. 95)

P: The Lord was my stay.

**C: He brought me forth also into a large place.**

P: He delivered me because He delighted in me. I will love You, O Lord, my strength.

**C: The Lord is my rock, and my fortress.** (Ps. 18:1-2, 18-19)

**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 Kyrie** (Sung in Unison; SBH p. 18)

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace that is from above, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the churches of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For this holy house, and for them that in faith, piety, and fear of God offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

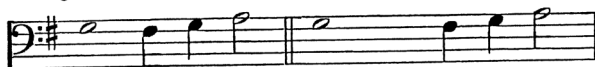
P: Help, save, pity and defend us, O God, by thy grace.

**C: Amen.**

# **The Hymn of Praise: "Gloria in Excelsis"** (SBH p. 19-21)

*Organ*

*Minister*



Glory be to God on high!

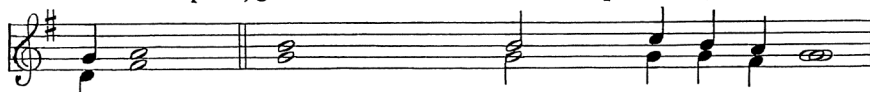
*Congregation*

*Old Scottish Chant*

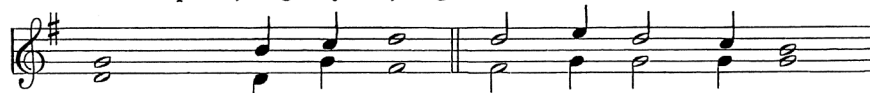


And on earth peace, good - will toward men.

We praise thee, we bless thee,



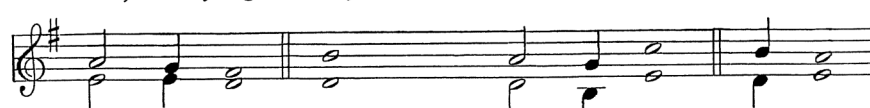
we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,



O Lord God, heaven - ly King, God the Father Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Je - sus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God,



Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy



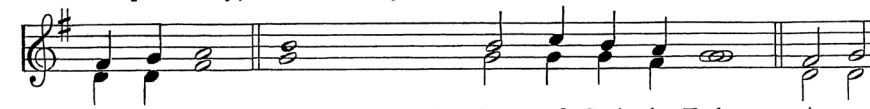
up - on us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up - on us. For thou



on - ly art holy; thou on - ly art the Lord: thou only, O Christ, with the



Ho - ly Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

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

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

### **The Collect** (SBH p. 23/ p. 95)

P: The Lord be with you:

**C: And with Thy spirit.**

P: Let us continue to pray: O Lord, who never fails to help and govern those whom You bring up in Your steadfast fear and love. Make us to have a perpetual fear and love of Your holy Name; 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: Exodus 19:2-8** (NASB)

<sup>2</sup> When they set out from Rephidim, they came to the wilderness of Sinai and camped in the wilderness; and there Israel camped in front of the mountain. <sup>3</sup> Moses went up to God, and the LORD called to him from the mountain, saying, “Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob and tell the sons of Israel: <sup>4</sup> ‘You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and *how* I bore you on eagles’ wings, and brought you to Myself. <sup>5</sup> Now then, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be My own possession among all the peoples, for all the earth is Mine; <sup>6</sup> and you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.’ These are the words that you shall speak to the sons of Israel.”

<sup>7</sup> So Moses came and called the elders of the people, and set before them all these words which the LORD had commanded him. <sup>8</sup> All the people answered together and said, “All that the LORD has spoken we will do!” And Moses brought back the words of the people to the LORD.

### **The Psalm: Psalm 100** (NASB)

P: Shout joyfully to the LORD, all the earth. Serve the LORD with gladness; come before Him with joyful singing.

**C: Know that the LORD Himself is God; it is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; *we are* His people and the sheep of His pasture.**

P: Enter His gates with thanksgiving *and* His courts with praise. Give thanks to Him, bless His name.

**C: For the LORD is good; His lovingkindness is everlasting and His faithfulness to all generations.**

### **The Epistle Lesson: Romans 5:6-15** (NASB)

<sup>6</sup> For while we were still helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup> For one will hardly die for a righteous man; though perhaps for the good man someone would dare even to die. <sup>8</sup> But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup> Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him. <sup>10</sup> For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. <sup>11</sup> And not only this, but we also exult in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.

<sup>12</sup> Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned— <sup>13</sup> for until the Law sin was in the world, but sin is not imputed when there is no law. <sup>14</sup> Nevertheless death reigned from Adam until Moses, even over those who had not sinned in the likeness of the offense of Adam, who is a type of Him who was to come.

<sup>15</sup> But the free gift is not like the transgression. For if by the transgression of the one the many died, much more did the grace of God and the gift by the grace of the one Man, Jesus Christ, abound to the many.

The “Gradual” (Latin for *step*) is a liturgical reading bridging the readings of the epistle and the Gospel. It is comprised of Scripture, mostly the Psalms.

“Alleluia” is Hebrew for “Praise the Lord.”

### **The Gradual** (SBH p. 24/p. 95)

In my distress I cried to the Lord and He heard me. Deliver my soul, O Lord, from lying lips and from a deceitful tongue. Alleluia, alleluia. I will praise the Lord according to His righteousness and will sing praise to the Name of the Lord most High. Alleluia.

(Psalm 120:1-2; 7:17)

### **The Alleluia** (Sung in Unison) (SBH p. 24)

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**



**The Holy Gospel Lesson: Matthew 9:35—10:8** (NASB)

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

<sup>35</sup> Jesus was going through all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every kind of disease and every kind of sickness. <sup>36</sup> Seeing the people, He felt compassion for them, because they were distressed and dispirited like sheep without a shepherd. <sup>37</sup> Then He said to His disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. <sup>38</sup> Therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest.”

<sup>1</sup> Jesus summoned His twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every kind of disease and every kind of sickness. <sup>2</sup> Now the names of the twelve apostles are these: The first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; and James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; <sup>3</sup> Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; <sup>4</sup> Simon the Zealot, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed Him. <sup>5</sup> These twelve Jesus sent out after instructing them: “Do not go in *the* way of *the* Gentiles, and do not enter *any* city of the Samaritans; <sup>6</sup> but rather go to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. <sup>7</sup> And as you go, preach, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’ <sup>8</sup> Heal *the* sick, raise *the* dead, cleanse *the* lepers, cast out demons. Freely you received, freely give.”

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

**The Confession of Faith:** The Apostles’ Creed (Confessed in Unison) (p. 25/p. 5)

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.

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 Kurt Radke—*“Lead Me, Guide Me”* (Doris Akers)

I am weak, and I need Thy strength and power  
To help me over my weakest hour;  
Let me through the darkness Thy face to see,  
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

[REFRAIN]: Lead me, guide me along the way;  
For if You lead me, I cannot stray;  
Lord, let me walk each day with Thee.  
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

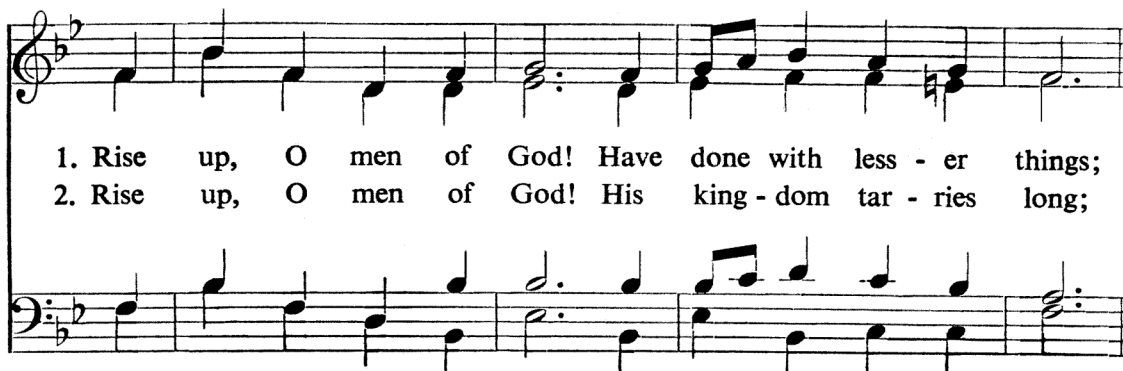
Help me tread in the paths of righteousness;  
Be my aid when Satan and sin oppress.  
I am putting all my trust in Thee,  
Lead me, O Lord, lead me. [Refrain]

I am lost, if you take your hand from me;  
I am blind, without Thy Light to see;  
Lord, just always let me Thy servant be,  
Lead me, O Lord, lead me. [Refrain]

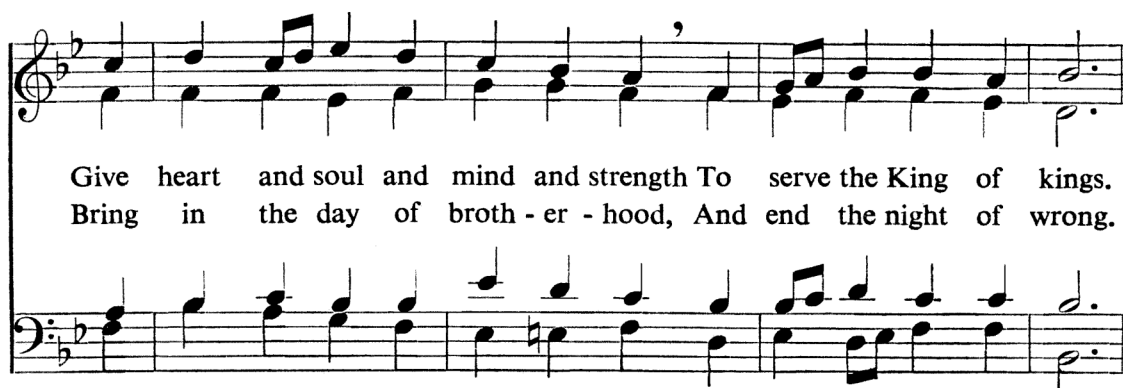
### **The Announcements**

### **The Children’s Object Lesson**

**The Sermon Hymn: "Rise Up, O Men of God"** (SBH #541)



1. Rise up, O men of God! Have done with less - er things;  
2. Rise up, O men of God! His king - dom tar - ries long;



Give heart and soul and mind and strength To serve the King of kings.  
Bring in the day of broth - er - hood, And end the night of wrong.

**3 Rise up, O men of God!**

The Church for you doth wait,  
Her strength unequal to her task;  
Rise up and make her great!

**4 Lift high the Cross of Christ!**

Tread where his feet have trod;  
As brothers of the Son of Man,  
Rise up, O men of God!

*William Pierson Merrill, 1867-1954*

*Words by permission of The Presbyterian Tribune*

The Sermon is the central component of our Worship. In it, we hear God's Word taught and explained. We hear His Law, convicting of sin and guiding the believer. We also hear the promises of His Gospel, the Good News of Christ's work for us—His redemption, forgiveness and provision of life eternal.

**The Sermon:** "God's People Do As He Speaks" | Exodus 19:2-8

**Sermon Notes:**

**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 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) (SBH p. 28)

**The Lord's Prayer** (Prayed in Unison) (SBH. p. 28)

**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** (SBH p. 28)

P: May the Lord bless you and keep you.  
May He make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you.  
May He lift up His countenance upon you and give you His peace.  
In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
(Numbers 6:24-26)

**C: Amen.**

## The Closing Hymn:

### **"God of Our Fathers"**

(SBH #521)

## The Silent Prayer & Chimes

## The Postlude:

### **"Voluntary in D"**

(W. Selby)

1. God of our fa - thers, whose al - might - y hand  
2. Thy love di - vine hath led us in the past,

Leads forth in beau - ty all the star - ry band  
In this free land by thee our lot is cast;

Of shin - ing worlds in splen - dor through the skies,  
Be thou our rul - er, guard - ian, guide, and stay;

Our grate - ful songs be - fore thy throne a - rise.  
Thy word our law, thy paths our cho - sen way. A-men.

3 From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence,  
Be thy strong arm our ever sure defence;  
Thy true religion in our hearts increase,  
Thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.

4 Refresh thy people on their toilsome way,  
Lead us from night to never-ending day;  
Fill all our lives with love and grace divine,  
And glory, laud, and praise be ever thine. Amen.

*Daniel C. Roberts, 1841–1907*

# Announcements

**The altar flowers** are presented by Jason and Donna Weighley in honor of all fathers.

**The chancel rail flowers** are presented by the Psihas Family (Janelle, Peter, and Andrew) in loving memory of Cornell Ghise on this Father's Day.

**Special thanks** to Eric Wente and Rory Smith. They are reading Scripture today at the 8:30 and 11:00 services, respectively.

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

**Known to be hospitalized:** None known.

**Prayers for Recovery and Healing:** Joanne Salvetti is home but struggling with some blood pressure issues. Susan Boehme—ankle surgery. Gene Hershberger—treatment for lung cancer. Sylvia Fitzgerald—broken leg. Amy Jones (Al Malone's daughter)—broken pelvis. Her address is 1216 Valley St., McKees Rocks, PA 15136. Abby Stutzman—autoimmune disorders. Virginia DiSalvo is at a rehab facility for PT, but she has developed a blood clot which is requiring bed rest. Please keep them in your prayers, as well as all those members of the Ruthfred family who are facing health or other challenges.

**On Hospice Care:** John Coldsmith, Cliff Morton, and Claudia Goldsmith. Please support them with your prayers and cards.

**Music Fund:** Given by Mary Habovick in memory of Erna Jochum. Given by Dorothy Kratz in loving memory of Conrad Kratz in celebration of his June 14<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**Pastor's Fund:** Given by Gladys Constant in memory of loved ones.

**Portals of Prayer:** The new edition of Portals of Prayer (for July-September) is available. Both regular print and large print are on the shelves outside the Sanctuary doors.

**Youth Bible Camperships:** \$100 Bible Camperships are available to our youth attending a Christian camp. All camperships must be approved by Church Council. Deadline to submit an application is July 9 for approval at the July Council meeting. Application forms are available on the table at the bottom of the stairs near the Fellowship Hall or by calling the church office. Please place completed applications in the Council Secretary mail slot in the Conference Room.

**Post-Secondary Graduates:** It is that time of year when we want to recognize our graduates. Please let us know (via email to [sallyondrejko@ruthfred.org](mailto:sallyondrejko@ruthfred.org)) of any college or graduate school students who will be graduating this Spring. Please include name of student, name of college, date of graduation, and degree. We will be highlighting these students in future bulletins.

**Craft & Sew:** In June, the **Crafters only** will meet. Our next meeting will be Monday, June 19. Please join us at 9:30. We will take a break for July and August.

**2023-2024 Preschool Registration** is now open online at [ruthfred.org](http://ruthfred.org). Contact [AnnieBuzon@ruthfred.org](mailto:AnnieBuzon@ruthfred.org) with any questions or to schedule a tour. Spaces are available.

**For the summer months,** the double oak doors leading to the back parking lot will be unlocked for scheduled events, but they will be locked at all other times for security purposes. Please use the South Park entrance (across from Ruthfred Market) when entering the church Monday through Friday.

# Announcements (cont'd)

**Council News:** Pete Huwe and Barb Roose have graciously agreed to fill the open Elder and Secretary positions on Council. At their June meeting, Council approved both appointments. Thank you to Pete and Barb for giving of their time and talent to serve Ruthfred in this way.

**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.

**VBS 2023:** Dates are July 24-28. The theme this year will be "Twists and Turns." Come and learn how following Jesus will help you through life's twists and turns. Registration is open at: <https://www.myvbs.org/RuthfredLutheran/>. This link allows parents to register their children for this fun event and also allows volunteers to sign up to help make VBS a success! Volunteer sign-up sheets are also available on the interior window outside the Fellowship Hall entrance. Please note that all volunteers age 18 and older must have current clearances.

**VBS Decorating 2023:** This year decorating will be an in-house project. We meet each Tuesday, 7-9 p.m. on the stage in the Fellowship Hall. These meetings will continue until the decorations are completed. Please consider supporting this important ministry. If you have any questions, please contact Jason or Donna Weighley.

**Attention All Summer Special Music Providers:** Please let the office know what you will be doing for the Special Music by Tuesday of each week. An email would be great—[sallyondrejko@ruthfred.org](mailto:sallyondrejko@ruthfred.org). If we don't hear from you, we will only be able to list your name in the bulletin under the Special Music.

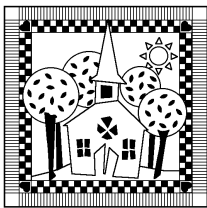
## **Employment Opportunity at Ruthfred:**

**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.

**Meals on Wheels Thank You:** On behalf of the South Park Meals on Wheels program, I want to thank our generous congregation for donating over 88 bottles of salad dressing to help with their needs. They were so very grateful to receive the donation! Thank you! *Carol Ward*

**New Member Class:** Many people have expressed interest in joining Ruthfred lately, so we have scheduled a New Member class to begin next Sunday. If you have previously expressed interest in this class, you should have received a letter from Ruthfred with details. If you have not previously expressed interest, or if you did not receive a letter and are interested, please contact Melissa Bostaph (contact information on back of bulletin) to let her know. Current members are welcome as well, but please let Melissa know, so that we have sufficient class materials.

## **CHURCH FAMILY**



# PICNIC

**Calling All Picnic Planners:** We need YOU! Our annual Church Picnic has always been a wonderful way for us to enjoy food, fellowship, games, and entertainment on our beautiful church grounds. We'd like to keep the annual tradition going, but in order to make it happen, we need people with a heart for planning fun and engaging events. Our tentative date is Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup>. This is truly an event where many hands make light work. If you'd like to participate in the planning, have questions, or have ideas and suggestions you'd like to share, please reach out to Felicia Rieck ([FeliciaRieck@ruthfred.org](mailto:FeliciaRieck@ruthfred.org)) or Erin McMinn ([ErinMcMinn@hotmail.com](mailto:ErinMcMinn@hotmail.com)) as soon as possible.

## Announcements (cont'd)

**Ruthfred 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee Request:** Next April, Ruthfred will celebrate the 75<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:ruthfred@ruthfred.org). Thank you for blessing us with your memories!

**Prayer Chain Ministry:** Are you aware that there is a Prayer Chain Ministry at Ruthfred? We have an email list of people to whom prayer requests are sent when they are received at the church and the requestor notes that they would like the request to be forwarded to this list of dedicated prayer warriors. We are updating the list, so all those who are on the list have received emails asking them to let Melissa Bostaph know if they wish to stay on the list. If you have not yet responded, please do so as soon as possible. If you have **not** been on the list and **would like** to be, please reach out to Melissa at [MelissaBostaph@ruthfred.org](mailto:MelissaBostaph@ruthfred.org).

*"Since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, each of us is to exercise them accordingly... Be devoted to one another in brotherly love; give preference to one another in honor; not lagging behind in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; rejoicing in hope, persevering in tribulation, devoted to prayer...."—Romans 6:6, 10-12.*



**Lutherans for Life Quote:** "Have confidence in God. Jesus Christ died for you, and Jesus Christ lives for you ... By faith in Christ, enjoy real life without that constant covetousness which makes life a living hell for so many people. By faith in Christ, know once and for all what this means: A man's real life in no way depends upon the number of his possessions. A man's life does not consist of the abundance of the things he possesses."—Rev. Dr. Oswald Hoffman, Guest Speaker on "The Lutheran Hour"

### Journey Through the Word Summer Session

**Wednesdays, June 14–August 9 (except July 26)**

**10:00-11:30 a.m.**

#### **"The Great Journey Through the Word Summer Film Festival"**

Many excellent Christian movies have been released through the years. A variety of old and new, fiction and documentary, will be shown for your viewing pleasure! See the complete list of movies and brief summaries in the May issue of *The Herald*. Come for one; come for all! No registration is necessary, and **all** are welcome!



## **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 continue **Lesson 2—Members and purpose of the congregation.**

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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.

# YOUTH NEWS

## SWAP (6-8 Grade)

There is NO **SWAP** meeting tonight.

## TNT (9-12 Grade)

TNT will meet on Tuesday, June 20<sup>th</sup> at the Wente's house (208 Walnut Dr., Venetia, PA 15367), 7-9 p.m.

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## Questions/concerns?

Contact: Mason Mitchell at [MasonMitchell@ruthfred.org](mailto:MasonMitchell@ruthfred.org), or  
(c) (412)-926-8698



## This Week At Ruthfred

### Today (6/18) Father's Day

8:30 a.m.—Worship Service

9:45 a.m.—Sunday School

11:00 a.m.—Worship Service

**Happy 90th Birthday, Gladys Reith!**

### Monday (6/19) Juneteenth

9:30 a.m.—Craft & Sew (crafters only)

### Tuesday (6/20)

7:00 p.m.—Worship Team

### Wednesday (6/21) First Day of Summer

10:00 a.m.—JTTW Summer Films—"Risen"

Noon—Esther

### Friday (6/23)

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

### Saturday (6/24) Nativity of St. John the Baptist

### Sunday (6/25) Anniversary—Presentation,

**Augsburg Confession, 1530**

8:30 a.m.—Worship Service

9:45 a.m.—Sunday School & New Member Class

11:00 a.m.—Worship Service

6:30 p.m.—GIFT Bible Study @ Ruthfred

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A blessed third Sunday after Pentecost to all, and  
Happy Father's Day to dads and father-figures.  
Welcome to worship!

Attendance for Last Week:  
Sunday Worship...323   Sunday School...80  
8:30 Live Stream...36  
JTTW...25

## Prayer Requests

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

☐ Please keep this request private (for the pastor 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:

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Name:

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Children:

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Address:

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Phone (indicate home, cell, etc.)

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Email:

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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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