



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 on the back cover of this bulletin, and place it in the offering basket.

About Us:

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



Our cover is a paper cut or *scherschnitte* 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 Third Sunday in Lent, March 20, 2022

Prelude:

"When Jesus Wept"

(C. Callahan)

"Dear Lord and Father"

(P. P. Stearns)

The Opening Hymn:

"Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"

(SBH551, 2nd tune)

(Please stand as we join our hearts in song)



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;



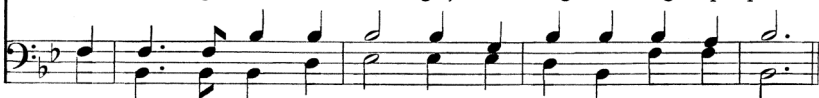
Lift high his roy - al ban - ner, It must not suf - fer loss:
Forth to the might - y con - flict In this his glo - rious day:



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

The “invocation” is Latin for “call upon.” In the Invocation we remember our baptism and acknowledge God as our Father. We are reminded that through Christ’s name we have access to the Father’s throne by the Holy Spirit. Because we are children of God, we have the privilege to invite (invoke) God’s presence and blessing upon this service of “divine liturgy” in which we receive the Work of God through His Word and Spirit, and also in which we offer up to God our praise as an act of worship. *Hebrews 10:19-25; 13:15; Ephesians 2:18*

We confess our sins at the beginning of each service, because we are coming into the presence of a holy God. Though we are sinners who daily struggle with sin, we are invited to come to Him to receive the forgiveness of sin earned for us by Jesus. Through this forgiveness, we are given a right standing before a holy God.

Because sin is both corporate and personal, we confess our sins together, and privately in the silence of our hearts.

The Absolution is based upon God’s instruction in Luke 24:47 that repentance and the forgiveness of sins should be widely proclaimed in the name of Jesus. (See also 1 John. 1:9).

The Call to Worship and Invocation

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

Congregation (C): Amen

The Confession of Sin (SBH, p. 15)

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: 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)

P: Mine eyes are ever toward the Lord, for He shall pluck my feet out of the net.

C: Turn unto me, and have mercy upon me, for I am desolate and afflicted.

P: Unto You, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.

C: O my God, I trust in You; let me not be ashamed.

(Psalm 25: 1, 2, 15, 16)

The Gloria Patri (Sung in Unison; SBH p. 41)

**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:

"Praise Ye the Father" (SBH421)

1. Praise ye the Fa - ther for his lov - ing - kind-ness; Ten - der - ly

The first system of musical notation for the hymn. It consists of a treble and a bass staff, both in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the staves.

cares he for his err - ing chil - dren; Praise him, ye an - gels,

The second system of musical notation. It continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. The lyrics are written below the staves.

praise him in the heav - ens, Praise ye Je - ho - vah. A-men.

The third system of musical notation, concluding the first verse. It features a double bar line and a repeat sign at the end of the melody. The lyrics are written below the staves.

2 Praise ye the Saviour, great is his compassion;
Graciously cares he for his chosen people;
Young men and maidens, ye old men and children,
Praise ye the Saviour.

3 Praise ye the Spirit, Comforter of Israel,
Sent of the Father and the Son to bless us,
Praise ye the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
Praise ye the Triune God. Amen.

Elizabeth Rundle Charles, 1828-96

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:

P: The Lord be with you:

C: And with thy spirit.

P: Let us pray: We beseech You, Almighty God, look upon the hearty desires of Your humble servants, and stretch forth the right hand of Your Majesty to be our defence against all our enemies; 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: Ezekiel 33:7-20 (NASB)

⁷ “Now as for you, son of man, I have appointed you a watchman for the house of Israel; so you will hear a message from My mouth and give them warning from Me. ⁸ When I say to the wicked, ‘O wicked man, you will surely die,’ and you do not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require from your hand. ⁹ But if you on your part warn a wicked man to turn from his way and he does not turn from his way, he will die in his iniquity, but you have delivered your life. ¹⁰ “Now as for you, son of man, say to the house of Israel, ‘Thus you have spoken, saying, “Surely our transgressions and our sins are upon us, and we are rotting away in them; how then can we survive?”’ ¹¹ Say to them, ‘As I live!’ declares the Lord God, ‘I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that the wicked turn from his way and live. Turn back, turn back from your evil ways! Why then will you die, O house of Israel?’ ¹² And you, son of man, say to your fellow citizens, ‘The righteousness of a righteous man will not deliver him in the day of his transgression, and as for the wickedness of the wicked, he will not stumble because of it in the day when he turns from his wickedness; whereas a righteous man will not be able to live by his righteousness on the day when he commits sin.’ ¹³ When I say to the righteous he will surely live, and he so trusts in his righteousness that he commits iniquity, none of his righteous deeds will be remembered; but in that same iniquity of his which he has committed he will die. ¹⁴ But when I say to the wicked, ‘You will surely die,’ and he turns from his sin and practices justice and righteousness, ¹⁵ if a wicked man restores a pledge, pays back what he has taken by robbery, walks by the statutes which ensure life without committing iniquity, he shall surely live; he shall not die. ¹⁶ None of his sins that he has committed will be remembered against him. He has practiced justice and righteousness; he shall surely live.

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The Old Testament Lesson: Ezekiel 33:7-20 (NASB) (cont'd)

¹⁷ “Yet your fellow citizens say, ‘The way of the Lord is not right,’ when it is their own way that is not right. ¹⁸ When the righteous turns from his righteousness and commits iniquity, then he shall die in it. ¹⁹ But when the wicked turns from his wickedness and practices justice and righteousness, he will live by them. ²⁰ Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is not right.’ O house of Israel, I will judge each of you according to his ways.”

The Psalm: Psalm 85 (NASB)

P: O Lord, You showed favor to Your land; You restored the captivity of Jacob. You forgave the iniquity of Your people; You covered all their sin. Selah.

C: You withdrew all Your fury; You turned away from Your burning anger.

P: Restore us, O God of our salvation, and cause Your indignation toward us to cease.

C: Will You be angry with us forever? Will You prolong Your anger to all generations? Will You not Yourself revive us again, that Your people may rejoice in You?

P: Show us Your lovingkindness, O Lord, and grant us Your salvation.

C: I will hear what God the Lord will say; for He will speak peace to His people, to His godly ones; but let them not turn back to folly.

P: Surely His salvation is near to those who fear Him, that glory may dwell in our land.

C: Lovingkindness and truth have met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

P: Truth springs from the earth, and righteousness looks down from heaven. Indeed, the Lord will give what is good, and our land will yield its produce.

C: Righteousness will go before Him and will make His footsteps into a way.

The Epistle Lesson: 1 Corinthians 10: 1-13 (NASB)

¹ For I do not want you to be unaware, brethren, that our fathers were all under the cloud and all passed through the sea; ² and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea; ³ and all ate the same spiritual food; ⁴ and all drank the same spiritual drink, for they were drinking from a spiritual rock which followed them; and

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The Epistle Lesson: 1 Corinthians 10: 1-13 (NASB) (cont'd)

the rock was Christ. ⁵ Nevertheless, with most of them God was not well-pleased; for they were laid low in the wilderness. ⁶ Now these things happened as examples for us, so that we would not crave evil things as they also craved. ⁷ Do not be idolaters, as some of them were; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and stood up to play." ⁸ Nor let us act immorally, as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in one day. ⁹ Nor let us try the Lord, as some of them did, and were destroyed by the serpents. ¹⁰ Nor grumble, as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. ¹¹ Now these things happened to them as an example, and they were written for our instruction, upon whom the ends of the ages have come. ¹² Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed that he does not fall. ¹³ No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, so that you will be able to endure it.

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.

The Gradual:

Arise, O Lord; let not man prevail; let the heathen be judged in Your sight. When my enemies are turned back they shall fall and perish at Your presence. To You I Lift up my eyes. O You that dwells in the heavens. Have mercy upon us O Lord, have mercy upon us.
(Psalm 9:3, 19; 123:1, 3)

Following the Gradual reading, the congregation shall sing

The Sentence for Lent

Christ hath humbled Himself, and become obedient unto death: even the death of the Cross.

The Holy Gospel Lesson: Luke 13:1-9 (NASB)

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

¹ Now on the same occasion there were some present who reported to Him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices. ² And Jesus said to them, "Do you suppose that these Galileans were greater sinners than all other Galileans because they suffered this fate? ³ I tell you, no, but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish. ⁴ Or do you suppose that those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them were worse culprits than all the men who live in Jerusalem? ⁵ I tell you, no, but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish." ⁶ And He began telling this parable: "A man had a fig tree which had been planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and did

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The Holy Gospel Lesson: Luke 13:1-9 (NASB) (cont'd)

not find any. ⁷ And he said to the vineyard-keeper, 'Behold, for three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree without finding any. Cut it down! Why does it even use up the ground?' ⁸ And he answered and said to him, 'Let it alone, sir, for this year too, until I dig around it and put in fertilizer; ⁹ and if it bears fruit next year, fine; but if not, cut it down.'"

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 Bell Choir—*It Is Well with My Soul* (arr. Purifoy)

11:00 Senior Choir—*The Eye of the Lord* (Hill)

Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon those
who worship in God's mercy.

Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon those who wait patiently.

To deliver their soul from death and to keep them alive in famine.
Our soul waits for the Lord, who is our strength, who is our shield.
The Lord, our strength and shield.

For our hearts shall rejoice in you because
we have trusted in your holy name.

Let your mercy, O Lord, be upon us as we place our hope in you.

The Announcements

The Children's Object Lesson

The Sermon Hymn:

"Jesus, Refuge of the Weary"

(SBH69)

1. Je - sus, ref - uge of the wea - ry, Ob - ject of the spir - it's love,
Foun - tain in life's des - ert drear - y, Sav - iour from the world a - bove;

O how oft thine eyes, of - fend - ed, Gaze up - on the sin - ner's fall;

Yet up - on the Cross ex - tend - ed, Thou didst bear the pain of all. A - men.

2 Do we pass that Cross unheeding,
Breathing no repentant vow,
Though we see thee wounded, bleeding,
See thy thorn-encircled brow?
Yet thy sinless death hath brought us
Life eternal, peace, and rest;
Only what thy grace hath taught us
Calms the sinner's stormy breast.

3 Jesus, may our hearts be burning
With more fervent love for thee;
May our eyes be ever turning
To thy Cross of agony;
Till in glory, parted never
From the blessèd Saviour's side,
Graven in our hearts forever,
Dwell the Cross, the Crucified. Amen.

*Girolamo Savonarola, 1452-98
Tr. Jane Francesca Wilde, 1826-96*

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:

"Here's Your Way Out!" | 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

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:

"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

(SBH385)

The Silent Prayer & Chimes

The Postlude:

"Soul, Adorn Thyself with Gladness"

(P. Kickstat)

1. My hope is built on noth - ing less Than Je - sus' Blood and right-eous-ness;
2. When dark-ness veils his love - ly face I rest on his un-chang-ing grace;

No mer - it of my own I claim, But whol - ly lean on Je - sus' Name.
In ev - ery high and storm - y gale My an - chor holds with - in the veil.

Refrain

On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; All oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

3 His oath, his covenant, his Blood,
Support me in the whelming flood;
When all around my soul gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay.

4 When he shall come with trumpet sound,
O may I then in him be found,
Dressed in his righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne!

Edward Mote, 1787-1874

Announcements

The altar flowers are presented by Nathan Donolo in loving memory of Blaise Donolo.

Nursery Today: 8:30—Greta Kelly; Sunday School—Jenna Schwartz; 11:00—Claudia Patalong

Prayers for Recovery and Healing: Michelle Hopkins is undergoing chemotherapy. Jim Kramer is home recovering from hip surgery. Please keep them in your prayers, as well as all those in the Ruthfred family who are facing health or other challenges.

New Contact Information for Marie Wilmer: Norwich Springs Health Campus, 4680 Library Way, Hilliard, OH 43026. Please continue to support Marie with your prayers and cards as she settles in at her new home.

New Contact Information for John “Bob” Koehnke: Asbury Place, 760 Bower Hill Rd., Room 316, Pittsburgh, PA 15243. Please support him with your prayers and cards.

Current Fund: Given by Ann and James Sartorio in memory of Will and Alma Vogel.

Music Fund: Given by Chris and Marcia Clark in memory of Will and Alma Vogel.

Meals on Wheels Collection: This outreach organization at Grace Lutheran Church in South Park needs bottled salad dressing from now until Palm Sunday, April 10th. Their preferred sources would be Aldi’s or The Dollar Store. Please place these items in the bin outside the kitchen. They are grateful for any donation. If you have questions, please contact Carol Ward.

Easter Flower Orders: Please consider ordering a tulip or a lily in memory of or in honor of a loved one to decorate our beautiful sanctuary for Easter. Envelopes will be available in the pew racks from now until April 3. **The cost for a tulip or a lily is \$12.00.** Place your cash or check in the envelope and write your dedication, name, and type of flower you prefer on the outside of the envelope. Envelopes may be placed in the collection baskets or in the box in the office.



Family Easter Festival: The 3rd annual festival for young families returns on April 10, 4-6 p.m.! Activities are geared to children ages 2-8, but ALL are welcome. Inviting friends is encouraged. Please take a postcard located at the base of the stairwell, if needed. To ensure adequate supplies and food, sign-up is REQUIRED by April 3, either on the website: ruthfred.org/announcements OR on the list posted next to the Nursery.

Volunteer/Donation opportunities for the Family Easter Festival: Donations of desserts are being requested for the Festival. Please sign up on the list at the base of the stairs, or contact Peggy Cox. The response for volunteer staffers for the activities was great, but we could still use one or two more willing “where needed” helpers. Contact Barb Harrold, brharrold@comcast.net to volunteer.

Young Adults: This group will meet on Sunday March 27th at 6:30 p.m. at Ruthfred in the Fireside Lounge. All young adults are welcome to join. We will have a Bible study on the 27th. For questions or further information, please contact Andrew at andrewvogel@ruthfred.org.

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 Sunday, April 10, 2022, for approval at the April Council meeting. Please place applications in the Council Secretary mail slot in the Conference Room.

Announcements (cont'd)

XYZers: The next meeting is Friday, March 25th. Featured speaker will be Karen Cahall, a retired Education Coordinator, Pittsburgh History & Landmarks Foundation. Karen will lead “An Armchair Walking Tour of the Strip District.” Take a “walk” through the Strip District to explore some of the businesses through the history and stories of this much-loved Pittsburgh neighborhood! Peggy Cox will provide a delicious lunch. The sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board outside the Library. Please join us!

Lenten Soup and Salad Suppers: Please join us for soup and salad suppers on Wednesday evenings from 6—7 p.m. An evening service will follow at 7:30 p.m. If you attend the 2:00 p.m. service, you are welcome to attend the supper also. Peggy Cox will be organizing the food. Joanne Salvetti will be coordinating volunteers for setting up, serving, and cleaning up. Please contact Joanne at 724-206-0744 if you are able to help. Thank you in advance!

Knit Wits will meet again this month on March 24th at 10 a.m. All are welcome!

Save the date for Parents’ Date Night!!! Ruthfred will be sponsoring a date night for parents on March 26, 2022, from 5-8 p.m. here at the church. Parents can drop off their children at 5 p.m. (no later than 5:30 because we will be locking the doors for safety purposes) and pick them back up at 8 p.m. The children will enjoy dinner, play games, sing songs, have a Bible lesson, make a craft, have a snack, and watch a movie at the end of the night while waiting to be picked up. What do the parents do? They get to enjoy a few hours off for date night, knowing their kiddos are in good hands. You can register with the forms that are on the table outside the entrance to the Fellowship Hall or online at vbspro.events/p/ruthfreddatenight. If you have questions, or are able to volunteer to help, please contact Donna Weighley at donna.weighley@gmail.com.

Employment Opportunity at Ruthfred: Do you have a heart for the youngest in our Church family? We have a need for a nursery worker during the 8:30 a.m. service. Please contact Shane Cox if you can help.

Movie: The just-released movie, *“Sabina: Tortured for Christ, the Nazi Years”* will be shown at Ruthfred this Sunday (20th) evening. The movie will be shown in the large Sunday School classroom at 6:00 p.m. It is almost 2 hours in length. Snacks will be provided.

		Expenses Compared to Receipts			
RECEIPTS AND EXPENSES OF BUDGETED FUNDS		Member Donations	Transfers to Other Funds	Less: Actual Expenses	Surplus/ (Shortfall)
Year to Date Feb. 28, 2022					
	Current	170,666*	(14,000)	119,472	37,194
	Building	5,345		—	5,345
	Benevolence	23,412	14,000	29,596	7,816
	Totals	199,423	—	149,068	50,355

* Includes special gift from Birmingham UCC (see article in March *Herald* newsletter).

Easter Baskets for our Shut-Ins/Homebound Members

This project is just about back to normal this year. Donations and volunteers are needed. You are encouraged to visit with those receiving a basket depending on your and their comfort level. Some facilities may require that a mask be worn. Sign-up sheets for assembly at 9 a.m. and pickup/delivery at 10 a.m. on Saturday, April 9, are on the table at the bottom of the stairs near the South Park Road entrance.

Thank you so much for your help.

SUGGESTED DONATIONS

HOMEMADE GOODIES - muffins, cookies, etc. in baggies or individually wrapped.

Candy	Small notepads, pens
Snack crackers	Jello cups
100 calorie snacks	Fruit cups
Breakfast bars	Applesauce
Hot/cold cereal	Tea bags
Mini muffins	Hot chocolate mix
Cookies	Soup packets
Pudding cups	Tissue packs

Please choose store items that are individually wrapped and/or single-serving food items. **NOTHING WITH NUTS.** Sugar-free items are welcomed. Any unused items will be donated to Meals on Wheels.

**Please place items in the collection bin outside the kitchen by
Thursday, April 7.**

Questions??? Contact Jill Kurtz or Sue Rotz



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

We will be studying Lutheran Apologetics. We will meet in the Conference Room between worship services. This study will begin with Lutheran Soteriology and how we use both covenants to better understand and defend the gift of salvation, the means used to deliver us, and the charge of the Great Commission. 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) 846-6841.

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, March 22, at the Church.

SAVE THE DATE
March 26 – Parents' Date Night

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### **Questions/concerns?**

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

**High School Girls' Monthly Bible Study:** Our next meeting will be today, March 20<sup>th</sup>, at 12:15 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge. Through six sessions, arm yourself with biblical truths to combat the habit of comparison by studying the account of Rachel and Leah. Contact Jill Huwe or Kris Wenthe with questions. Hope to see you there!!

## This Week At Ruthfred

**Today (3/20) Third Sunday in Lent**

8:30 a.m.—Worship Service

9:45 a.m.—Sunday School

1 1:00 a.m.—Worship Service

6:00 p.m.—Movie night: *"Sabina"*



### Monday (3/21)

9:30 a.m.—JTTW Leaders Meeting

9:30 a.m.—Craft & Sew

## Tuesday (3/22)

7:00 p.m.—Worship Team

### Wednesday (3/23)

9:15 a.m.—JTTW

2:00 p.m.—Lenten Service

5:45 p.m.—Children's Choir

6:00-7:00 p.m.—Soup & Sandwich Supper

6:15 p.m.—Jr. & Sr. Confirmation Classes

6:30 p.m.—Bell Choir

7:00 p.m.—Senior Choir [continues after Service]

7:30 p.m.—Lenten Service

### Thursday (3/24)

10:00 a.m.—Knit Wits

### Friday (3/25)

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

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### Saturday (3/26)

**HAPPY 90<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY CARYL HANSEN**

5:00-8:00 p.m.—Parents' Date Night

### Sunday (3/27) Herald deadline

8:30 a.m.—Worship Service

9:45 a.m.—Sunday School

1 1:00 a.m.—Worship Service

6:30 p.m.—GIFT Bible Study

6:30 p.m.—Young Adult Bible Study (Fireside Lounge)

God invites us through Isaiah: "All you who are thirsty, come to the waters" (55:1). Jesus, the Living Water, is eager to quench your parched soul.

**Attendance for Last Week:**

Sunday Worship...173   Sunday School...104

8:30 Live Stream...56

JTTW (morning)...57

Lenten Services...173 Live Stream...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 and vicar 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.

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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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