

RUTHFRED LUTHERAN CHURCH

Welcome to Ruthfred Lutheran Church!

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

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



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

The Divine Service of the Word

The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 4, 2022

Prelude:

"Kyrie: Plein Jeu and Fugue"

(F. Couperin)

"Elevation: Tierce en taille"

(F. Couperin)

The Opening Hymn:

"Father, Again in Jesus' Name We Meet"

(AMB#228)

(Please stand as we
join our hearts in
song)

1 Fa - ther, a - gain in Je - sus' name we meet, And bow in
2 O we would bless Thee for Thy cease - less care, And all Thy
3 A - las, un - worth - y of Thy bound-less love, Too oft with
4 O by that Name in Whom all ful - ness dwells, O by that

pen - i - tence be - neath Thy feet; A - gain to Thee our
work from day to day de - clare; Is not our life with
care - less feet from Thee we rove; But now, en - cour - aged
love which ev - 'ry love ex - cels, O by that blood so

fee - ble voic - es raise To sue for mer - cy, and to sing Thy praise.
hour - ly mer - cies crowned? Does not Thine arm en - cir - cle us a - round?
by Thy voice, we come, Re - turn - ing sin - ners to a Fa - ther's home.
free - ly shed for sin, O - pen, blest mer - cy's gate, and take us in.

Text: Lucy E.G. Whitmore, 1801–1857
Tune: Edward J. Hopkins, 1818–1901

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

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

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

The Call to Worship and Invocation

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

Congregation (C): Amen

The Order for Public Confession (SBH, p. 247)

Unison: (U): Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love Thee, and worthily magnify Thy holy Name; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son our Lord, Amen.

P: Let us humbly kneel, and make confession unto God, imploring His forgiveness, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

U: O God, our heavenly Father, I confess unto Thee that I have grievously sinned against Thee in many ways; not only by outward transgressions, but also by secret thoughts and desires which I cannot fully understand, but which are all known unto Thee. I do earnestly repent, and am heartily sorry for these my offenses, and I beseech Thee of Thy great goodness to have mercy upon me, and for the sake of Thy dear Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, to forgive my sins, and graciously to help my infirmities. Amen.

The Absolution, Admonition & Blessing:

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, hath had mercy upon us, and for the sake of the sufferings, death, and resurrection of His dear Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, forgiveth us all our sins. As a Minister of the Church of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore declare unto you who do truly repent and believe in Him, the entire forgiveness of all your sins. In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

P: On the other hand, by the same authority, I declare unto the impenitent and unbelieving, that so long as they continue in their impenitence, God hath not forgiven their sins, and will assuredly visit their iniquities upon them, if they turn not from their evil ways, and come to true repentance and faith in Christ, ere the day of grace be ended.

P: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the Love of God, and the Communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all.

C: Amen

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

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

The Introit (Read Responsively; Please stand)

P: Make haste, O God, to deliver me.

C: Make hast to help me, O Lord.

P: Let them be ashamed and confounded

C: That seek after my soul.

P: Let them be turned backward, and put to confusion

C: That desire my hurt. (Psalm 70:1-2)

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 Scripture Lessons: (NASB)

Genesis 2:1-3

¹ Thus the heavens and the earth were completed, and all their hosts. ² By the seventh day God completed His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done. ³ Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made.

Exodus 20:8-11

⁸ "Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. ⁹ Six days you shall labor and do all your work, ¹⁰ but the seventh day is a sabbath of the LORD your God; *in it* you shall not do any work, you or your son or your daughter, your male or your female servant or your cattle or your sojourner who stays with you. ¹¹ For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and made it holy.

Deuteronomy 5:12-15

¹² 'Observe the sabbath day to keep it holy, as the LORD your God commanded you. ¹³ Six days you shall labor and do all your work, ¹⁴ but the seventh day is a sabbath of the LORD your God; *in it* you shall not do any work, you or your son or your daughter or your male servant or your female servant or your ox or your donkey or any of your cattle or your sojourner who stays with you, so that your male servant and your female servant may rest as well as you. ¹⁵ You shall remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God brought you out of there by a mighty hand and by an outstretched arm; therefore the LORD your God commanded you to observe the sabbath day.

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The Scripture Lessons: (NASB) (cont'd from p.5)

Hebrews 4:4-10

⁴ For He has said somewhere concerning the seventh *day*: "AND GOD RESTED ON THE SEVENTH DAY FROM ALL HIS WORKS"; ⁵ and again in this *passage*, "THEY SHALL NOT ENTER MY REST." ⁶ Therefore, since it remains for some to enter it, and those who formerly had good news preached to them failed to enter because of disobedience, ⁷ He again fixes a certain day, "Today," saying through David after so long a time just as has been said before, "TODAY IF YOU HEAR HIS VOICE, DO NOT HARDEN YOUR HEARTS." ⁸ For if Joshua had given them rest, He would not have spoken of another day after that. ⁹ So there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God. ¹⁰ For the one who has entered His rest has himself also rested from his works, as God did from His.

The Gradual:

I will bless the Lord at all times. His praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul shall make her boast in the Lord. The humble shall hear this and be glad. Alleluia, alleluia. Sing aloud to God our strength. Make a joyful noise to the God of Jacob. Alleluia. (Psalm 34: 1-2; 81:1)

The Alleluia:(Sung in Unison)

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Holy Gospel Lesson: Matthew 11:25-30 (NASB)

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

²⁵ At that time Jesus said, "I praise You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from *the* wise and intelligent and have revealed them to infants. ²⁶ Yes, Father, for this way was well-pleasing in Your sight. ²⁷ All things have been handed over to Me by My Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father; nor does anyone know the Father except the Son, and anyone to whom the Son wills to reveal *Him*. ²⁸ "Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and YOU WILL FIND REST FOR YOUR SOULS. ³⁰ For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."

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

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."

During the Service of Holy Communion, we confess our faith using the Words of the Nicene Creed. Though officially adopted a few hundred years after Christ's earthly ministry, the Creed emphasizes the truths that had been taught since the time of the Apostles, namely, that Christ is both fully God and fully man. As such, we are assured that in the person of Jesus Christ, God Himself became like us in every way, yet perfect and without sin; and shed His own Blood and gave His own Body in death so that we could find in Him forgiveness of sin and life eternal.

This creed has been used in worship across denominational lines.

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

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, Begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By whom all things were made; Who for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, And was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; And the third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures, And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose Kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one Holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the Resurrection of the dead, And the Life of the world to come. Amen.

The Special Music

11:00: Rory Smith and Praise Team—"Something About That Name" (Anne Wilson, Colby Wedgeworth, Ethan Hulse)
(Guitar, vocals)

Verse 1

Sweeter than the morning or the sound of the rain
From the mouth of the preacher and the sinner the same
Tender as a whisper but loud in it's refrain
May it hang on my lips for the rest of my days.

Chorus

There is something about the name of Jesus
It sounds like forgiveness sounds like amazing grace
It beckons my soul to sing forever
There's just something about that name.

Verse 2

We pray it over family when we rise and when we sleep
We speak it over sorrow and the soul is given peace
We'll sing it in the famine or in prosperity
May we never forget that He is all that we need.

Bridge

There is still no other name. You still have the power to save.
You can empty any grave. Forever Jesus it's Your name.

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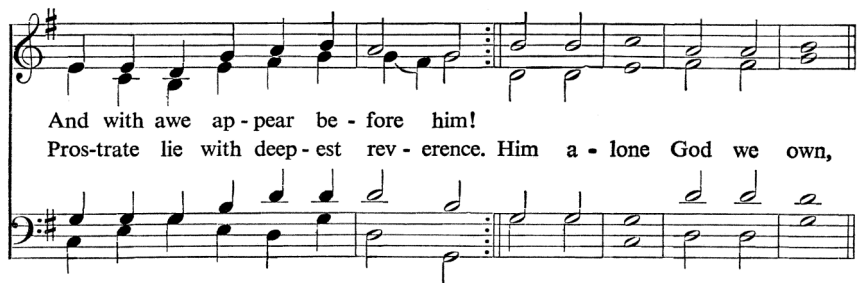
There's just something about that name.

The Announcements

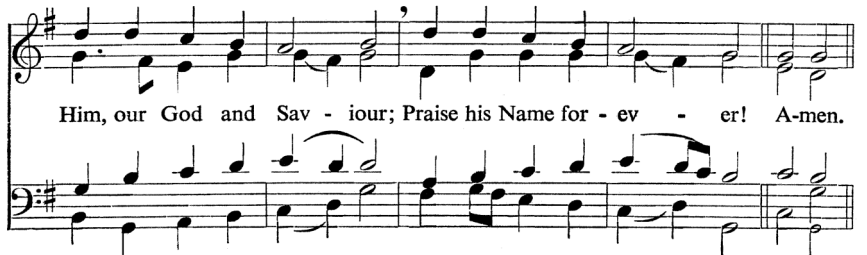
The Sermon Hymn: "God Himself Is Present" (SBH#164)



1. God him - self is pres - ent, Let us now a - dore him,
God is in his tem - ple, All with - in keep si - lence,



And with awe ap - pear be - fore him!
Pros-trate lie with deep - est rev - erence. Him a - lone God we own,



Him, our God and Sav - iour; Praise his Name for - ev - er! A-men.

2 God himself is present,
Hear the harps resounding;
See the crowds the throne surrounding!
'Holy, Holy, Holy,'
Hear the hymn ascending,
Angels, saints, their voices blending!
Bow thine ear
To us here:
Hear, O Christ, the praises
That thy Church now raises.

3 O thou Fount of blessing
Purify my spirit,
Trusting only in thy merit;
Like the holy angels
Who behold thy glory,
May I ceaselessly adore thee.
Let thy will
Ever still
Rule thy Church terrestrial,
As the hosts celestial. Amen.

Gerhard Tersteegen, 1697–1769
Tr. Frederick W. Foster, 1760–1835
John Miller, †1810

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.

On the first Sunday of each month, as well as on other special occasions, we have the privilege of receiving Holy Communion together. We do not require membership to participate in this. However, we do ask that those coming to receive Communion would be baptized believers in the saving work of Jesus Christ, who are of confirmation age (completed 8th grade), and who are in agreement with the biblical teaching of Christ concerning it.

The Sermon:

"The Gift of Sabbath: Cease & Celebrate; Rest & Recreate; Fast & Feast " |
Matthew 11:25-30

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 Service for Communion

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And with thy Spirit.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up unto the Lord.

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

C: It is meet and right so to do.

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We believe and teach that Holy Communion is a Sacrament in which we receive the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in, with, and under the bread and the wine, that it was instituted by Christ himself, and that it is given to us Christians to eat and to drink.

We believe and teach that the benefit for Christians receiving Communion is expressed in the words "given" and "shed for you for the forgiveness of sins" (See Matthew 26:26-29). As described by Martin Luther in his *Small Catechism*, these words show us that "forgiveness of sin, life and salvation" are given to us in Communion.

Luther formulated a list of 20 questions with appropriate responses to guide believers to prepare their hearts for Communion. We include a selection of those questions on the following page for the purpose of aiding you in the same way.

The Service for Communion (cont'd)

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

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

The Words of Institution:

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, in the night in which he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he brake it and gave it to his disciples, saying, take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you; This do in remembrance of me.

After the same manner also, he took the cup, when he had supped, and, when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; this cup is the New Testament in my Blood, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins; this do, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me.

The Lord's Prayer

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

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

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

C: And with thy spirit.

The Agnus Dei:

C: O Christ thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us;

O Christ thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us;

O Christ thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us thy peace. Amen.

The Distribution

Do you believe that you are a sinner?

Yes, I believe that I am a sinner.

Are you sorry for your sins?

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

Do you desire to be saved?

Yes, such is my desire.

In Whom do you trust?

In my dear Lord, Jesus Christ.

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

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

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

Yes, I believe it.

What induces you to believe this?

The Word of Christ, "Take, eat this is My body; This is My blood, drink of it all of you."

Why ought we to remember and proclaim His death?

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

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

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

During Communion:

"Rock of Ages" (SBH#379, 2nd tune) and "The King of Love" (AMB#566)



1. Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in thee;
2. Not the la - bors of my hands Can ful - fill thy law's de - mands;



Let the wa - ter and the blood, From thy riv - en side which flowed,
Could my zeal no res - pite know, Could my tears for ev - er flow,



Be of sin the dou - ble cure, Cleanse me from its guilt and power.
All for sin could not a - tone; Thou must save, and thou a - lone. A-men.



3 Nothing in my hand I bring,
Simply to thy Cross I cling;
Naked, come to thee for dress;
Helpless, look to thee for grace;
Foul, I to the fountain fly;
Wash me, Saviour, or I die.

4 While I draw this fleeting breath,
When mine eyelids close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown,
See thee on thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in thee. Amen.

Augustus Montague Toplady, 1740–1798

During Communion: (cont'd)
"The King of Love" (AMB#566)

1 The King of love my shep - herd is, Whose good - ness
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, My ran - somed
 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, But yet in
 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill, With Thee, dear

fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
 soul He lead - eth And, where the ver - dant
 love He sought me, And on His shoul - der
 Lord, be - side me, Thy rod and staff my

I am His And He is mine for - ev - er.
 pas - tures grow, With food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
 gent - ly laid, And home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
 com - fort still; Thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
 Thine unction grace bestoweth;
 And, oh, what transport of delight
 From Thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so, through all the length of days,
 Thy goodness faileth never.
 Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise
 Within Thy house forever.

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821-1877
Tune: Irish

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The Nunc Dimittis:

U: Lord now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word; For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people; A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the Glory of thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

The Prayer

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

C: And His mercy endureth forever

The Closing Prayer *(after which the congregation shall sing "Amen.")*

P: The Lord be with you.

C. And with thy spirit

P: Bless we the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

The Benediction

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:

"Like a River

Glorious"

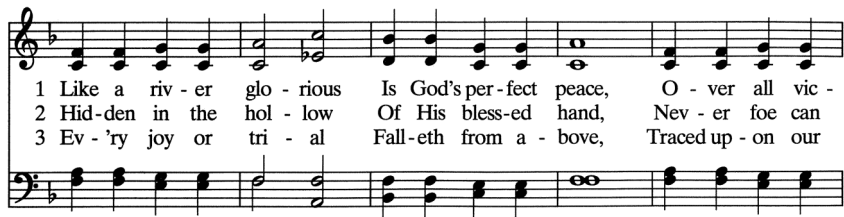
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The Silent Prayer & Chimes

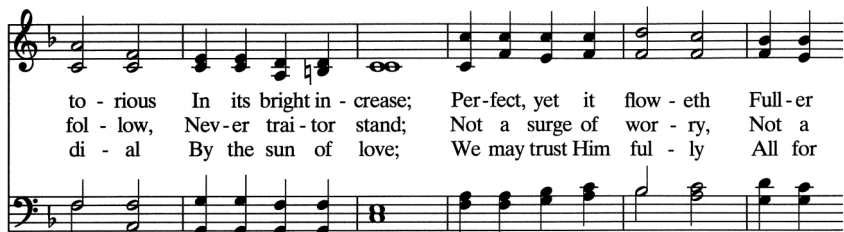
The Postlude:

"Sortie"

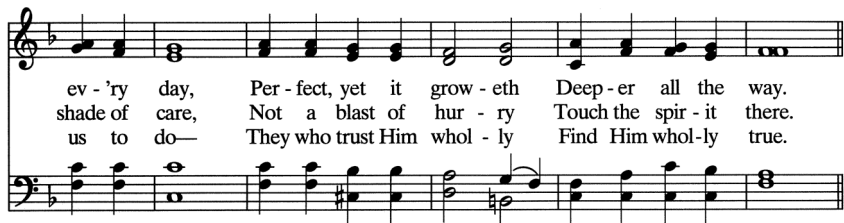
(T. Dubois)



1 Like a riv - er glo - rious Is God's per - fect peace, O - ver all vic -
2 Hid - den in the hol - low Of His bless - ed hand, Nev - er foe can
3 Ev - 'ry joy or tri - al Fall - eth from a - bove, Traced up - on our

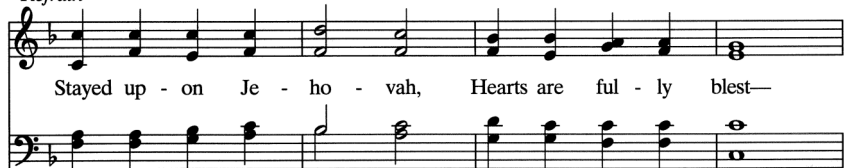


to - rious In its bright in - crease; Per - fect, yet it flow - eth Full - er
fol - low, Nev - er trai - tor stand; Not a surge of wor - ry, Not a
di - al By the sun of love; We may trust Him ful - ly All for

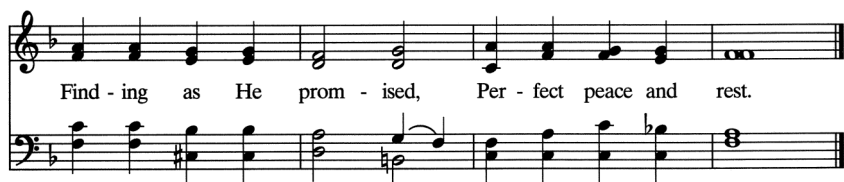


ev - 'ry day, Per - fect, yet it grow - eth Deep - er all the way.
shade of care, Not a blast of hur - ry Touch the spir - it there.
us to do— They who trust Him whol - ly Find Him whol - ly true.

Refrain



Stayed up - on Je - ho - vah, Hearts are ful - ly blest—



Find - ing as He prom - ised, Per - fect peace and rest.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836-1879
Tune: James Mountain, 1844-1933

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Announcements

The altar flowers are presented by Katie Recaldini in loving memory of her parents, Agnes & Victor Recaldini.

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

Known to be hospitalized: Terry Alwine—Encompass Health Rehabilitation Hospital of Sewickley, 351 Camp Meeting Rd., Room 117, Sewickley, PA 15143. Please keep him in your prayers and support him with cards.

Prayers for Recovery and Healing: Elizabeth Hardy is now home recovering from her surgery last week. Sue Boehme continues to recover at home from her recent ankle surgery. Dot Corbett is recovering from COVID. Please keep them in your prayers, as well as all those members of the Ruthfred family who are facing health or other challenges.

In hospice care: Patricia VanKirk and Marie Wilmer. Please keep them in your prayers and support them with cards.

Benevolence Fund: Given by Friends in Christ in memory of Al Hatala.

Current Fund: Given by Larry Greenberger in honor of Sue Greenberger. Given by Joyce Bock in memory of Al Hatala. Given by the AFLC Office of the President in memory of Al Hatala.

Live Stream Fund: Given by Bob and Gladys Reith in memory of long-time friend and fellow golfer, Al Hatala.

Sunday School Fund: Given by Art Alderson in memory of Al Hatala.

A Sincere Thank You from Carol Holt and family: We acknowledge with sincere gratitude all the wonderful gestures received from the congregation—cards, meals, and expressions of thoughtfulness—regarding the recent passing of Larry. With special thanks to Pastor Carlson for all his support, as well as for wearing the Jerry Garcia tie in honor of Larry's love of those ties.

Bell Choir and Senior Choir: Calling all those in ninth grade through retirement age for an opportunity to bring the generations together...do you have some musical ability? Are you looking for a great activity with wonderful people? The handbell choir and/or the senior choir may be the perfect place for you! These choirs perform inspiring sacred works and provide a sensational opportunity for serving the Lord and others through music. Basic music reading skills are needed from those in the handbell choir. Senior choir members should have a pleasant singing voice and be willing to work for a good choral blend. Weekly rehearsals commence this Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. for the handbell choir and at 7:30 p.m. for the senior choir. Please pray about using your musical gifts for God's glory and purpose.

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

Family Fall Festival: Hold the date—Saturday, October 15, 3-8 p.m. at the Cox Family Farm.

Announcements (cont'd)

Children's Choir: Children in grades 1-6 are invited to meet together on Wednesday evenings from 5:45-6:40, starting September 14, to enjoy a time of biblical, Scripture-centered music education. For more information, please contact Melissa Manzo, 724-518-0220 or mmanzos@yahoo.com.

Craft & Sew: Our start-up date for the Craft & Sew **sewers** is Tuesday, September 6 at 9:30 a.m. For further information, please contact Arlene Ball. Our start-up date for the Craft & Sew **crafters** is Monday, September 12 at 9:30 a.m. For further information, please contact Kathy Rostauscher, 412-833-1198. If you can cut, paste, or sew a straight seam, we could use your help.

Knit Wits Thank You: The KNIT WITS knitting and crochet group, which meets monthly on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays at 10:00 a.m., is thankful for all of the dish soap donated for their mission project for SHIM. They delivered all, each with a hand-knit dish cloth attached, to SHIM.

Wednesday morning Journey Through the Word: It's that time of the year when our hearts return to Fall Bible study! Wednesday morning JTTW will resume on September 14th. We will be studying *1 Corinthians*. If you have not yet registered, there will be a basket across from each elevator with registration forms. Please fill one out and give it to an usher. We have groups for both men and women and an online study group—all are welcome! Join us for this important and relevant study. Questions? Contact Sue Swan—412-708-3535 or writingcygnet@gmail.com.

"Souper" September: We are again going to hold our annual "Souper" September soup drive in memory of Pastor Dennis. This year's donations will benefit S.H.I.M., South Hills Interfaith Movement, located in Bethel Park, and also City Mission in Washington, PA. Any type of soup will be accepted, but they are especially in need of low-sodium soups. The container where you may place your donations will be outside of the kitchen beginning Sunday, September 4th, and the last day to drop off will be Sunday, September 25th. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Carol Ward at (412) 559-2592 or wardmailbox1@gmail.com. Thank you!

Attention all XYZers: The sign-up sheets are available on the bulletin board outside the Library. **Frank Sarris, Jr. will share history from Sarris Candies at the next meeting, which will be Friday, September 23rd. (Rumor has it he will be bringing samples.)** Please be sure to sign up to hear the program and also to experience a great lunch, lovingly prepared by our own Peggy Cox.

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 September 11th for Family Sunday School Rally Day. 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 near the Fellowship Hall or contact Erin McMinn at erinmcminn@hotmail.com.

Parents of Sunday School Students: Family Sunday School Rally Day! We will have a family gathering in the Fellowship Hall during the Sunday School hour on September 11th for all families to celebrate our first day of regular Sunday School. It will be a time of food and fellowship before meeting with the Sunday school teachers in the classrooms.

Greeting Card Donations: Do you have an over-abundant supply of greeting cards—birthday, anniversary, sympathy, thinking of you, get well, Easter, Thanksgiving, Christmas, etc.? Please help us to bless our church members by donating your extra, unused cards for our card ministry. For questions, please contact Melissa Bostaph at melissabostaph@ruthfred.org. There is a donation basket in the Conference Room to the right of the mailboxes. Thank you!!

2023 Budget Congregational Input Meeting: Each year during the church budget planning, a meeting is open for members of the congregation to attend to ask questions or provide their input for the forthcoming budget year. The Congregational Budget Input Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 20th at 7:30 p.m. in the Fireplace Lounge. Church members are welcome to attend. If you have any questions, please contact Bill Ward or John Morden.

For The Month

Acolytes:

8:30 a.m. (9/4)
(9/11)
(9/18)
(9/25)

Noah McMinn
Jonathan Tarrant
Isaiah Compel
Jonathan Tarrant

11:00 a.m. (9/4)
(9/11)
(9/18)
(9/25)

TBD
Josh Cimarolli
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Crucifers:

8:30 a.m. (9/11)
11:00 a.m. (9/18)
8:30 a.m. (9/25)

Madelynn Cox
Vienne Battaglia
Madelynn Cox

Altar Guild:

Elaine Widich

Counters:

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

Mark Killinger, Chris Clark
Josh Cox, Kevin Boehme

Ushers:

8:30 a.m.

Bernard Paterra, John Ruzicka

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Ben Carlson, Rich Rostauscher

Coffee Hour:

Chris Stout, Arlene Fees

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OUR COMMUNION PRACTICE: Today, Today, by means of bread and wine, communicant. This is His Word and not a member of a Lutheran church, we time about the meaning of Holy receive it. When we come to the altar.. repentant hearts. As we return.. we thanksgiving to God for what Jesus practice the communion of children who children are encouraged to come to the a



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Adult SS Class Today In Large Classroom

Today we are observing Compassion Sunday. There will be a table display by the elevator on the sanctuary level, and the Adult Sunday School class will feature a video and introduction to Compassion International. Packets containing pictures and information about children needing sponsorships will be available at the table. Please join us in learning more about this worthy ministry and prayerfully consider becoming a sponsor.

Looking ahead for Adult Sunday School:

Sunday, September 11th: Pastor Carlson will be sharing about his experiences in visiting different churches this past summer. In addition, he will lead a discussion about why our worship service has the format it does, and what this means for us.

YOUTH NEWS

SWAP (6-8 Grade)

There is **NO SWAP** tonight.

Save the date: SWAP Retreat at Seneca Hills, October 22-23. More information coming!!

TNT (9-12 Grade)

TNT will meet on Tuesday, September 6th, at Ruthfred, 7–9 p.m.

Questions/concerns?

Contact: Any member of the Youth Committee (Pete & Jill Huwe; Eric & Kris Wentz; Jon & Denise Stutzman; or Shane & Kate Cox)



Kids Time



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

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

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

WHO: All kids in grades Kindergarten-6th

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

NO Registration Fee

This Week At Ruthfred

Today (9/4) CITY MISSION FOOD SUNDAY

8:30 a.m.— Communion Service
9:45 a.m.—Sunday School
11:00 a.m.—Communion Service
6:00 p.m.—Communion Service

Monday (9/5) LABOR DAY

Church Office closed

Tuesday (9/6)

9:30 a.m.—Craft & Sew (Sewers)
6:00 p.m.—Preschool Parents' Meeting
7:00 p.m.—Worship Team

Wednesday (9/7)

Preschool Opens (4-year-olds)
6:30 p.m.—Bell Choir
6:30 p.m.—Confirmation
7:30 p.m.—Senior Choir

Thursday (9/8)

Preschool Opens (3-year-olds)
10:00 a.m.—Knit Wits

Friday (9/9)

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

Saturday (9/10)

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

Sunday (9/11)

8:30 a.m.—Worship Service
9:45 a.m.—Sunday School (Family Rally Day)
11:00 a.m.—Worship Service

Welcome! On this Labor Day Weekend, we pray that all our daily labors may be an extension of this time of worship, done to the glory of God. During the announcements, please sign the Friendship Pad and return it to the center aisle.

Attendance for Last Week:

Church...306 Sunday School...71
8:30 Live Stream...45

Prayer Requests

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

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