

RUTHFRED LUTHERAN CHURCH

Welcome to Ruthfred Lutheran Church!

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

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

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

About Us:

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



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

The Divine Service of the Word

The Transfiguration of our Lord, February 19, 2023

Quinquagesima Sunday

Prelude:

"Light of Light, O Sole-Begotten"

(arr. B. M. Cull)

"Flute Pastorale"

(Lani Smith)

"Prelude & Fughetta"

(J. O. Armand)

The Opening Hymn:

"Blessing and Honor, and Glory and Power"

(SBH #166)

(Please stand as we
join our hearts in
song)

1. Bless - ing and hon - or, and glo - ry and power, Wis - dom, and
2. Dwell - eth the light of the glo - ry with him, Light of a
rich - es, and strength ev - er - more, Give ye to him who our
glo - ry that can - not grow dim, Light in its si - lence and
bat - tle hath won, Whose are the king - dom, the crown and the throne,
beau - ty and calm, Light in its glad - ness and bright - ness and balm,
Whose are the king - dom, the crown and the throne.
Light in its glad - ness and bright - ness and the throne.
balm.

3 Ever ascendeth the song and the joy,
Ever descendeth the love from on high,
Blessing, and honor, and glory, and praise,
This is the theme of the hymns that we raise.

4 Give we the glory and praise to the Lamb;
Take we the robe and the harp and the palm;
Sing we the song of the Lamb that was slain,
Dying in weakness, but rising to reign.

Horatius Bonar, 1808–89

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

C: Amen

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

The Introit (Read Responsively; Please stand)

P: The lightnings lightened the world.

C: The earth trembled and shook.

P: How amiable are Your tabernacles, O Lord of hosts.

C: My soul longs, yes, even faints for the courts of the Lord.

(Psalm 77:18; 84:1-2)

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 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.

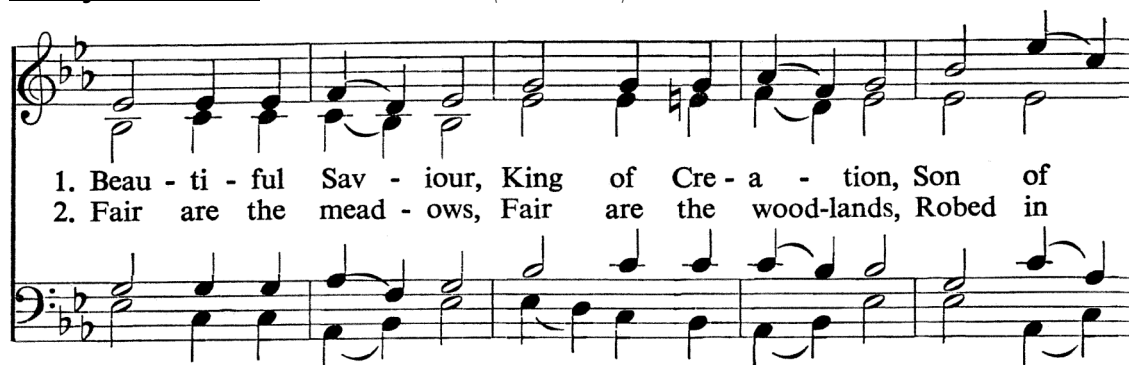
C: Lord, have mercy.

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

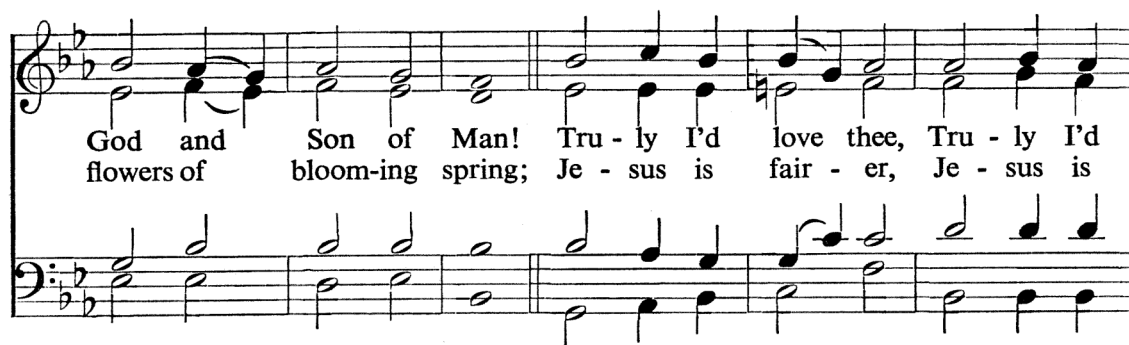
C: Amen.

"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 Hymn of Praise: "Beautiful Savior" (SBH #434)



1. Beau - ti - ful Sav - iour, King of Cre - a - tion, Son of
 2. Fair are the mead - ows, Fair are the wood-lands, Robed in



God and Son of Man! Tru - ly I'd love thee, Tru - ly I'd
 flowers of bloom-ing spring; Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is



serve thee, Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
 pur - er, He makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.

3 Fair is the sunshine,
 Fair is the moonlight,
 Bright the sparkling stars on high;
 Jesus shines brighter,
 Jesus shines purer,
 Than all the angels in the sky.

4 Beautiful Saviour,
 Lord of the nations,
 Son of God and Son of Man!
 Glory and honor,
 Praise, adoration,
 Now and for evermore be thine!

Münster Gesangbuch, 1677
Schlesische Volkslieder, 1842
Tr. Joseph Augustus Seiss, 1823-1904

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: O God, who, in the glorious Transfiguration of Your only-begotten Son, has confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of the Fathers, and who, in the voice that came from the bright cloud did in a wonderful manner foreshow the adoption of sons. In your mercy, make us, by your grace, to be co-heirs with the King of His glory, and bring us into the joy of eternal life; 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 24:8-18 (NASB)

⁸ So Moses took the blood and sprinkled *it* on the people, and said, “Behold the blood of the covenant, which the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words.” ⁹ Then Moses went up with Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel, ¹⁰ and they saw the God of Israel; and under His feet there appeared to be a pavement of sapphire, as clear as the sky itself. ¹¹ Yet He did not stretch out His hand against the nobles of the sons of Israel; and they saw God, and they ate and drank. ¹² Now the LORD said to Moses, “Come up to Me on the mountain and remain there, and I will give you the stone tablets with the law and the commandment which I have written for their instruction.” ¹³ So Moses arose with Joshua his servant, and Moses went up to the mountain of God. ¹⁴ But to the elders he said, “Wait here for us until we return to you. And behold, Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a legal matter, let him approach them.” ¹⁵ Then Moses went up to the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶ The glory of the LORD rested on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; and on the seventh day He called to Moses from the midst of the cloud. ¹⁷ And to the eyes of the sons of Israel the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a consuming fire on the mountain top. ¹⁸ Moses entered the midst of the cloud as he went up to the mountain; and Moses was on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

The Psalm: Psalm 2:6-12 (NASB, Read Responsively)

P: "But as for Me, I have installed My King upon Zion, My holy mountain."

C: "I will surely tell of the decree of the LORD: He said to Me, 'You are My Son, today I have begotten You.'

P: 'Ask of Me, and I will surely give the nations as Your inheritance, and the *very* ends of the earth as Your possession.'

C: 'You shall break them with a rod of iron, You shall shatter them like earthenware.'"

P: Now therefore, O kings, show discernment; take warning, O judges of the earth. Worship the LORD with reverence and rejoice with trembling.

C: Do homage to the Son, that He not become angry, and you perish *in* the way, for His wrath may soon be kindled. How blessed are all who take refuge in Him!

The Epistle Lesson: 2 Peter 1:16-21 (NASB)

¹⁶ For we did not follow cleverly devised tales when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of His majesty. ¹⁷ For when He received honor and glory from God the Father, such an utterance as this was made to Him by the Majestic Glory, "This is My beloved Son with whom I am well-pleased"— ¹⁸ and we ourselves heard this utterance made from heaven when we were with Him on the holy mountain. ¹⁹ *So* we have the prophetic word *made* more sure, to which you do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star arises in your hearts. ²⁰ But know this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture is *a matter* of one's own interpretation, ²¹ for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

The Gradual:

You are fairer than the children of men. Grace is poured into your lips. The LORD said unto my Lord, sit at My right hand until I make Your enemies Your footstool. Alleluia, alleluia. Sing unto the LORD, bless His Name; show forth His salvation from day to day. Declare His glory among the heathen, His wonders among all people. Alleluia.
(Psalm 45:2; 110:1; 96:2-3)

The Alleluia (Sung in Unison)

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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 Holy Gospel Lesson: Matthew 17:1-9 (NASB)

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

¹ Six days later Jesus took with Him Peter and James and John his brother, and led them up on a high mountain by themselves. ² And He was transfigured before them; and His face shone like the sun, and His garments became as white as light. ³ And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Him. ⁴ Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if You wish, I will make three tabernacles here, one for You, and one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” ⁵ While he was still speaking, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and behold, a voice out of the cloud said, “This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well-pleased; listen to Him!” ⁶ When the disciples heard *this*, they fell face down to the ground and were terrified. ⁷ And Jesus came to *them* and touched them and said, “Get up, and do not be afraid.” ⁸ And lifting up their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus Himself alone. ⁹ As they were coming down from the mountain, Jesus commanded them, saying, “Tell the vision to no one until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.”

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 Anthems

8:30 Bell Choir—*Shine, Jesus, Shine* (Kendrick/Bettcher)

11:00 Senior Choir—*High Upon a Mountain* (L. Larson)

High upon a mountain, in a quiet place,
they were prayin', prayin' prayin'.
Peter, James and John with Jesus in that place,
they were prayin', prayin' prayin'.
When there came forth from the face of Jesus
a brilliant light gleaming like the sun.
His raiment all aglow, and white as the whitest snow
with radiance brightly shining.

Then appeared Elijah, with Moses at his side,
speaking to Jesus of the coming days;
speaking of Jerusalem and of great sorrow;
speaking of destiny.

High upon a mountain Peter, James and John
heard the power of Christ proclaimed:
"This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased;
my beloved Son in whom I'm pleased."

The Announcements

The Children's Object Lesson

The Sermon Hymn: "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" (AMB #184)

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise, In light in - ac -
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light, Nor want - ing, nor
 3 To all, life Thou giv - est— to both great and small, In all life Thou
 4 Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light, Thine an - gels a -

ces - si - ble hid from our eyes, Most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the
 wast - ing, Thou rul - est in might; Thy jus - tice, like moun - tains, high
 liv - est— the true life of all; We blos - som and flour - ish as
 dore Thee, all veil - ing their sight; All praise we would ren - der— O

An - cient of Days, Al - might - y, vic - to - rious— Thy great name we praise.
 soar - ing a - bove Thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 leaves on the tree, And with - er and per - ish— but naught chang - eth Thee.
 help us to see 'Tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth Thee!

Text: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1824–1908

Tune: Welsh melody; from Roberts' Canaidau y Cyssegr, 1839

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

The Sermon: "Listen to God's Beloved Son!" | Matthew 17:1-9

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:

"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

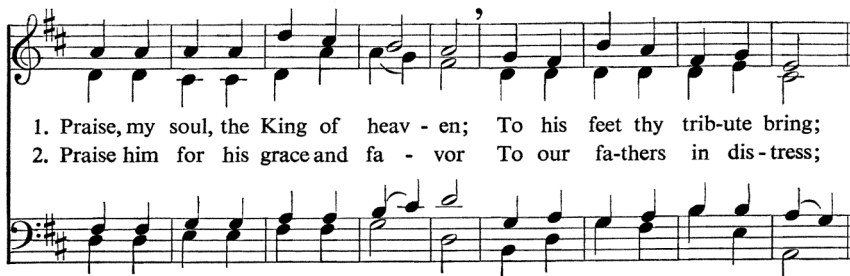
(SBH #160, 1st tune)

The Silent Prayer & Chimes

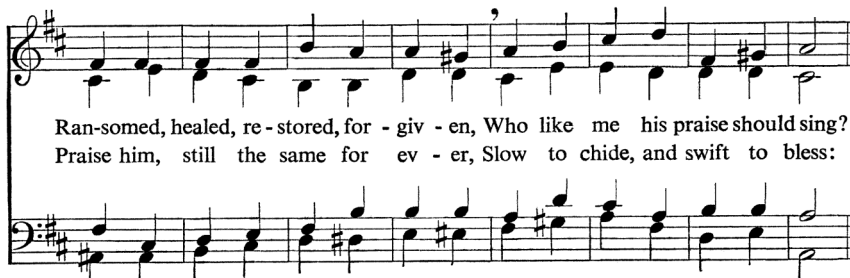
The Postlude:

"Sing and Rejoice"

(Lani Smith)



1. Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en; To his feet thy trib-ute bring;
2. Praise him for his grace and fa - vor To our fa - thers in dis - tress;



Ran-somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, Who like me his praise should sing?
Praise him, still the same for ev - er, Slow to chide, and swift to bless:



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness.

3 Father-like he tends and spares us,
Well our feeble frame he knows;
In his hands he gently bears us,
Rescues us from all our foes:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Widely as his mercy flows.

4 Angels, help us to adore him,
Ye behold him face to face;
Sun and moon, bow down before him;
Dwellers all in time and space:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise with us the God of grace.

*Henry Francis Lyte, 1793–1847
Based on Psalm 103*

Announcements

The altar flowers are presented by Katie Recaldini in gratitude for God's grace that we receive from Him.

Guest Organist: Please welcome Peggy Arelt as our guest organist today! How blessed we are to have such talented musicians in our congregation!

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

Known to be hospitalized: Fred Schell—Encompass Health Rehabilitation Hospital of Sewickley. Fred's home address is: 103 South Grandview Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15205. Joanne Salvetti—Magee Women's Hospital. Lundy Castro—Shadyside Hospital. Please support them with your prayers and cards.

Prayers for Recovery and Healing: Becky Lindner. Dee Coldsmith, who is home after a brief hospital stay. Also, please keep in your prayers all those in the Ruthfred family who are facing health or other challenges.

VBS Fund: Given by Linda Friedel, Keith Boucher, and Sandy Pellegrino in loving memory of our brother, Dennis Boucher, on the anniversary of his birth, February 24.

A Sincere Thank You from Becky and Rich Lindner for your prayers, cards, and kind words! God is with us!

Family Easter Festival Informational and Volunteer Recruitment Meeting: Please join us Sunday, February 26th during the Sunday School hour in the Fireside Lounge if you can help. This fun fellowship event for young families will be held on Sunday, April 2, from 4-6 p.m. and MANY helpers are needed. It's been said the volunteers have just as much fun as the kids! To see how you can serve, please attend the meeting or contact Barb Harrold, brharrold@comcast.net.

A New Member Class continues. Meetings are in the Conference Room during Sunday School.

Preschool Registration is now open for the 2023-2024 school year. Register online at Ruthfred.org. Contact: preschool@ruthfred.org with any questions or to schedule a tour.

Attention all XYZers: The sign-up sheets are available on the bulletin board outside the Library for the next meeting, which will be Friday, February 24th. Come enjoy a musical program provided by Kurt Radke! Peggy Cox will once again prepare a not-to-be-missed lunch.

Journey Through the Word: Morning JTTW began a new study in January—Nancy Guthrie's The Promised One (Jesus in Genesis). Contact Sue Swan if you would like information about this study: 412-708-3535 or writingcygnet@gmail.com. The evening group has concluded for this school year. They will resume next fall on Wednesday, October 11th. Mark your calendars!

Lenten Soup and Salad Suppers: Please join us for soup and salad suppers on Wednesday evenings from 6—7 p.m. starting Ash Wednesday. An evening service will follow at 7:30 p.m. Peggy Cox will be organizing the food. Arlene Ball will be coordinating volunteers for setting up, serving, and cleaning up. Please contact Arlene at 412-977-8013 or Arlene1952@gmail.com if you are able to help. Thank you in advance

Flower Chart: There are a few open Sundays for altar flowers for 2023, including March 12, April 16, and April 30. Please sign up if you are able. These flowers add beauty to our worship each week and then bless others following worship. Thank you for your generosity!

Announcements (cont'd)

Address Update: Fritz and Betta Heilman moved last weekend. Their new address is: 2960 Bethel Church Rd., Apt. 127, Bethel Park, PA 15102. Their phone number is: 614-499-9356. Please reach out with housewarming cards and calls.

Craft & Sew Candy Collection: As of February, the women at Craft & Sew have sent nearly 2000 favors to local nursing homes since September. Because of this, our candy supply is almost depleted. Please help to refill our supply with snack-size Milky Way bars, M & M's, Hershey's Kisses, KitKats, or Twix bars. These candy favors put smiles on many faces. Thank you so much for doing your part! There is a collection box in the Fellowship Hall.

Lutheran Ambassador: The February issue is now available on the tables near all church entrances. Pick one up today!

VBS Save the Date: Mark your calendars for July 24-28 for VBS 2023!

Stained Glass Window Panel Book: Part of the beauty of the Ruthfred sanctuary is the stained glass window panels. Each panel is unique and designed by artist Jane Buckley based on requests from church members who wish to honor or memorialize loved ones. Have you ever wondered about the history behind a panel? Thanks to the work of Bob Reith (who compiled a list years ago) and Debbie Skundrich, Elaine Widich, Jane Buckley, and Felicia Rieck (who more recently worked on the project), there is a complete identification guide, with photos, available. Two copies are available for your perusal—in the Church Library and in the Chapel. Thank you to all who helped to compile this resource!

New DVDs Available in Our Church Library: In addition to all of the wonderful print resources we have in our library for adults and children, we also have DVDs available for borrowing. Our newest additions are from The Torchlighters Heroes of Faith series for children. Among others, these heroes include Corrie Ten Boom, Harriet Tubman, St. Augustine, and Eric Lidell. Borrow one today for a movie night at home!

Bible Reading 2023: Please join us in reading through the entire Bible in 2023, starting on January 1, 2023. We will be using the YouVersion Bible app, which provides a reading guide for each day (including a daily Psalm), over 150 videos to engage readers throughout the year, and a talk-it-over feature. The daily reading schedule will also be available on the Ruthfred website, as well as being printed in each month's Herald. The theme for 2023 will be "One Story That Leads to JESUS." For questions, or to sign up, please email Don Roose at donroose@yahoo.com.





Please plan on joining us

Sunday, MARCH 5

for our next

Fellowship Breakfast

During the Sunday School Hour

9:40a.m – 10:45a.m.

in the Fellowship Hall



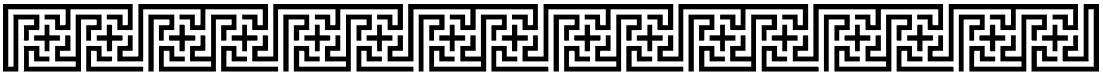
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<u>RECEIPTS AND EXPENSES</u>		Member	Transfers to	Less: Actual	Surplus/
<u>OF BUDGETED FUNDS</u>		Donations	Other Funds	Expenses	(Shortfall)
Year to Date January 31, 2023					
	Current	69,122	—	79,255	(10,133)
	Building	2,662		—	2,662
	Benevolence	15,572	—	14,798	774
	Totals	87,356	—	94,053	(6,697)

Adult Sunday School Class in Large Classroom*

Pastor Carlson continues teaching a series on the book of I Thessalonians for the Adult Sunday School Class. The little book of I Thessalonians is perhaps the earliest canonical writing of St.

Paul. It's focus is "**The Life of the Christian Congregation.**" It is a gem of a book, filled with "an unmingled sweetness" of Christian love. In it we will be learning about sharing our faith, serving one another, living godly lives, understanding the end times, and how to live out the Gospel in the community of the congregation. You are invited!!! It will be wonderful to study and discuss this book together.

***Audio recordings of the class are available on the Ruthfred website.**



YOUTH NEWS

SWAP (6-8 Grade)

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

Save the dates:

7 p.m. February 24 to 2 p.m. February 25: 30-Hour Famine: Youth in Grades 6-12 are invited to join us for this annual, nationwide event. The kids go without food to better understand the lives of kids who this event was created to help—those who face hunger on a daily basis. In addition to learning about world hunger and what they can do to help, the youth will be participating in themed games and volunteering at the World Vision Center. Forms and sign-up sheets are available outside the Youth Office. Contact Kris Wentz or Jill Huwe with questions.

Friday, March 17: Parents' Night Out Dinner. Youth in Grades 6-12 will help prepare and serve a delicious meal for their parents!

TNT (9-12 Grade)

TNT will meet at Ruthfred on February 21st, 7-9 p.m.

Save the date:

March 24-26: Seneca Hills Retreat for Grades 9-12.

Questions/concerns?

Contact: Any member of the Youth Committee

This Week At Ruthfred

Today (2/19) TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

8:30 a.m.—Worship Service

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

11:00 a.m.—Worship Service

Monday (2/20) President's Day

9:30 a.m.—JTTW Leaders Meeting

9:30 a.m.—Craft & Sew

Tuesday (2/21)

7:00 p.m.—Worship Team



Wednesday (2/22) ASH WEDNESDAY

9:15 a.m.—Journey Through the Word (JTTW)

2:00 p.m.—Lenten Service with Holy Communion

5:45 p.m.—Children's Choir

6:00 p.m.—Lenten Soup & Sandwich Supper

6:15 p.m.—Confirmation

6:30 p.m.—Bell Choir

7:00 p.m.—Senior Choir (continues after Service)

7:30 p.m.—Lenten Service with Holy Communion

Thursday (2/23)

10:00 a.m.—Knit Wits

Friday (2/24) St. Matthias, Apostle

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

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Herald deadline

Sunday (2/26) 1st Sunday in Lent

830 a.m.—Worship Service

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

Family Easter Festival Volunteer Meeting

11:00 a.m.—Worship Service

6:30 p.m.—GIFT Bible Study (Arelts' House)

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

Welcome to worship as we celebrate the Transfiguration and catch a glimpse of Jesus' divine glory.

Attendance for Last Week:

Church...259 Sunday School...75

8:30 Live Stream...43

JTTW (morning)...50 Online...3

Prayer Requests

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

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☐ Please keep this request Private (to be kept amongst the pastors only).

☐ Please make this request known to the Ruthfred prayer team and announce it to the congregation when appropriate.

Visiting with us?

Please use this tear-off section to help us get to know a little bit about you and how we may best serve you.

If you have a specific concern or prayer request, please use the space on the other side of this fold.

Date:

Name:

Children:

Address:

Phone (indicate home, cell, etc.)

Email:

I am a/an:

- ☐ 1st-Time Visitor
- ☐ 2nd-Time Visitor
- ☐ Out-of-Town Visitor
- ☐ Regular Attendee

I would like to learn more about:

- ☐ What It Means To Be a Christian
- ☐ Church Membership
- ☐ Ruthfred's Ministries or Groups
- ☐ Ways To Share My Gifts

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