

TRINITY SUNDAY



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 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

Trinity Sunday, June 12, 2022

Prelude:

“All Glory Be to God on High” (M.

Burkhardt)

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

(R. B. Farlee)

The Opening Hymn:

**“Holy, Holy, Holy,
Lord God Al-
mighty!”** (SBH131)

(Please stand as we
join our hearts in
song)

1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God Al-might - y! Ear - ly in the
2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! all the saints a-dore thee, Cast-ing down their

morn-ing our song shall rise to thee; Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly,
gold - en crowns a - round the glassy sea, Cher - u - bim and ser - a-phem

mer - ci - ful and might-y, God in three Per-sons, bless-ed Trin - i - ty!
fall - ing down be-fore thee, Which wert, and art, and ev-er-more shalt be. A-men.

3 Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide thee,
Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
Perfect in power, in love, and purity.

4 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy Name, in earth and sky and sea;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity! Amen.

Reginald Heber, 1783–1826

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. 41)

Pastor (P): Beloved in the Lord, let us draw near with a true heart, and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him, in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

Our help is in the name of the Lord

Congregation (C): Who made heaven and earth. (Psalm 124:8)

P: I said, "I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

C: And Thou forgave 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: Blessed be the Holy Trinity,

C: And the undivided Unity.

P: Let us give glory to Him because He has shown His mercy to us. O Lord our Lord.

C: How excellent is Your Name in all the earth. (Ps. 115:1, Ps. 8:1)

The Gloria Patri (Sung in Unison; SBH p. 43)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

The Kyrie (Sung in Unison; SBH p. 48)

P: Lord, have mercy upon us.

C: Lord, have mercy upon us.

P: Christ, have mercy upon us.

C: Christ, have mercy upon us.

P: Lord, have mercy upon us.

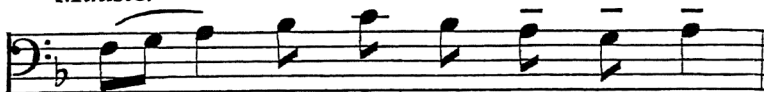
C: Lord, have mercy upon us.

“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: "The Gloria" (SBH, p. 49-51)

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Minister



Glo - - ry be to God on high!

Congregation. Unison



And on earth peace, good will toward men.




We praise thee, we bless thee, we wor - ship thee, we glo - ri - fy thee,



we give thanks to thee for thy great glo - ry, O Lord God,



heaven - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - might - y.



O Lord, the on - ly be - got - ten Son, Je - sus Christ; O Lord God.



Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther, that tak - est a - way the



sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us. Thou that tak - est a -



way the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer. Thou that sit - test at the



right hand of God the Fa - ther, have mer - cy up - on us.



For thou on - ly art ho - ly; thou on - ly art the Lord;



thou on - ly, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost, art most



high in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A-men.

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

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

The Collect:

P: The Lord be with you:

C: And with thy spirit.

P: Let us continue to pray: Almighty and everlasting God, who has given unto us Your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in power of the Divine Majesty to worship the Unity. We beseech You, that You would keep us steadfast in this faith, and evermore defend us from all adversities; who lives and reigns, one God, world without end.

C: Amen

The Old Testament Lesson: Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31 (NASB)

¹ Does not wisdom call, and understanding lift up her voice? ² On top of the heights beside the way, where the paths meet, she takes her stand; ³ beside the gates, at the opening to the city, at the entrance of the doors, she cries out: ⁴ “To you, O men, I call, and my voice is to the sons of men.”

²² “The Lord possessed me at the beginning of His way, before His works of old. ²³ “From everlasting I was established, from the beginning, from the earliest times of the earth. ²⁴ “When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. ²⁵ “Before the mountains were settled, Before the hills I was brought forth; ²⁶ While He had not yet made the earth and the fields, nor the first dust of the world. ²⁷ “When He established the heavens, I was there, when He inscribed a circle on the face of the deep, ²⁸ when He made firm the skies above, when the springs of the deep became fixed, ²⁹ When He set for the sea its boundary so that the water would not transgress His command, when He marked out the foundations of the earth; ³⁰ Then I was beside Him, as a master workman; and I was daily *His* delight, rejoicing always before Him, ³¹ rejoicing in the world, His earth, and *having* my delight in the sons of men.

The Psalm: Psalm 8 (NASB)

P: O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth, who have displayed Your splendor above the heavens!

C: From the mouth of infants and nursing babes You have established strength because of Your adversaries, to make the enemy and the revengeful cease.

P: When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars, which You have ordained; what is man that You take thought of him, and the son of man that You care for him?

C: Yet You have made him a little lower than God, and You crown him with glory and majesty!

P: You make him to rule over the works of Your hands; you have put all things under his feet,

C: All sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field,

P: The birds of the heavens and the fish of the sea, whatever passes through the paths of the seas.

C: O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!

The Epistle Lesson: Acts 2:14a, 22-36 (NASB)

¹⁴ But Peter, taking his stand with the eleven, raised his voice and declared to them:

²² "Men of Israel, listen to these words: Jesus the Nazarene, a man attested to you by God with miracles and wonders and signs which God performed through Him in your midst, just as you yourselves know—²³ this *Man*, delivered over by the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God, you nailed to a cross by the hands of godless men and put *Him* to death. ²⁴ But God raised Him up again, putting an end to the agony of death, since it was impossible for Him to be held in its power. ²⁵ For David says of Him, 'I SAW THE LORD ALWAYS IN MY PRESENCE; FOR HE IS AT MY RIGHT HAND, SO THAT I WILL NOT BE SHAKEN. ²⁶ THEREFORE MY HEART WAS GLAD AND MY TONGUE EXULTED; MOREOVER MY FLESH ALSO WILL LIVE IN HOPE; ²⁷ BECAUSE YOU WILL NOT ABANDON MY SOUL TO HADES, NOR ALLOW YOUR HOLY ONE TO UNDERGO DECAY. ²⁸ 'YOU HAVE MADE KNOWN TO ME THE WAYS OF LIFE; YOU WILL MAKE ME FULL OF GLADNESS WITH YOUR PRESENCE.' ²⁹ "Brethren, I may confidently say to you regarding the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰ And so, because he was a prophet and knew that GOD HAD SWORN TO HIM WITH AN OATH TO SEAT *one* OF HIS DESCENDANTS ON HIS THRONE, ³¹ he looked ahead and spoke of the resurrection of the Christ, that HE WAS NEITHER ABANDONED TO HADES, NOR DID His flesh SUFFER DECAY. ³² This Jesus God raised up

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The Epistle Lesson: Acts 2:14a, 22-36 (NASB) (cont'd)

again, to which we are all witnesses.³³ Therefore having been exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He has poured forth this which you both see and hear.³⁴ For it was not David who ascended into heaven, but he himself says: 'THE LORD SAID TO MY LORD, "SIT AT MY RIGHT HAND,³⁵ UNTIL I MAKE YOUR ENEMIES A FOOTSTOOL FOR YOUR FEET.'" ³⁶ Therefore let all the house of Israel know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Christ—this Jesus whom you crucified." "

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

"Alleluia" is Hebrew for "Praise the Lord."

The Gradual:

Blessed are You, O Lord, who beholds the deep and who dwells between the Cherubim. Blessed are You, O Lord, in the firmament of heaven and greatly to be praised, and glorified, and highly exalted forever. Alleluia, alleluia. Blessed are You, O Lord God of our fathers and greatly to be praised and glorified forever. Alleluia.

(Trad. Liturgical Prayer)

The Alleluia (Sung in Unison)

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Holy Gospel Lesson: John 8:48-59 (NASB)

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

⁴⁸ The Jews answered and said to Him, “Do we not say rightly that You are a Samaritan and have a demon?” ⁴⁹ Jesus answered, “I do not have a demon; but I honor My Father, and you dishonor Me. ⁵⁰ But I do not seek My glory; there is One who seeks and judges. ⁵¹ Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps My word he will never see death.” ⁵² The Jews said to Him, “Now we know that You have a demon. Abraham died, and the prophets *also*; and You say, ‘If anyone keeps My word, he will never taste of death.’” ⁵³ Surely You are not greater than our father Abraham, who died? The prophets died too; whom do You make Yourself out *to be*?” ⁵⁴ Jesus answered, “If I glorify Myself, My glory is nothing; it is My Father who glorifies Me, of whom you say, ‘He is our God’; ⁵⁵ and you have not come to know Him, but I know Him; and if I say that I do not know Him, I will be a liar like you, but I do know Him and keep His word. ⁵⁶ Your father Abraham rejoiced to see My day, and he saw *it* and was glad.” ⁵⁷ So the Jews said to Him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham?” ⁵⁸ Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was born, I am.” ⁵⁹ Therefore they picked up stones to throw at Him, but Jesus hid Himself and went out of the temple.

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

The Athanasian Creed proclaims that its teachings concerning the Holy Trinity and our Lord’s incarnation are the catholic (universal, Christian) faith. In other words, this is what the true church of all times and all places has confessed. More than 15 centuries later, the church continues to confess this truth, confident that the triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, has given Himself for our salvation.

The Confession of Faith: The Athanasian Creed (Confessed responsively)

P: Whoever wishes to be saved must, above all else, hold the catholic faith.

C: Whoever does not keep it whole and undefiled will without doubt perish for eternity.

P: Now this is the catholic faith: We worship one God in trinity and the Trinity in unity, neither confusing the persons nor dividing the divine being.

C: For the Father is one person, the Son is another, and the Spirit is still another.

P: But the deity of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is one, equal in glory, coeternal in majesty.

C: What the Father is, the Son is, and so is the Holy Spirit.

P: Uncreated is the Father; uncreated is the Son; uncreated is the Spirit.

C: The Father is infinite; the Son is infinite; the Holy Spirit is infinite.

P: Eternal is the Father; eternal is the Son; eternal is the Spirit:

C: And yet there are not three eternal beings, but one who is eternal; as there are not three uncreated and unlimited beings, but one who is uncreated and unlimited.

The Confession of Faith: The Athanasian Creed (Confessed responsively)

P: Almighty is the Father; almighty is the Son; almighty is the Spirit: and yet there are not three almighty beings, but one who is almighty.

C: Thus the Father is God; the Son is God; the Holy Spirit is God: and yet there are not three gods, but one God.

P: Thus the Father is Lord; the Son is Lord; the Holy Spirit is Lord: and yet there are not three lords, but one Lord.

C: As Christian truth compels us to acknowledge each distinct person as God and Lord, so catholic religion forbids us to say that there are three gods or lords.

P: The Father was neither made nor created nor begotten; the Son was neither made nor created, but was alone begotten of the Father; the Spirit was neither made nor created, but is proceeding from the Father and the Son.

C: Thus there is one Father, not three fathers; one Son, not three sons; one Holy Spirit, not three spirits.

P: And in this Trinity, no one is before or after, greater or less than the other; but all three persons are in themselves, coeternal and coequal; and so we must worship the Trinity in unity and the one God in three persons.

C: Whoever wants to be saved should think thus about the Trinity.

P: It is necessary for eternal salvation that one also faithfully believe that our Lord Jesus Christ became flesh.

C: For this is the true faith that we believe and confess: that our Lord Jesus Christ, God's Son, is both God and man.

P: He is God, begotten before all worlds from the being of the Father, and He is man, born in the world from the being of His mother—existing fully as God, and fully as man with a rational soul and a human body; equal to the Father in divinity, subordinate to the Father in humanity.

C: Although He is God and man, He is not divided, but is one Christ.

P: He is united because God has taken humanity into Himself; He does not transform deity into humanity.

C: He is completely one in the unity of His person, without confusing His natures.

P: For as the rational soul and body are one person, so the one Christ is God and man.

C: He suffered death for our salvation.

P: He descended into hell and rose again from the dead.

C: He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

P: He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

C: At His coming all people shall rise bodily to give an account of their own deeds.

P: Those who have done good will enter eternal life, those who have done evil will enter eternal fire.

C: This is the catholic faith. One cannot be saved without believing this firmly and faithfully.

The Special Music

8:30 Senior Choir—*"Sanctus"* (Gounod/Dash)

11:00 Peggy Arelt, piano—*"God's Care"* (Ben Logan)

Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of Hosts.
Heaven and earth now are full of Thy glory.
Glory to Thee, O Lord most High. Amen.

The Announcements

The Children's Object Lesson

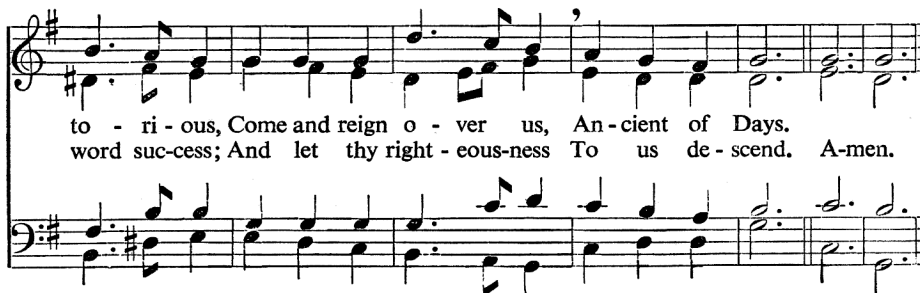
The Sermon Hymn: "Come, Thou Almighty King" (SBH136)



1. Come, thou al - might - y King, Help us thy Name to sing,
 2. Come, thou In - car - nate Word, Gird on thy might - y sword;



Help us to praise! Fa - ther all glo - ri - ous, O'er all vic -
 Our prayer at - tend; Come and thy peo - ple bless, And give thy



to - ri - ous, Come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.
 word suc - cess; And let thy right - eous - ness To us de - scend. A - men.

3 Come, Holy Comforter,
 Thy sacred witness bear
 In this glad hour:
 Thou who almighty art,
 Now rule in every heart,
 And ne'er from us depart,
 Spirit of power.

4 To thee, great One in Three,
 Eternal praises be,
 Hence, evermore!
 Thy sovereign majesty
 May we in glory see,
 And to eternity
 Love and adore. Amen.

*Authorship uncertain
 Whitefield's Collection, 1757 a.*

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:

"Know the Father, Through the Son, By the Spirit" | John 8:48-59

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:

"Father Most Holy"

(SBH134)

The Silent Prayer & Chimes

The Postlude:

"Choral Prelude on 'Old Hundredth'" (J.

Pachelbel)

The musical score is written for a three-part setting: a vocal melody, a piano accompaniment, and a chime part. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is common time (C). The vocal part begins with two verses of lyrics. The piano accompaniment features a steady, rhythmic pattern in the right hand and a more active, melodic line in the left hand. The chime part is a simple, harmonic accompaniment consisting of chords and single notes.

1. Fa - ther most ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and ten - der; Je - sus our
2. Trin - i - ty sa - cred, U - ni - ty un - shak - en; De - i - ty

Sav - iour, with the Fa - ther reign - ing; Spir - it all - kind - ly,
per - fect, giv - ing and for - giv - ing, Light of the an - gels,

Ad - vo - cate, de - fend - er, Light nev - er wan - ing;
Life of the for - sak - en, Hope of all liv - ing. A - men.

3 Maker of all things, all thy creatures praise thee;
Lo, all things serve thee through thy whole creation:
Hear us, Almighty, hear us, as we raise thee
Heart's adoration.

4 To the all-ruling triune God be glory:
Highest and greatest, help thou our endeavor,
We too would praise thee, giving honor worthy,
Now and for ever. Amen.

*Latin Hymn, cir. X cent.
Tr. Percy Dearmer, 1867-1936*

Announcements

The altar flowers are presented by Lori Yanosich in honor of her parents' (Don and Barbara Wilkinson's) 62nd anniversary. You were with each other through thick and thin; nothing could come between you two. Thank you for sharing a love so strong and pure. Happy Anniversary!

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

Nursery Today: 8:30—Greta Kelly; 11:00—TBD.

Prayers for Recovery and Healing: Michelle Hopkins—chemotherapy. Jim MacManus—at McMurray Hills Manor. Al Hatala—COVID, Room 128D at Friendship Village. Evelyn Meyer—undergoing medical evaluation. Please keep them in your prayers, as well as all those members of the Ruthfred family who are facing health or other challenges.

Benevolence Fund: Given by Dorothy Kratz in loving memory of Conrad Kratz on the anniversary of his birthday on June 14th.

Pastor's Fund: Given by Mary Habovick in gratefulness to our Lord Jesus Christ for His blessings and in thanksgiving to Pastor McMinn and my dear church family for encouraging prayers, calls, and cards during my recent knee replacement.

Erratum: The name of Christopher Worrall was inadvertently omitted from the list of high school graduates last week. We apologize for that omission! Congratulations, Christopher!

Take Them a Meal: As a way to support the Taylor family, a schedule has been created on this website, takethemameal.com, to provide them with two meals a week for a few months, June 9 through August 4. If you would like to volunteer, please go to the website, find their schedule with this password, 8593, and sign up. You will also find notes/instructions about dietary restrictions. If possible, please enter what you will be preparing so we can try to give them variety. Reminder slips with this information are available in baskets at the bottom of the stairs at the Patterson Road and back parking lot entrances. Thank you for your prayers and support for the Taylor family. Contact Jill Kurtz with any questions.

Calling All Picnic Planners: We need YOU! Our annual Church Picnic has always been a wonderful way for us to enjoy food, fellowship, games, and entertainment on our beautiful church grounds. We are grateful to those families who have blessed us and led this initiative in years past. This year we are in need of a person (or people!) to lead this wonderful ministry. We'd like to keep the annual tradition going, but in order to make it happen, we need people with a heart for planning fun and engaging events. We do not have a firm date set, but ideally it would take place in August or early September. This may be a year for keeping things simple—grill some burgers and hot dogs and have a potluck. Or, perhaps you've got some ideas you'd like to see happen. This is truly an event where many hands make light work. If you'd like to lead or participate in the planning, have questions, or have ideas and suggestions you'd like to share, please reach out to Melissa Bostaph via email at MelissaBostaph@ruthfred.org as soon as possible.

The Knit Wits group (knitters and crocheters) will continue to meet this summer at 10 a.m. on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays in the Fireside Lounge. Please consider joining us, and bring a friend if you like! All are welcome! We are still in need of small containers of liquid dish soap to accompany the knitted and crocheted dish cloths we are making for local food banks. There is a collection bin in the Fireside Lounge. Please call Pat Lutz if you need more information.

Announcements (cont'd)

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 today for approval at the June Council meeting. Application forms are available on the table at the bottom of the stairs near the Fellowship Hall or by calling the church office. Please place completed applications in the Council Secretary mail slot in the Conference Room.

Gifts from the Chmiel Family: Tomasz and Miriam Chmiel (and their four children) are missionaries in Ukraine for whom Ruthfred has provided support. Because of the war, they fled to the Czech Republic to stay with family and work with Ukrainian refugees. Late last week we received a package containing crafts handmade by their daughter Hannah as a thank you for Ruthfred's generous support. Please take time to admire the crafts, which are on display in the glass-fronted bulletin board in the hall outside the sanctuary door near the elevator.

Young Adult Bible Study: This group will meet today and on the 26th at 6:30 p.m. at Andrew and Cassie Vogel's house. All young adults are welcome to join. For questions or further information, please contact Andrew at andrewvogel@ruthfred.org.

Post-Secondary Graduates: Each year Ruthfred gratefully acknowledges the accomplishments of our congregation's college graduates. If you know of any members of our congregation who are graduating in 2022 from any colleges, universities, or trade schools, please email Felicia Rieck at FeliciaRieck@ruthfred.org with each graduate's full name, name of school, name of degree, and graduation date. We'll list them in a bulletin in June.

Employment Opportunity at Ruthfred:

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

Craft & Sew Request: Craft & Sew sewers would like to honor our veterans at the City Mission this year with patriotic pillowcases. We were able to do this last year through the kind and generous donations from the congregation. We need at least one yard of patriotic fabric and solid colors of red, white and blue—please no glitter. If you are unable to purchase the fabric yourself but would like to participate, you may make a donation to Craft & Sew, and we will buy the fabric, please note “fabric” on the envelope. There will be a collection bin in the fellowship hall for fabric donations. Please contact Arlene Ball if you have any questions. 412-977-8013 or Arlene1952@gmail.com. Please join us at 9:30 on Tuesday, June 28th for our next meeting!

Preschool Registration is now open for the 2022-2023 school year. Register online at Ruthfred.org. Contact Denise Stutzman at: denisestutzman@ruthfred.org with any questions or to schedule a tour.

Lost and Found Notice: A resident from the area called to say that he found a woman's ring on May 22nd near the back parking lot in the dirt, on the creek side. Please call the office for further information.

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

Adult Sunday School Class Today In Large Classroom

Following up on Pastor McMinn's solid series on the Ten Commandments, we are undertaking a 10-week Bible study entitled, "The Lamb of God, Seeing Jesus in Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy." This video study, wonderfully presented by author Nancy Guthrie, was recently very inspiring for those in our Wednesday morning Journey Through the Word sessions. Please join us for this deeply Christ-centered series. For more information, please contact Kurt Ziegler.

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## **Today in the Upper Room**

There will be no class in the Upper Room for the summer. Please join the adult Sunday School Class in the Large Classroom.

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Journey Through the Word Summer Session

Wednesdays, June 15-August 10

10:00-11:30 a.m.

Biblical TV Series "The Chosen" Season 2

Season 1 was so well received and enjoyed last summer that we decided to continue this year with Season 2. Come for the fellowship, an excellent drama series, and stimulating discussion. No registration is necessary. All are welcome, whether or not you have attended JTTW in the past. Please contact Sue Swan if you have questions, at writingcygnet@gmail.com. Hope to see you there!

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## **Summer Sunday School for Kids**

**(starting today)**

Miss Bunny (Barger) and Miss Susan (Wholey) will continue their wonderful Sunday School class for 4- & 5-year-olds through the summer. Jason Weighley & Friends will offer a special Sunday School series for kids ages 6—5<sup>th</sup> grade featuring the Torchlighters' animated films about heroes of the Faith. Students in grade 6 and up will join Regan for youth Sunday School classes. We plan to have the nursery staffed. If you can help with the nursery this summer, please contact Shane Cox.



# 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, June 14<sup>th</sup>, at Tatum Brown's house, 7-9 p.m.

**Staff News:** After prayerful consideration, Regan Johnson has decided to step down as Ruthfred's Youth Director in August and return to the Midwest. He's grateful to God for his time here. While he's been here for just one year, we've been blessed to have him, and wish him well. A search committee is already considering candidates to fill the vacancy. Ruthfred's youth ministry will diligently continue while a new director is sought. God has graciously blessed us! We trust in Him. We're grateful for our Youth Committee, Mason Mitchell, and for all the faithful young men and women who lead and take part in youth ministry at Ruthfred!

## SAVE THE DATE

July 3-8 — Work Camp

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Questions/concerns?

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

Summer is just around the corner! How do I know this?

It's time to start planning for VBS!!

VBS 2022 will be July 25th-29th, 9 a.m. to noon

We are looking for Volunteers!!



Registration

Registration is now open! Ages 4—8th grade. Come with us on a Monumental Journey celebrating God's Greatness, July 25th to 29th, at Ruthfred Lutheran Church from 9 a.m. to noon. Visit www.ruthfred.org to register.

Questions?

Contact Jason Weighley by email at
Jason.weighley@gmail.com

VBS Volunteer Meeting

Please join us on Sunday, June 26th, after the 11:00 a.m. service.

We will meet in the Adult Sunday School room.

This Week At Ruthfred

Today (6/12) HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY

8:30 a.m.—Worship Service

9:45 a.m.—Sunday School

11:00 a.m.—Worship Service

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

Monday, (6/13)

7:00 p.m.—Elders' Prayer Time

7:30 p.m.—Council Meeting

Tuesday (6/14)

7:00 p.m.—Worship Team

Wednesday (6/15) AFLC Annual Conference Opens

10:00 a.m.—Journey Through the Word (Summer)

HAPPY 91ST BIRTHDAY KAY WYRWAS

Thursday (6/16)

2:00 p.m.—Ruth

Friday (6/17)

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

Saturday (6/18) AFLC Annual Conference Closes

6:00 p.m.—Contemporary Liturgical Worship Service

Sunday (6/19) Father's Day

8:30 a.m.—Worship Service

9:45 a.m.—Sunday School

11:00 a.m.—Worship Service (Stocker baptism)

Today is Trinity Sunday—not so much a time to explain complex doctrine as an opportunity to dwell in the mystery of God. Welcome!

Attendance for Last Week:

Sunday Church...306 Sunday School...122


8:30 Live Stream ...17

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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