

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 the offering plate as it passes before you.

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 Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost, August 28, 2022

Prelude:

"March of the Priests"

(W. A. Mozart)

Movement from "Sonata for Two Trombones"

(G. F. Telemann)

Robert Schmalz & Edward Kocher, Trombones

"Bourree"

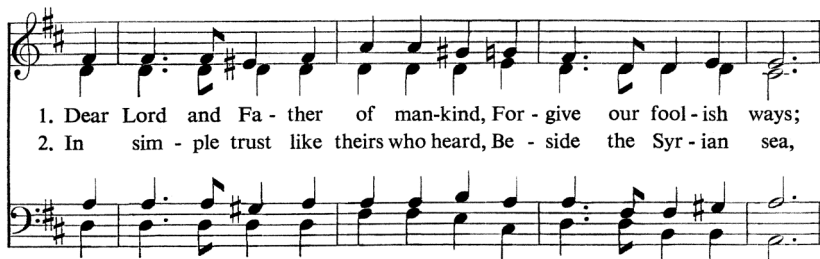
(G. F. Telemann)

The Opening Hymn:

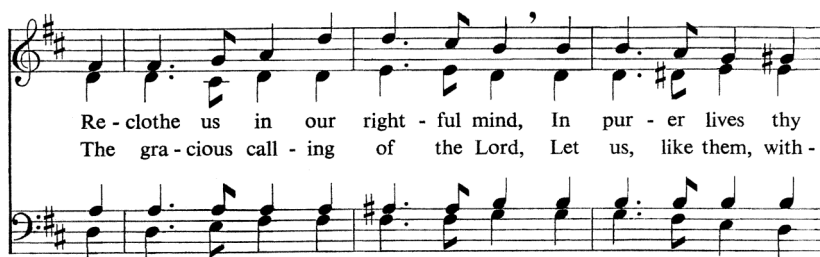
"Dear Lord and Father of Mankind"

(SBH #467)

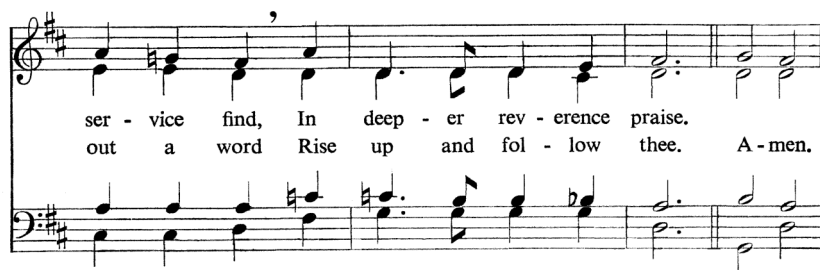
(Please stand as we
join our hearts in
song)



1. Dear Lord and Fa - ther of man-kind, For - give our fool - ish ways;
2. In sim - ple trust like theirs who heard, Be - side the Syr - ian sea,



Re - clothe us in our right - ful mind, In pur - er lives thy
The gra - cious call - ing of the Lord, Let us, like them, with -



ser - vice find, In deep - er rev - erence praise.
out a word Rise up and fol - low thee. A - men.

3 O Sabbath rest by Galilee,
O calm of hills above;
Where Jesus knelt to share with thee
The silence of eternity,
Interpreted by love!

4 Drop thy still dews of quietness,
Till all our strivings cease;
Take from our souls the strain and stress,
And let our ordered lives confess
The beauty of thy peace.

5 Breathe through the heats of our desire
Thy coolness and thy balm;
Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
Speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
O still small voice of calm! Amen.

John Greenleaf Whittier, 1807-92

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 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: God is in His holy habitation; God sets the solitary in families;

C: The God of Israel is He that gives strength and power to His people.

P: Let God arise, let His enemies be scattered;

C: Let them also that hate Him flee before Him. (Psalm 68: 1, 5, 6, 35)

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.

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P: Lor, have mercy upon us.

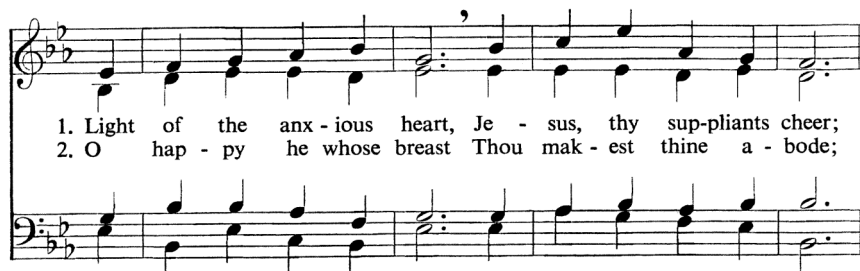
C: Lord, have mercy upon us.

"Kyrie" is from the Greek word 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.

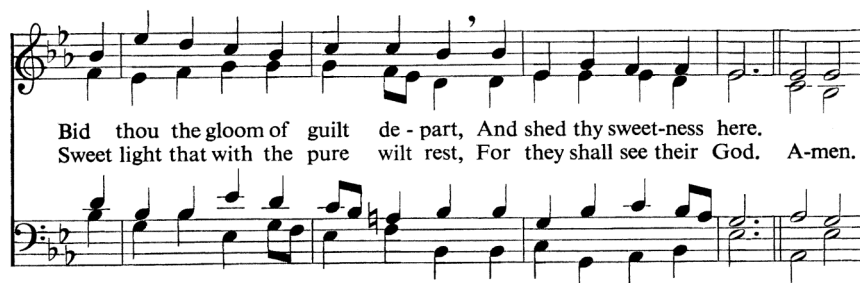
The Hymn of Praise:

"Light of the Anxious Heart"

(SBH #475)



1. Light of the anx - ious heart, Je - sus, thy sup-licants cheer;
2. O hap - py he whose breast Thou mak - est thine a - bode;



Bid thou the gloom of guilt de - part, And shed thy sweet-ness here.
Sweet light that with the pure wilt rest, For they shall see their God. A-men.

3 Brightness of God above,
Unfathomable grace,
Within our hearts implant thy love
And fix thy dwelling-place.

4 To lowly minds revealed,
Our Saviour we adore;
Like tribute to the Father yield,
And Spirit, evermore. Amen.

*Ascribed to St. Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091-1153
Tr. Robert Campbell, 1814-68*

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.

The Collect:

P: The Lord be with you:

C: And with thy spirit.

P: Almighty and everlasting God, who is always more ready to hear than we to pray, and who gives more than either we desire or deserve: Pour down upon us the abundance of Your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end.

C: Amen

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 Old Testament Lesson: Proverbs 25:2-10 (NASB)

² It is the glory of God to conceal a matter, but the glory of kings is to search out a matter. ³ As the heavens for height and the earth for depth, so the heart of kings is unsearchable. ⁴ Take away the dross from the silver, and there comes out a vessel for the smith; ⁵ Take away the wicked before the king, and his throne will be established in righteousness. ⁶ Do not claim honor in the presence of the king, and do not stand in the place of great men; ⁷ For it is better that it be said to you, "Come up here," than for you to be placed lower in the presence of the prince, whom your eyes have seen. ⁸ Do not go out hastily to argue *your case*; otherwise, what will you do in the end, when your neighbor humiliates you? ⁹ Argue your case with your neighbor, and do not reveal the secret of another, ¹⁰ Or he who hears *it* will reproach you, and the evil report about you will not pass away.

The Psalm: Psalm 131 (NASB)

P: O LORD, my heart is not proud, nor my eyes haughty;

C: Nor do I involve myself in great matters, or in things too difficult for me.

P: Surely I have composed and quieted my soul;

C: Like a weaned child rests against his mother, .

P: My soul is like a weaned child within me.

C: O Israel, hope in the Lord from this time forth and forever.

The Epistle Lesson: Hebrews 13:1-17 (NASB)

¹ Let love of the brethren continue. ² Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by this some have entertained angels without knowing it. ³ Remember the prisoners, as though in prison with them, *and* those who are ill-treated, since you yourselves also are in the body. ⁴ Marriage is *to be held* in honor among all, and the *marriage bed is to be* undefiled; for fornicators and adulterers God will judge. ⁵ *Make sure that* your character is free from the love of money, being content with what you have; for He Himself has said, "I WILL NEVER DESERT YOU, NOR WILL I EVER FORSAKE YOU," ⁶ so that we confidently say, "THE LORD IS MY HELPER, I WILL NOT BE AFRAID. WHAT WILL MAN DO TO ME?" ⁷ Remember those who led you, who spoke the word of God to you; and considering the result of their conduct, imitate their faith. ⁸ Jesus Christ *is* the same yesterday and today and forever. ⁹ Do not be carried away by varied and strange teachings; for it is good for the heart to be strengthened by grace, not by foods, through which those who were so occupied were not benefited. ¹⁰ We have an altar from which those who serve the tabernacle have no right to eat. ¹¹ For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the holy place by the high priest *as an offering* for sin, are burned outside the camp. ¹² Therefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people through His own blood, suffered outside the gate. ¹³ So, let us go out to Him outside the camp, bearing His reproach. ¹⁴ For here we do not have a lasting city, but we are seeking *the city* which is to come. ¹⁵ Through Him then, let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that give thanks to His name. ¹⁶ And do not neglect doing good and sharing, for with such sacrifices God is pleased. ¹⁷ Obey your leaders and submit *to them*, for they keep watch over your souls as those who will give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with grief, for this would be unprofitable for you.

The Gradual

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."

My heart trusts in God, and I am helped; therefore my heart greatly rejoices; and with my song will I praise Him. Unto You will I cry, O Lord my rock, be not silent to me. Hear the voice of my supplications. Alleluia, Alleluia. Praise waits for You, O God, in Zion, and unto You shall the vow be performed. Alleluia.

(Psalm 28: 1, 2, 7; 65:1)

The Alleluia (Sung in Unison)

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Holy Gospel Lesson: Luke 14:1-14 (NASB)

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

¹ It happened that when He went into the house of one of the leaders of the Pharisees on *the* Sabbath to eat bread, they were watching Him closely. ² And there in front of Him was a man suffering from dropsy. ³ And Jesus answered and spoke to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or not?" ⁴ But they kept silent. And He took hold of him and healed him, and sent him away. ⁵ And He said to them, "Which one of you will have a son or an ox fall into a well, and will not immediately pull him out on a Sabbath day?" ⁶ And they could make no reply to this. ⁷ And He *began* speaking a parable to the invited guests when He noticed how they had been picking out the places of honor *at the table*, saying to them, ⁸ "When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not take the place of honor, for someone more distinguished than you may have been invited by him, ⁹ and he who invited you both will come and say to you, 'Give *your* place to this man,' and then in disgrace you proceed to occupy the last place. ¹⁰ But when you are invited, go and recline at the last place, so that when the one who has invited you comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will have honor in the sight of all who are at the table with you. ¹¹ For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted." ¹² And He also went on to say to the one who had invited Him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, otherwise they may also invite you in return and *that* will be your repayment. ¹³ But when you give a reception, invite *the* poor, *the* crippled, *the* lame, *the* blind, ¹⁴ and you will be blessed, since they do not have *the means* to repay you; for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

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

Today we are privileged to witness the sacrament of Holy Baptism. We believe that Baptism is God's work. It is not merely a symbolic application of water, but water used according to God's command and in connection with His Word (see Matt. 28:19-20). In Baptism God causes us to be born again through the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit (see Titus 3:5 and 1 Peter 3:21). For little Theodore Louis, Baptism marks the beginning of a new life in Christ that is nourished through a lifetime of continually hearing and learning God's Word.

The Apostles' Creed is a statement of Christian belief used since the early Church. It's not specific to any one Christian denomination, but used by the Church as a whole. We choose to confess it together as a unified reminder of what we believe to be true about God, and His caring service to us.

The Baptismal Hymn: "Jesus Loves Me" (AMB #369)

1 Je - sus loves me! this I know, For the Bi - ble tells me so;
 2 Je - sus loves me! He who died Heav-en's gate to o - pen wide;
 3 Je - sus loves me! He will stay Close be - side me all the way;

Lit - tle ones to Him be - long, They are weak but He is strong.
 He will wash a - way my sin, Let His lit - tle child come in.
 Thou hast bled and died for me, I will hence-forth live for Thee.

Refrain

Yes, Je - sus loves me! Yes, Je - sus loves me!
 Yes, Je - sus loves me! The Bi - ble tells me so.

The Baptism of Theodore Louis Dunmire (11:00 a.m.)

The Confession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed (Confessed in Unison)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and Earth

And In Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost; The Holy Christian Church, the Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body, And the Life everlasting. Amen.

The Special Music

8:30 & 11:00 Hymn Medley for Trombones
Robert Schmalz & Edward Kocher—trombones

The Announcements

The Children's Object Lesson

The Sermon Hymn:

"I Need Thee Every Hour"

(SBH #479)

1. I need thee ev - ery hour, Most gra - cious Lord;
No ten - der voice like thine Can peace af - ford.

Refrain
I need thee, O I need thee, Ev - ery hour I need thee;
O bless me now, my Sav - iour, I come to thee. A-men.

2 I need thee every hour,
Stay thou near by;
Temptations lose their power
When thou art nigh.

3 I need thee every hour,
In joy or pain;
Come quickly and abide,
Or life is vain.

4 I need thee every hour,
Teach me thy will;
And thy rich promises
In me fulfill.

5 I need thee every hour,
Most Holy One,
O make me thine indeed,
Thou blessèd Son. Amen.

Annie Sherwood Hawks, 1835–1918
Refrain, Robert Lowry, 1826–99

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:

"Quietly Waiting for God" | Psalm 131

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:

"Have Thine Own Way, Lord"

(AMB #460)

The Silent Prayer & Chimes

The Postlude:

"Blow Ye Trombones, Blow"

(Early American Sacred Song)

**Robert Schmalz &
Edward Kocher,
Trombones**

1 Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way! — Thou art the
2 Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way! — Search me and
3 Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way! — Wound-ed and
4 Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way! — Hold o'er my

Pot - ter, I am the clay: — Mold me and make me
try me, Mas - ter, to - day! — Whit - er than snow, Lord,
wea - ry, Help me, I pray! — Pow - er, all pow - er,
be - ing Ab - so - lute sway! — Fill with Thy Spir - it

Aft - er Thy will, — While I am wait - ing, Yield-ed and still. —
Wash me just now, — As in Thy pres - ence Hum-bly I bow. —
Sure - ly is Thine! Touch me and heal me, Sav - ior di - vine! —
Till all shall see — Christ on - ly, al - ways, Liv - ing in me! —

Text: Adelaide A. Pollard, 1862–1934
Tune: George C. Stebbins, 1846–1945

HAVE THINE OWN WAY
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Announcements

The altar flowers are presented by the Vogel family in loving memory of Linda J. Vogel, who went to be with the Lord 18 years ago on September 3rd.

The chancel rail flowers are presented by Mike, Steve, and John Kovac in honor of Sue and Andy Kovac's 73rd wedding anniversary, on August 27th. Congratulations! We love you!

Nursery Today: 8:30—Jenna Schwartz and 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. Elizabeth Hardy—Allegheny General Hospital. Please keep them in your prayers and support them with cards.

Prayers for Recovery and Healing: Sue Boehme is recovering 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.

Official Act: On Thursday, August 25, 2022, at 11:00 a.m., a funeral was held for Alfred J. Hatala in the Ruthfred sanctuary. Pastors Steven P. Carlson and Bryce C. McMinn officiated.

Condolences: Our Pastors and congregation extend Christian love and sympathy to Carmen Peterson on the recent passing in South Carolina of her beloved brother, Ronald DeVerse, 87.

Condolences: Our Pastors and congregation extend Christian love and sympathy to Sharon Snyder on the passing of her mother, Sara Graf, 97, on August 8, 2022.

Current Fund: Given by Linda Friedel in thanks for the prayers and calls from both pastors after her husband, Pete, died earlier this year, and in appreciation for the live streams, which she watches faithfully. Given by Norm and Judy Karsten in memory of Larry Holt. Given by George and Dottie Barrett in memory of Larry Holt. Given by George and Dottie Barrett in memory of Al Hatala.

Music Fund: Given by Friends in Christ in honor of Andrew and Cassie Vogel's first wedding anniversary and in memory of Andrew's godmother, Linda Vogel, 1/13/55—9/3/04.

A Sincere Thank You from Nelda and Bernie Alderson for all of the cards and prayers during Bernie's recent hospital stay!

September Coffee Hour is in need of a host or hostess. Please consider blessing your fellow members with this ministry.

City Mission Food Sunday is next Sunday. Please bring your canned and dry goods to benefit the City Mission in Washington, PA. There is a collection box in the Fellowship Hall.

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 on Wednesday, September 7th 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.

Announcements (cont'd)

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.

XYZ Kick-Off is Just Around the Corner! We are looking for individuals who are interested in joining our XYZ (eXtra Years with Zest) Organizational Team to help plan and lead this wonderful ministry. XYZ is geared towards our “retired” members and community, but it is not limited to that group. The group meets ca. 6 times a year for a catered lunch, fellowship, and an engaging presentation by a local guest speaker. We would **welcome your help** with planning the continuation of this outreach ministry. Please reach out to Melissa Bostaph, Parish Assistant, if you would like to get involved or have questions: melissabostaph@ruthfred.org. Or, sign up on one of the goldenrod sheets—on Melissa’s office door or just outside the sanctuary doors across from the elevator.

“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!

Picnic Thank You: Many thanks to everyone who helped with the Church Picnic last weekend! Many hands did, indeed, make light work. We were able to enjoy a beautiful day of fellowship with fantastic food, fun games, and wonderful worship from our Praise Team. We hope that everyone had a good time and enjoyed spending an afternoon with fellow members and visitors alike. — The Picnic Planning Committee

Compassion Sunday will be observed on September 4th. 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 sponsorship will be available at the table. Please take a few minutes to explore this opportunity and consider becoming a sponsor.

Summer Reading Program for Kids: The 2022 Concordia “CPH Reads” summer reading program is coming to its conclusion. Please turn in your tracking cards to the designated blue bag in the Fellowship Hall by September 4th. The prizes and grand prize will be given out during the Family Sunday School Rally Day on September 11th. Please see Peggy Glasser for further information or if you have questions.

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

Announcements (cont'd)

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!!

Wednesday morning Journey Through the Word: It's that time of the year when our hearts return to Fall Bible study! Wednesday morning Journey Through the Word (JTTW) will resume on September 14th. 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.

Kids' Time Volunteers Needed: Do you enjoy games and teaching kids about the Word of God? If so, we need you for **Wednesday night Kids' Time** starting September 14 to help spread the love of Jesus. For more information, or to sign up, please contact Lauren Compel or Denise Stutzman at: vbs_laurencompel@yahoo.com or denisestutzman@ruthfred.org. Thank you!

Employment Opportunity at Ruthfred:

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

Adult Sunday School Class Today In Large Classroom

Today we are hosting a speaker from the Light of Life Rescue Mission.

Looking ahead for Adult Sunday School:

Sunday, September 4th: Compassion International

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## **Summer Sunday School for Kids**

Miss Bunny (Barger) and Miss Susan (Wholey) will continue their wonderful Sunday School class for 4- & 5-year-olds through the summer. Jason Weighley & Friends will offer a special Sunday School series for kids ages 6—5<sup>th</sup> grade featuring the Torchlighters' animated films about heroes of the Faith. Students in grade 6 and up will attend 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 at the Church.

## TNT (9-12 Grade)

TNT will meet on Tuesday, August 30<sup>th</sup>, at Ruthfred, 7—9 p.m.

### **Questions/concerns?**

**Contact: Any member of the Youth Committee** (Pete & Jill Huwe; Eric & Kris Wente; 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 (8/28)

8:30 a.m.—Worship Service

9:45 a.m.—Sunday School

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

## Tuesday (8/30)

7:00 p.m.—Worship Team

## Friday (9/2)

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

## Sunday (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

"Sing aloud to God our strength; shout for joy to the God of Jacob!" (Psalm 81:1) Welcome to this opportunity to praise God.

Attendance for Last Week:

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8:30 Live Stream...44

## 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.

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Email:  
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- ☐ 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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