

# Welcome to Ruthfred Lutheran Church!

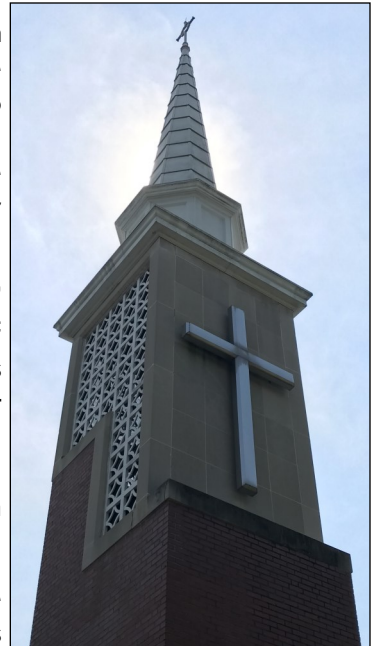
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**We are delighted to have you with us this morning as we gather to worship the Lord Jesus Christ.**

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 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 Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost, October 23, 2022

## Prelude:

### **"Faith of Our Fathers"**

(arr. J. Barr)

### **"Be Thou My Vision"**

(arr. W. Gudge)

## The Opening Hymn:

### **"Faith of Our Fathers"**

(SBH #516)

(Please stand as we join  
our hearts in song)

1. Faith of our fa - thers! liv - ing still In spite of  
2. Our fa - thers, chained in pris - ons dark, Were still in

dun - geon, fire, and sword; O how our hearts beat high with joy  
heart and con - science free, And blest would be their chil-dren's fate,

*Refrain*  
When - e'er we hear that glo - rious word: Faith of our  
If they, like them, should die for thee: Faith of our

fa - thers, ho - ly faith, We will be true to thee till death.  
fa - thers, ho - ly faith, We will be true to thee till death.

3 Faith of our fathers! we will love  
Both friend and foe in all our strife;  
And preach thee, too, as love knows how,  
By kindly words and virtuous life:

*Frederick William Faber, 1814-63*

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 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 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).

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

"Kyrie" is Latin for *Lord*, which is the first word of the prayer. Distinct from the confession of sin, it is a prayer for God to grant His mercy in every aspect of our lives and to supply us with all our needs, personally, corporately and for the whole world.

### **The Absolution:**

P: The Almighty and merciful God grant unto you, being penitent, pardon and remission of all your sins, time for amendment of life, and the grace and comfort of His Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen**

### **The Introit** (Read Responsively; Please stand)

P: Say unto my soul:

**C: I am Your salvation.**

P: The righteous cry, and the Lord hears, and delivers them out of all their troubles:

**C: For this God is our God for ever and ever.**

P: Give ear, O My people, to My law:

**C: Incline your ears to the words of My mouth.**

(Psalms 34:17; 35:3; 48:14; 78:1)

### **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.**

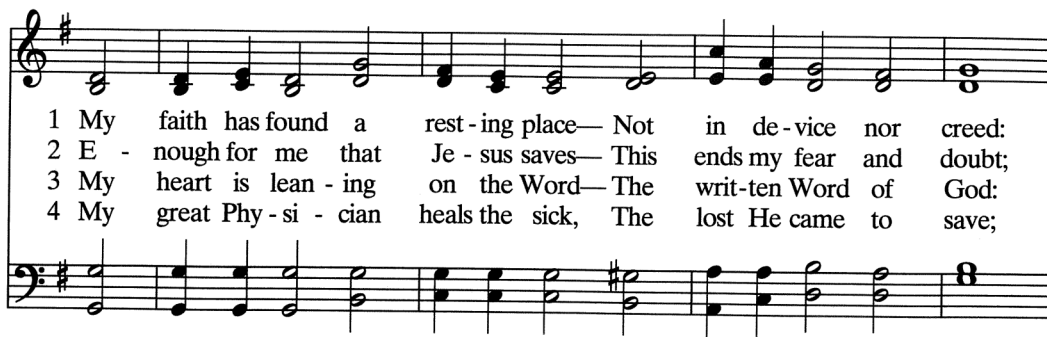
P: Christ, have mercy upon us.

**C: Christ, have mercy upon us.**

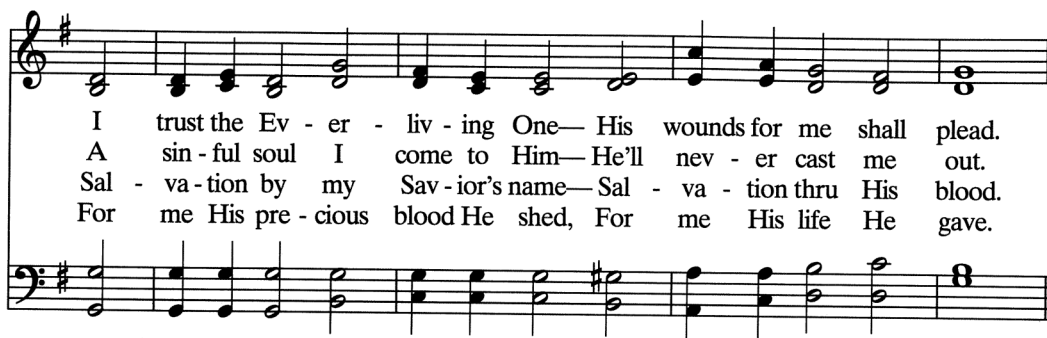
P: Lord, have mercy upon us.

**C: Lord, have mercy upon us.**

**The Hymn of Praise: "My Faith Has Found a Resting Place" (AMB #565)**

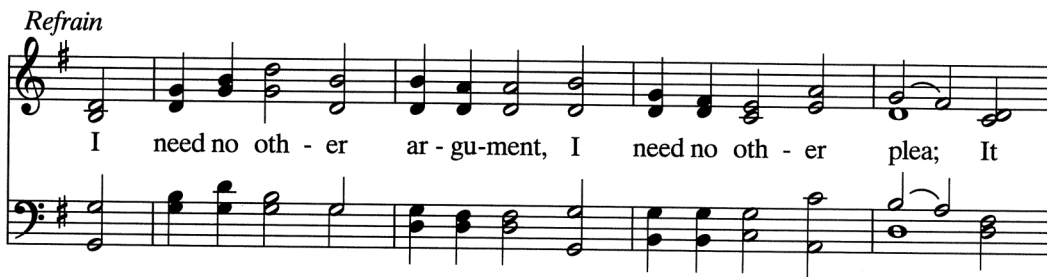


1 My faith has found a rest-ing place— Not in de-vice nor creed:  
 2 E - nough for me that Je - sus saves— This ends my fear and doubt;  
 3 My heart is lean - ing on the Word— The writ-ten Word of God:  
 4 My great Phy - si - cian heals the sick, The lost He came to save;

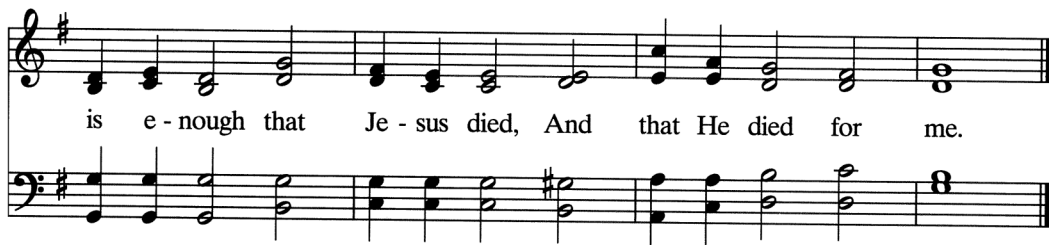


I trust the Ev - er - liv - ing One— His wounds for me shall plead.  
 A sin - ful soul I come to Him— He'll nev - er cast me out.  
 Sal - va - tion by my Sav - ior's name— Sal - va - tion thru His blood.  
 For me His pre - cious blood He shed, For me His life He gave.

*Refrain*



I need no oth - er ar - gu - ment, I need no oth - er plea; It



is e - nough that Je - sus died, And that He died for me.

Text: Eliza E. Hewitt, 1851–1920  
 Tune: Norwegian melody

NO OTHER PLEA  
 CM w/refrain

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: O Almighty and most merciful God, of Your bountiful goodness keep us, we beseech You, from all things that may hurt us; that we, being ready, both in body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish those things that You would have done; 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: Genesis 4:1-10** (NASB)

<sup>1</sup> Now the man had relations with his wife Eve, and she conceived and gave birth to Cain, and she said, “I have gotten a manchild with *the help of the LORD*.” <sup>2</sup> Again, she gave birth to his brother Abel. And Abel was a keeper of flocks, but Cain was a tiller of the ground. <sup>3</sup> So it came about in the course of time that Cain brought an offering to the LORD of the fruit of the ground. <sup>4</sup> Abel, on his part also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of their fat portions. And the LORD had regard for Abel and for his offering; <sup>5</sup> but for Cain and for his offering He had no regard. So Cain became very angry and his countenance fell. <sup>6</sup> Then the LORD said to Cain, “Why are you angry? And why has your countenance fallen? <sup>7</sup> If you do well, will not *your countenance* be lifted up? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door; and its desire is for you, but you must master it.” <sup>8</sup> Cain told Abel his brother. And it came about when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother and killed him. <sup>9</sup> Then the LORD said to Cain, “Where is Abel your brother?” And he said, “I do not know. Am I my brother’s keeper?” <sup>10</sup> He said, “What have you done? The voice of your brother’s blood is crying to Me from the ground.”

**The Psalm: Psalm 5:8-12** (NASB)

P: O LORD, lead me in Your righteousness because of my foes; make Your way straight before me.

**C: There is nothing reliable in what they say; their inward part is destruction itself.**

P: Their throat is an open grave; they flatter with their tongue.

**C: Hold them guilty, O God; by their own devices let them fall!**

P: In the multitude of their transgressions thrust them out, for they are rebellious against You.

**C: But let all who take refuge in You be glad, let them ever sing for joy;**

P: And may You shelter them, that those who love Your name may exult in You.

**C: For it is You who blesses the righteous man, O Lord, You surround him with favor as with a shield.**

**The Epistle Lesson: 2 Timothy 4:6-22** (NASB)

<sup>6</sup> For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. <sup>7</sup> I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith; <sup>8</sup> in the future there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day; and not only to me, but also to all who have loved His appearing. <sup>9</sup> Make every effort to come to me soon; <sup>10</sup> for Demas, having loved this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica; Crescens *has gone* to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia. <sup>11</sup> Only Luke is with me. Pick up Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful to me for service. <sup>12</sup> But Tychicus I have sent to Ephesus. <sup>13</sup> When you come bring the cloak which I left at Troas with Carpus, and the books, especially the parchments. <sup>14</sup> Alexander the coppersmith did me much harm; the Lord will repay him according to his deeds. <sup>15</sup> Be on guard against him yourself, for he vigorously opposed our teaching. <sup>16</sup> At my first defense no one supported me, but all deserted me; may it not be counted against them. <sup>17</sup> But the Lord stood with me and strengthened me, so that through me the proclamation might be fully accomplished, and that all the Gentiles might hear; and I was rescued out of the lion's mouth. <sup>18</sup> The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed, and will bring me safely to His heavenly kingdom; to Him *be* the glory forever and ever. Amen. <sup>19</sup> Greet Prisca and Aquila, and the household of Onesiphorus. <sup>20</sup> Erastus remained at Corinth, but Trophimus I left sick at Miletus. <sup>21</sup> Make every effort to come before winter. Eubulus greets you, also Pudens and Linus and Claudia and all the brethren. <sup>22</sup> The Lord be with your spirit. Grace be with you.



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:**

Let my prayer be set forth before You as incense, and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice. Alleluia, alleluia. The right hand of the Lord is exalted; the right hand of the Lord does valiantly. Alleluia.

(Psalm 141:2; 118:16)

### **The Alleluia** (Sung in Unison)

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

### **The Holy Gospel Lesson: Luke 18:9-17** (NASB)

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

<sup>9</sup> And He also told this parable to some people who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and viewed others with contempt: <sup>10</sup> “Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. <sup>11</sup> The Pharisee stood and was praying this to himself: ‘God, I thank You that I am not like other people: swindlers, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. <sup>12</sup> I fast twice a week; I pay tithes of all that I get.’ <sup>13</sup> But the tax collector, standing some distance away, was even unwilling to lift up his eyes to heaven, but was beating his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, the sinner!’ <sup>14</sup> I tell you, this man went to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted.” <sup>15</sup> And they were bringing even their babies to Him so that He would touch them, but when the disciples saw it, they *began* rebuking them. <sup>16</sup> But Jesus called for them, saying, “Permit the children to come to Me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. <sup>17</sup> Truly I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it *at all*.”

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

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 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 Anthem**

8:30: Senior Choir—*"Great Is Our God"* (Courtney)

Shout with joy, all the earth. Make a joyful noise, all ye lands.  
Sing forth the glory of His name for great is our God!  
Behold the works of the Lord; His deeds on our behalf.  
Let the sound of His praise be heard abroad for great is our God!  
He has preserved our lives. He has kept our feet on dry ground.  
Let us rejoice in Him for great is our God!  
He has tested us, He has refined us as silver,  
for great is His love, rejoice in our God.  
To God be the glory, great things He hath done!  
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,  
who yielded His life an atonement for sin,  
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.  
Praise the Lord, let the earth hear His voice!  
Praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son,  
and give Him the glory, great things He hath done!  
O praise Him, O praise the Lord!

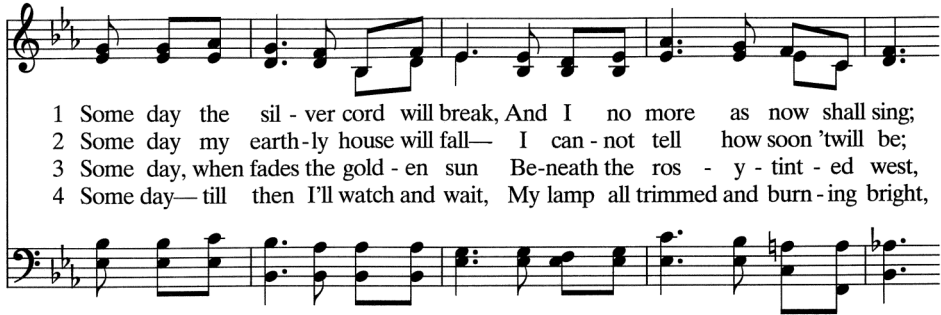
### **The Special Music**

11:00: George Barrett, trumpet—*A Hymn Trilogy*

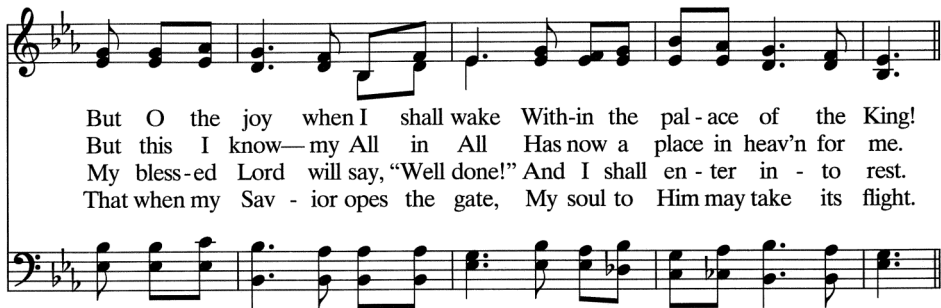
### **The Announcements**

### **The Children's Object Lesson**

**The Sermon Hymn: "Saved by Grace"** (AMB #626)

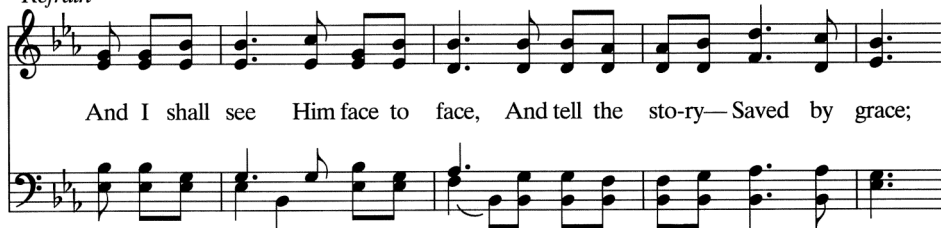


1 Some day the sil - ver cord will break, And I no more as now shall sing;  
2 Some day my earth - ly house will fall— I can - not tell how soon 'twill be;  
3 Some day, when fades the gold - en sun Be - neath the ros - y - tint - ed west,  
4 Some day— till then I'll watch and wait, My lamp all trimmed and burn - ing bright,

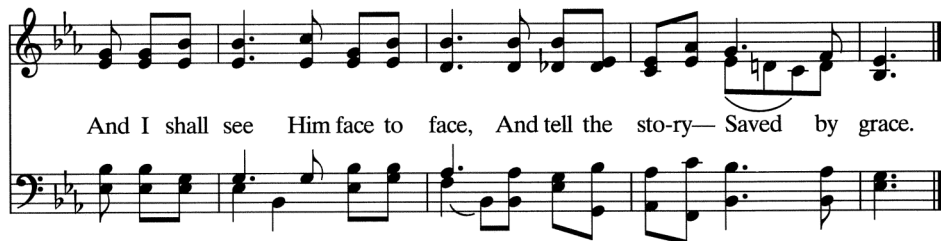


But O the joy when I shall wake With - in the pal - ace of the King!  
But this I know—my All in All Has now a place in heav'n for me.  
My bless - ed Lord will say, "Well done!" And I shall en - ter in - to rest.  
That when my Sav - ior opes the gate, My soul to Him may take its flight.

*Refrain*



And I shall see Him face to face, And tell the sto - ry— Saved by grace;



And I shall see Him face to face, And tell the sto - ry— Saved by grace.

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915  
Tune: George C. Stebbins, 1846–1945; arr. Norman Johnson, b. 1928

SAVED BY GRACE  
LM w/refrain

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:** "Finishing Strong!" | 2 Timothy 4:6-18

**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:

### **"I Know of a Sleep in Jesus' Name"**

(AMB #604)

## The Silent Prayer & Chimes

## The Postlude:

### **"Variations on Melita"**

(A. Lovelace)

1 I know of a sleep in Je - sus' name, A rest from all toil and  
2 I know of a peace - ful ev - en - tide; And when I am faint and  
3 I know of a morn - ing bright and fair, When tid - ings of joy shall  
4 Now o - pens the Fa - ther's house a - bove, The names of the blest are  
5 O Je - sus, draw near my dy - ing bed, And take me in - to Thy

sor - row; Earth folds in her arms my wea - ry frame, And  
wea - ry, At times with the jour - ney sore - ly tried, Through  
wake us, When songs from on high shall fill the air, And  
giv - en: Lord, gath - er us there; let none we love Be  
keep - ing, And say when my spir - it hence is fled: "This

shel - ters it till the mor - row; My soul is at home with  
hours that are long and drear - y; Then oft - en I yearn to  
God to His glo - ry take us, When Je - sus shall bid us  
missed in the joys of heav - en. Vouch - safe Thou us all a  
child is not dead, but sleep - ing." And leave me not, Sav - ior,

God in heav'n, Her sor - rows are past and o - ver.  
lay me down, And sink in - to bliss - ful slum - ber.  
rise from sleep— How joyous that hour of a - wak - ing!  
place with Thee; We ask through our dear Re - deem - er.  
till I rise, To praise Thee in life e - ter - nal.

Text: Magnus Brostrup Landstad, 1802–1880; tr. Karl A. Kasberg, 1861–1924; Oluf H. Smeby, 1851–1929;  
and Carl Doving, 1867–1937  
Tune: Christopher E. F. Weyse, 1774–1842

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# Announcements

**The altar flowers** are presented by Chris and Marcia Clark in celebration of their wedding anniversary. Hallelujah! God has blessed our marriage for 53 years.

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

**Substitute Organist:** Please welcome Essi Efthimiou as our long-term substitute organist during Fred's absence. Thank you, Essi!

**Known to be hospitalized:** Joe Cawley—Canonsburg Hospital. Fred Schell (broken ribs)—Presbyterian Hospital. (Fred's home address is: 103 South Grandview Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15205.) Please keep them in your prayers and support them with cards.

**Prayers for Recovery and Healing:** Ken Ebel is back home at Paramount. Nancy Halboth is back home at Overlook Green. Larry Sheatsley has moved to Concordia. Joan Reagan (knee replacement) is home recovering. Judy Bender is at home recovering after fracturing an ankle. Lundy Castro (Jen Carlson's dad) is battling Stage 4 Metastatic Melanoma. His mailing address is: 49196 N. Grosse Pointe Shores Rd., Hancock, MI 49930. Please keep them in your prayers, as well as all those members of the Ruthfred family who are facing health or other challenges.

**A sincere thank you** to the pastors and congregation for the visits, prayers, and cards for our father, Larry Sheatsley, while he was recovering in the nursing home. God Bless! **Mark and Edda Sheatsley**

**Pastor Carlson, Pastor McMinn, and their families** would like to thank the members of Ruthfred Lutheran Church for all of their kind cards, notes, and generous gifts to them and to their families for Pastor Appreciation Month! You've been so kind, and we are grateful to God for you, and for the Lord's Call to come here and serve as your pastors.

**Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Collection:** It's hard to believe that it's time to be thinking of Christmas gifts, but Samaritan's Purse, run by Franklin Graham, will begin collecting filled shoeboxes and shipping them to children in need all over the world, including Native Americans living on reservations, before Thanksgiving. These shoebox gifts are filled with fun toys, school supplies and hygiene items and for many of these children, this shoebox gift is the only gift that they will receive.

Please take a shoebox from the "Operation Christmas Child" table on the Sanctuary level, by the elevators. Inside each shoebox will be "How to Pack a Shoebox" instructions, along with the Boy/Girl label that you will attach to the lid of your shoebox. Gift ideas are available on the display table. Fill a box and return it to the Fireside Lounge no later than noon on Sunday November 20th. The shipping fee has increased to \$10 this year, which can be paid online at [www.samaritanspurse.org/occ](http://www.samaritanspurse.org/occ) or enclose your check inside the enclosed envelope and make it payable to "Samaritan's Purse" and write "Operation Christmas Child" in the memo section.

**NOTE: SHOEBOXES CANNOT BE ACCEPTED AFTER SUNDAY NOVEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup> BECAUSE THEY MUST BE DELIVERED THE NEXT DAY.** Please contact Carol Ward with any questions at (412) 559-2592 or [wardmailbox1@gmail.com](mailto:wardmailbox1@gmail.com). Thank you!

# Announcements (cont'd)

**XYZers:** The next meeting is Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup>. Featured speaker will be Karen Cahall, a retired Education Coordinator, Pittsburgh History & Landmarks Foundation. In March, Karen led “An Armchair Walking Tour of the Strip District.” This time, she will guide us through the Washington Road business district in Mt. Lebanon—the first “automobile suburb” of Pittsburgh. Peggy Cox will provide a delicious lunch. The sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board outside the Library. Please join us!

**Light of Life Collection:** After hearing the Light of Life Rescue Mission presentation in Sunday School, we are going to follow up with a collection of items for hygiene kits and care bags. From now until October 30<sup>th</sup>, please place your donations in the bin in the Fireside Lounge. The following items are needed: travel size deodorant, toothpaste, soap/body wash, shampoo, and hand sanitizer; toothbrushes; lip balm; washcloths; combs; band-aids in assorted sizes; and full size shaving cream for men and women. Thank you for your help and support of this ministry. Please contact Jill Kurtz with any questions.

**Congratulations to Josh Libell:** Josh graduated from basic training on October 10<sup>th</sup> and is now stationed in South Carolina. His mailing address is: FN Libell, Joshua J., Class 2305-A, 101 NNPTC Circle, Goose Creek, SC 29445.

**Evening Journey Through the Word:** We started up last week, but it is not too late to join. Please come on Wednesday evenings at 6:45 as we study Dr. David Jeremiah’s The Book of Signs. Each lesson stands alone, and we have plenty of books. We hope you can also join us beforehand, at 6:00 p.m., for fellowship during our Forkless Dinners. Further information, and registration, is available on the church website at [www.ruthfred.org](http://www.ruthfred.org) under the “Grow and Learn” tab.

**Light of Life Thanksgiving Food Boxes:** This year Light of Life plans to distribute 2,000 boxes of food to families in the Northside area. Each box will contain a Thanksgiving dinner for 4, including a turkey and a pie. We are going to help them this year by collecting **6-ounce boxes of turkey stuffing**. We have committed to collecting 150 boxes. Please place your contributions in the marked bin outside the kitchen in the Fellowship Hall. Items need to be brought in no later than **November 9**. They will be delivered November 10. Thank you for supporting this project! Contact Jill Kurtz with any questions.

**Craft and Sew Sewers Only:** We will be meeting October 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Parents of preschoolers through 5th graders:** On October 30<sup>th</sup>, please plan to attend a special Reformation Sunday Family Sunday School with your children. Highlights include the presentation of Bibles to all 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders, and a chance to meet Martin Luther and hear his story! Also enjoy fun activities, fellowship and light refreshments (NOT a full breakfast). Don't miss it!

**Life Team:** On Tuesday, October 25<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. there will be an introductory meeting for those seeking more information and to potentially become involved with the Life Team now forming in connection with the Lutherans for Life national organization. The meeting will take place in the large Sunday School room. In the September **Herald** (still available for review on the [Ruthfred.org](http://Ruthfred.org) website) there was an article providing information about some of the focus areas of a Life Team.





We will be offering a new member class soon. If you, or someone you know, is interested, please let Melissa Bostaph, our Parish Assistant, know. Email: [melissabostaph@ruthfred.org](mailto:melissabostaph@ruthfred.org)

**Lutherans for Life Quote:** ‘Respect for God’s chain of authority holds true with the police, legislators, governors, presidents, and judges who have been placed over me. Some I may have chosen willingly, while others I may have voted against or had no say in. Still, we believe God has given them their authority. I may feel a responsibility to oppose their plans or how they perceive and execute justice, but even then, I owe them respect and honor.’ — *Pastor Dan Guagenti, Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Shelbyville, KY*

		Expenses Compared to Receipts			
<b>RECEIPTS AND EXPENSES OF BUDGETED FUNDS</b>				<b>Less:</b>	
		<b>Member</b>	<b>Transfers</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Surplus/</b>
		<b>Donations</b>	<b>Other</b>	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>(Shortfall)</b>
<b>Year to Date September 30, 2022</b>					
	Current	638,765*	(44,000)	614,558	(19,793)
	Building	26,077		42,064	(15,987)
	Benevolence	123,048	44,000	147,305	19,743
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>787,890</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>803,927</b>	<b>(16,037)</b>

\*Includes special gift from Birmingham UCC—see article in March Herald newsletter

## **Adult Sunday School Class In Large Classroom**

Pastor Carlson is 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!



## **YOUTH NEWS**

### **SWAP (6-8 Grade)**

There is **NO SWAP** tonight for the middle school students!

**All 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students:** Registration for the AFLC Free Lutheran Youth ( FLY) Convention, slated to be July 3-8, 2023, at the YMCA in Estes Park, Colorado, opened on October 20<sup>th</sup>. This biennial convention brings approximately 2,000 AFLC youth from across the nation together for an unparalleled opportunity for spiritual, emotional, and relational growth! The theme will be "Restored," based on **Rev. 21:5-7**. Contact Jill Huwe or Kris Wentz for more information. You can review information at <https://www.flyconvention.org>. An informational letter has been sent to your homes!

### **TNT (9-12 Grade)**

TNT will meet at Ruthfred on October 25<sup>th</sup>, 7-9 p.m.

### **Questions/concerns?**

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

## This Week At Ruthfred

**Today ( 10/23) St. James of Jerusalem, Martyr**

8:30 a.m.—Worship Service

9:45 a.m.—Sunday School

11:00 a.m.—Worship Service

6:30 p.m.—GIFT Bible Study (Sauls' house)

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

**Monday, (10/24)**

9:30 a.m.—JTTW Leaders

9:30 a.m.—Craft and Sew (SEWERS ONLY)

## Tuesday (10/25)

7:00 p.m.—Worship Team

7:00 p.m.—Lutherans for Life (large Sunday School room)

### Wednesday (10/26)

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

5:45 p.m.—Children's Choir

6:00 p.m.—Forkless Dinner (All welcome, but please pre-register)

6:30 p.m.—Bell Choir

6:45 p.m.—Confirmation; Evening JTTW; Kids' Time

7:30 p.m.—Senior Choir

### Thursday (10/27)

10:00 a.m.—Knit Wits

### Friday (10/28) St. Simon & St. Jude

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

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## Herald Deadline

## Sunday (10/30) Reformation Sunday

8:30 a.m.—Worship Service

9:45 a.m.—Sunday School with special Family  
Sunday School

11:00 a.m.—Worship Service

Lifted by the hand of Jesus, wrapped in divine love and empowered by the Holy Spirit, let us worship!

**Attendance for Last Week:**

Church...255 Sunday School...96

8:30 Live Stream...47

JTTW (morning)...47

JTTW (evening)...63


Kids' Time...25

## 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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