



*We
have come
to worship Him*

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.

Contemporary Liturgical Worship Service

Saturday, January 16, 2021—5:00 p.m.

PRELUDE

Turn Turn Turn (The Byrds)

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**Song: Graves into Gardens** (Elevation Worship)

I searched the world  
But it couldn't fill me  
Man's empty praise  
And treasures that fade  
Are never enough  
Then You came along  
And put me back together  
And every desire  
Is now satisfied  
Here in Your love

[CHORUS] Oh, there's nothing better than You  
There's nothing better than You  
Lord, there's nothing  
Nothing is better than You

I'm not afraid  
To show You my weakness  
My failures and flaws  
Lord, You've seen them all  
And You still call me friend

'Cause the God of the mountain  
Is the God of the valley  
There's not a place  
Your mercy and grace  
Won't find me again

[CHORUS 2X]

[2X] You turn mourning to dancing  
You give beauty for ashes  
You turn shame into glory  
You're the only one who can  
You turn graves into gardens  
You turn bones into armies  
You turn seas into highways  
You're the only one who can  
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## **The Call to Worship / Opening Prayer**

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

**Congregation (C): Amen**

**Song: Beautiful Name** (Hillsong Worship)

You were the Word at the beginning  
One with God the Lord Most High  
Your hidden glory in creation  
Now revealed in You our Christ

What a beautiful name it is  
What a beautiful name it is  
The name of Jesus Christ my King  
What a beautiful name it is  
Nothing compares to this  
What a beautiful name it is  
The name of Jesus

You didn't want heaven without us  
So Jesus, You brought heaven down  
My sin was great, Your love was greater  
What could separate us now

What a wonderful name it is  
What a wonderful name it is  
The name of Jesus Christ my King  
What a wonderful name it is  
Nothing compares to this  
What a wonderful name it is  
The name of Jesus

[INSTRUMENTAL]

Death could not hold You  
The veil tore before You  
You silenced the boast of sin and grave  
The heavens are roaring  
The praise of Your glory  
For You are raised to life again

You have no rival  
You have no equal  
Now and forever, God You reign  
Yours is the kingdom  
Yours is the glory  
Yours is the name above all names

What a powerful name it is  
What a powerful name it is  
The name of Jesus Christ my King  
What a powerful name it is  
Nothing can stand against  
What a powerful name it is  
The name of Jesus

[2X]What a powerful name it is  
The name of Jesus

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 Confession of Sin (SBH, p. 15)

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

Our help is in the name of the Lord

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

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

**C: And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.** (Psalm 32:5)

P: Let us bow or kneel for the confession of our sin.

Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto thee, that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against thee by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to thine infinite mercy, seeking and imploring thy grace, for the sake of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

(Silent Prayer of Personal Confession)

**Together:**

**O most merciful God, who hast given thine only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us, and for his sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by thy Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of thee and of thy will, and true obedience to thy Word, that by thy grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**The Absolution:**

P: 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**

**Song: One King** (Point of Grace)

Kings of earth on a course unknown  
Bearing gifts from afar  
Hoping, praying  
Following yonder star

Silhouette of a caravan  
Painted against the sky  
Wise men searching  
For the Holy Child

[CHORUS] One king held the frankincense  
One king held the myrrh  
One king held the purest gold  
And one king held the hope of the world

A star hangs over Bethlehem  
A journey ends in the night  
Three kings trembling  
Behold the glorious sight

Heaven's treasure Emmanuel  
Drawing men to bow down  
Tiny baby born to wear a crown

[CHORUS]

God rest ye merry gentlemen  
Let nothing you dismay  
Remember Christ our savior  
Was born on Christmas day  
To save us all from Satan's power  
When we were gone astray  
Oh Tiny Baby born to wear a crown

[CHORUS X2]

The hope of the world  
The hope of the world  
One king held the purest gold  
One king held the hope of the world

**The Collect:**

P: The Lord be with you:

**C: And with thy spirit.**

P: Let us pray: Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and earth. Mercifully hear the prayers of your people, and grant us your peace all the days of our life; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end.

**C: Amen**

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: 1 Samuel 3: 1-21** (NASB)

Now the boy Samuel was attending to the service of the LORD before Eli. And word from the LORD was rare in those days; visions were infrequent. <sup>2</sup> But it happened at that time as Eli was lying down in his place (now his eyesight had begun to be poor *and* he could not see *well*), <sup>3</sup> and the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD where the ark of God *was*, <sup>4</sup> that the LORD called Samuel; and he said, "Here I am." <sup>5</sup> Then he ran to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, go back *and* lie down." So he went and lay down. <sup>6</sup> And the LORD called yet again, "Samuel!" So Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son, go back *and* lie down." <sup>7</sup> Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, nor had the Word of the LORD yet been revealed to him. <sup>8</sup> So the LORD called Samuel again for the third time. And he got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli realized that the LORD was calling the boy. <sup>9</sup> And Eli said to Samuel, "Go lie down, and it shall be if He calls you, that you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for Your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. <sup>10</sup> Then the LORD came and stood, and called as at *the* other times: "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for Your servant is listening." <sup>11</sup> Then the LORD said to Samuel, "Behold, I am going to do a thing in Israel, *and* both ears of everyone who hears *about* it will ring. <sup>12</sup> On that day I will carry out against Eli everything that I have spoken in regard to his house, from beginning to end. <sup>13</sup> For I have told him that I am going to judge his house forever for the wrongdoing that he knew, because his sons were bringing a curse on themselves and he did not rebuke them. <sup>14</sup> Therefore I have sworn to the house of Eli that the wrongdoing of Eli's house shall never be atoned for by sacrifice or offering." <sup>15</sup> So Samuel lay down until morning. Then he opened the doors of the house of the LORD. But Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. <sup>16</sup> Then Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." And he said, "Here I am." <sup>17</sup> He said, "What is the word that He spoke to you? Please do not hide it from me. May God do the same to you, and more so, if you hide a *single* word from me of all the words that He spoke to you!" <sup>18</sup> So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. And he said, "He is the LORD; let Him do what seems good to Him." <sup>19</sup> Now Samuel grew, and the LORD was with him, and He let none of his words fail. <sup>20</sup> And all Israel from Dan even to Beersheba knew that Samuel was confirmed as a prophet of the LORD. <sup>21</sup> And the LORD appeared again at Shiloh, because the LORD revealed Himself to Samuel at Shiloh by the Word of the LORD.

**The Psalm: Psalm 139: 1-10** (NASB)

P: Lord, You have searched me and known *me*.

**C: You know when I sit down and when I get up; You understand my thought from far away.**

P: You scrutinize my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.

**C: Even before there is a word on my tongue, behold, Lord, You know it all.**

P: You have encircled me behind and in front, and placed Your hand upon me.

**C: *Such* knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is *too* high, I cannot comprehend it.**

P: Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence?

**C: If I ascend to heaven, You are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, behold, You are there.**

P: *If* I take up the wings of the dawn, *if* I dwell in the remotest part of the sea,

**C: Even there Your Hand will lead me, and Your right hand will take hold of me.**

**The Epistle Lesson: 1 Corinthians 6: 12-20**(NASB)

All things are permitted for me, but not all things are of benefit. All things are permitted for me, but I will not be mastered by anything. <sup>13</sup> Food is for the stomach and the stomach is for food, however God will do away with both of them. But the body is not for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord is for the body. <sup>14</sup> Now God has not only raised the Lord, but will also raise us up through His power. <sup>15</sup> Do you not know that your bodies are parts of Christ? Shall I then take away the parts of Christ and make them parts of a prostitute? Far from it! <sup>16</sup> Or do you not know that the one who joins himself to a prostitute is one body *with her*? For He says, "THE TWO SHALL BECOME ONE FLESH." <sup>17</sup> But the one who joins himself to the Lord is one spirit *with Him*. <sup>18</sup> Flee sexual immorality. Every other sin that a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body. <sup>19</sup> Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God, and *that* you are not your own? <sup>20</sup> For you have been bought for a price: therefore glorify God in your body.

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:**

He sent his Word and healed them and delivered them from their destructions. O that men would praise the Lord for his goodness and for his wonderful works to the children of men. Alleluia, alleluia. Praise him, all his angels, praise him, all his hosts. Alleluia.

(Psalm 107: 20-21; Psalm 148: 2)

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

**Allelu**, By Tom Leech

Lyrics based on Psalm 148

Al-He-lu, Al-He-lu, Al-He-lu-u-ia Al-He-lu-u-ia, Al-He-lu-u-ia.  
Al-He-lu.

### **The Holy Gospel Lesson: John 1: 43-51** (NASB)

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

The next day He decided to go to Galilee, and He found Philip. And Jesus said to him, "Follow Me." <sup>44</sup> Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. <sup>45</sup> Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found Him of whom Moses wrote in the Law, and the prophets *also wrote*: Jesus the son of Joseph, from Nazareth!" <sup>46</sup> Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good be from Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." <sup>47</sup> Jesus saw Nathanael coming to Him, and said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite, in whom there is no deceit!" <sup>48</sup> Nathanael said to Him, "How do You know me?" Jesus answered and said to him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." <sup>49</sup> Nathanael answered Him, "Rabbi, You are the Son of God; You are the King of Israel!" <sup>50</sup> Jesus answered and said to him, "Because I said to you that I saw you under the fig tree, do you believe? You will see greater things than these." <sup>51</sup> And He said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

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 Announcements**

#### **Song: In Christ Along** (Mercy Me)

In Christ alone my hope is found,  
He is my light, my strength, my song  
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease  
My Comforter, my All in All  
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! - who took on flesh,  
Fullness of God in helpless babe.  
This gift of love and righteousness,  
Scorned by the ones He came to save  
Till on that cross as Jesus died,  
The wrath of God was satisfied  
For every sin on Him was laid  
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,  
Light of the world by darkness slain:  
Then bursting forth in glorious day  
Up from the grave He rose again  
And as He stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,  
For I am His and He is mine  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
This is the power of Christ in me  
From life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny  
No power of hell, no scheme of man,  
Can ever pluck me from His hand  
Till He returns or calls me home  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

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:**

"He Knows You. Do You Know Him?" | Psalm 139: 1-10

### **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 your presence: and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of your salvation: and uphold me with your free Spirit.** (Psalm 51:10-12)

### **The Closing & Silent Prayer**

#### **The Lord's Prayer**

(Based on Anglican Book of Common Prayer, 1662)

(Please bow or kneel in prayer)

**Our Father, Who art in heav'n,  
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 sins,  
As we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation,  
But deliver us from evil:  
For thine is the kingdom,  
And the power, and the glory, forever.**

**Our Father, Who art in heav'n,  
Hallowed be, thy name.**

***Final Amen*  
Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen**

**Song: Yes I Will** (Vertical Worship)

I count on one thing  
The same God that never fails  
Will not fail me now  
You won't fail me now  
In the waiting  
The same God who's never late  
Is working all things out  
You're working all things out

[CHORUS] Yes I will, lift You high in the lowest valley  
Yes I will, bless Your name  
Oh, yes I will, sing for joy when my heart is heavy  
All my days, oh yes I will

[INSTRUMENTAL]

I count on one thing  
The same God that never fails  
Will not fail me now  
You won't fail me now  
In the waiting  
The same God who's never late  
Is working all things out  
Is working all things out

[CHORUS]

For all my days, oh yes, I will

[X4] And I choose to praise  
To glorify, glorify  
The Name of all names  
That nothing can stand against

[CHORUS]

For all my days, oh yes, I will  
For all my days, yes, I will

**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**

**Postlude: Your Grace Finds Me** (Matt Redman)



# Announcements

**The altar flowers** are presented by Ann Albanesi in memory of three beautiful Christian women, Nova Jones, Dorothy Jacox, and Joanne Haberland. They touched my life in so many loving ways!

**Known to be hospitalized:** Sheran Allsopp—Genesis Health Care; Jack Moore is home on hospice care.

**Nursery Today:** 8:30—Greta Kelly; 11:00—Claudia Patalong.

**Annual Congregational Meeting:** Your attendance is requested at the Annual Congregational Meeting to be held immediately following the 8:30 and 11:00 worship services TODAY, Sunday, January 17, 2021. The agenda includes the presentation of 2020 financial reports and the election of members of Church Council.

**BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN:** This year's campaign will begin 1/24 and end on 2/14. It will be different from years past. Please check the bulletin in the coming weeks for additional details.

**HAPPY 90<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY TO ELSE RESOSKY** on Sunday, January 24, 2021. Please remember Else with birthday wishes and prayers.

**Our congregation thanks** the Paul L. Henney Memorial Chapel, Inc. for the 2021 calendars. Don't forget to pick one up.

**ATTENTION XYZ PARTICIPANTS:** Due to the new strain of Covid 19 that is even more contagious than the original we are canceling XYZ for the January meeting and will shoot to restart in February. We don't want to do this, but do feel it is the best thing to do under the circumstances. Watch for more information in upcoming weeks.

**Congratulations to Cassie (Pfeuffer) and Marcus Bollman** upon the birth of their son Marcus born on Monday, December 14, 2020. Congrats also to grandparents Rick and Mary Ann and to Pat Drew for becoming a *first-time great grandmother!*

**Pastor's Fund:** Given by Bob and Gladys Reith in memory of Dorothy Jacox.

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**Pastor's Fund:** Given by a friend in Christ in memory of Dorothy Jacox and Dave Gura.

**Current Fund:** Given by Ron & Debbie Grimm in memory of Ollie 'Herb' Weifenbach.

# YOUTH NEWS

## SWAP (6-8 Grade)

There Is **SWAP** tonight! 6-7:30pm at the Church

## TNT (9-12 Grade)

TNT will be at the Church on Tuesday night 7-9pm

## TNT Snow Tubing (9-12 Grade)

January 23<sup>rd</sup> the TNT kids will be going snow tubing at Seven Springs. We will be leaving church at 9am and returning at 2pm. Kids need to hand in a tubing release form (See Brandon) and \$35 by **Tuesday January 12<sup>th</sup>** to attend.

## FLY Convention 2021 (8-12 Grade)

Registration for the 2021 FLY Convention in Estes Park (July 5-10) is open. If you would like to attend visit <https://www.flyconvention.org> to register, the best rate ends in January, so be quick. Feel free to contact Brandon with questions

## FLY Registration Event (8-12 Grade)

If you would like to register for FLY but you require some assistance, simply come to the church January 22<sup>nd</sup> between 6-9pm and we will walk you through the registration process. In the meantime, contact Brandon with any questions.

### **SAVE THE DATE**

**January 22 – FLY Registration Event**

**January 23 – TNT Snow Tubing**

**July 5-10 – 2021 FLY Convention**

Questions/concerns?

Contact Brandon Fouks : [Fouksanator@gmail.com](mailto:Fouksanator@gmail.com)

(c) (715)-781-6063

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Adult SS Class Today In Large Classroom

Pastor Carlson continues his adult Sunday School series going through the Gospel of Mark. We will listen to Mark tell the story of Jesus to first-century Christians as he explains who Jesus is, and what it is like to follow Jesus. We will also look to see how the form and format which Mark uses is so important in articulating Jesus' message. This will be a great study to be a part of for those who have never read the Gospel of Mark, as well as for those who have studied it for a long time. It will be a wonderful learning experience together!

Today in the Upper Room

Better Decisions—Fewer Regrets— As our New Year will be filled with decisions—all of which can determine the direction and quality of our lives, please join us for our kick off series *Better Decisions, Fewer Regrets*, an Andy Stanley DVD Bible study. During the five week study, Andy Stanley will explore five key questions about honesty, storytelling, tension, wisdom, and love—all key reflections to focus on as we make our decisions. All are welcome to join us for this 5 week series.

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**Thank You:** Dear Ruthfred family, Thank you for the many greeting cards you sent to us at Thanksgiving and Christmas and the notes included. We appreciate your thoughtfulness in remembering us and we keep our Ruthfred family in our prayers. We love the live streaming of the services and all the up-dates of events. It is also wonderful to receive the Herald on line.

God bless all of you in the new year and stay well!!! ***Virginia and Chuck DiSalvo***

## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Today, Sunday, January 17, 2021, the Annual Congregational Meeting will be held immediately following the 8:30 and 11:00 worship services. The agenda includes the presentation of 2020 financial reports and the election of members to Church Council. The members who have agreed to be put on the ballot as nominees are detailed below.

Financial Secretary: Rich Kleiser

Secretary: Kris Wente

Sunday School Superintendent: Shane Cox

Treasurer: Bill Ward

Trustees: \*Tom Eld

(elect 2) Josh Cox

Jeff Worrall

Neil Wagner

8:30 Deacons: \*Frank Fife

(elect 2) Chris Clark

11:00 Deacons: Sam Garloff

Elders: \*Don Roose

(elect 3) \*Will Charlton

Mark Riley

Eric Wente

\* Indicates Incubent

2021 Nominating Committee Members: Gary Fischer, Chuck Morrison, Peggy Cox, Kris Wente, Monica Gesk, Josh Libell.

Ex Officio: Pastor Carlson and Patricia Lutz

# Congregational Report For 2020

*Pastor Steven P. Carlson*

*Pastor Bryce C. McMinn*

|                   |       |
|-------------------|-------|
| Baptized Members  | 1,064 |
| Communing Members | 906   |

## Gains in Communing Membership:

|                                                             |          |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Confirmation of Children                                    | 10       |
| Adults Received (confirmation or affirmation of faith)      | 4        |
| Adults Received (letter of transfer from Lutheran churches) | 1        |
| Return to Active Status                                     | <u>1</u> |
| Total                                                       | 16       |

## Losses in Communing Membership:

|                                |          |
|--------------------------------|----------|
| By Death                       | 10       |
| Removed from church membership | 1        |
| Transferred to Other Churches  | <u>1</u> |
| Total                          | 12       |

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|-------------------------------------------------|-----|
| Average Attendance—Church 1/1-3/8/20            | 341 |
| Average Attendance—Church 6/7-12/27/20          | 196 |
| Average Live Stream—Church 11/15-12/27/20       | 82  |
| Thanksgiving Day—Church..120 Live Stream..81    |     |
| Christmas Eve—Church..347 7:00 Live Stream 143  |     |
| Christmas Day—Church..37                        |     |
| Average Attendance—Sunday School 1/1-3/8/20     | 114 |
| Average Attendance—Sunday School 11/15-12/27/20 | 67  |

## Official Acts:

|                                                                     |    |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|----|
| Baptisms                                                            | 8  |
| Weddings                                                            | 2  |
| Funerals (includes 10 members)                                      | 16 |
| Confirmation of Children & Adults                                   | 15 |
| (Children have a 2 year program and adults have a 10-week program.) |    |

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| Pastor Carlson's Calls, Visits, Counseling Sessions – 2020      | 1,056 |
| Pastor McMinn's Calls, Visits, Counseling Sessions – 2020       | 385   |
| Vicar Brian Westerbur Calls, Visits, Counseling Sessions – 2020 | 118   |



## 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:

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Name:

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Children:

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Address:

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Phone (indicate home, cell, etc.)

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Email:

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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

## Ruthfred Staff

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