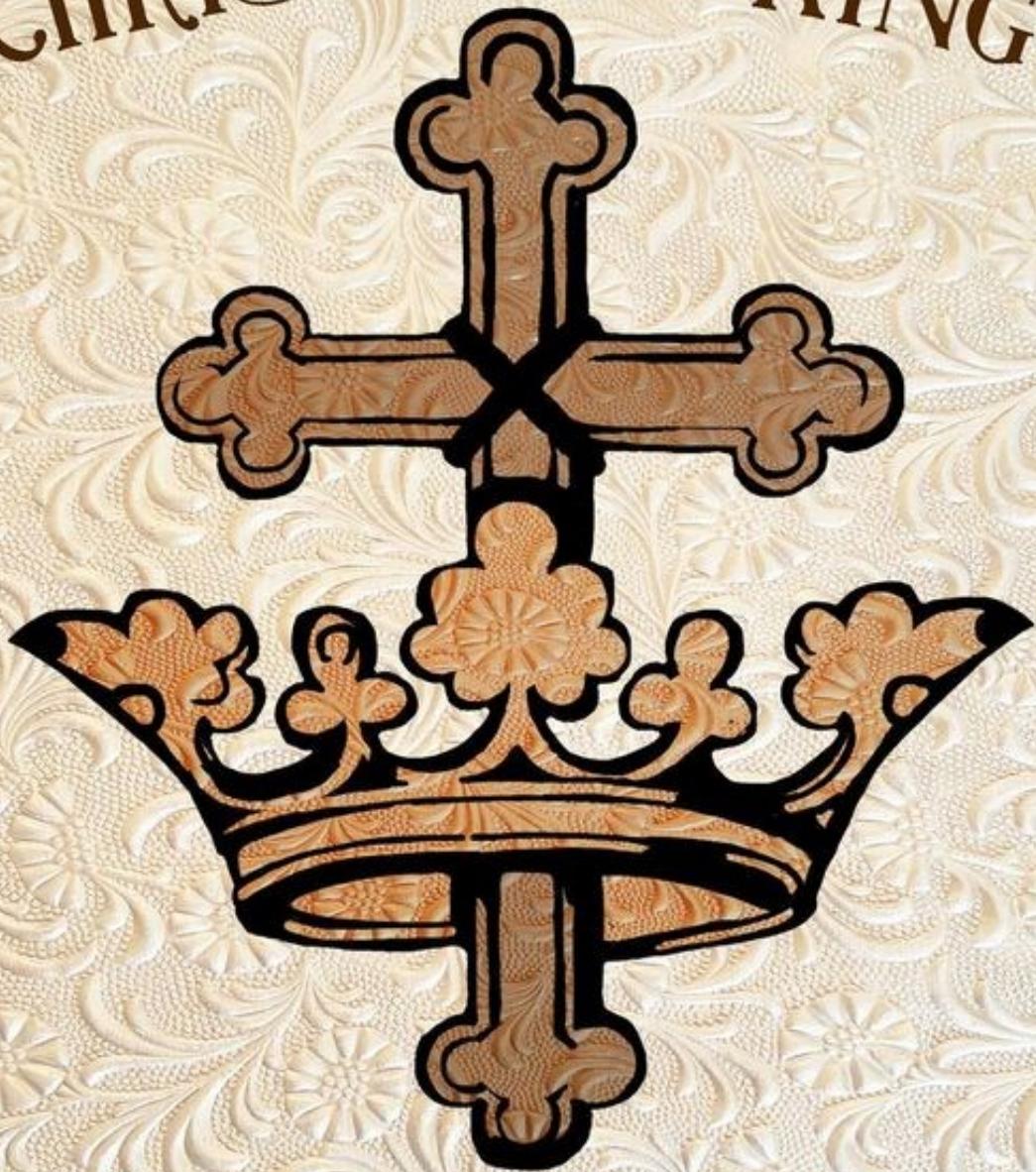


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RUTHFRED LUTHERAN CHURCH

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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 evening 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 on the back cover of this bulletin, and place it in the offering basket.

About Us:

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



Our cover is a paper cut or *schere schnitte* 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, November 20, 2021—5:00 p.m.

Christ the King and Thanksgiving

PRELUDE

This is Amazing Grace (Phil Wickham)

Way Maker (Osinachi Kalu Okoro Egbu)

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**Pastor (P): All rise.**

**Song: Blessed Be Your Name** (Beth & Matt Redman; CCLI Song # 3798438)

### **Verse 1**

**Blessed be Your Name in the land that is plentiful  
Where Your streams of abundance flow, blessed be Your Name  
Blessed be Your Name when I'm found in the desert place  
When I walk through the wilderness, blessed be Your Name  
Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll Turn back to praise  
When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say**

### **Chorus**

**Blessed be the Name of the Lord, blessed be Your Name  
Blessed be the Name of the Lord, blessed be Your glorious Name**

### **Verse 2**

**Blessed be Your Name when the sun's shining down on me  
When the world's all as it should be, blessed be Your Name  
Blessed be Your Name on the road marked with suffering  
Though there's pain in the offering, blessed be Your Name  
Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll Turn back to praise  
When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say**

### **Chorus**

**Blessed be the Name of the Lord, blessed be Your Name  
Blessed be the Name of the Lord, blessed be Your glorious Name**

### **Bridge (2X)**

**You give and take away, You give and take away  
My heart will choose to say, Lord blessed be Your Name**

### **Verse 3**

**Blessed be Your Name on the road marked with suffering  
Though there's pain in the offering, I will bless Your Name  
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Blessed be Your glorious Name**

## 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**

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 You forgave the iniquity of my sin.** (Psalm 32:5)

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

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

(Silent Prayer of Personal Confession)

**Together:**

**O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us, and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will, and true obedience to Your Word, that by Your 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 will be saved. Grant this O Lord, unto us all.

**C: Amen**

**Song: Give Thanks** (words & music by Henry Smith © 1978 ; CCLI License # 2  
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**Verse 1**

Give thanks with a grateful heart  
Give thanks to the Holy One  
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ His Son  
Give thanks with a grateful heart  
Give thanks to the Holy One  
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ His Son

**Verse 2**

And now let the weak say I am strong  
Let the poor say I am rich  
Because of what the Lord has done for us  
And now let the weak say I am strong  
Let the poor say I am rich  
Because of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks

*Instrumental Chorus & Verse (Praise Band)*

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Because of what the Lord has done for us  
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Let the poor say I am rich  
Because of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks

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 your spirit.**

P: Absolve, we beseech You, O Lord, Your people from their offences; that from the bonds of our sins which, by reason of our frailty, we have brought upon us, we may be delivered by Your bountiful goodness; 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: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14** (NASB)

<sup>9</sup> "I kept looking until thrones were set up, and the Ancient of Days took His seat; His vesture was like white snow and the hair of His head like pure wool. His throne was ablaze with flames, its wheels were a burning fire. <sup>10</sup> A river of fire was flowing and coming out from before Him; thousands upon thousands were attending Him, and myriads upon myriads were standing before Him; the court sat, and the books were opened. <sup>13</sup> I kept looking in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven One like a Son of Man was coming, and He came up to the Ancient of Days and was presented before Him. <sup>14</sup> And to Him was given dominion, glory, and a kingdom, that all the peoples, nations and men of every language Might serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion which will not pass away; and His kingdom is one which will not be destroyed."

**The Psalm: Psalm 93** (NASB)

P: The Lord reigns, He is clothed with majesty; the Lord has clothed and girded Himself with strength; indeed, the world is firmly established, it will not be moved.

**C: Your throne is established from of old; You are from everlasting.**

P: The floods have lifted up, O Lord, the floods have lifted up their voice, the floods lift up their pounding waves. More than the sounds of many waters, than the mighty breakers of the sea, the Lord on high is mighty.

**C: Your testimonies are fully confirmed; holiness befits Your house, O Lord, forevermore.**

**The Epistle Lesson: Revelation 1:4-8, 12-16** (NASB)

<sup>4</sup> John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace, from Him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven Spirits who are before His throne, <sup>5</sup> and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To Him who loves us and released us from our sins by His blood— <sup>6</sup> and He has made us to be a kingdom, priests to His God and Father—to Him be the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen. <sup>7</sup> Behold, He is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him; and all the tribes of the earth will mourn over Him. So it is to be. Amen. <sup>8</sup> “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.” <sup>12</sup> Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking with me. And having turned I saw seven golden lampstands; <sup>13</sup> and in the middle of the lampstands I saw one like a son of man, clothed in a robe reaching to the feet, and girded across His chest with a golden sash. <sup>14</sup> His head and His hair were white like white wool, like snow; and His eyes were like a flame of fire. <sup>15</sup> His feet were like burnished bronze, when it has been made to glow in a furnace, and His voice was like the sound of many waters. <sup>16</sup> In His right hand He held seven stars, and out of His mouth came a sharp two-edged sword; and His face was like the sun shining in its strength.

**The Gradual**

I am the light of the world. He that follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life. The Spirit and the bride say, Come; and let him that hears say, Come; and let him that is thirsty come. Alleluia, alleluia. Even so come, Lord Jesus. Alleluia.

(John 8: 12; Revelation 22: 17, 20)

**The Alleluia** (Sung in Unison)

**Allelu**, By Tom Leech (Lyrics based on Psalm 148)

Al-le-lu, Al-le-lu, Al-le-lu-u-ia Al-le-lu-u- ia, Al-le-lu-u-ia.

Al-le-lu.

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

“Alleluia” is Hebrew for “Praise the Lord.”

**The Holy Gospel Lesson: Mark 13:24-37** (NASB)

The Congregation rises and sings, “**Glory be to You O Lord.**”

<sup>24</sup> “But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened and the moon will not give its light, <sup>25</sup> and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers that are in the heavens will be shaken. <sup>26</sup> Then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. <sup>27</sup> And then He will send forth the angels and will gather together His elect from the four winds, from the farthest end of the earth to the farthest end of heaven. <sup>28</sup> Now learn the parable from the fig tree: when its branch has already become tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. <sup>29</sup> Even so, you too, when you see these things happening, recognize that He is near, right at the door. <sup>30</sup> Truly I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. <sup>31</sup> Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away. <sup>32</sup> But of that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but the Father alone. <sup>33</sup> Take heed, keep on the alert; for you do not know when the appointed time will come. <sup>34</sup> It is like a man away on a journey, who upon leaving his house and putting his slaves in charge, assigning to each one his task, also commanded the doorkeeper to stay on the alert. <sup>35</sup> Therefore, be on the alert—for you do not know when the master of the house is coming, whether in the evening, at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or in the morning— <sup>36</sup> in case he should come suddenly and find you asleep. <sup>37</sup> What I say to you I say to all, ‘Be on the alert!’”

The Congregation sings, “**Praise be to You, O Christ.**”

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

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and Earth  
And In Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by  
the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius  
Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; The  
third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven,  
And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From  
thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
  
And I believe in the Holy Ghost; The Holy Christian Church, the  
Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of  
the body, And the Life everlasting. Amen.

**The Announcements**

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.

**Sermon Song: You Are My King (Amazing Love (Billy J. Foote;  
CCLI Song # 2456623)**

**Verse 1**

I'm forgiven because You were forsaken  
I'm accepted; You were condemned  
I'm alive and well, Your Spirit is within me  
Because You died and rose again

**Verse 2**

I'm forgiven because You were forsaken  
I'm accepted; You were condemned  
I'm alive and well, Your Spirit is within me  
Because You died and rose again

**Chorus**

Amazing Love, how can it be  
That You, My King would die for me?  
Amazing love, I know it's true  
It's my joy to honor You  
In all I do, may I honor You

**Bridge**

You are my King  
You are my King, Jesus  
You are my King, Jesus  
You are my King

**Chorus**

Amazing Love, how can it be  
That You, My King would die for me?  
Amazing love, I know it's true  
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The Sermon is the central component of our Worship. In it, we hear God's Word taught and explained. We hear His Law, convicting of sin and guiding the believer. We also hear the promises of His Gospel, the Good News of Christ's work for us—His redemption, forgiveness and provision of life eternal.

**The Sermon:**

"The King is Coming" | Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; Mark 13:24-37

**Pastor's Prayer**

**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

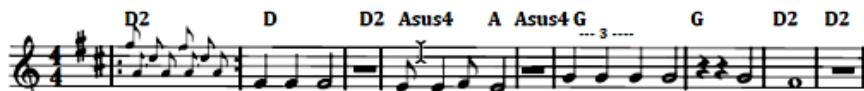
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## The Lord's Prayer

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REFRAIN Our Fa-ther, Who art in heav'n, Hal-low-ed be, thy name.

Bm Asus4 Bm Asus4 Cmaj7 Em A A



PETITION: Thy king-dom come, Thy will be done, On earth, As it is in heav'n.

Bm Asus4 Bm Asus4 Cmaj7 Em



PETITION: Give us this day, Our dai-ly bread, And for- give us our sins, As we for-

Am7 Em A A D2



give those who tres-pass a- gainst us. And

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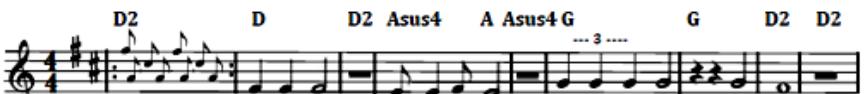
PETITION: Lead us not in-to temp- ta-tion, But de- liv-er us from e- vil. For

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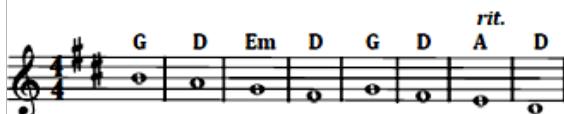
thine is the king-dom, And the pow-er, and the glo-ry, for- ev'r.

D2 D D2 Asus4 A Asus4 G ...3.... G D2 D2



REFRAIN: Our Fa-ther, Who art in heav'n, Hal-low-ed be, thy name.

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G D Em D G D A D



CLOSING: A - men. A - men. A - men. A - men.

### 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**

### Song: God So Loved (We The Kingdom; CCLI Song # 713599)

**Come all you weary, come all you thirsty  
Come to the well that never runs dry  
Drink of the water Come and thirst no more  
Come all you sinners, come find His mercy  
Come to the table, He will satisfy**

**Taste of His goodness Find what you're looking for**

**For God so loved the world that He gave us  
His one and only Son to save us  
Whoever believes in Him Will live forever**

#### **INTERLUDE (WHOA'S)**

**Bring all your failures, bring your addictions  
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross  
Jesus is waiting there, with open arms**

**For God so loved the world that He gave us  
His one and only Son to save us  
Whoever believes in Him Will live forever  
The power of hell forever defeated  
Now it is well, I'm walking in freedom  
For God so loved; God so loved the world**

**Praise God, praise God, from whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him, praise Him, for the wonders of His love  
Praise God, praise God, from whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him, praise Him, for the wonders of His love**

(Acapella)

**For God so loved the world that He gave us  
His one and only Son to save**

**For God so loved the world that He gave us  
His one and only Son to save us  
Whoever believes in Him Will live forever  
The power of hell forever defeated  
Now it is well, I'm walking in freedom  
For God so loved; God so loved the world**

(Acapella)

**Bring all your failures, bring your addictions  
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross  
Jesus is waiting, God so loved the world**

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

# Announcements

**The altar flowers** are presented by Chris and Marcia Clark with thankfulness to the Lord for granting them 52 years of blessed marriage and for Pastors Carlson and McMinn, who bring the message to us every week!

**The chancel rail flowers** are presented by Lori Yanosich in celebration of the 84th birthday of her incredible mother, Barbara Wilkinson. "We have become who we are because of being blessed by a mom like you."

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

**Digital Fund:** Given by Bob and Gladys Reith in fond memory of Joan Teichart.

**Music Fund:** Given by Bob and Gladys Reith in memory of Pat and Carl Radke.

**On hospice care:** Al Hatala and Marie Wilmer continue under hospice care. Please pray for them and support them with cards.

**Prayers for recovery:** Larry Holt has been released to a rehab facility to continue recovering from a broken hip. The address is: ProMedica Skilled Nursing & Rehab, Room 105, 60 Highland Rd., Bethel Park, PA 15102. George Barrett had a pacemaker installed on Monday and is now recuperating at home from that procedure. Please support Larry and George with your prayers and cards.

**Prayers are requested** for Gary Fischer's 21-year-old nephew, Corey Fischer. Corey has just been diagnosed with cancer. He has a biopsy scheduled to determine exactly the type and status, but the doctors are speculating that it is lymphoma. Please keep Corey and his family in your prayers.

**A sincere thank you** for all of the cards and heartfelt condolences our family has received following the death of my brother, Regis. It is very comforting to know we have such a wonderful church family. **Rory Smith**

**Birth announcements:** Our pastors and congregation extend congratulations to Jim and Christina Handshue on the birth of their daughter, Clara Frances, on November 13. She joins siblings Maggie, Ryan, and Jane. We also extend congratulations to John and Emily Demkowicz on the birth of their daughter, Juliet Anne, on November 16th. She joins sister Augusta. Praise God for these newest additions to the Ruthfred family!

**Our Annual Congregational Meetings** will be held tomorrow, immediately following both morning worship services. The purpose of these meetings is to present the 2022 Budget to the congregation for a vote of approval. The Council approved it at their October meeting and will now bring it before the congregation. Thank you so much to Ron Thorhauer, Bill Ward, and the Finance Committee for all their work on this over the past many months. All members of the congregation are encouraged to attend a meeting.

**Baptist Home Angel Tree:** In the Fireside Lounge there will be a tree with gift tags attached. Please take a tag and sign the sheet next to the resident's name you select. The due date is to be determined and will be on the sign up sheet and in next week's bulletin. If you have any questions, please call Jan Ruzicka at 724-941-3572. Thank you!

**Substitute Nursery Attendants:** The Sunday School is looking for backup nursery attendants. They have one right now, but they would like to expand their list. Please email Shane Cox if you are interested: [coxfarrierservice@gmail.com](mailto:coxfarrierservice@gmail.com). Thank you!

# Announcements (cont'd)

**2022 OFFERING ENVELOPES:** are now in the Conference Room. Please pick up your envelopes this morning!

**Request from Preschool:** Our Preschool is looking for adults who would be interested in being substitute teachers for our school. Classes are Monday thru Friday from 9-11:30 a.m. If you are interested or would like more information, please reach out to Denise Stutzman at denisestutzman@ruthfred.org, or call/text her at 412-916-0377. Thank you!

**Christmas Giving Tree:** Beginning on Sunday, November 7th, the tree outside the elevator will be decorated with small red & green envelopes to benefit the Adopt-A-Family program. A former Bethel Park police officer started this program over 16 years ago. He recognized a need in our community, as well as surrounding communities, for families trying to provide meals and gifts at Christmas. The holidays are one of the most expensive times of the year for families—especially those who are struggling to make ends meet. Your generosity can help alleviate this burden. Last year this program helped over 190 local families to enjoy Christmas. If you can donate a gift card to Giant Eagle, Shop N Save, Walmart, Aldi's, Eat 'N Park, or Target, it would help provide food, and possibly a small gift, this Christmas. Please take an envelope. Then, either include the gift card receipt in the envelope or write the \$\$ amount on the envelope and place it in the weekly offering basket, or take it to the office where there is a decorated bin. All gift cards must be collected by Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup>. I will deliver them the next day. Thank you! **Carol Ward**

**Women's Ministry Christmas Luncheon:** Save the date of December 12, 2-4 p.m. The sign-up sheet will be available on Sundays starting today thru December 5.

**Church Council Nominees:** As stated in our Church Constitution, names may be recommended in writing to the Church Council Nominating Committee in November. Council has approved the following members of the Nominating Committee: Barb Harrold (Chair), Steve Cox, Paula Mikulan, Connie Munn, Mark Arelt, and Caleb Cox. Please feel free to make suggestions to them during the next few weeks for potential nominations for the 2022 Council, which will be voted on at the January Congregational Meeting.

**Pledge Cards and Time and Talent Sheets:** Late last week Pastor Carlson's stewardship letter, along with pledge cards and time and talent sheets, was mailed. Please prayerfully complete your pledge card and time and talent sheet and return them by Sunday, December 5, 2021. Your faithfulness is a blessing!

**Our Thanksgiving Service** will be at 10:00am on Thanksgiving Day. The entire offering received at that service will be given away equally to the City Mission and to Voice of the Martyrs (VOM). The City Mission ministers to the needy in our immediate communities. VOM ministers to suffering Christians around the world whose homes have been burned down and family members killed this past year because of their faith in Jesus.

**Poinsettia Orders:** It's that time of year! Again we are providing an opportunity for you to place a poinsettia plant in memory of or in honor of loved ones to decorate our beautiful sanctuary for Christmas. Envelopes are in the pew racks. The cost is \$12.50 per plant. Be sure to place your dedication on the OUTSIDE of the envelope. Remember to write your name and color preference (red or white) on the envelope. Please place your cash/check in the envelope and drop it in the collection plate.



## Announcements (cont'd)

**Lutherans for Life Quote:** "Abortion isn't somebody else's issue. It's your business, it's my business, and it's our business. It's our issue as Christians, it's our issue as citizens, and it's our issue as human beings. Abortion and the sanctity of every human life matter very much for elections—more so than anything else. And it matters for much more than elections. It's a whole life issue!"—*Pastor Michael Salemink, Executive Director of Mission and Ministry, Lutherans For Life.*

**Operation Christmas Child:** I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to the congregation for their continued generosity. Last Tuesday night I dropped off 111 Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes at the South Hills Bible Chapel, which means that 111 children from around the world will have a gift to open at Christmas! Last year's total was 87, so this was a significant increase. Thank you so very much! **Carol Ward**

**Grief Share Ministry:** Several people have expressed interest in reviving the Grief Share Ministry at Ruthfred. If you feel called to help lead such a ministry, please contact Pastor McMinn.

**Volunteer Opportunity:** Ruthfred has been blessed by the work of Andrew Vogel and Dave Compel in establishing and running the live-streaming of our worship services and posting those services on YouTube. With gratitude for all of his amazing work, in October Church Council accepted Dave's resignation to focus more time on his health and family. We currently need more volunteers to help Andrew run the live-stream at our 8:30 a.m. service, and at the contemporary service on the third Saturday of each month. Can you help with this ministry? If so, contact Pastors Carlson or McMinn, or Andrew Vogel. We'd be grateful for your help!

**New Member Class:** If you or anyone you know is interested in learning more about our church or becoming a member of our church, please get in touch with Pastor Carlson or Pastor McMinn, or call the church office at 412-835-7140.

**Our congregation thanks** the Paul Henney Cremation & Funeral Tributes, Inc. for the 2022 calendars. Don't forget to pick one up as you leave the sanctuary.

## **Adult SS Class Today In Large Classroom**

Pastor Carlson is teaching the Adult Sunday School Class on the book of Romans. This book contains the most complete and comprehensive explanations of the teachings of the Christian faith. Each week we will be doing a chapter overview while also doing a deep dive to discover particular gems. Whether you have never read the book, or have it memorized, this will be a great opportunity for you to grow in your understanding of your Christian faith!

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Today in the Upper Room

Please join the Adult Sunday School Class in the Large Classroom

(We will start a new series next Sunday.)

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## **YOUTH NEWS**

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

There is **SWAP** tomorrow night, 6-8:30 p.m. at the Church. We will be having our Thanksgiving Party.

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

TNT will meet at Ruthfred on November 23rd, 7-9 p.m.

Questions/concerns?

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# This Week At Ruthfred

## Today (11/21) CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY HERALD ARTICLE DEADLINE

8:30 a.m.—Worship Service & Congregational Mtg.

9:45 a.m.—Sunday School

11:00 a.m.—Worship Service & Cong. Mtg.

**HAPPY 94th BIRTHDAY LORRAINE GRAHAM**

**HAPPY 92nd BIRTHDAY RALPH THOMPSON**

## TUESDAY (11/23)

7:00 p.m. Worship Team

## Wednesday (11/24)

5:45 p.m.—Children’s Choir

NO CONFIRMATION CLASSES

7:30 p.m.—Senior Choir



## Thursday (11/25)

10:00 a.m.—Thanksgiving Day Worship Service

## SUNDAY (11/28) FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

8:30 a.m.—Worship Service

9:45 a.m.—Sunday School

11:00 a.m.—Worship Service

**HAPPY 92nd BIRTHDAY ALMA VOGEL**

Today we celebrate Christ the King, whose kingdom is grace and who rules by love. Welcome to worship.

### Attendance for Last Week:

Church...255 Sunday School 91

8:30 Live Stream Participants...53

JTTW (morn)...47

JTTW (even)...21

KidsTime...31

## 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 and vicar 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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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

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