

RUTHFRED LUTHERAN CHURCH

Welcome to Ruthfred Lutheran Church!

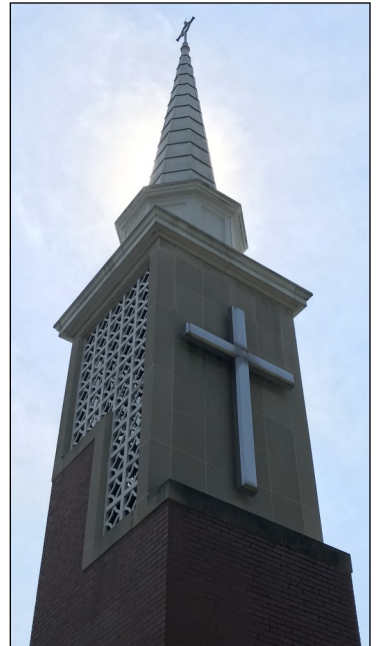
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We are delighted to have you with us this morning as we gather to worship the Lord Jesus Christ.

If you are visiting today, we are glad you are here! Whether you are visiting from out of town, seeking a new church home, or for any other reason, thank you for choosing to worship with us. We would love to get in touch with you. Please fill out your contact information in the red folder at the end of your pew, or fill out the information on the back cover of this bulletin, and place it in the offering plate as it passes before you.

About Us:

- ◆ Since her charter in 1949, 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 Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost, September 2, 2018

Prelude:

Partita on "Crucifer"

(Charles Callahan)

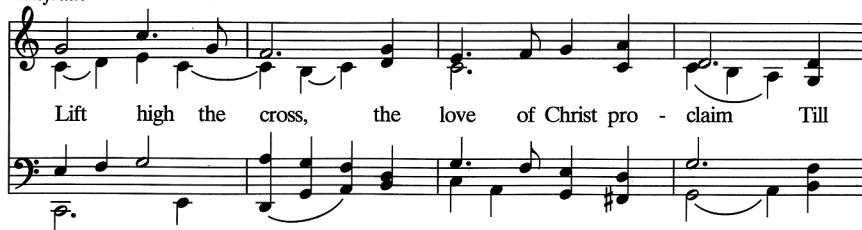
The Opening Hymn:

"Lift High The Cross"

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(Please stand as we join
our hearts in song)

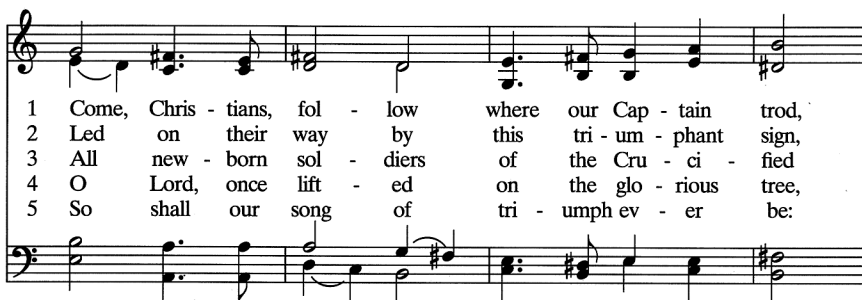
Refrain



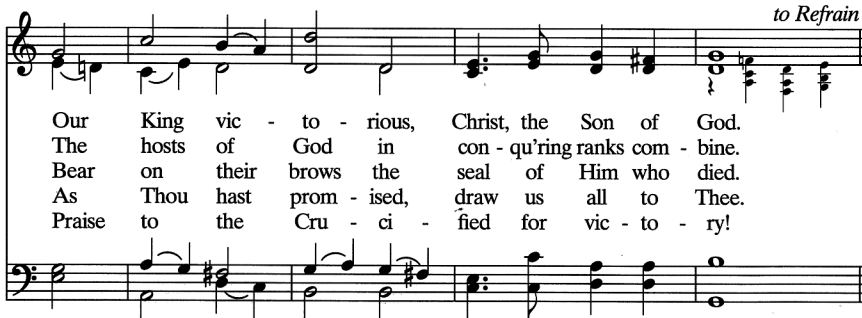
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim Till



all the world a - dore His sa - cred name.



1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our Cap - tain trod,
2 Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,
3 All new - born sol - diers of the Cru - ci - fied
4 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
5 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:



Our King vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
The hosts of God in con - qu'ring ranks com - bine.
Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died.
As Thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to Thee.
Praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

to Refrain

We confess our sins at the beginning of each service, because we are coming into the presence of a holy God. Though we are sinners who daily struggle with sin, we are invited to come to Him to receive the forgiveness of sin earned for us by Jesus. Through this forgiveness, we are given a right standing before a holy God. Because sin is both corporate and personal, we confess our sins together, and privately in the silence of our hearts.

The Absolution is based upon God's instruction in Luke 24:47 that repentance and the forgiveness of sins should be widely proclaimed in the name of Jesus. (See also 1 John. 1:9).

The Call to Worship

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 Order for Public Confession (SBH, p. 247)

Unison: (U): Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Jesus Christ, thy Son our Lord, Amen.

P: Let us humbly kneel, and make confession unto God, imploring his forgiveness, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

U: O God, our heavenly Father, I confess unto thee that I have grievously sinned against thee in many ways; not only by outward transgressions, but also by secret thoughts and desires which I cannot fully understand, but which are all known unto thee. I do earnestly repent, and am heartily sorry for these my offenses, and I beseech thee of thy great goodness to have mercy upon me, and for the sake of thy dear Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, to forgive my sins, and graciously to help my infirmities. Amen.

The Absolution, Admonition & Blessing:

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, hath had mercy upon us, and for the sake of the sufferings, death, and resurrection of his dear Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, forgiveth us all our sins. As a Minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare unto you who do truly repent and believe in him, the entire forgiveness of all your sins. In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

P: On the other hand, by the same authority, I declare unto the impenitent and unbelieving, that so long as they continue in their impenitence, God hath not forgiven their sins, and will assuredly visit their iniquities upon them, if they turn not from their evil ways, and come to true repentance and faith in Christ, ere the day of grace be ended.

P: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the Love of God, and the Communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all.

C: Amen

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

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 Giving of the Peace

The Introit (Read Responsively; Please stand)

P: Behold, O God our shield, and look upon the face of your anointed.

C: For a day in your courts is better than a thousand.

P: How amiable are your tabernacles, O Lord of Hosts.

C: My soul longs, yes, even faints for the courts of the Lord.

(Psalm 84: 1, 2; 9-10)

The Gloria Patri (Sung in Unison; SBH p. 17)

**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 Epistle Lesson: Ephesians 6: 10-20 (ESV)

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. ¹¹ Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. ¹² For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³ Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. ¹⁴ Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, ¹⁵ and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. ¹⁶ In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; ¹⁷ and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, ¹⁸ praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, ¹⁹ and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰ for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

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:

It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man. It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in princes. Alleluia, alleluia. Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. Alleluia. (Psalm 118: 8-9; 90: 1)

The Alleluia (Sung in Unison)

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Holy Gospel Readings: Matthew 10: 24-28 (ESV)

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

"A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master.
²⁵ It is enough for the disciple to be like his teacher, and the servant like his master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household."²⁶ "So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known."²⁷ What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops.
²⁸ And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell.

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

During the Service of Holy Communion, we confess our faith using the Words of the Nicene Creed. Though officially adopted a few hundred years after Christ's earthly ministry, the Creed emphasizes the truths that had been taught since the time of the Apostles, namely, that Christ is both fully God and fully man. As such, we are assured that in the person of Jesus Christ, God Himself became like us in every way, yet perfect and without sin; and shed His own Blood and gave His own Body in death so that we could find in Him forgiveness of sin and life eternal.

This creed has been used in worship across denominational lines.

Lyrics on page 16

The Confession of Faith: The Nicene Creed (Confessed in Unison)

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, Begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By whom all things were made; Who for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, And was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; And the third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures, And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose Kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one Holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the Resurrection of the dead, And the Life of the world to come. Amen.

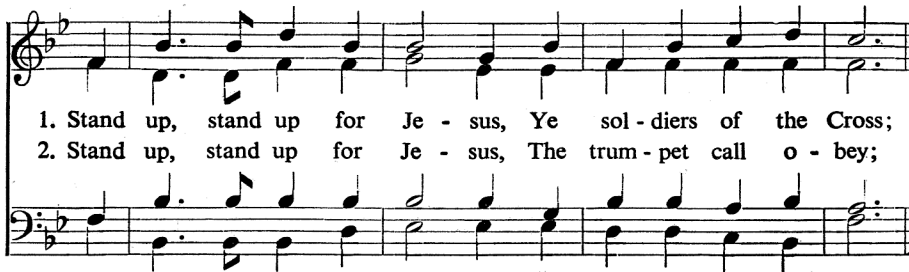
The Announcements (Please be seated)

The Special Music


11:00: Senior Choir—Come, Christians, Join To Sing (Courtney)

The Sermon Hymn:

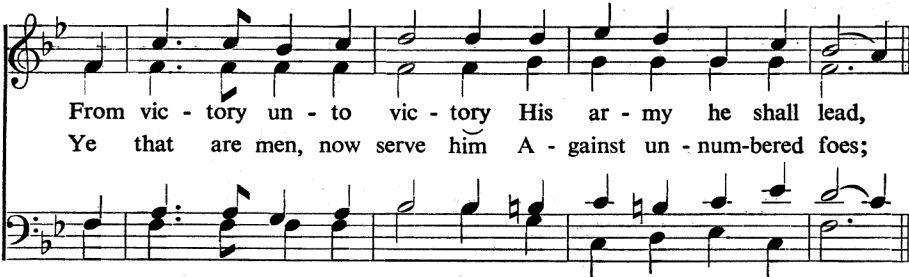
"Stand Up, Stand Up For Jesus" (SBH551, 2nd tune)



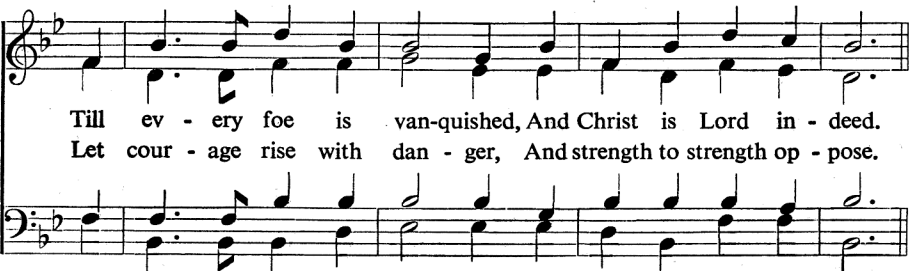
1. Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, Ye sol - diers of the Cross;
2. Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, The trum - pet call o - bey;



Lift high his roy - al ban - ner, It must not suf - fer loss:
Forth to the might - y con - flict In this his glo - rious day:



From vic - tory un - to vic - tory His ar - my he shall lead,
Ye that are men, now serve him A - gainst un - num - bered foes;



Till ev - ery foe is van - quished, And Christ is Lord in - deed.
Let cour - age rise with dan - ger, And strength to strength op - pose.

3 Stand up, stand up for Jesus,
Stand in his strength alone;
The arm of flesh will fail you,
Ye dare not trust your own:
Put on the gospel armor,
Each piece put on with prayer;
Where duty calls or danger,
Be never wanting there.

4 Stand up, stand up for Jesus,
The strife will not be long;
This day the noise of battle,
The next the victor's song:
To him that overcometh
A crown of life shall be;
He with the King of Glory
Shall reign eternally.

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:

"Our Security In Christ" | Ephesians 6: 10-17

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 Offering & Offertory

"Pastorale" (Alec Rowley)

On the first Sunday of each month, as well as on other special occasions, we have the privilege of receiving Holy Communion together. We do not require membership to participate in this. However, we do ask that those coming to receive Communion would be baptized believers in the saving work of Jesus Christ, who are of confirmation age (completed 8th grade), and who are in agreement with the biblical teaching of Christ concerning it.

We believe and teach that Holy Communion is a Sacrament in which we receive the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in, with and under the bread and the wine, that it was instituted by Christ himself, and that it is given to us Christians to eat and to drink.

We believe and teach that the benefit for Christians receiving Communion is expressed in the words "given" and "shed for you for the forgiveness of sins" (See Matthew 26:26-29). As described by Martin Luther in his *Small Catechism*, these words show us that "forgiveness of sin, life and salvation" are given to us in Communion.

Luther formulated a list of 20 questions with appropriate responses to guide the believer to prepare their hearts for Communion. We include a selection of those questions on the following page for the purpose of aiding you in the same way.

The Service for Communion

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And with thy Spirit.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up unto the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

C: It is meet and right so to do.

P: It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God...Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; ever more praising thee, and saying:

C: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth; Heaven and earth are full of thy glory; Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The Words of Institution:

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, in the night in which he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he brake it and gave it to his disciples, saying, take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you; This do in remembrance of me.

After the same manner also, he took the cup, when he had supped, and, when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; this cup is the New Testament in my Blood, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins; this do, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me.

The Lord's Prayer (Prayed in Unison)

P: 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;

C: For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Do you believe that you are a sinner?

Yes, I believe that I am a sinner.

Are you sorry for your sins?

Yes, I am sorry that I have sinned against God.

Do you desire to be saved?

Yes, such is my desire.

In Whom do you trust?

In my dear Lord, Jesus Christ.

What has Christ done for you that you trust in him?

He died for me and shed his blood for me on the cross for the forgiveness of sins.

Do you believe that the true body and blood of Christ are in the Sacrament?

Yes, I believe it.

What induces you to believe this?

The Word of Christ, "Take, eat this is My body; This is My blood, drink of it all of you."

Why ought we to remember and proclaim His death?

That we may learn to believe that no creature could make satisfaction for our sins but Christ, true God and man; and that we may learn to look with terror at our sins, and to regard them as great indeed, and to find joy and comfort in Him alone, and thus be saved through such faith.

Finally, why do you wish to go to receive Holy Communion?

That I may learn to believe that Christ died for my sin out of great love, as before said; and that I may also learn from Him to love God and my neighbor.

P: The peace of the Lord be with you alway.

C: And with thy Spirit.

The Agnus Dei:

C: O Christ thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us;

O Christ thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us;

O Christ thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us thy peace. Amen.

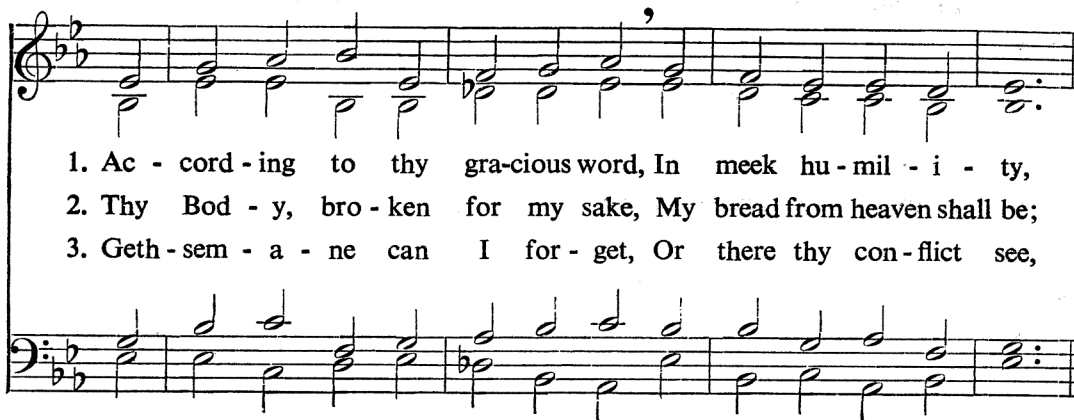
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During Communion we shall sing:

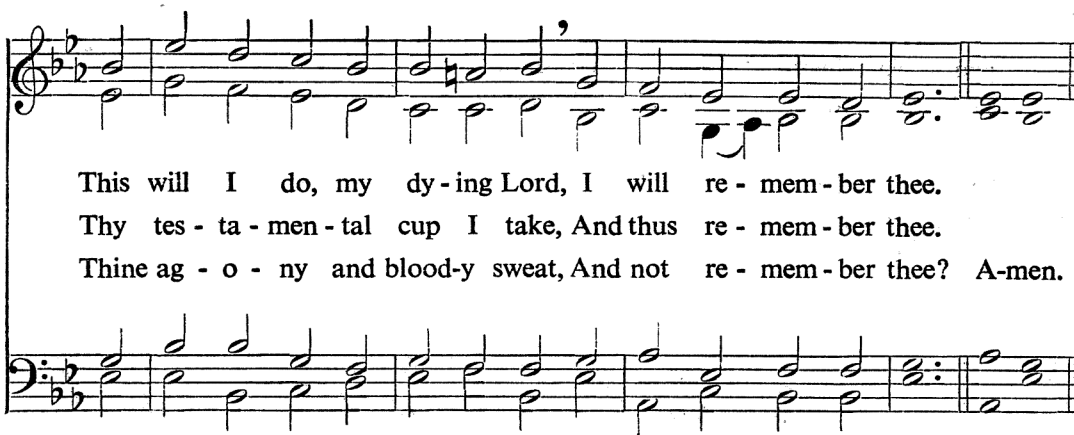
#266—According To Thy Gracious Word

#271—O Bread Of Life From Heaven

According To Thy Gracious Word (SBH266)



1. Ac - cord - ing to thy gra-cious word, In meek hu - mil - i - ty,
 2. Thy Bod - y, bro - ken for my sake, My bread from heaven shall be;
 3. Geth - sem - a - ne can I for - get, Or there thy con - flict see,



This will I do, my dy - ing Lord, I will re - mem - ber thee.
 Thy tes - ta - men - tal cup I take, And thus re - mem - ber thee.
 Thine ag - o - ny and blood-y sweat, And not re - mem - ber thee? A-men.

4 When to the Cross I turn mine eyes, 5 Remember thee, and all thy pains,
 And rest on Calvary, And all thy love to me;
 O Lamb of God, my Sacrifice, Yea, while a breath, a pulse remains,
 I must remember thee! Will I remember thee.

6 And when these failing lips grow dumb,
 And mind and memory flee,
 When thou shalt in thy kingdom come,
 Jesus, remember me. Amen.

"O Bread Of Life From Heaven" (SBH 271)

1. O Bread of life from heav - en, To wea - ry pil - grims giv - en,
2. O fount of grace re - deem - ing, O riv - er ev - er stream - ing

O Man - na from a - bove! The souls that hun - ger feed thou, The
From Je - sus' ho - ly side! Comethou, thy - self be - stow - ing On

hearts that seek thee lead thou, With thy most sweet and ten - der love.
thirst - ing souls, and flow - ing Till all their wants are sat - is - fied. A - men.

3 O Jesus, by thee bidden,
We here adore thee, hidden
'Neath forms of bread and wine;
Grant, when the veil is riven,
We may behold in heaven
Thy glorious countenance divine. Amen.

The Nunc Dimittis:

U: Lord now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word; For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people; A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the Glory of thy people Israel. 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 Prayer

P: O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good.

C: And his mercy endureth forever

The Closing Prayer *(after which the congregation shall sing "Amen.")*

P: The Lord be with you.

C. And with thy spirit

P: Bless we the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

The Benediction *(After which the congregation shall sing "Amen")*

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.

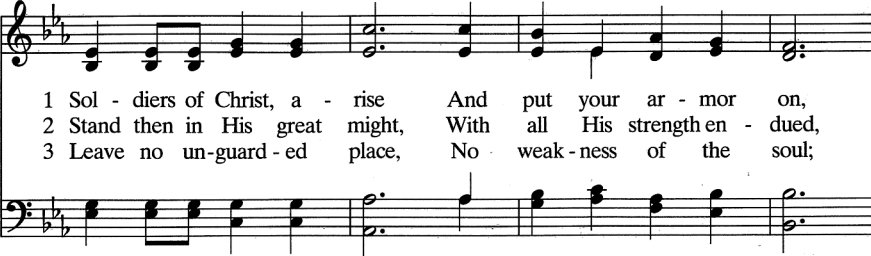
In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

(Numbers 6:24-26)

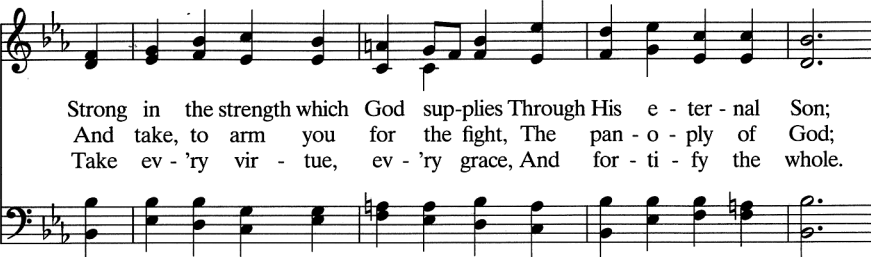
C: Amen

The Closing Hymn:

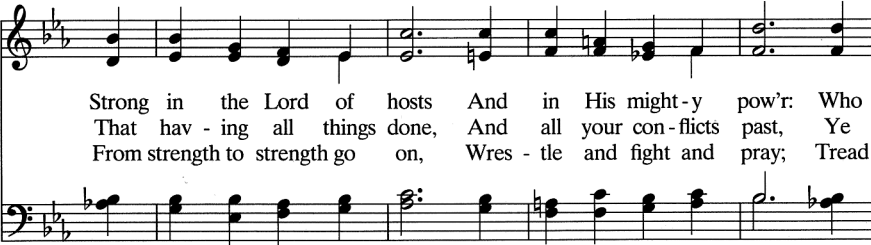
"Soldiers Of Christ, Arise" (AMB486)



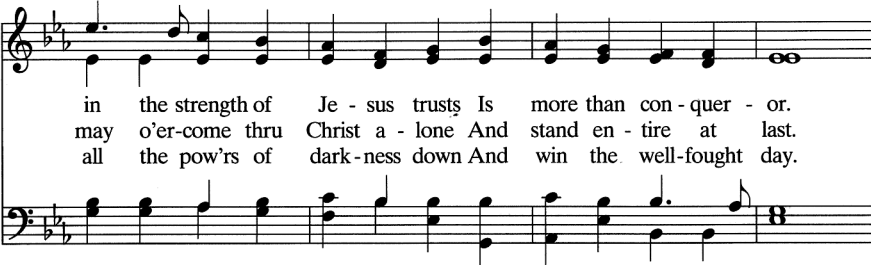
1 Sol - diers of Christ, a - rise And put your ar - mor on,
2 Stand then in His great might, With all His strength en - dued,
3 Leave no un-guard - ed place, No weak - ness of the soul;



Strong in the strength which God sup-plies Through His e - ter - nal Son;
And take, to arm you for the fight, The pan - o - ply of God;
Take ev - 'ry vir - tue, ev - 'ry grace, And for - ti - fy the whole.



Strong in the Lord of hosts And in His might-y pow'r: Who
That hav - ing all things done, And all your con - flicts past, Ye
From strength to strength go on, Wres - tle and fight and pray; Tread



in the strength of Je - sus trusts Is more than con - quer - or.
may o'er-come thru Christ a - lone And stand en - tire at last.
all the pow'rs of dark-ness down And win the well-fought day.

The Silent Prayer & Chimes

The Postlude:

"Gaudeamus" (Alec Rowley)

Senior Choir Anthem

Come, Christians, Join To Sing

Sing to the Lord a new song.
Sing His praise among the saints.
Let us rejoice in our God.
Let us be glad in our King.
For the Lord takes delight in His people.

Come, Christians, join to sing.
Alleluia! Amen!
Loud praise to Christ our King;
Alleluia! Amen!
Let all, with heart and voice,
before His throne rejoice.
Praise is His gracious choice:
Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high,
Alleluia! Amen!
Let praises fill the sky;
Alleluia! Amen!
He is our Guide and Friend;
to us He'll condescend.
His love shall never end:
Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again;
Alleluia! Amen!
Life shall not end the strain;
Alleluia! Amen!
On heaven's blissful shore
His goodness we'll adore,
singing forevermore,
Alleluia! Amen!

Announcements

The altar flowers are presented by Tim and Beth Truax in memory of Tim's mother, Claire. We thank the Lord for godly parents who dedicate their lives to training their children in the Lord. Praise be to God for His indescribable gifts.

Nursery Today: 8:30—Greta Kelly; during Sunday School—Shari Smith; 11:00—Claudia Patalong.

Known to be hospitalized: Cheryl Schmidt—Shadyside Hospital.

Help Sought - Operation Christmas Child: Anyone interested in coordinating or helping to coordinate this Samaritan's Purse shoebox project in October, please contact Jill Kurtz for details.

More Help Sought: Women's Ministries is looking for individuals, couples or groups to take on organizing a Christmas Giving Tree Project. These begin in November. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Jill Kurtz.

Fall Family Brunch—Fellowship, Food and Fun: Covered dish, Sunday, September 23, 2018 (NO STEELER GAME THAT DAY). Time: 12:30—2:30 p.m. Entertainment of jugglers/dancers. Sign-up to attend on September 9th and 16th. More information to follow. It will be great to spend time together and share our comfort food!

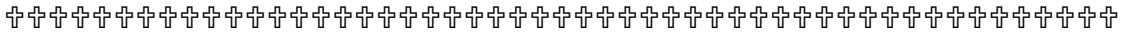
Thank you: I would like to thank my Ruthfred family for their cards, prayers and hugs at the passing of my dad, Al Snitzer. ***Arlene Ball***

Kidstime: We are looking for co-leaders for Kidstime, if you love to work with children please consider volunteering!!! Program begins Wednesday September 12th. Please contact Lauren Compel @ VBS_laurencompel@yahoo.com


OOPS: The September calendar printed in the Herald is the 2017 September calendar. Please find the correct September 2018 calendar inserted in the back of this bulletin.

For The Month

<u>Acolytes:</u>	8:30 a.m.	Matthew Russell
	11:00 a.m.	Landon Tarrant
<u>Crucifers:</u>	8:30 a.m. (9/16)	Megan Huwe
	11:00 a.m.	Megan Wente
<u>Altar Guild:</u>		Eileen Bernish
<u>Counters:</u>	8:30 a.m.	Mark Arelt, Steve Rothermel
	11:00 a.m.	Tom Glasser
<u>Greeters:</u>	8:30 a.m.	Carol Killinger, Cliff Morton
	11:00 a.m.	Jodie Riley, Rich Rostauscher
<u>Ushers:</u>	8:30 a.m.	Sean and Ryan Maerкле Taylor Hall, Mark Killinger
	11:00 a.m.	George Barrett, Mark Riley John Stilley, Ray Urksa, Kurt Ziegler



OUR COMMUNION PRACTICE: Today, we celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion. Today, by means of bread and wine, communicant. This is His Word and you are not a member of a Lutheran pastors at any time about the meaning desire to receive it. When we come to believing and repentant hearts. As we prayer in thanksgiving to God for what we do not practice the communion of children who are not instructed and confirmed, but the children are encouraged to come to the altar rail for a family blessing.



SUNDAY SCHOOL, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2018

LARGE CLASS ROOM (Adult)

Pastor Carlson continues his 2-part series ...

“The Soul Cravings of our Culture & The Challenging Solutions of the Church”

Sunday, September 9, 2018

Rabbi Jeff Kipp will be with us.

Sunday, September 16, 2018

The sharing of memories of Pastor Dennis marking the 10-year anniversary of his passing.

UPPER ROOM (Adult)

Please join the Adult Large Sunday School Class Room thru Sunday, 11/18/18

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**Junior and Senior Confirmation Classes Begin this Wednesday, 9/5/18  
(Parent & Student meeting @ 6:30 p.m. in the Large SS Class Room)**

**Morning and Evening JTTW, KidsTime Begin on Wednesday, 9/12/18**

**Children’s Choir Begins on Wednesday, 9/19/18**

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September Birthdays

Happy 91st Birthday to Arnette Tober on Wednesday, 9/12/18

Happy 99th Birthday to Esther Headrick on Wednesday, 9/19/18

Happy 90th Birthday to Margie Jacobson on Thursday, 9/20/18

Happy 91st Birthday to Harry Fjaere on Sunday, 9/30/18

Please remember all of the above with birthday wished and prayers.

Morning Journey Through The Word

Morning JTTW begins on Wednesday, September 12th from 9:15—11:15 a.m. Our topic for the first half of this year (from September through November) will be The Seven Churches of Revelation and will cover the first 4 chapters of “The Revelation”. Christ dictated these letters to the Apostle John while he was in exile on the Island of Patmos. When Jesus sent these messages to the first century churches they were timely and meaningful...and now, 2000 years later we believe they can be applied to our century and our personal lives as well.

Also...Morning JTTW is considering adding a Men’s group for those who would like to consider a daytime study.

Registration slips for “Morning Journey Through The Word” are available in the baskets at the church entrance or via the church website. Return completed slips to the baskets or church office. Childcare for pre-school and nursery age children will be available. **Questions: Joanne Segerdahl (412) 833-2069 / Sandy Newman (412) 306-0995**

Evening Journey Through The Word

We are really pleased with what we are planning for this year! We are going to look at the themes, books, characters and content of the Bible through a single lens of “Telling the BIG STORY of God’s single story of redemption and restoration of His created world.” This might well be the opportunity you have been waiting for to “make sense of the whole of Scripture” as it unfolds together! Along with the material this year, there is also a five day devotional guide that you can use to help you develop the practice of spending a few guided minutes in God’s Word during the week, and to allow for additional study of the passage. Our Confirmation classes are also going to be tying into these studies each week as well, so their parents are especially encouraged to be part of this together! My prayer is that all of the members of our congregation would continue growing in their faith and also be equipped in sharing the Big Story of the Good News of God’s Salvation.

Please register by going online to our Ruthfred page, or by contacting Jill Huwe or call the church office.

The format is to meet together for a time of teaching. The Worship Team will again lead us in song, and then we will break into small group for continued study, discussion, and prayer.

Start Date: Wednesday September 12th.

Time: 6:45pm – 8:00pm.

Place: Adult Large S.S. room.

GIFTS TO OUR CHURCH

Youth Fund

Given by the Pollock Family in memory of Stacie Klick.

Current Fund

Given by the Vogel Family in loving memory of Linda J. Vogel.

Pastor's Fund

Given by a friend in Christ in memory of Ray Doerr.

Given by a friend in Christ in memory of Ruth Speer.

Given by Linda Schweitzer and family in loving memory of Wilmer Schweitzer.

Music Fund

Given by friends in Christ in loving memory of Linda Vogel.

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**Please pick up your "dish containers"** on the shelf outside of the kitchen. We thank all of you who contributed to our recent bereavement dinners.

**XYZ:** Don't forget to sign up for the September 28, XYZ luncheon and program to be held in the fellowship hall at 12:00 noon. Our speaker for the event is Attorney Ben Urso of the Law Firm Zachery-Brown in McMurray. He will be bringing us a program entitled "Estate and Elder Law: The Most Important Document You Need to Protect Your Assets". The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board outside Pat's office. Looking forward to seeing you all again after our summer break!

**The Next Women's Planning Meeting** will be held this Tuesday, September 4, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the conference room of Ruthfred Lutheran Church. All of the women of the church are invited to attend. Come and help us plan an exciting year for our women.

## YOUTH NEWS

### TNT (9-12 Grade)

Our summer hosting has ended, from now on every TNT will be at the church from 7:00-9:00 p.m. Thank you to all of the people that opened their homes to us and helped make this a great summer!!

### SWAP (6-8 Grade)

**There will be SWAP tonight!** SWAP is our weekly get together for 6-8 Graders. During this time we play games, have a Bible lesson, and get to know one another as we become a community in Christ. **If your child is going from 5th to 6th grade this year they are officially invited to join our SWAP group.**

### Brunch (9-12 Grade)

On certain Sundays we host brunch after Church for the youth at the Fouks' House. Brunch typically starts immediately after church and goes until around 4:00 p.m. If you like good food, good company and fun games, brunch is perfect for you. **There will be brunch on Sunday, September 23rd.**

### SWAP Late Night (6-8 Grade)

On **September 28th** we will be hosting a late night for Grades 6-8. The Late Night will start at 6:00 p.m., at Church, and end at 11:00 p.m., during that time we will play games, eat pizza, watch a movie and enjoy spending time together. If you are interested in attending, please contact Brandon ASAP.

### Save the Date:

**August 28**      Video Scavenger Hunt

**September 23**      Brunch

**September 28**      SWAP Late Night

Questions/concerns?

Contact Brandon Fouks: Fouksanator@gmail.com

(c) (715)-781-6063

## This Week At Ruthfred

## Today (9/2)

8:30 a.m.— Communion Service

9:45 a.m.—Sunday School

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6:00 p.m.—Communion Service

**Monday (9/3) LABOR DAY**

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

## Tuesday (9/4)

7:00 p.m.—Women's Leadership Team Meeting

7:00 p.m.—Nursery School Parents' Meeting

### Wednesday (9/5)

6:30 p.m.—Jr. & Sr. Confirmation Classes

7:30 p.m.—Senior Choir

### Friday (9/7)

6:30 a.m.—Men's Prayer Group @ Panera's

## Saturday (9/8)

9:30 a.m.—Mary

Welcome to worship this Labor Day weekend! May our time together strengthen us so we can serve God in whatever work we do. During the announcements, please sign the Friendship Pad and return it to the center aisle.

Attendance for Last Week:

Church...330 Sunday School...97


Avg. Attendance for August: Church...361 SS...99

## 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.

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

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