

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 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 steeped in 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 Fifth Sunday after Pentecost June 24, 2018

Prelude:

"I Sing The Mighty Power Of God"

(arr. James Curnow)

"All Hail The Power" (arr. James Curnow)

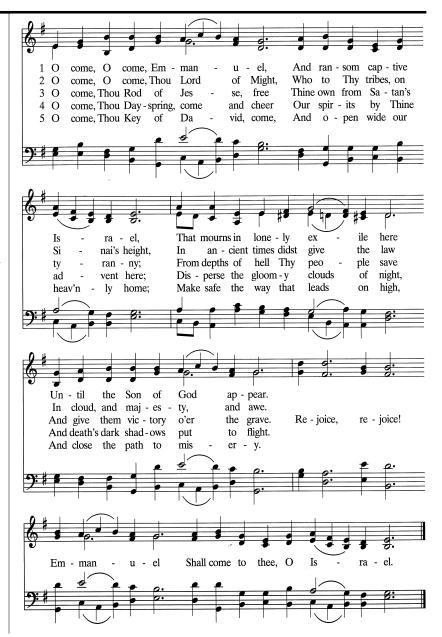
Bob Schmalz, trombone

The Opening Hymn:

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

(CCL2958862)

(Please stand as we join our hearts in song)



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 Confession of Sin (SBH, p. 41)

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

Our help is in the name of the Lord

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

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

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

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

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

(Silent Prayer of Personal Confession)

Together:

Holy and righteous God, merciful Father, we confess to You that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. We have not loved You above all things, nor our neighbor as ourselves, and are worthy, therefore, to be cast away from Your presence if You should judge us according to our sins. But You have promised, O heavenly Father, to receive with tender mercy all repentant sinners who turn to You and with a living faith seek refuge in Your Fatherly compassion and in the merits of the Savior, Jesus Christ. Our transgressions You will not regard, nor count them against us. Relying upon Your promise, we confidently pray that You would be merciful and gracious to us and forgive us all our sins, to the praise and glory of Your Holy Name. 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 I John. 1:9).

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

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

The Absolution:

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us, and has given his only-begotten son to die for us, and for his sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on his name, He gives the power to become children of God, and bestows upon them His Holy Spirit. The one who believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this O Lord, unto us all.

C: Amen

The Introit (Read Responsively; Please stand)

P: The Lord is my light and my salvation, whom shall I fear?

C: The Lord is the strength of my life, of whom shall I be afraid?

P: When the wicked, even mine enemies and my foes, came upon me.

C: They stumbled and fell.

P. Though a host should encamp against me.

C: My heart shall not fear. (Ps. 27: 1-3)

The Gloria Patri (Sung in Unison; SBH p. 41)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

The Kyrie (Sung in Unison; SBH p. 48)

P: Lord, have mercy upon us.

C: Lord, have mercy upon us.

P: Christ, have mercy upon us.

C: Christ, have mercy upon us.

P: Lord, have mercy upon us.

C: Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Hymn of Praise:

"Lord of All Hopefulness" (CCL2958862, vs 1 & 3)



The "collect" is a prayer of the day for each day in the liturgical calendar. It is meant to "collect" the prayers of God's people.

God's chief means of extending His grace to His children is through His Word. Hearing it and learning it are central to His proper worship.

The Collect:

P: The Lord be with you:

C: And with thy spirit.

P: Let us continue to pray: Grant, O Lord, we beseech you, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by your governance, that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness; 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 Lessons: (NASB)

Exodus 23: 9:

You shall not oppress a stranger, since you yourselves know the feelings of a stranger, for you *also* were strangers in the land of Egypt.

Leviticus 19: 9-10:

Now when you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap to the very corners of your field, nor shall you gather the gleanings of your harvest. ¹⁰ Nor shall you glean your vineyard, nor shall you gather the fallen fruit of your vineyard; you shall leave them for the needy and for the stranger. I am the LORD your God.

Deuteronomy 10: 18-19:

He executes justice for the orphan and the widow, and shows His love for the alien by giving him food and clothing. ¹⁹ So show your love for the alien, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt.

Isaiah 57: 13b:

But he who takes refuge in Me will inherit the land and will possess My holy mountain.

The Psalm: Psalm 147: 1-6 (NASB)

P: Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God; for it is pleasant *and* praise is becoming.

C: The Lord builds up Jerusalem; He gathers the outcasts of Israel.

P: He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

C: He counts the number of the stars; He gives names to all of them.

P: Great is our Lord and abundant in strength; His understanding is infinite.

C: The Lord supports the afflicted; He brings down the wicked to the ground.

The Epistle Lessons: (NASB)

1 Peter 2: 9-11:

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a PEOPLE FOR God's OWN POSSESSION, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; ¹⁰ for you once were NOT A PEOPLE, but now you are the People of God; you had not received Mercy, but now you have RECEIVED MERCY. 11 Beloved, I urge you as aliens and strangers to abstain from fleshly lusts which wage war against the soul.

Hebrews 11: 13-16:

All these died in faith, without receiving the promises, but having seen them and having welcomed them from a distance, and having confessed that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. ¹⁴ For those who say such things make it clear that they are seeking a country of their own. ¹⁵ And indeed if they had been thinking of that *country* from which they went out, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶ But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; for He has prepared a city for them.

The Gradual:

Forgive our sins, O Lord lest the ungodly say, Where is their God? Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of your Name and deliver us. Alleluia, alleluia. The king shall joy in your strength, O Lord and in your salvation how greatly will he rejoice. Alleluia.

(Psalm 79: 9-10; 21: 1)

The Alleluia (Sung in Unison)

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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: Matthew 2: 13-15, 19-23 (NASB)

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

¹³ Now when they had gone, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up! Take the Child and His mother and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is going to search for the Child to destroy Him." ¹⁴ So Joseph got up and took the Child and His mother while it was still night, and left for Egypt. ¹⁵ He remained there until the death of Herod. *This was* to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: "OUT OF EGYPT I CALLED MY SON."

¹⁹ But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord *appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, and said, ²⁰ "Get up, take the Child and His mother, and go into the land of Israel; for those who sought the Child's life are dead." ²¹ So Joseph got up, took the Child and His mother, and came into the land of Israel. ²² But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. Then after being warned *by God* in a dream, he left for the regions of Galilee, ²³ and came and lived in a city called Nazareth. *This was* to fulfill what was spoken through the prophets: "He shall be called a Nazarene."

The Congregation shall sing, "Praise be to Thee, 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 (Please be seated)

The Special Music

8:30 & 11:00: Robert Schmalz, trombone—*Beautiful Savior (Marchand)*

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 Sermon Hymn:

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" (CCL2958862)



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:

"Refugees & Exiles" | Hebrews 11: 13-16

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 and Hymn

"I, the Lord of Sea and Sky"

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The Closing & Silent Prayer (Please bow or kneel in prayer)

The Lord's Prayer (Prayed in Unison)

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And, forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

The Benediction

P: Now the God of peace, who brought up from the dead the great Shepherd of the sheep through the blood of the eternal covenant, *even* Jesus our Lord, equip you in every good thing to do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom *be* the glory forever and ever. (Hebrews 13: 20-21)

C: Amen.

The Closing Hymn:

"In Heaven Above" (CCL2958862)

The Silent Prayer & Chimes

The Postlude:

"Toccata in F" (Buxtehude)



Announcements

<u>The altar flowers</u> are presented by Dan and Dianne Groves with thanks to God for blessing them with 30 years of marriage.

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

Known to be hospitalized: Don Funk—St. Clair Hospital. Carol Holt is home.

Vicar Kevin Czymbor and family will be arriving this Tuesday afternoon, June 26, 2018.

<u>Library Committee Meeting:</u> The Library Committee will gather in the church library for its first meeting on Monday, July 2, 2018 at 10:30 a.m. Exciting things will be happening in the Library, but for now it is a temporary inconvenience for a permanent improvement. Please let Pat Lutz know if you are able to attend.

<u>VBS Volunteer Meeting:</u> There will be a VBS Meeting on Thursday June 28th 7:00pm in Adult Sunday School Room. All volunteers please attend.

<u>VBS Donations Are Needed:</u> Please pick a fish and sign up at bottom of the stairs. All donations need to be returned to the box in the Fellowship Hall by Sunday July 15th. Thank you all for your contributions!

<u>Sight and Sound Theatre Trip:</u> We are planning a trip which will be the first of several to come! Looking forward to October 4th and 5th for an excellent adventure to Sight and Sound Theatre to experience the theatre's production of "Jesus". This will be an overnight trip with travel provided by Lenzner Tours. See more information on the bulletin board outside of Pat's office. Mark your calendars and make your commitments for the trip. We need at least 35 people. If you are interested see either Patricia Lutz or Norma Vogel.

<u>Youth Fund:</u> Given by Dorothy Kratz in loving memory of her son-in-law Barry Weiner, who passed away on May 1, 2018.

VBS WEEK FOR 2018-MONDAY, JULY 23rd THRU FRIDAY, JULY 27th

SUNDAY SCHOOL, SUNDAY, JUNE 24, 2018 LARGE CLASS ROOM (Adult)

Mark Arelt continues his series...
"The Names of God"

UPPER ROOM (Adult)

Please join the Adult Large Sunday School Class Room

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#### **Upcoming Birthdays**

- ♦ Happy **95th** Birthday to Bob Cook on Friday, June 29, 2018.
- ♦ Happy **91st** Birthday to Dagny Fjaere on Sunday, July 1, 2018.
- ♦ Happy **91st** Birthday to Elizabeth Wood on Tuesday, July 3, 2018.
- ♦ Happy **102nd** Birthday to Dorothy Jacox on Wednesday, July 4, 2018.
- ♦ Happy **90th** Birthday to Richard Hummel on Saturday, July 14, 2018.
- ♦ Happy **92nd** Birthday to Al Hatala on Monday, July 16, 2018.
- ♦ Happy **90th** Birthday to Andy Kovac on Monday, July 23, 2018.

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

#### **YOUTH NEWS:**

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

In The summer months our Tuesday night high school group meet in the homes of youth that have volunteered to host. Special thanks to the Worrall family for hosting last Tuesday, this Tuesday we will be meeting at the Roose home 7-9pm. **The Address is 5527 Clarene Dr. Bethel Park PA, 15102.** 

#### 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 5<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> grade this year they are officially invited to join our SWAP group tonight at church 6-7:30pm.

#### Brunch (9-12 Grade)

On certain Sundays we host after Church brunch for the youth at the Fouks' House. Brunch typically starts immediately after church, and goes until around 4pm. If you like good food, good company, and fun games, brunch is perfect for you. **There will be brunch July 22.** 

#### **Work Camp Final Payment**

Work Camp Paperwork and final payments are due, please get those to Brandon ASAP.

#### Save the Date:

**July 1-6** Work Camp 2018

July 22 Brunch

Questions/concerns?

Contact Brandon Fouks: Fouksanator@gmail.com / (c) (715)-781-6063

Ruthfred is pleased to welcome musical guest

# Katy Dahl

In concert

Friday, June 29th at 7:00 p.m.
in the RLC Sanctuary



Katy Dahl is a singer/songwriter/worship leader in Minneapolis, MN. She grew up in northern MN where she was raised with a growing love for Jesus and for music.

Katy holds a degree in Music Ministry from the University of Northwestern—St. Paul. She has been on staff at Living Hope Church in Rogers, MN for 5 years and released her first EP last spring. She is currently working on another recording project and is planning to release new music in the summer of 2018.

You can find Katy on Facebook, or listen to her music on Apple Music, Spotify or on her website www.katydahl.com.

Admission is free, but a free will offering will be taken to help defray the cost of Katy's expenses. Merchandise will also be available for purchase.



## THEAMBASSADORS

in concert

Ruthfred Lutheran Church Wednesday, July 11th at 7:00 PM 3401 South Park Road, Bethel Park, PA 15102



## VBS is July 23-27<sup>th</sup>! <u>Looking for Volunteers!!</u> <u>WE NEED YOU!</u>

### Let's make it great for the kids!!

Please look at how you can get involved!

We really need YOU some, we are looking Look how you can help! Go to following webvbspro.events/p/



to help make VBS awefor lots of volunteers!

site to sign up: https://events/0d5334

Visit the table at the bottom of the stairs on the first floor for more information!

Questions?

Contact Lauren Compel by email at VBS\_laurencompel@yahoo.com

#### This Week At Ruthfred

#### Today (6/24)

8:30 a.m.— Worship Service 9:45 a.m.—Sunday School 11:00 a.m.—Worship Service

#### Wednesday (6/27)

HERALD MAILING 10:00 a.m.—Bible Study

#### Thursday (6/28)

7:00 p.m.—College & Career Group

#### Friday (6/29)

#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY BOB COOK

6:30 a.m.—Men's Prayer Group @ Panera 7:00 p.m.—Katy Dahl Concert

The psalmist urges us to sing the Lord's praises and proclaim his deeds to all (see Psalm 9:11). Let us do so! Welcome to worship. During the announcements, please sign the Friendship Pad and return it to the center aisle.

#### Attendance for Last Week:

Church...351 Sunday School...88

#### **Prayer Requests**

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#### 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:                             |
| Children:                         |
| Address:                          |
| Phone (indicate home, cell, etc.) |
| Email:                            |

I am a/an:

- 1st-Time Visitor
- 2nd-Time Visitor
- ■Out-of-Town Visitor
- Regular Attendee

I would like to learn more about:

- What It Means To Be a Christian
- Church Membership
- Ruthfred's Ministries or Groups
- Ways To Share My Gifts

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