

RUTHFRED LUTHERAN CHURCH

# Welcome to Ruthfred Lutheran Church!

Member of the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations ([www.aflc.org](http://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 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 2.
- ◆ 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 Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost, August 26, 2018

## Prelude:

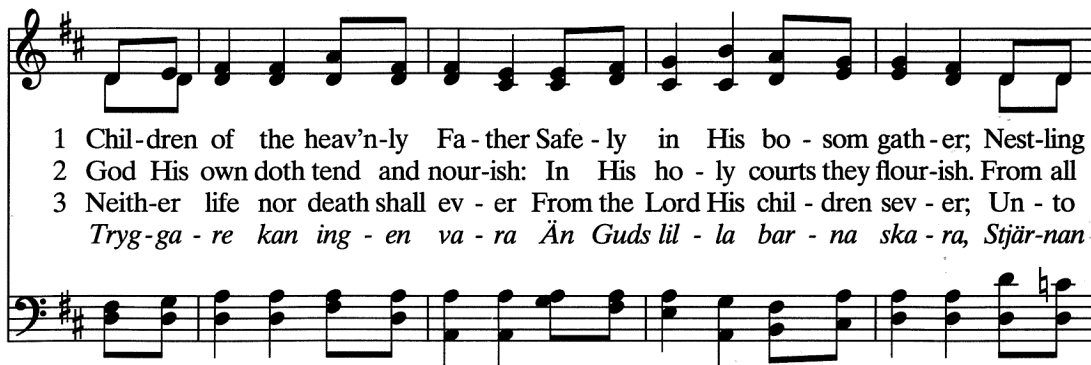
**Voluntary (Diapasons—Horns—Cornet Solo)** (18th C. English)

**Prelude on "Father, We Praise Thee"** (R. Hobby)

## The Opening Hymn:

**"Children Of The Heavenly Father"** (AMB560)

(Please stand as we join our hearts in song)



1 Chil-dren of the heav'n-ly Fa-ther Safe-ly in His bo-som gath-er; Nest-ling  
2 God His own doth tend and nour-ish: In His ho-ly courts they flour-ish. From all  
3 Neith-er life nor death shall ev-er From the Lord His chil-dren sev-er; Un-to  
Tryg-ga-re kan ing-en va-ra Ån Guds lil-la bar-na ska-ra, Stjär-nan



bird nor star in heav-en Such a ref-uge e'er was giv-en.  
e-vil things He spares them, In His might-y arms He bears them.  
them His grace He show-eth, And their sor-rows all He know-eth.  
ej på him-la-fäs-tet, Få-geln ej i kän-da näs-tet.

4 Praise the Lord in joyful numbers:  
Your Protector never slumbers.  
At the will of your Defender  
Ev'ry foeman must surrender.

5 Though He giveth or He taketh,  
God His children ne'er forsaketh,  
His the loving purpose solely  
To preserve them pure and holy.

## **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)

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.

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

Our help is in the name of the Lord

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

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

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

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

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

(Silent Prayer of Personal Confession)

## **Together:**

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

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

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

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

## **The Absolution:**

P: 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: Have respect to the covenant.

**C: O let not the oppressed return ashamed. Arise, O God, plead your own cause.**

P: Forget not the voice of your enemies. O God, why have you cast us off forever.

**C: Why does your anger smoke against the sheep of your pasture?**

(Psalm 74: 1, 20-23)

## **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.

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P: Lord, have mercy upon us.

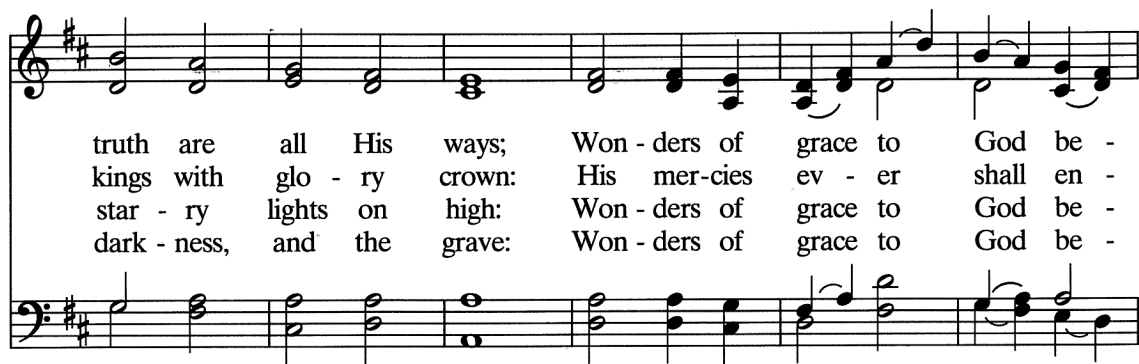
**C: Lord, have mercy upon us.**

## The Hymn of Praise:

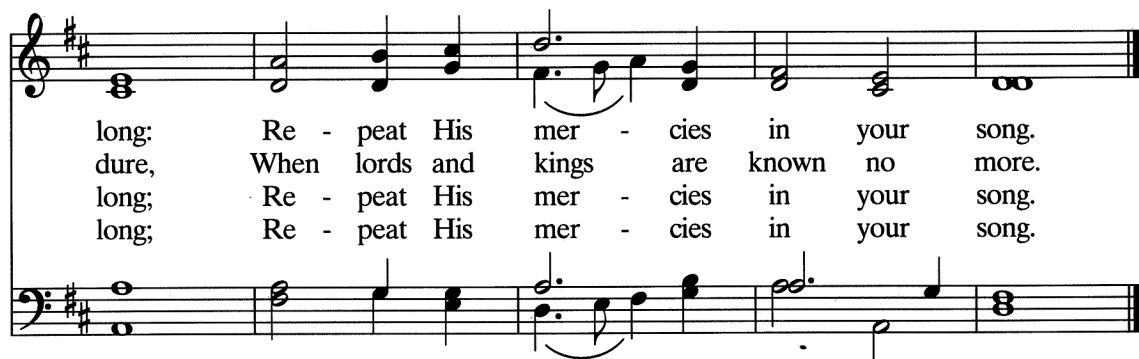
**"Give To Our God Immortal Praise"** (AMB205, vs 1 & 4)



1 Give to our God im - mor - tal praise! Mer - cy and  
2 Give to the Lord of lords re - nown, The King of  
3 He built the earth, He spread the sky, And fixed the  
4 He sent His Son with pow'r to save From guilt and



truth are all His ways; Won - ders of grace to God be -  
kings with glo - ry crown: His mer - cies ev - er shall en -  
star - ry lights on high: Won - ders of grace to God be -  
dark - ness, and the grave: Won - ders of grace to God be -



long: Re - peat His mer - cies in your song.  
dure, When lords and kings are known no more.  
long; Re - peat His mer - cies in your song.  
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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: Almighty and everlasting God, give unto us the increase of faith, hope, and charity; and that we may obtain that which you have promised, make us to love that which you have command; 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: Isaiah 29: 11-19** (ESV)

And the vision of all this has become to you like the words of a book that is sealed. When men give it to one who can read, saying, "Read this," he says, "I cannot, for it is sealed." <sup>12</sup> And when they give the book to one who cannot read, saying, "Read this," he says, "I cannot read." <sup>13</sup> And the Lord said: "Because this people draw near with their mouth and honor me with their lips, while their hearts are far from me, and their fear of me is a commandment taught by men, <sup>14</sup> therefore, behold, I will again do wonderful things with this people, with wonder upon wonder; and the wisdom of their wise men shall perish, and the discernment of their discerning men shall be hidden." <sup>15</sup> Ah, you who hide deep from the LORD your counsel, whose deeds are in the dark, and who say, "Who sees us? Who knows us?" <sup>16</sup> You turn things upside down! Shall the potter be regarded as the clay, that the thing made should say of its maker, "He did not make me"; or the thing formed say of him who formed it, "He has no understanding"? <sup>17</sup> Is it not yet a very little while until Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field, and the fruitful field shall be regarded as a forest? <sup>18</sup> In that day the deaf shall hear the words of a book, and out of their gloom and darkness the eyes of the blind shall see. <sup>19</sup> The meek shall obtain fresh joy in the LORD, and the poor among mankind shall exult in the Holy One of Israel.

**The Psalm: Psalm 14** (ESV)

P: The fool says in his heart, "There is no God."

**C: They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds; there is none who does good.**

P: The Lord looks down from heaven on the children of man, to see if there are any who understand, who seek after God.

**C: They have all turned aside; together they have become corrupt; there is none who does good, not even one.**

P: Have they no knowledge, all the evildoers who eat up my people as they eat bread and do not call upon the Lord?

**C: There they are in great terror, for God is with the generation of the righteous.**

P: You would shame the plans of the poor, but the Lord is his refuge.

**C: Oh, that salvation for Israel would come out of Zion!  
When the Lord restores the fortunes of his people, let  
Jacob rejoice, let Israel be glad.**

**The Epistle Lesson: Ephesians 5: 21-33** (ESV)

Submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ. <sup>22</sup> Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. <sup>23</sup> For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. <sup>24</sup> Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands.

<sup>25</sup> Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, <sup>26</sup> that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, <sup>27</sup> so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. <sup>28</sup> In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. <sup>29</sup> For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, <sup>30</sup> because we are members of his body. <sup>31</sup> "Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." <sup>32</sup> This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. <sup>33</sup> However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.



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:**

Have respect to the covenant. O let not the oppressed return ashamed. Arise, O God, plead your own cause, forget not the voice of your enemies. Alleluia, alleluia. O Lord God of my salvation. I have cried day and night before you. Alleluia. (Psalm 74: 20-21; 88: 1)

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

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

### **The Holy Gospel Lesson: Mark 7: 1-13 (ESV)**

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

Now when the Pharisees gathered to him, with some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup> they saw that some of his disciples ate with hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed. <sup>3</sup> (For the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they wash their hands properly, holding to the tradition of the elders, <sup>4</sup> and when they come from the marketplace, they do not eat unless they wash. And there are many other traditions that they observe, such as the washing of cups and pots and copper vessels and dining couches.) <sup>5</sup> And the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” <sup>6</sup> And he said to them, “Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written, “This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me; <sup>7</sup> in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.’ <sup>8</sup> You leave the commandment of God and hold to the tradition of men.” <sup>9</sup> And he said to them, “You have a fine way of rejecting the commandment of God in order to establish your tradition! <sup>10</sup> For Moses said, ‘Honor your father and your mother’; and, ‘Whoever reviles father or mother must surely die.’ <sup>11</sup> But you say, ‘If a man tells his father or his mother, “Whatever you would have gained from me is Corban”’ (that is, given to God)— <sup>12</sup> then you no longer permit him to do anything for his father or mother, <sup>13</sup> thus making void the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down. And many such things you do.”

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** (Please be seated)

**The Special Music**

8:30 & 11:00 Sue Swan—Great Is Thy Faithfulness (arr. Jack Schrader)

## The Sermon Hymn:

### "Lord, Who At Cana's Wedding Feast" (SBH301)

1. Lord, who at Ca-na's wed-ding feast Didst as a guest ap-pear,  
2. The ho-liest vow that man can make, The gold-en thread in life,

Thou, dear-er far than earth-ly guest, Vouch-safe thy pres-ence here;  
The bond that none may dare to break, That bind-eth man and wife;

For ho-ly thou in-deed dost prove The mar-riage vow to be,  
Which, blessed by thee, what-e'er be-tides, No e-vil shall de-destroy,

Pro-claim-ing it a type of love Be-tween the Church and thee;  
Through care-worn days each care di-vides, And dou-bles ev-ery joy. A-men.

3 On those who at thine altar kneel,  
O Lord, thy blessing pour,  
That each may wake the other's zeal  
To love thee more and more;

O grant them here in peace to live,  
In purity and love,  
And, this world leaving, to receive  
A crown of life above. Amen.

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:**

"Inseparable In Christ" | Ephesians 5: 21-33

### **Sermon Notes:**

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### **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**

*"Lord, I Want To Be A Christian"* (Diane Bish)

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

**The Lord's Prayer** (Prayed in Unison)

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

**The Benediction**

P: May the Lord bless you and keep you.

May he make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you

May he lift up His countenance upon you and give you His peace.

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

(Numbers 6:24-26)

**C: Amen.**

## The Closing Hymn:

"Beautiful Savior" (AMB177)

1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior! King of cre - a - tion! Son of  
2 Fair are the mead-ows, Fair - er the wood-lands, Robed in  
3 Fair is the sun - shine, Fair - er the moon-light And the  
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior! Lord of the na - tions! Son of

God and Son of Man! Tru - ly I'd love Thee,  
flow'rs of bloom - ing spring; Je - sus is fair - er;  
spark - ling stars on high; Je - sus shines bright - er,  
God and Son of Man! Glo - ry and hon - or,

Tru - ly I'd serve Thee, Light of my soul, my joy, my crown!  
Je - sus is pur - er; He makes our sorrow - ing spir - it sing.  
Je - sus shines pur - er; Than all the an - gels in the sky.  
Praise, a - dor - a - tion, Now and for ev - er - more be Thine!

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It is in the key of B-flat major (two flats) and 4/4 time. The score consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano line (bass clef). The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The first system contains the first four lines of the hymn. The second system contains the next four lines. The third system contains the final four lines, ending with a double bar line. The piano accompaniment provides harmonic support for the vocal parts.

## The Silent Prayer & Chimes

### The Postlude:

"Bouree" (Telemann)

# Announcements

**The altar flowers** are presented by Alan and Ruth Hinkelman in praise to God for 50 years of marriage and blessings.

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

**Known to be hospitalized:** Cheryl Schmidt—Healthsouth, Harmarville. Tom Allsopp is now home.

**Official Act:** On Monday, August 20, 2018 at 10:30 a.m. a private funeral service was held for Ruth W. Speer at the Henney, Bradwell & Nirella Funeral Home in Carnegie, PA.

**The Knitting/Crochet Group has started!** Our next meeting is on Thursday, September 13th at 10:00 a.m. in the fireside lounge. We will meet the second and fourth Thursday of each month. The group is open to all women in the church and is geared for beginner knitters and crocheters as well as those very accomplished in these crafts, and everyone in between. If you are interested in being a part, come and bring a project you would like to make or bring something already in progress. We hope to see you here!

**Join the choir!** Those involved in the handbell and senior choirs are wonderful and welcoming people who are involved because they enjoy Christian fellowship and value music in our worship services. It is exciting to serve the Lord through music. Basic music-reading skills are needed for participation in the handbell choir, while those interested in the senior choir should just come with pleasant singing voices. Rehearsals commence this Wednesday at 7:30 PM for the senior choir and on Wednesday, September 12 at 6:30 PM for the handbell choir. Please pray about using your gifts for God's glory. Just try a rehearsal or two... ***we need more volunteers.***

**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.

**Thank you** to all of my RLC family for the many cards, personal notes, phone calls, food, rides and well wishes. The continuing offers of help and support still mean so much. I am particularly grateful for the generosity and kindness of my dear friends, Joanne Salvetti, Chuck and Virginia DiSalvo and Linda Baughman. Bless you all! In Christian love, ***Marly Willis***

**Happy 92nd Birthday to George Powell** tomorrow, Monday, August 27, 2018. Please remember George with birthday wishes and prayers.

**We welcome children** in our services! If, some point, the nursery downstairs and Sunday School class are available and continue listening to the service.



however, you need to take them out at the fireplace lounge next to the Adult both have audio feed so that you can

# **SUNDAY SCHOOL, SUNDAY, AUGUST 26, 2018**

## **LARGE CLASS ROOM (Adult)**

Pastor Carlson begins a 2-part series ...

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

## **Sunday, September 2, 2018**

Pastor Carlson continues with his 2-part series

## **Sunday, September 9, 2018**

Rabbi Jeff Kipp will be with us.

## **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 on 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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**Morning Journey through The Word** 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** will begin on Wednesday September 12<sup>th</sup>. We will be studying through the Old Testament as “The Story” of God’s plan to restore His creation. Please register online, or contact Jill Huwe, so that we can have a study guide ready for you!

**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](mailto:VBS_laurencompel@yahoo.com)



## GIFTS TO OUR CHURCH

### Youth Fund

Given by Jennifer Powell in memory of Stacie Klick.

Given by Chuck and Virginia DiSalvo in memory of Stacie Klick.

Given by the Kinlan Family in memory of Stacie Klick.

Given by Amanda Kruger's Work Family (Lending Home) in honor of Stacie Klick.

Given by Craig and Laura Blanock in memory of Stacie Klick.

Given by Christian and Tracy Shaffer in memory of Stacie Klick.

Given by Susan Dawson in memory of Stacie Klick.

### Music Fund

Given by Dan and Dianne Groves in memory of Stacie Klick.

### Pastor's Fund

Given by Chuck and Virginia DiSalvo in memory of Don Funk.

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**Congratulations to Brandon and Jocelyn Marshall** upon the birth of their son, Lennon Robert Marshall, on Monday, August 20, 2018. Congrats also to grandparents, Jim and Diann Marshall.

**Xyzers**, be sure to mark your calendars for the September XYZ to be held on Friday, September 28th at 12:00 noon in the fellowship hall. Great food, meaningful fellowship and a program provided by Attorney Ben Urso 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. Sign up today so we have a lunch ready for you.

**Shepherds**: Two meetings are scheduled for our Shepherds on Monday, August 27th at 1:00 p.m. and on Thursday, August 30th, at 7:00 p.m. If you are serving as a shepherd we would appreciate your input and update on what is happening in your ministry. Be sure to attend one of these scheduled meetings. We look forward to seeing!

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### **Budgeted Funds as of July 31, 2018**

Member Donations	Actual Expenses	Approved Budget Expenses
\$639,301	\$572,333	\$614,446

# YOUTH NEWS

## TNT (9-12 Grade)

Our summer hosting has ended, from now on every TNT will be at the church 7-9pm. 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 5<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> 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 4pm. If you like good food, good company, and fun games, brunch is perfect for you. **There will be brunch September 23<sup>rd</sup>.**

## Video Scavenger Hunt (9-12 Grade)

On **Tuesday August 28<sup>th</sup>** we will be hosting our annual video scavenger hunt at the church. This event starts at 6pm and ends at 9pm. During this time, teens will be divided into teams and given a list of things they need to record, the winning team gets a prize!

### Save the Date:

**August 28**      Video Scavenger Hunt

**September 23**      Brunch

Questions/concerns?

Contact Brandon Fouks: Fouksanator@gmail.com

(c) (715)-781-6063

## This Week At Ruthfred

### Today (8/26)

8:30 a.m.—Worship Service

9:45 a.m.—Sunday School

11:00 a.m.—Worship Service

4:00 p.m.—GIFT @ Glassers for picnic dinner

### Monday (8/27)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY GEORGE POWELL

### Tuesday (8/28)

1:00 p.m.—Shepherd Meeting

### Wednesday (8/29) HERALD MAILING

7:30 p.m.—Senior Choir

### Thursday (8/30)

7:00 p.m.—Shepherd Meeting

7:15 p.m.—Benevolence Meeting

### Friday (8/31)

6:30 a.m.—Men's Prayer Group @ Panera

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Welcome to worship, and a special extension of friendship to our visitors. May all who gather here experience "the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding" (Philippians 4:7, ESV). During the announcements, please sign the Friendship Pad and return it to the center aisle.

Attendance for Last Week:  
Church...371   Sunday School...90

## Prayer Requests

Please use this space to let the pastors, elders and/or church know of your prayer needs.

☐ 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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