

Welcome to Ruthfred Lutheran Church!

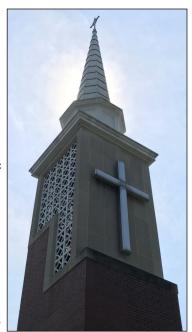
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We are delighted to have you with us this morning as we gather to worship the Lord Jesus Christ.

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 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 Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost, September 30, 2018

Prelude:

"Sicilienne"

(Maria Theresa von Paradis)

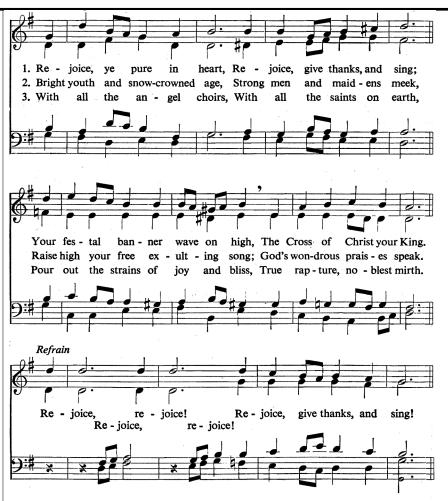
"Now Pray We To The Holy One"

(D. Buxtehude)

The Opening Hymn:

"Rejoice, Ye Pure In Heart" (SBH555)

(Please stand as we join our hearts in song)



- 4 With voice as full and strong As ocean's surging praise, Send forth the hymns our fathers loved, The psalms of ancient days.
- 5 Still lift your standard high,Still march in firm array,As warriors through the darkness toilTill dawns the golden day.
- 6 At last the march shall end,
 The wearied ones shall rest,
 The pilgrims find their Father's house,
 Jerusalem the blest.
- 7 Then on, ye pure in heart, Rejoice, give thanks, and sing; Your festal banner wave on high, The Cross of Christ your King.

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 Confession of Sin (SBH, p. 15)

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

Our help is in the name of the Lord

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

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

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

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

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

(Silent Prayer of Personal Confession)

Together:

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

The Absolution:

P: 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

"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 from the Greek word 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

The Introit (Read Responsively; Please stand)

P: Reward them that wait for You, O Lord.

C: And let Your prophets be found faithful. Hear the prayer of Your servants.

P: And of Your people Israel. I was glad when they said to me.

C: Let us go into the house of the Lord.

(Psalm 122: 1)

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 Kyrie (Sung in Unison; SBH p. 18)

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace that is from above, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the churches of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this holy house, and for them that in faith, piety and fear of God offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, pity and defend us, O God, by thy grace.

C: Amen.

The Hymn of Praise:

"From All That Dwell Below The Skies" (SBH429)



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: O God, forasmuch as without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant, that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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 55: 10-13 (ESV)

"For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, ¹¹ so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it. ¹² "For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. ¹³ Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall make a name for the LORD, an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off."

The Psalm: Psalm 119: 171-174 (ESV)

P: My lips will pour forth praise, for you teach me your statutes.

C: My tongue will sing of your word, for all your commandments are right.

P: Let your hand be ready to help me, for I have chosen your precepts.

C: I long for your salvation, O Lord, and your law is my delight.

The Epistle Lesson: Acts 13: 1-12 (ESV)

Now there were in the church at Antioch prophets and teachers, Barnabas, Simeon who was called Niger Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen a lifelong friend of Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. ² While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." ³ Then after fasting and praying they laid their hands on them and sent them off. ⁴ So, being sent out by the Holy Spirit, they went down to Seleucia, and from there they sailed to Cyprus. ⁵ When they arrived at Salamis, they proclaimed the word of God in the synagogues of the Jews. And they had John to assist them. ⁶ When they had gone through the whole island as far as Paphos, they came upon a certain magician, a Jewish false prophet named Bar-Jesus. ⁷ He was with the proconsul, Sergius Paulus, a man of intelligence, who summoned Barnabas and Saul and sought to hear the word of God. ⁸ But Elymas the magician (for that is the meaning of his name) opposed them, seeking to turn the proconsul away from the faith. ⁹ But Saul, who was also called Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit, looked intently at him ¹⁰ and said, "You son of the devil, you enemy of all righteousness, full of all deceit and villainy, will you not stop making crooked the straight paths of the Lord? ¹¹ And now, behold, the hand of the Lord is upon you, and you will be blind and unable to see the sun for a time." Immediately mist and darkness fell upon him, and he went about seeking people to lead him by the hand. ¹² Then the proconsul believed, when he saw what had occurred, for he was astonished at the teaching of the Lord.

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:

I was glad when they said to me; let us go into the house of the Lord. Peace be within Your walls and prosperity within Your palaces. Alleluia, alleluia. O praise the Lord, all you nations. Praise him, all you people. Alleluia. (Psalm 122: 1, 7; 117: 1)

The Alleluia (Sung in Unison)

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Holy Gospel Lesson: Matthew 7: 24-27 (ESV)

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

"Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. ²⁵ And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. ²⁶ And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. ²⁷ And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it."

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 guick 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

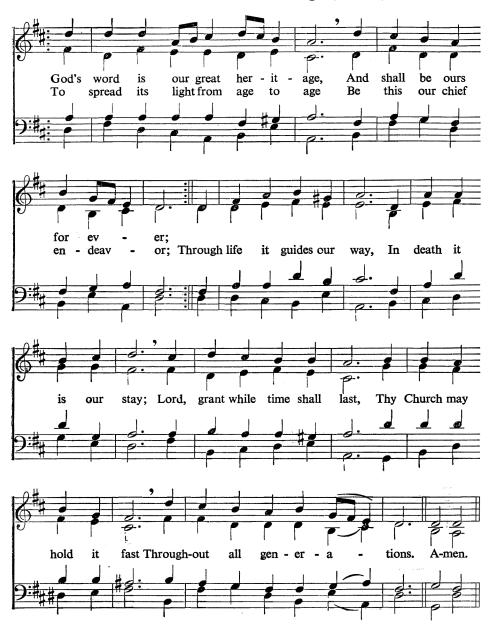
8:30 Bell Choir—"I've Got Peace Like A River" (arr. Lamb)
11:00 Senior Choir—"The Lord Is My Shepherd" (Matthews)

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.

Lyrics on page 14

The Sermon Hymn:

"God's Word Is Our Great Heritage" (SBH257)



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:

"Power-filled Missions" | Acts 13: 4-12

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 Offertory

Meditation on "Hyfrydol" (C. Callahan)

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:

"How Firm A Foundation"

(AMB262)

The Silent Prayer & Chimes

The Postlude:

"St. Anthony Chorale" (F. J. Haydn)



Senior Choir Lyrics

The Lord Is My Shepherd

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul.

He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil: For Thou art with me;

Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:

Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:

and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Announcements

<u>The altar flowers</u> are presented by Susan Hughes in memory of Lee Hughes on his birthday and in gratitude to Jesus for His sacrifice for all of us.

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

<u>Known to be hospitalized:</u> Cheryl Schmidt is now at ManorCare in McMurray. Marie Wilmer is now home

<u>Official Act:</u> On Wednesday, September 26, 2018 at 11:30 a.m., funeral services were held for Margaret (Gerri) Styche, 80, in the sanctuary of our church.

<u>Please continue to pray for Gina Consoli.</u> Gina had a brain tumor partially removed last month. Her MRI scheduled for Friday, September 14th has been postponed due to Hurricane Florence. Please keep her in prayer. Her address is: 4305 Excursion Drive, Dalzell, SC 29040.

Thank You: Thank you to all who attended and contributed to last Sunday's Fall Family Brunch. It was a great time to get together. Especially nice to see some of the youth group and to be around our very youth - infants and toddlers. Thank you to those who invited friends and nonmembers; and many thanks to the team who worked toward the comfort of those who attended the event – Our Pastors, Pat, Joanne, Brian, Eileen, Brandon, Emily, Naomi (all the ladies who helped in the kitchen), and the Women's Planning Committee. The next meeting of the Committee is October 23, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the church Conference Room. All women are encouraged to attend to plan more exciting church events, including the upcoming Christmas gathering. Bev Rowan.

<u>Acts Preaching Series:</u> Today we continue our 12-week preaching series in the book of Acts. We will discover how God formed and called the Church for the Mission of sharing the Good News throughout the world.

Budgeted Funds as of August 31, 2018

Member Donations	Actual Expenses	Approved Budget Expenses		
\$709,890	\$661,342	\$702,223		

SUNDAY SCHOOL, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2018

LARGE CLASS ROOM (Adult)

Sunday, September 30, 2018—Sunday, November 18, 2018

The adults will begin a new series together (both large classroom and the upper room) on "Envisioning the Future" through the lens of the books of Ezra-Nehemiah. We will study how God Regathered, Rebuilt, Reformed and Renewed His people for their role in God's great work of Redemption and Restoration of our world.

UPPER ROOM (Adult)

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

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<u>Happy 91st Birthday to Harry Fjaere</u> TODAY, Sunday, September 30, 2018; and <u>Happy 90th Birthday to Pat Lindauer</u> on Friday, October 5, 2018. Please remember Harry and Pat with birthday wishes and prayers.

Although our Sight and Sound venture is still a while off, it is important that we form a committee of everyone who is considering taking the trip. In order to be timely, the last date to sign up will be February 24, 2019, as we will need to contact everyone, collect the funds for the trip and finalize everything with the bus company. Sign-up sheets, as well as, a copy of the itinerary are located on the bulletin board outside of Pat's office. This promises to be an excellent trip. Sign up today!!

# YOUTH NEWS

### 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.

### Fall Festival (6-12 Grade kids & Families)

Steve and Peggy Cox have once again opened their farm to the youth and their families for our annual fall festival. The Festival will be taking place on **October 6<sup>th</sup> from 3:30pm to 9pm** at the Farm. During this time, we will be participating in fall themed activities, enjoying great food, and watching an outdoor movie (weather permitting). Contact Brandon ASAP to RSVP if you are planning to attend.

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

Registration is open for this year's annual SWAP retreat at Seneca Hills Bible Camp. We will be leaving from church on Friday October 19<sup>th</sup> at 6pm, and returning Sunday October 21<sup>st</sup> around 3pm. During their time at Seneca Hills the kids will play large group games, participate in worship, enjoy great food, and take in a number of sessions from a guest speaker. Forms are available outside the youth office, cost is \$65.

### Save the Date:

October 6

Fall Festival

October 19

**SWAP Retreat** 

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

### **GIFTS TO OUR CHURCH**

### Pastor's Fund

Given by William and Nancy Phillips in memory of Dagny Fjaere.

Given by Kurt and Mettelise Ziegler in memory of Mettelise's mother, Dagny Fjaere, and with thanks for the funeral luncheon.

Given by a friend in Christ in memory of Dagny Fjaere.

Given by Mick and Marlene Nowicki in memory of Gerri Styche.

Given by Bethany Ann Styche in memory of Gerri Styche.

Given by friends in Christ in memory of Margaret (Gerri) Styche.

### **Youth Fund**

Given by William and Michelna Barry in memory of Stacie Klick.

Given by Stacie Klick's USC high school friends (Alison Haley, Kristin Frommeyer, Sarah Donnelly, Heather Hunk, Emily Heineman, Jennifer Vleek, Jane Soung and Krista Sommer) in memory of their friend.

### **Music Fund**

Given by Dorothy Kratz in memory of Gerri Styche.

Given by Chris Sopoci in memory of Gerri Styche.

Given by Erna Jochum in memory of Dagny Fjaere.

# This Week At Ruthfred

### Today (9/30)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY HARRY FJAERE 8:30 a.m.— Worship Service 9:45 a.m.—Sunday School 11:00 a.m.—Worship Service

### Monday (10/1)

9:15 a.m.—JTTW Leaders Meeting 9:30 a.m.—Craft & Sew 7:00 p.m.—Elders' Meeting

### Wednesday (10/3)

9:15 a.m.—JTTW 5:45 p.m.—Children's Choir 6:30 p.m.—Bell Choir 6:45 p.m.—JTTW/KidsTime 6:45 p.m.—Jr. & Sr. Confirmation Classes 7:30 p.m.—Senior Choir

### Thursday (10/4)

7:00 p.m.—Career & College Group

### Friday (10/5)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY PAT LINDAUER 6:30 a.m.—Men's Prayer Group @ Panera's

"Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise" (James 5:13, NIV). In this holy time and space, we express prayers for the hurting as well as songs of joy. Welcome! During the announcements, please sign the Friendship Pad and return it to the center aisle.

Attendance for Last Week: Church...374 Sunday School...140 JTTW (morn)...87 Children...1 JTTW (evening)...79 KidsTime...32

# **Prayer Requests**

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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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| Phone (indicate home, cell, etc.)                                 |
| Email:                                                            |
| I am a/an: 1 st-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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