

Welcome to Ruthfred Lutheran Church!

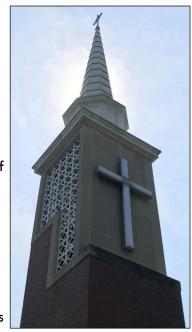
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We are delighted to have you with us this morning as we gather to worship the Lord Jesus Christ.

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 Ninth Sunday after Pentecost, July 22, 2018

Prelude:

"Pavane" (Gabriel Faure)

The Opening Hymn:

"All The Way My Savior Leads Me"

(AMB469)

(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:

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.

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: We have thought of your lovingkindness, O God.

C: In the midst of your temple. According to your Name, O God, so is your praise unto the ends of the earth.

P: Your right hand is full of righteousness. Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised.

C: In the city of our God, in the mountain of his holiness. (Psalm 48: 1, 10)

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:

"Love Divine, All Love Excelling" (AMB226, vs 1 & 4)



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 pray: Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always such things as are right; that we, who cannot do anything that is good without You, may by You be enabled to live according to Your will; 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)

Genesis 2: 1-3:

Thus the heavens and the earth were completed, and all their hosts. ² By the seventh day God completed His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done. ³ Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made.

Deuteronomy 5: 12-15:

Observe the sabbath day to keep it holy, as the LORD your God commanded you. ¹³ Six days you shall labor and do all your work, ¹⁴ but the seventh day is a sabbath of the LORD your God; *in it* you shall not do any work, you or your son or your daughter or your male servant or your female servant or your ox or your donkey or any of your cattle or your sojourner who stays with you, so that your male servant and your female servant may rest as well as you. ¹⁵ You shall remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God brought you out of there by a mighty hand and by an outstretched arm; therefore the LORD your God commanded you to observe the sabbath day.

The Psalm: Psalm 81: 1-10 (NASB)

P: Sing for joy to God our strength; shout joyfully to the God of Jacob.

C: Raise a song, strike the timbrel, the sweet sounding lyre with the harp.

P: Blow the trumpet at the new moon, at the full moon, on our feast day.

C: For it is a statute for Israel, an ordinance of the God of Jacob.

P: He established it for a testimony in Joseph when he went throughout the land of Egypt. I heard a language that I did not know.

C: I relieved his shoulder of the burden, his hands were freed from the basket.

P: You called in trouble and I rescued you; I answered you in the hiding place of thunder; I proved you at the waters of Meribah.

C: Hear, O My people, and I will admonish you; O Israel, if you would listen to Me!

P: Let there be not strange god among you; nor shall you worship any foreign god.

C: I, the Lord, am your God, who brought you up from the land of Egypt. Open your mouth wide and I will fill it.

The Epistle Lesson: Hebrews 4: 1-10 (NASB)

Therefore, let us fear if, while a promise remains of entering His rest, any one of you may seem to have come short of it. ² For indeed we have had good news preached to us, just as they also; but the word they heard did not profit them, because it was not united by faith in those who heard. ³ For we who have believed enter that rest, just as He has said, "As I swore in My wrath, They shall not enter My rest," although His works were finished from the foundation of the world. ⁴ For He has said somewhere concerning the seventh *day*. "AND GOD RESTED ON THE SEVENTH DAY FROM ALL HIS WORKS"; 5 and again in this passage, "They shall not enter My rest." ⁶ Therefore, since it remains for some to enter it, and those who formerly had good news preached to them failed to enter because of disobedience, ⁷ He again fixes a certain day, "Today," saying through David after so long a time just as has been said before, "Today if you HEAR His voice, Do NOT HARDEN YOUR HEARTS." ⁸ For if Joshua had given them rest, He would not have spoken of another day after that. ⁹ So there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God. ¹⁰ For the one who has entered His rest has himself also rested from his works, as God did from His.

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

Be thou my strong rock. For an house of defence to save me. In you, O Lord, do I put my trust. Let me never be ashamed. Alleluia, alleluia. The Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the ungodly shall perish. Alleluia. (Psalm 31: 1, 23)

The Alleluia (Sung in Unison)

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Holy Gospel Lesson: Mark 2: 23-3: 6 (NASB)

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

And it happened that He was passing through the grainfields on the Sabbath, and His disciples began to make their way along while picking the heads *of grain*. ²⁴ The Pharisees were saying to Him, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the Sabbath?" ²⁵ And He said to them, "Have you never read what David did when he was in need and he and his companions became hungry; ²⁶ how he entered the house of God in the time of Abiathar the high priest, and ate the consecrated bread, which is not lawful for anyone to eat except the priests, and he also gave it to those who were with him?" ²⁷ Jesus said to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath. ²⁸ So the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath." 3 He entered again into a synagogue; and a man was there whose hand was withered. ² They were watching Him to see if He would heal him on the Sabbath, so that they might accuse Him. ³ He said to the man with the withered hand, "Get up and come forward!" ⁴ And He said to them, "Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the Sabbath, to save a life or to kill?" But they kept silent. ⁵ After looking around at them with anger, grieved at their hardness of heart, He said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." And he stretched it out, and his hand was restored. ⁶The Pharisees went out and immediately began conspiring with the Herodians against Him, as to how they might destroy Him.

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

Today we are privileged to witness the sacrament of Holy Baptism. We believe that Baptism is God's work. It is not merely a symbolic application of water, but water used according to God's command and in connection with His Word (see Matt. 28:19-20). In Baptism God causes us to be born again through the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit (see Titus 3:5 and 1 Peter 3:21). For Arialla and Alaina, Baptism marks the beginning of a new life in Christ that is nourished through a lifetime of continually hearing and learning God's Word.

<u>The Baptismal Hymn:</u> Jesus Loves Me (AMB369) (11:00)



The Baptisms of Arialla Malaika Grafton
Alaina Rae Grafton

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 Consecration of VBS Workers (both services)

The Special Music

8:30 & 11:00 Anthony Lucchitti—Spirit Of The Living God (Iverson)

The Sermon Hymn:

"Dear Lord And Father Of Mankind" (AMB203)



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:

"Sabbath Rest" | Deuteronomy 5: 12-15

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

"Jesus, Thy Boundless Love" (Franklin Ashdown)

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:





The Silent Prayer & Chimes

The Postlude:

"Trumpet Tune In C" (David N. Johnson)

Announcements

<u>The altar flowers</u> are presented by Pastor and Jen Carlson in honor of their 26th wedding anniversary on July 18th.

<u>The chancel rail arrangement</u> is presented by the Lundgren Family in loving memory of Gillian Elise Lundgren who went to be with her Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ one year ago today.

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

Known to be hospitalized: Stacie Klick—Magee Women's Hospital. Ezra Czymbor and Jim MacManus are now home.

Back to School Giving Tree Project: We are collecting back to school items for the Salvation Army Center on McNeilly Road until August 19. Stop by the Giving Tree by the upstairs elevator and take a tag listing needed items. Donations can be placed in the marked bin in the fireside lounge. Any questions, contact Jill Kurtz. Thank you for your participation.

<u>Decorating Volunteers needed for VBS</u> TODAY, Sunday July 22nd to move stage and finish decorating sanctuary, 12:00pm-finished. Come early and lets get done quickly!

<u>The AFLBS VBS Team "Foundation"</u> (members are Dalton Jordahl, Derick Perry, Paige Blake, and Megan Thonsgaard) will be at Ruthfred this week for VBS. If you would like to host them for a lunch or dinner meal during the week, please contact Pat Lutz at the church office.

<u>Happy 90th Birthday to Andy Kovac</u> TODAY, Sunday, July 22, 2018. Please remember Andy with birthday wishes and prayers.

<u>"Echoes of the Jurassic" at Zion Lutheran Church:</u> Noted Creation Scientist, Dr. Kevin Anderson, will be at Zion Lutheran Church in Bridgeville to present his discovery of soft tissue in dinosaur fossils in Montana supporting the creationist view of a "young earth" on Saturday, July 28th at 2:00 p.m. His presentation is meant for a general audience, high school-aged and older.



<u>Church Picnic:</u> Our church picnic will be held on Sunday, August 12th starting at 2:00 p.m. at the baseball field at the church. Dinner will be at 5:00 p.m. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. There will be a bounce house, airbrush tattoos, balloon sculptures, a craft for the kids, games and more... Come enjoy a day of fellowship and fun!

<u>Sight and Sound Theatre Trip:</u> THIS TRIP HAS BEEN CANCELLED.

VBS WEEK STARTS TOMORROW,
MONDAY, JULY 23rd THRU FRIDAY, JULY 27th

SUNDAY SCHOOL, SUNDAY, JULY 22, 2018

LARGE CLASS ROOM (Adult)

Pastor Osier continues with...

"The Hard Sayings of the Bible"

Continuing to explore a number of difficult passages of the Bible and bringing clarity to them in both understanding and application of them.

Sunday, August 5, 2018
Ryan Saul will be sharing about his mission trip to Indonesia.

UPPER ROOM (Adult)

Please join the Adult Large Sunday School Class Room

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#### **YOUTH NEWS**

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

In the summer months our Tuesday night high school group meets in the homes of youth that have volunteered to host. This Tuesday we will be at the Hunter's from 7pm to 9pm, address is: 303 Chessbriar 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.** 

### 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 today!!!! July 22.** 

## VBS Team Mini Golfing (9-12 Grade)

On July 27<sup>th</sup> we will be playing mini golf with the VBS team from AFLBS at Sunsets mini golf course. If you would like to join us, please talk to Brandon as soon as possible. Cost will be \$8 per person, there is also a chance we will get ice cream after so bring money for that if you wish to partake.

### Save the Date:

**July 22** Brunch

July 27 Mini Golfing

Questions/concerns?

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

# This Week At Ruthfred

## Today (7/22)

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

#### **VBS WEEK-MONDAY THRU FRIDAY**

## **Thursday (7/26)**

7:00 p.m.—College and Career Group

# Friday (7/27)

6:30 a.m.—Men's Prayer Group @ Panera

The God of all times and seasons welcomes you, now and always. May the Word of God, heard and experienced, strengthen you this day. During the announcements, please sign the Friendship Pad and return it to the center aisle.

Attendance for Last Week: Church...322 Sunday School...93

# **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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| I would like to learn more about:  What It Means To Be a Christian Church Membership Ruthfred's Ministries or Groups |

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