

RUTHFRED LUTHERAN CHURCH

# Welcome to Ruthfred Lutheran Church!

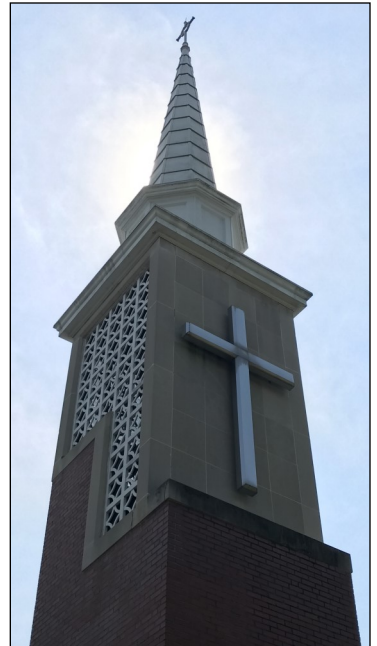
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**We are delighted to have you with us this morning as we gather to worship the Lord Jesus Christ.**

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

## About Us:

- ♦ Since her charter in 1949, Ruthfred Lutheran Church has been a congregation rooted in the conviction that the Bible is inspired by God, living and active, capable to produce faith in its hearers, and true and faithful in all its parts. As such, our preaching and teaching aim to be faithful to its correct interpretation and is central to our worship of God.
- ♦ Our Divine Service, called the “Common Service,” possesses a rich history that stems from the early days of the Lutheran Reformation. It is 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 Second Sunday after Pentecost, June 3, 2018

## Prelude:

### **"Echo Fantasia"**

(J. P. Sweelinck)

### **"Prelude on 'The King Of Love'"**

(Harold Friedell)

## The Opening Hymn:

### **"The King Of Love"**

(SBH530, 2nd tune)

(Please stand as we join our hearts in song)

1. The King of love my shep - herd is, Whose good - ness  
2. Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow My ran - somed  
3. Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, But yet in

fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if  
soul he lead - eth, And where the ver - dant  
love he sought me, And on his shoul - der

I am his, And he is mine for ev - er.  
pas - tures grow With food ce - les - tial feed - eth.  
gent - ly laid, And home, re - joic - ing, brought me. A-men.

4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill  
With thee, dear Lord, beside me,  
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,  
Thy Cross before to guide me.

5 Thou spread'st a table in my sight;  
Thy unction grace bestoweth;  
And O what transport and delight  
From thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so through all the length of days  
Thy goodness faileth never;  
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise  
Within thy house for ever. Amen.

Henry Williams Baker, 1821-77  
Psalm 23

## The Call to Worship

Pastor (P): We open this service in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Congregation (C): Amen**

## The Order for Public Confession (SBH, p. 247)

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

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

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

## The Absolution, Admonition & Blessing:

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

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

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

**C: Amen**

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).



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

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

## **The Giving of the Peace**

### **The Introit** (Read Responsively; Please stand)

P: O Lord, I have trusted in your mercy:

**C: My heart shall rejoice in your salvation. I will sing unto the Lord:**

P: Because he has dealt bountifully with me.. How long will you forget me, O Lord:

**C: How long will you hide your face from me?** (Psalm 13: 1, 5, 6)

### **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 First Lesson: Psalm 23** (Read Responsively, NASB)

P: The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

**C: He makes me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside still waters.**

P: He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name’s sake.

**C: Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.**

P: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You have anointed my head with oil; my cup overflows.

**C: Surely goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

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 said, Lord, be merciful unto me, heal my soul, for I have sinned against you. Blessed is he that considers the poor. The Lord will deliver him in time of trouble. Alleluia, alleluia. O Lord my God, in you do I put my trust. Save me from all them that persecute me, and deliver me. Alleluia. (Psalm 41: 1, 4; Psalm 7: 1)

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

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

### **The Holy Gospel Reading: Matthew 26: 26-29** (NASB)

**John 10: 11-18** (NASB)

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

#### **Matthew 26: 26-29:**

While they were eating, Jesus took *some* bread, and after a blessing, He broke *it* and gave *it* to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is My body." <sup>27</sup> And when He had taken a cup and given thanks, He gave *it* to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; <sup>28</sup> for this is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for forgiveness of sins. <sup>29</sup> But I say to you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in My Father's kingdom."

#### **John 10: 11-18:**

"I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup> He who is a hired hand, and not a shepherd, who is not the owner of the sheep, sees the wolf coming, and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters *them*. <sup>13</sup> *He flees* because he is a hired hand and is not concerned about the sheep. <sup>14</sup> I am the good shepherd, and I know My own and My own know Me, <sup>15</sup> even as the Father knows Me and I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup> I have other sheep, which are not of this fold; I must bring them also, and they will hear My voice; and they will become one flock *with* one shepherd. <sup>17</sup> For this reason the Father loves Me, because I lay down My life so that I may take it again. <sup>18</sup> No one has taken it away from Me, but I lay it down on My own initiative. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This commandment I received from My Father."

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

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

This creed has been used in worship across denominational lines.

Lyrics on page 11

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

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

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

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

### **The Announcements** (Please be seated)

#### **The Special Music**

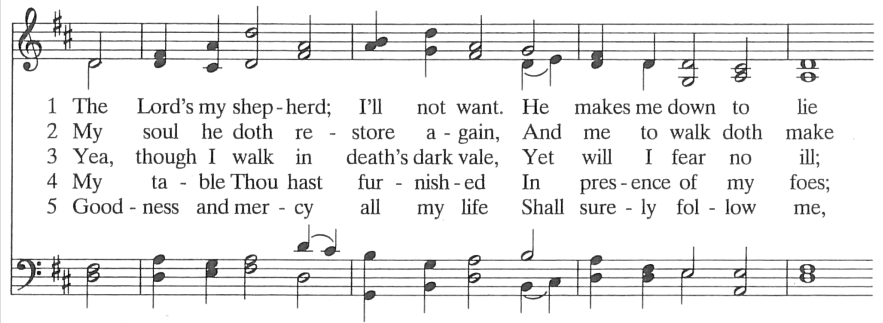
11:00: Senior Choir Anthem—*God, Who Built This Wondrous Planet*  
(Courtney)

## The Sermon

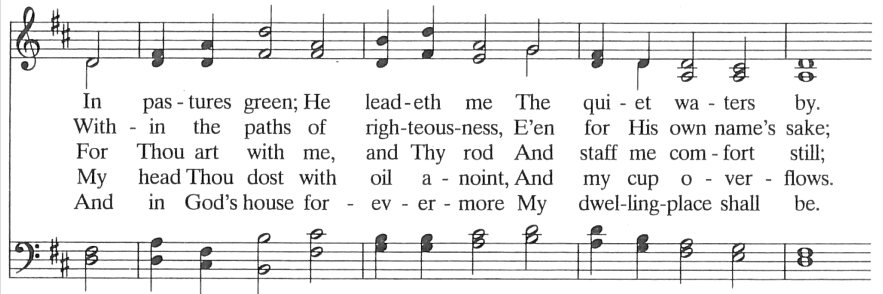
### Hymn:

#### **“The Lord’s My Shepherd; I’ll Not Want”**

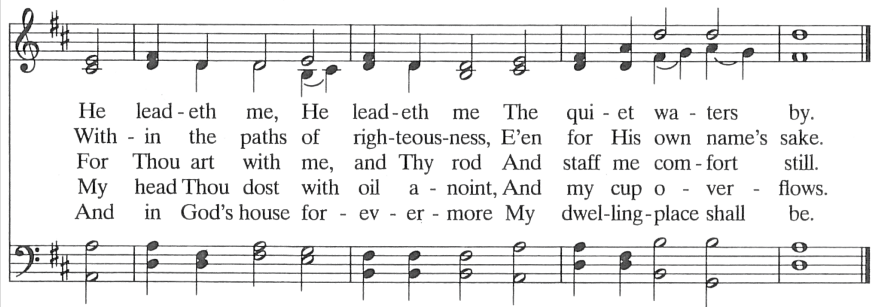
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1 The Lord's my shep-herd; I'll not want. He makes me down to lie  
2 My soul he doth re-store a-gain, And me to walk doth make  
3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, Yet will I fear no ill;  
4 My ta-ble Thou hast fur-nish-ed In pres-ence of my foes;  
5 Good-ness and mer-cy all my life Shall sure-ly fol-low me,



In pas-tures green; He lead-eth me The qui-et wa-ters by.  
With-in the paths of righ-teous-ness, E'en for His own name's sake;  
For Thou art with me, and Thy rod And staff me com-fort still;  
My head Thou dost with oil a-noint, And my cup o-ver-flows.  
And in God's house for-ev-er-more My dwel-ling-place shall be.



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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:

"A Table Prepared for Me" | Psalm 23

### 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

*"If Thou Art Near"* (J. S. Bach)

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

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

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

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

## **The First Holy Communion of the 2018 Confirmation Class** (11:00)

### **The Service for Communion**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And with thy Spirit.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them up unto the Lord.**

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

**C: It is meet and right so to do.**

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

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

### **The Words of Institution:**

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

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

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

P: Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And, forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil;

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



Do you believe that you are a sinner?

Yes, I believe that I am a sinner.

Are you sorry for your sins?

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

Do you desire to be saved?

Yes, such is my desire.

In Whom do you trust?

In my dear Lord, Jesus Christ.

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

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

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

Yes, I believe it.

What induces you to believe this?

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

Why ought we to remember and proclaim His death?

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

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

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

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

**C: And with thy Spirit.**

### The Agnus Dei:

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

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

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

### The Distribution

*During Communion we shall sing:*

*Printed—This Is The Feast*

*Printed—Let Us Break Bread Together*

*#370 2nd tune—Just As I Am*

### **God Who Built This Wondrous Planet**

God, Who built this wondrous planet  
And all worlds beyond these bounds,  
Crown your work and ours with blessing,  
Meet us here on hallowed ground.  
With your glory fill this temple,  
Here be sought and here be found.

Christ, You build a holy structure  
That, like You, outlasts the earth;  
Chosen, like Yourself, You make us  
Living stones of priceless worth;  
Home, where prodigals returning,  
Celebrate with holy mirth.

Spirit, make Your church a beacon  
Beaming hope where hoping wanes,  
Daily in these stones creating  
Life where death no longer reigns,  
And in grateful hearts forgiven  
Spark the love the world but feigns.

Living Father, living children,  
Living servants, living Lord;  
Living Savior, living Body,  
Living members, living Word;  
Living Spirit, living temple:  
We adoring, You adored!  
Amen

# "This Is The Feast"

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A musical score for the hymn "This Is The Feast". The score is written on a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: "This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia. Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his. This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia. Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men. This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia." The score includes a repeat sign after the first "Al-le-lu-ia" and a final double bar line at the end.

**A** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.

**G** Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.

Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia. Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

## "Let Us Break Bread"

Let us break bread together on our knees,

Let us break bread together on our knees.

*Refrain:* When I fall on my knees,  
With my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees,

Let us drink wine together on our knees.

*(Refrain)*

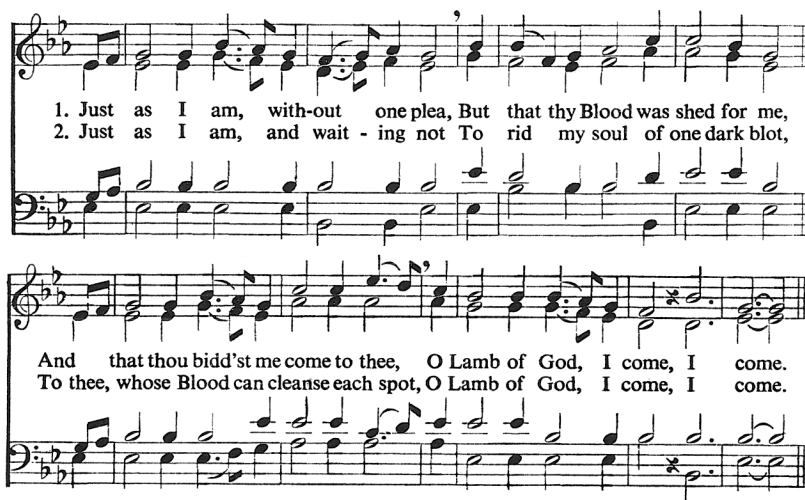
Let us praise God together on our knees,

Let us praise God together on our knees.

*(Refrain)*

## "Just As I Am"

(SBH 370, 2nd tune)



1. Just as I am, with-out one plea, But that thy Blood was shed for me,  
2. Just as I am, and wait - ing not To rid my soul of one dark blot,

And that thou bidd'st me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
To thee, whose Blood can cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

3 Just as I am, though tossed about  
With many a conflict, many a doubt,  
Fightings and fears within, without,  
O Lamb of God, I come.

4 Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;  
Sight, riches, healing of the mind,  
Yea, all I need, in thee to find,  
O Lamb of God, I come.

5 Just as I am, thou wilt receive,  
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
Because thy promise I believe,  
O Lamb of God, I come.

6 Just as I am; thy love unknown  
Has broken every barrier down;  
Now to be thine, yea thine alone,  
O Lamb of God, I come.

*Charlotte Elliott, 1789-1871*

### **The Nunc Dimittis:**

**U:** Lord now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word; For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people; A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the Glory of thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

### **The Prayer**

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

**C: And his mercy endureth forever**

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

P: The Lord be with you.

**C. And with thy spirit**

P: Bless we the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **The Benediction**

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.

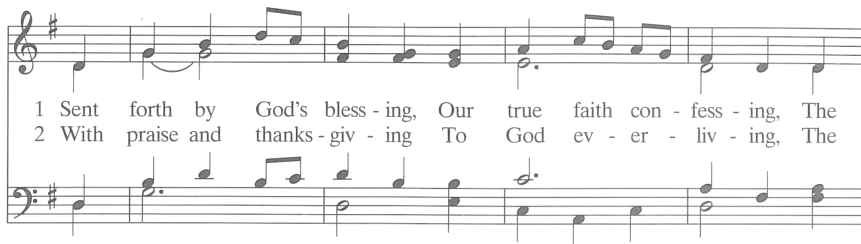
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**C: Amen**

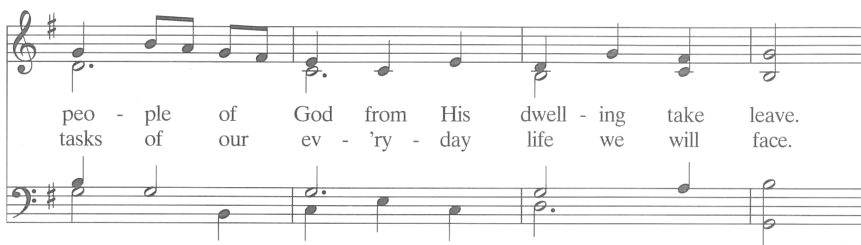
## **The Closing Hymn:**

### **"Sent Forth By God's Blessing"**

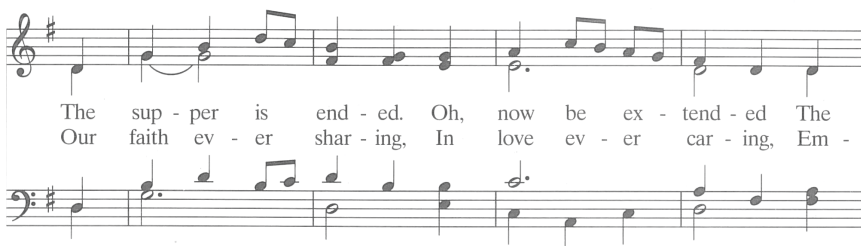
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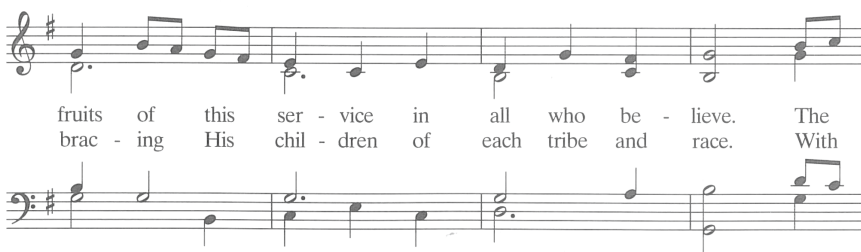
1 Sent forth by God's bless - ing, Our true faith con - fess - ing, The  
2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing To God ev - er - liv - ing, The



peo - ple of God from His dwell - ing take leave.  
tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face.



The sup - per is end - ed. Oh, now be ex - tend - ed The  
Our faith ev - er shar - ing, In love ev - er car - ing, Em -



fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve. The  
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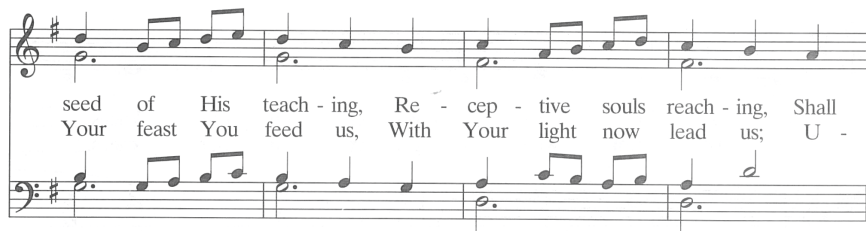
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## **The Silent Prayer & Chimes**

### **The Postlude:**

#### **"March"**

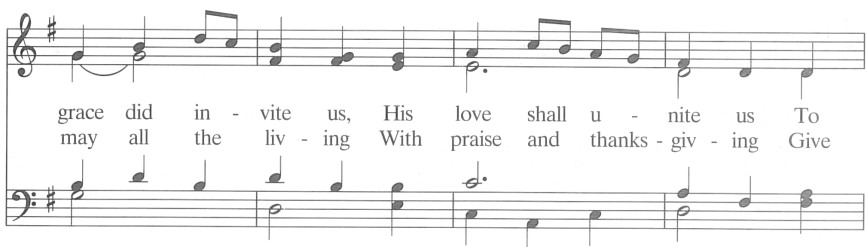
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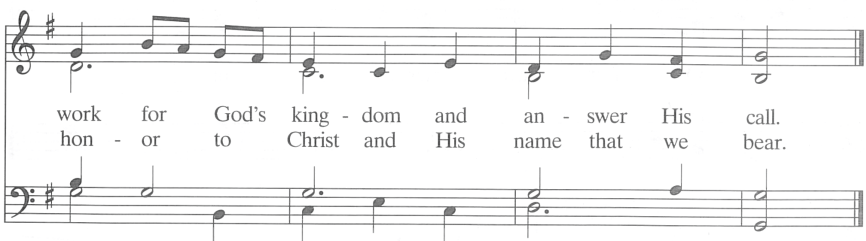
seed of His teach - ing, Re - cep - tive souls reach - ing, Shall  
Your feast You feed us, With Your light now lead us; U -



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grace did in - vite us, His love shall u - nite us To  
may all the liv - ing With praise and thanks - giv - ing Give



work for God's king - dom and an - swer His call.  
hon - or to Christ and His name that we bear.



# Announcements

**The altar flowers** are presented by Tim and Beth Truax in loving memory of Thomas Kotzbauer, a wonderful father who is missed greatly.

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

**Known to be hospitalized:** Judy Boyd and Stacie Klick are home.

**Official Act:** On Friday, June 1, 2018 at 5:00 p.m., *Christine Haunschild* and *Ronald Stout* were married in the chapel of Ruthfred Lutheran Church. The congregation extends congratulations to *Chris* and *Ron* and wishes them a lifetime of God's blessings.

**Upcoming Wedding:** On Saturday, June 9, 2018 at 2:30p.m., *Sarah Boehme* and *Jeffrey Chastel* will be married in the sanctuary of Ruthfred Lutheran Church.

**Today, Sunday, June 3rd the Senior Confirmation Class** will receive their First Holy Communion at the 11:00 a.m. service.

**Our pastors and congregation** extend Christian love and sympathy to Lorraine Graham and family upon the recent death of Sally Giuntini.

**Joe Cawley, our crossing guard,** had knee surgery and is at home recovering. If you wish to send him get well wishes his address is: 5523 Clarene Drive, Bethel Park PA 15102.

**The College & Career Group** will be meeting every Thursday @ 7:00pm throughout the summer at church in the Fireplace Lounge.

**MAY STEWARDSHIP PROJECT:** Please return items to the marked bin in the fireside lounge by today, Sunday, June 3rd. Thank you so much for your participation. Contact Jill or Roger Kurtz with any questions.

**Hey Men! Join us at Pete Huwe's house (5602 Saddlebrook, BP) on Tuesday, June 19th** from 6-8pm for a barbeque, fellowship, (maybe some music), and a time for devotion. Bring your swim suit in case the weather is nice! Please RSVP by Monday, June 18th to [PHuwe@eastman.com](mailto:PHuwe@eastman.com) or text (412) 352-4596.

**Pastor's Fund:** Given by Ralph and Karen Thompson in honor of the marriage of Christine Haunschild and Ronald Stout. God bless and keep you.

**Pastor's Fund:** Given by the Worrall family in honor of the 2018 Confirmation Class.

**QUIET! PLEASE REFRAIN FROM LOUD TALKING IN THE BACK OF THE SANCTUARY BEFORE THE SERVICE BEGINS.** Many people have a lot to tell the Lord each Sunday. Please socialize with your friends before entering the sanctuary or after the worship service.

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

## For The Month

**Acolytes:**

8:30 a.m. (6/3)  
(6/10)  
(6/17)  
(6/24)

Caleb Cox  
Zach Taylor  
Logan McClain  
AJ Dolence

11:00 a.m. (6/3)  
(6/10)  
(6/17)  
(6/24)

Landon Tarrant  
Josh Libell  
Matthew Russell  
Landon Tarrant

### Crucifers:

11:00 a.m. (6/3)  
11:00 a.m. (6/10)

Vivian Russell  
Lauren Kreutzer

### Altar Guild:

Diane Groves

**Counters:**

8:30 a.m.  
11:00 a.m.

Lou Angelo, Tom Glasser  
Rich Rostauscher, Cheri Underwood

**Greeters:**

8:30 a.m.  
11:00 a.m.

Carol and Stephanie Ausefski  
Mark Hisdorf, Bob Thomas

**Ushers:**

8:30 a.m.

Andy Ausefski, David Ausefski  
Gary Ausefski, Matt Moore

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Sam Garloff, Chad Groves  
John Stilley, Mark Riley, Kurt Ziegler

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**OUR COMMUNION PRACTICE:** Today, we celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion. Today, by means of bread and wine, Jesus Christ gives Himself to each communicant. This is His Word and promise. We accept His Word. If you are not a member of a Lutheran church, we ask you to speak to our pastors at any time about the meaning of Holy Communion and a person's desire to receive it. When we come to the altar.. we must come with believing and repentant hearts. As we return.. we always bow or kneel in prayer in thanksgiving to God for what Jesus Christ has given unto us. We do not practice the communion of children who are not instructed and confirmed, but the children are encouraged to come to the altar rail for a family blessing.

# SUNDAY SCHOOL, SUNDAY, JUNE 3, 2018

## LARGE CLASS ROOM (Adult)

Pastor Osier is beginning a new S.S. series.

### **“The Hard Sayings of the Bible”**

Over the course of the next several weeks this summer, we will be exploring a number of difficult passages of the Bible and bringing clarity to them in both understanding and application of them.

## UPPER ROOM (Adult)

Eric Wenthe continues his 6-week series...

**The Habits of Joy:** Now more than ever people are yearning for true joy. In this 6-week study, Pastor Rick Warren will present biblical teachings for a joyful heart. This study will focus on:

- Cultivate the transformational habits of gratitude, forgiveness, humility, and contentment
- Relieve stress and conflict by staying focused on your God-given purpose
- Stop comparing yourself to others
- Release the pain of your past hurts
- Grow deeper in your relationship with Jesus

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**Summer Schedule for Daytime Journey:** “That The World May Know” Video series by Ray Vander Lana, Sponsored by Focus on the Family

Part 1—Faith lessons on the life and ministry of the Messiah

Part 2—Faith lessons on the early church

Dates: Six sessions, Wednesday, June 6, 13, 20, 27, July 11, 18 10:00a.m. —11:15a.m.

Everyone welcome.

**Attention Coffee Drinkers!** We have one opening to fill for 2018. If you enjoy the coffee hour, please consider signing up to make coffee for the month of December. This is an easy task, and one much appreciated by all who attend our Adult classes. Sign-up sheet is outside the kitchen door. Let’s do this!

**Library Volunteer:** We are currently in need of person/persons who would be willing to give of their time in the church library. If you are interested, please contact Patricia Lutz as soon as possible.

**Thank you** to everyone who was able to come to my confirmation reception and for the many cards I received. Our congregation has been an encouragement to me. Thank you for praying for me. *Sadie Carlson*

## 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. **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 today!! Contact Brandon with any questions.**

### TNT Camping (9-12 Grade)

June 22-24 our high school youth will be on a camping trip to Ohiopyle State Park. During this trip we will be hiking, swimming, sleeping in tents, and eating great camp food. Cost is \$20 and spots are limited, so talk to Brandon ASAP if you want to come.

### Work Camp Final Payment

If you are signed up to attend the 2018 work camp in Benton Harbor MI please have the final payment, and paperwork handed in by June 11. Contact Brandon with any questions you may have.

### Save the Date:

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|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| <u>June 11</u>  | Work Camp Final Payment Due |
| <u>June 22</u>  | TNT Camping                 |
| <u>July 1-6</u> | Work Camp 2018              |

Questions/concerns?

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

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### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Today, the Confirmation Class of 2018 will receive their first Holy Communion at the 11:00 service. We ask God's blessings upon their lives.

Sadie Rose Carlson

Lauren Taylor Kreutzer

Joshua James Libell

Olivia Nichole Underwood

Christopher Alan Worrall

**VBS is July 23-27<sup>th</sup>!**  
**Looking for Volunteers!!**  
**WE NEED YOU!**  
**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 web-  
[vbspro.events/p/](https://vbspro.events/p/)



to help make VBS awe-  
for 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](mailto:VBS_laurencompel@yahoo.com)

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](http://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.**



## This Week At Ruthfred

## Today (6/3)

8:30 a.m.— Communion Service

9:45 a.m.—Sunday School

11:00 a.m.—Communion Service

6:00 p.m.—Communion Service

## Monday (6/4)

7:00 p.m.—Elders' Meeting

### Wednesday (6/6)

10:00 a.m.—Bible Study

### Thursday (6/7)

7:00 p.m.—College & Career Group

### Friday (6/8)

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

4:00 p.m.—Boehme/Chastel Wedding Rehearsal

### Saturday (6/9)

9:30 a.m.—Mary

2:30 p.m.—Boehme/Chastel Wedding

Sisters and brothers in Christ, welcome to this time and space apart, where we can turn our focus from self to God and from fear to faith. May you sense God's gentle touch. During the announcements, please sign the Friendship Pad and return it to the center aisle.

**Attendance for Last Week:**

Church...337   Sunday School...108


Avg. Attendance for May: Church..388 SS..123

## Prayer Requests

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

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☐ Please keep this request Private (to be kept amongst the pastors and vicar only).

 Please make this request known to the Ruthfred prayer team and announce it to the congregation when appropriate.

## Visiting with us?

Please use this tear-off section to help us get to know a little bit about you and how we may best serve you.

If you have a specific concern or prayer request, please use the space on the other side of this fold.

Date:

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Name:

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Children:

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Address:

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Phone (indicate home, cell, etc.)

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Email:

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I am a/an:

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

I would like to learn more about:

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

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