

RUTHFRED LUTHERAN CHURCH

Welcome to Ruthfred Lutheran Church!

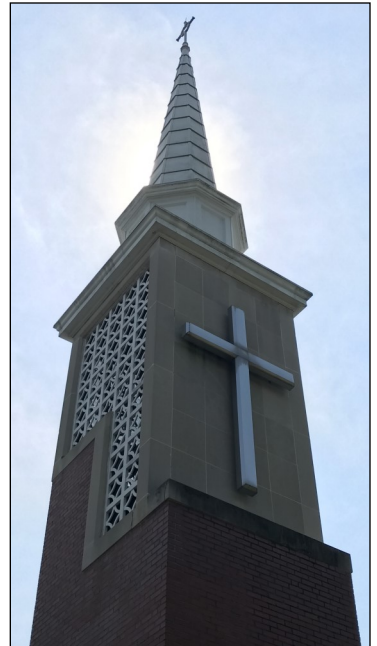
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We are delighted to have you with us this morning as we gather to worship the Lord Jesus Christ.

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 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 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

Celebration of 4th of July
The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost, July 1, 2018

Prelude:

Two Pieces from The Royal Fireworks Music (G. F. Handel)

"Let Us Break Bread Together" (Charles Callahan)

The Opening Hymn:

"Before The Lord We Bow" (SBH339)

Please stand as we join our hearts in song

1. Be - fore the Lord we bow, The God who reigns a - bove, And
2. The na - tion thou hast blest May well thy love de - clare, From
3. May ev - ery moun - tain height, Each vale and for - est green, Shine

rules the world be - low, Bound-less in power and love. Our thanks we
foes and fears at rest, Pro - tect - ed by thy care. For this fair
in thy word's pure light, And its rich fruits be seen! May ev - ery

bring In joy and praise, Our hearts we raise To heaven's high King.
land, For this bright day, Our thanks we pay—Gifts of thy hand.
tongue Be tuned to praise, And join to raise A grate - ful 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

A Reading from the Declaration of Independence

The Star-Spangled Banner—(vs. 1 & 4)

Oh, say, can you see, by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming?
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, thro' the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched were so gallantly streaming.

And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.

Oh, say, does that star-spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

Oh, thus be it ever when freemen shall stand,
Between their loved homes and the war's desolation;
Blest with vict'ry and peace, may the heav'n-rescued land
Praise the Power that has made and preserved us a nation.

Then conquer we must, when our cause it is just,

And this be our motto "In God is our trust";
And the star-spangled banner in triumph shall wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.

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 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 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.

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

The Giving of the Peace

The Introit (Read Responsively; Please stand)

P: Hear, O Lord, when I cry with my voice.

C: You have been my help. Leave me not, neither forsake me.

P: O God of my salvation. The Lord is my light and my salvation.

C: Whom shall I fear? (Psalm 27: 1, 7, 9)

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.**

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 "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 Epistle Lesson: Lamentations 3: 22-26 (ESV)

The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; ²³ they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. ²⁴ "The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him." ²⁵ The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him. ²⁶ It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD.

The Gradual:

Behold, O God our shield and look upon the face of thine anointed. O Lord God of hosts hear my prayer. Alleluia alleluia. In you, O Lord, do I put my trust. Let me never be ashamed. Deliver me in your righteousness. Alleluia. (Psalm 84: 8-9; 31: 1)

The Alleluia (Sung in Unison)

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Holy Gospel Reading: Mark 5: 21-43 (ESV)

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

And when Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered about him, and he was beside the sea. ²² Then came one of the rulers of the synagogue, Jairus by name, and seeing him, he fell at his feet ²³ and implored him earnestly, saying, “My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well and live.” ²⁴ And he went with him. And a great crowd followed him and thronged about him. ²⁵ And there was a woman who had had a discharge of blood for twelve years, ²⁶ and who had suffered much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was no better but rather grew worse. ²⁷ She had heard the reports about Jesus and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his garment. ²⁸ For she said, “If I touch even his garments, I will be made well.” ²⁹ And immediately the flow of blood dried up, and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. ³⁰ And Jesus, perceiving in himself that power had gone out from him, immediately turned about in the crowd and said, “Who touched my garments?” ³¹ And his disciples said to him, “You see the crowd pressing around you, and yet you say, ‘Who touched me?’” ³² And he looked around to see who had done it. ³³ But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling and fell down before him and told him the whole truth. ³⁴ And he said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.” ³⁵ While he was still speaking, there came from the ruler’s house some who said, “Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the Teacher any further?” ³⁶ But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the ruler of the synagogue, “Do not fear, only believe.” ³⁷ And he allowed no one to follow him except Peter and James and John the brother of James. ³⁸ They came to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, and Jesus saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. ³⁹ And when he had entered, he said to them, “Why are you making a commotion and weeping? The child is not dead but sleeping.” ⁴⁰ And they laughed at him. But he put them all outside and took the child’s father and mother and those who were with him and went in where the child was. ⁴¹ Taking her by the hand he said to her, “Talitha cumi,” which means, “Little girl, I say to you, arise.” ⁴² And immediately the girl got up and began walking (for she was twelve years of age), and they were immediately overcome with amazement. ⁴³ And he strictly charged them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

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.

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 Commissioning of Workcamp Participants (8:30)

The Special Music

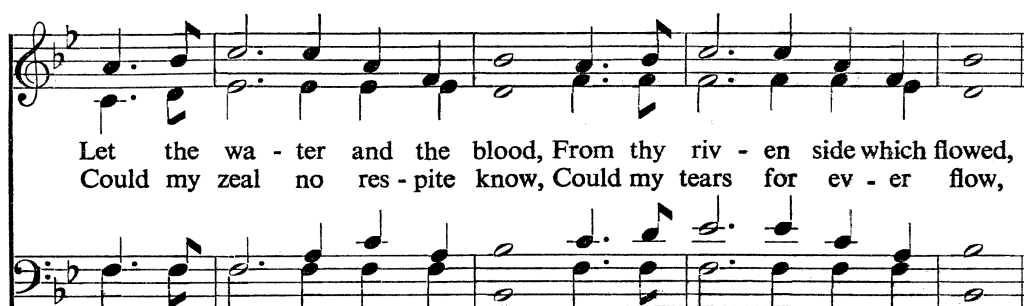
11:00: Mark and Peggy Arelt—*Father Welcomes* (Robin Mann)

The Sermon Hymn:

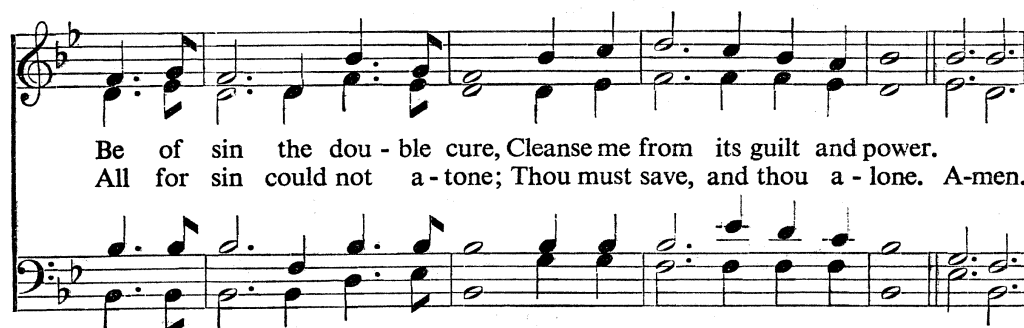
"Rock of Ages" (SBH379, 2nd tune)



1. Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in thee;
2. Not the la - bors of my hands Can ful - fill thy law's de - mands;



Let the wa - ter and the blood, From thy riv - en side which flowed,
Could my zeal no res - pite know, Could my tears for ev - er flow,



Be of sin the dou - ble cure, Cleanse me from its guilt and power.
All for sin could not a - tone; Thou must save, and thou a - lone. A-men.

3 Nothing in my hand I bring,
Simply to thy Cross I cling;
Naked, come to thee for dress;
Helpless, look to thee for grace;
Foul, I to the fountain fly;
Wash me, Saviour, or I die.

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:

"The Best Kind of Freedom" | Mark 5: 21-43

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

"Faith" (Alexander Schreiner)

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 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.

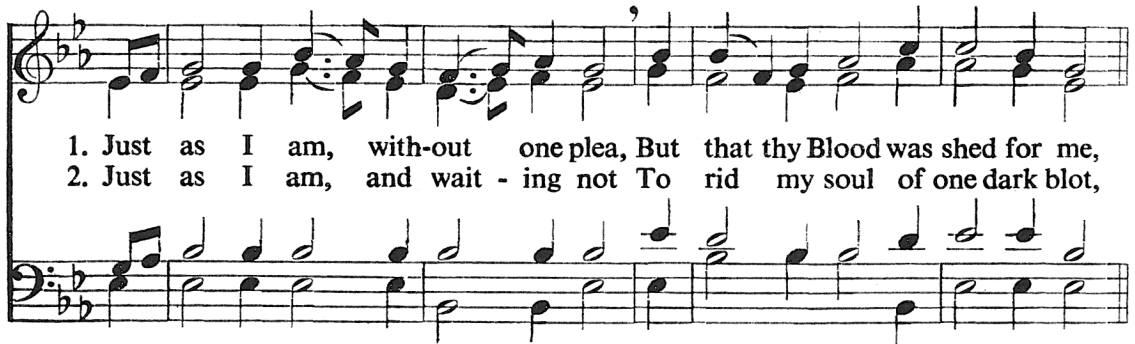
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During Communion we shall sing:

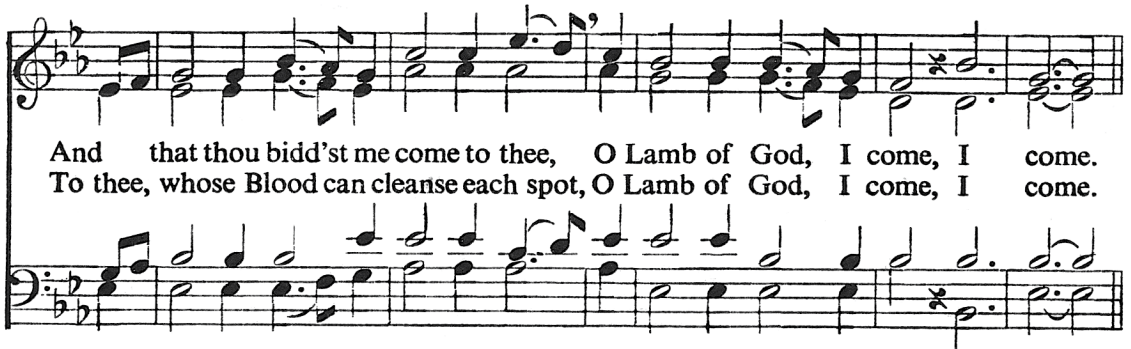
#370 2nd tune—Just As I Am

#491—Break Thou the Bread of Life

"Just As I Am" (SBH370 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.

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

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

"Break Thou the Bread of Life" (SBH491)

1. Break thou the bread of life, Dear Lord, to me,

The first system of musical notation for the song. It consists of a treble and a bass staff in B-flat major (two flats). The melody is in the treble staff, and the accompaniment is in the bass staff. The lyrics are: "1. Break thou the bread of life, Dear Lord, to me,"

As thou didst break the loaves Be - side the sea;

The second system of musical notation. The melody continues in the treble staff, and the accompaniment continues in the bass staff. The lyrics are: "As thou didst break the loaves Be - side the sea;"

Be - yond the sa - cred page I seek thee, Lord;

The third system of musical notation. The melody continues in the treble staff, and the accompaniment continues in the bass staff. The lyrics are: "Be - yond the sa - cred page I seek thee, Lord;"

My spir - it pants for thee, O liv - ing Word! A-men.

The fourth system of musical notation. The melody continues in the treble staff, and the accompaniment continues in the bass staff. The lyrics are: "My spir - it pants for thee, O liv - ing Word! A-men."

2 Bless thou the truth, dear Lord,
To me, to me,
As thou didst bless the bread
By Galilee;
Then shall all bondage cease,
All fetters fall;
And I shall find my peace,
My All-in-all! Amen.

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 *(After which the congregation shall sing "Amen")*

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.

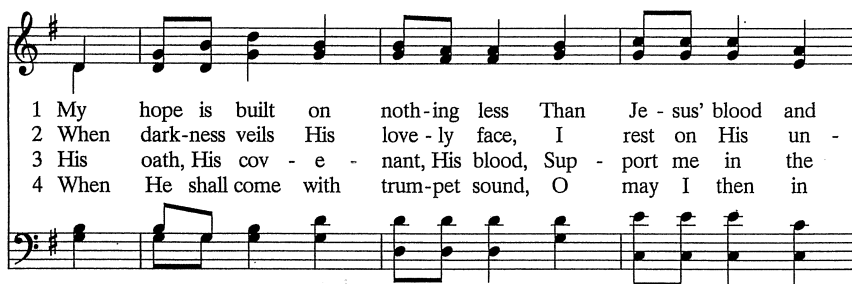
In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

(Numbers 6:24-26)

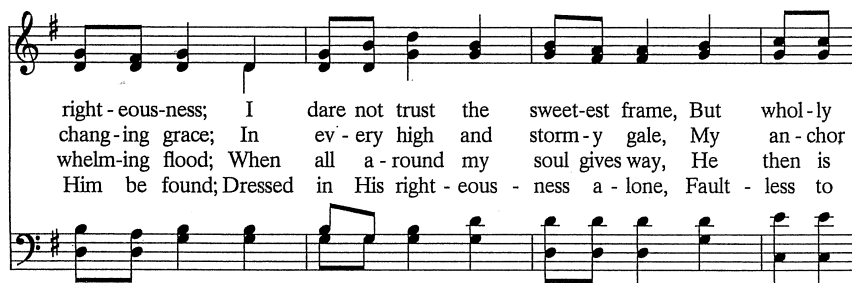
C: Amen

The Closing Hymn:

"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" (CCL2958862)

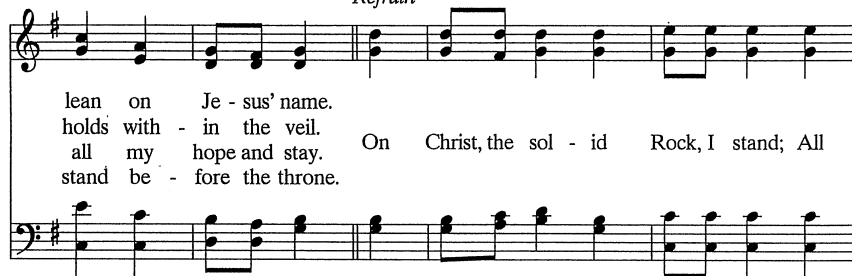


1 My hope is built on noth-ing less Than Je - sus' blood and
2 When dark-ness veils His love - ly face, I rest on His un -
3 His oath, His cov - e - nant, His blood, Sup - port me in the
4 When He shall come with trum-pet sound, O may I then in

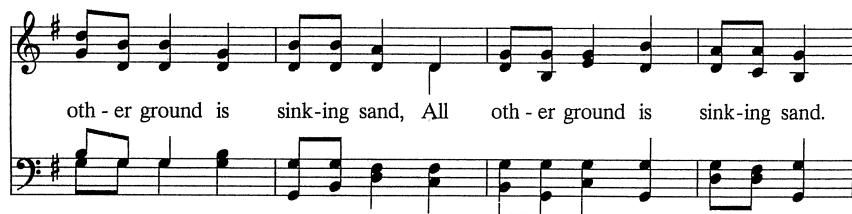


right - eous-ness; I dare not trust the sweet-est frame, But whol - ly
chang-ing grace; In ev - ery high and storm-y gale, My an - chor
whelm-ing flood; When all a - round my soul gives way, He then is
Him be found; Dressed in His right - eous - ness a - lone, Fault - less to

Refrain



lean on Je - sus' name.
holds with - in the veil. On Christ, the sol - id Rock, I stand; All
all my hope and stay.
stand be - fore the throne.



oth - er ground is sink-ing sand, All oth - er ground is sink-ing sand.

The Silent Prayer & Chimes

The Postlude:

Fanfare on "God Of Our Fathers" (David Schack)

Announcements

The altar flowers are presented by the Fife family in memory of Jack Fife, our husband, father and grandfather, much loved and greatly missed on his 90th birthday.

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

Known to be hospitalized: Don Funk is home.

Congratulations to Katie Fife and Don Schalitz upon the birth of their son, Donald Timothy, on Thursday, June 21, 2018. Proud grandfather is Tim Fife and we can't forget great-grandmother, Anne Fife.

The Women's Ministry Planning Meeting will be held in the Conference Room on Tuesday, July 10th at 7:00 p.m. in order to continue planning for the Fall start-up. All women of the church are invited to attend.

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

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

The Ambassador's will be with us in Concert on July 11th. We will also host a strawberry shortcake refreshment time following the concert. Be sure to attend this Fun event. This is an outstanding opportunity to invite your friends and family members as well. Come and let us fellowship together and learn about these dedicated Lutheran young people.

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

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

For The Month

Acolytes:

8:30 a.m. (7/1)
(7/8)
(7/15)
(7/22)
(7/29)

Matthew Russell
Logan McClain
AJ Dolence
Matthew Russell
Caleb Cox

11:00 a.m. (7/1)
(7/8)
(7/15)
(7/22)
(7/29)

Logan McClain
Josh Libell
Landon Tarrant
AJ Dolence
Matthew Russell

Flag Bearers:

IN CELEBRATION OF 4th OF JULY

8:30 a.m. (7/1)

Matthew Russell
AJ Dolence

1 1:00 a.m. (7/1)

Logan McClain
Josh Libell

Altar Guild:

Kathi Siciliano and Ann Albanesi

Counters:

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

Mark Arelt, Steve Cox
Will Charlton, Steve Kratz

Greeters:

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

Eileen Bernish, Carol Hall
Bob and Barb Thomas

Ushers:

8:30 a.m.


John Ruzicka, Justin Ruzicka
Sean Ruzicka, Neil Wagner

1 1:00 a.m.

Mark Hisdorf, Jim Segerdahl
Mark Sheatsley, Dick Thomas, Ned Wellman



OUR COMMUNION PRACTICE: Today, we celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion. Today, by means of bread and wine, communicant. This is His Word and are not a member of a Lutheran pastors at any time about the means-person's desire to receive it. When we believing and repentant hearts. As 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.



Jesus Christ gives Himself to each communicant. We accept His Word. If you are not a member of a church, we ask you to speak to our pastor 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.

YOUTH NEWS:

TNT (9-12 Grade)

In the summer months our Tuesday night high school group meet in the homes of youth that have volunteered to host. Special thanks to the Wholey family for hosting last Tuesday. This Tuesday we will be in Benton Harbor MI, as a result there will be no TNT this Tuesday

SWAP (6-8 Grade)

There NOT 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 5th to 6th 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 July 22.**

Movie in the Park Night (6-12 Grade Youth and Families)

On July 21st we will be hosting a family movie night for youth families in the ballfield at church. We'll kick things off at 7pm with a hotdog/ hamburger dinner and some yard games. As soon as the light level permits we will begin watching "The Incredibles" on an outdoor screen. If you would like to attend this event, you need to RSVP to Brandon by July 18th with the number of people you will be bringing. Don't forget those blankets and camp chairs!

Save the Date:

July 1-6 Work Camp 2018

July 21 Movie in the Park

July 22 Brunch

Questions/concerns?

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL, SUNDAY, JULY 1, 2018
LARGE CLASS ROOM (Adult)

Pastor Osier continues with...

“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)

Please join the Adult Large Sunday School Class Room

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**Upcoming Birthdays**

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

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



# THE AMBASSADORS

..... *in concert*

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



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**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/



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)

## This Week At Ruthfred

### Today (7/1)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY DAGNY FJAERE

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 (7/2)

7:00 p.m.—Elders' Meeting

### Tuesday (7/3)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY ELIZABETH WOOD

### Wednesday (7/4)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY AMERICA!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY DOROTHY JACOX

### Thursday (7/5)

7:00 p.m.—College & Career Group

### Friday (7/6)

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

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Blessed by the freedom to worship God openly, we  
come before him in praise and thanksgiving. Welcome!  
During the announcements, please sign the Friendship  
Pad and return it to the center aisle.

Attendance for Last Week:  
Church...352 Sunday School...94  
Avg. Attendance for June: Church...369 SS..100

## 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:

Name:

Children:

Address:

Phone (indicate home, cell, etc.)

Email:

I am a/an:

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

I would like to learn more about:

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

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