

Hallelujah



RUTHFRED LUTHERAN CHURCH

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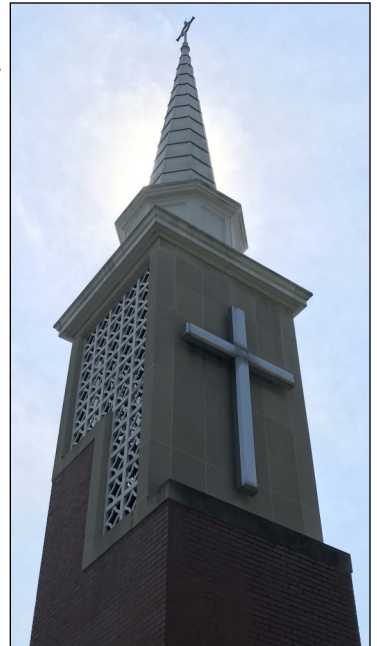
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We are delighted to have you with us this evening as we gather to worship the Lord Jesus Christ.

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 opening service on Christmas Eve in 1948 and her charter the following year, 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 musicians begin 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.

Contemporary Liturgical Worship Service

Saturday, April 23, 2022—6:00 p.m.

PRELUDE

One of These Days (FFH)
Graves Into Gardens (Elevation Worship)

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Pastor (P): All Rise

Opening Song of Praise: Glorious Day (Casting Crowns)

### Verse 1

One day when Heaven was filled with His praises  
One day when sin was as black as could be  
Jesus came forth to be born of a virgin  
Dwelt among men, my example is He  
Word became flesh and the light shined among us  
His glory revealed

### Chorus

Living, He loved me. Dying, He saved me  
Buried, He carried my sins far away  
Rising, He justified freely forever  
One day He's coming. Oh glorious day, oh glorious day

### Verse 2

One day they led Him up Calvary's mountain  
One day they nailed Him to die on a tree  
Suffering anguish, despised and re-jected  
Bearing our sins, my Redeemer is He  
Hands that healed nations, stretched out on a tree  
And took the nails for me

### Chorus

Living, He loved me. Dying, He saved me  
Buried, He carried my sins far away  
Rising, He justified freely forever  
One day He's coming. Oh glorious day, oh glorious day

### Verse 3

One day the grave could conceal Him no longer  
One day the stone rolled away from the door  
Then He arose over death He had conquered  
Now He's ascended, my Lord evermore  
Death could not hold Him, the grave could not keep Him  
From rising again

### Chorus

Living, He loved me. Dying, He saved me  
Buried, He carried my sins far away  
Rising, He justified freely forever  
One day He's coming Oh glorious day, oh glorious day;  
Glorious day!

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**Verse 4**

**Glorious Day** (Casting Crowns) (cont'd)  
**One day the trumpet will sound for His coming**  
**One day the skies with His glories will shine**  
**Wonderful day, my Beloved One, bringing**  
**My Savior, Jesus, is mine**

**Chorus**

**Living, He loved me, Dying, He saved me**  
**Buried, He carried my sins far away**  
**Rising, He justified freely forever**  
**One day He's coming Oh glorious day, oh glorious day;**  
**Glorious day! Oh glorious day!**

**The Call to Worship / Opening Prayer**

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

**Congregation (C): Amen**

**The Confession of Sin** (SBH, p. 15)

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

Our help is in the name of the Lord

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

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

**C: And You forgave 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 You, that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. For this reason we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace, for the sake of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

(Silent Prayer of Personal Confession)

**Together:**

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

**The Absolution:**

P: The Almighty and merciful God grant unto you, being penitent, pardon and remission of all your sins, time for amendment of life, and the grace and comfort of his Holy Spirit.

**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).

**Song: Forever We Sing** (Kari Jobe) (CCLI Song #7001228)

**Verse 1**

The moon and stars they wept; The morning sun was dead  
The Savior of the world was fallen  
His body on the cross, His blood poured out for us  
The weight of every curse upon Him

**Verse 2**

One final breath He gave as heaven looked away  
The Son of God was laid in darkness  
A battle in the grave; The war on death was waged  
The power of hell forever broken

**Verse 3**

The ground began to shake; The stone was rolled a-way  
His perfect love could not be overcome  
Now death where is your sting; Our resurrected King  
has rendered you defeated

**Chorus**

Forever He is glorified Forever He is lifted high  
Forever He is risen He is alive, He is alive

**Verse 3**

The ground began to shake; The stone was rolled a-way  
His perfect love could not be overcome  
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**Chorus**

Forever He is glorified Forever He is lifted high  
Forever He is risen He is alive, He is alive

**Bridge**

We sing hallelujah, we sing hallelujah  
We sing hallelujah, the Lamb has over-come  
We sing hallelujah, we sing hallelujah  
We sing hallelujah, the Lamb has overcome

**Chorus**

Forever He is glorified Forever He is lifted high  
Forever He is risen He is alive, He is alive

**The Collect:**

P: The Lord be with you:

**C: And with thy spirit.**

P: Grant, we beseech You, Almighty God, that we who have celebrated the solemnities of the Lord's Resurrection may, by the help of Your grace, bring forth the fruits thereof in our life and conversation; through the same, Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end.

**C: 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 First Lesson: Acts 5:12-20** (NASB)

<sup>12</sup> At the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders were taking place among the people; and they were all with one accord in Solomon's portico. <sup>13</sup> But none of the rest dared to associate with them; however, the people held them in high esteem. <sup>14</sup> And all the more believers in the Lord, multitudes of men and women, were constantly added to *their number*, <sup>15</sup> to such an extent that they even carried the sick out into the streets and laid them on cots and pallets, so that when Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on any one of them. <sup>16</sup> Also the people from the cities in the vicinity of Jerusalem were coming together, bringing people who were sick or afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all being healed. <sup>17</sup> But the high priest rose up, along with all his associates (that is the sect of the Sadducees), and they were filled with jealousy. <sup>18</sup> They laid hands on the apostles and put them in a public jail. <sup>19</sup> But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the gates of the prison, and taking them out he said, <sup>20</sup> "Go, stand and speak to the people in the temple the whole message of this Life."

### **The Psalm: Psalm 148** (NASB)

P: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the heights! Praise Him, all His angels; praise Him, all His hosts!

**C: Praise Him, sun and moon; praise Him, all stars of light!**

P: Praise Him, highest heavens, and the waters that are above the heavens!

**C: Let them praise the name of the Lord, for He commanded and they were created.**

P: He has also established them forever and ever; He has made a decree which will not pass away.

**C: Praise the Lord from the earth, sea monsters and all deeps;**

P: Fire and hail, snow and clouds; stormy wind, fulfilling His word; Mountains and all hills; fruit trees and all cedars;

**C. Beasts and all cattle; creeping things and winged fowl;**

P: Kings of the earth and all peoples; princes and all judges of the earth;

**C: Both young men and virgins; old men and children.**

P: Let them praise the name of the Lord, for His name alone is exalted; His glory is above earth and heaven.

**C. And He has lifted up a horn for His people, praise for all His godly ones; even for the sons of Israel, a people near to Him. Praise the Lord!**

**The Epistle Lesson: Revelation 1:4-18** (NASB)

<sup>4</sup> John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace, from Him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven Spirits who are before His throne, <sup>5</sup> and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To Him who loves us and released us from our sins by His blood— <sup>6</sup> and He has made us to *be* a kingdom, priests to His God and Father—to Him *be* the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen. <sup>7</sup> BEHOLD, HE IS COMING WITH THE CLOUDS, and every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him; and all the tribes of the earth will mourn over Him. So it is to be. Amen. <sup>8</sup> “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.” <sup>9</sup> I, John, your brother and fellow partaker in the tribulation and kingdom and perseverance which are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. <sup>10</sup> I was in the Spirit on the Lord’s day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like the sound of a trumpet, <sup>11</sup> saying, “Write in a book what you see, and send it to the seven churches: to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea.” <sup>12</sup> Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking with me. And having turned I saw seven golden lampstands; <sup>13</sup> and in the middle of the lampstands I saw one like a son of man, clothed in a robe reaching to the feet, and girded across His chest with a golden sash. <sup>14</sup> His head and His hair were white like white wool, like snow; and His eyes were like a flame of fire. <sup>15</sup> His feet were like burnished bronze, when it has been made to glow in a furnace, and His voice was like the sound of many waters. <sup>16</sup> In His right hand He held seven stars, and out of His mouth came a sharp two-edged sword; and His face was like the sun shining in its strength. <sup>17</sup> When I saw Him, I fell at His feet like a dead man. And He placed His right hand on me, saying, “Do not be afraid; I am the first and the last, <sup>18</sup> and the living One; and I was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of death and of Hades. .

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:**

Alleluia, alleluia. The angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it. Alleluia. After eight days came Jesus, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst of His disciples and said to them, Peace be unto you. Alleluia. (Matthew 28:2; John 20:19)

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

**Allelu,** By Tom Leech (Lyrics based on Psalm 148)

A-le-lu, A-le-lu, A-le-lu-u-ia A-le-lu-u-ia, A-le-lu-u-ia.  
A-le-lu.

### **The Holy Gospel Lesson: John 20:19-31** (NASB)

The Congregation rises and sings, “**Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**”

<sup>19</sup> So when it was evening on that day, the first *day* of the week, and when the doors were shut where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, “Peace *be* with you.” <sup>20</sup> And when He had said this, He showed them both His hands and His side. The disciples then rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> So Jesus said to them again, “Peace *be* with you; as the Father has sent Me, I also send you.” <sup>22</sup> And when He had said this, He breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, *their sins* have been forgiven them; if you retain the *sins* of any, they have been retained.” <sup>24</sup> But Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples were saying to him, “We have seen the Lord!” But he said to them, “Unless I see in His hands the imprint of the nails, and put my finger into the place of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe.” <sup>26</sup> After eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors having been shut, and stood in their midst and said, “Peace *be* with you.” <sup>27</sup> Then He said to Thomas, “Reach here with your finger, and see My hands; and reach here your hand and put it into My side; and do not be unbelieving, but believing.” <sup>28</sup> Thomas answered and said to Him, “My Lord and my God!” <sup>29</sup> Jesus said to him, “Because you have seen Me, have you believed? Blessed *are* they who did not see, and *yet* believed.” <sup>30</sup> Therefore many other signs Jesus also performed in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; <sup>31</sup> but these have been written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name.”

The Congregation sings, “**Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**”



The Apostles' Creed is a statement of Christian belief used since the early Church. It's not specific to any one Christian denomination, but used by the Church as a whole. We choose to confess it together as a unified reminder of what we believe to be true about God, and His caring service to us.

**The Confession of Faith:** The Apostles' Creed (Confessed in Unison)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and Earth

And In Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost; The Holy Christian Church, the Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body, And the Life everlasting. Amen.

**The Announcements**

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**Sermon Song: In Christ Alone** (Keith Getty and Stuart Townend)

In Christ alone my hope is found,  
He is my light, my strength, my song;  
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.

What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My Comforter, my All in All,  
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! Who took on flesh  
Fullness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness  
Scorned by the ones He came to save:  
Till on that cross as Jesus died,  
The wrath of God was satisfied  
For every sin on Him was laid;  
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay  
Light of the world by darkness slain  
Then bursting forth in glorious Day  
Up from the grave he rose again!  
And as He stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,  
For I am His and He is mine  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
This is the power of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath.  
Jesus commands my destiny.

No power of hell, no scheme of man,  
Can ever pluck me from His hand;  
Till He returns or calls me home,  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

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:**

"Receive The HELPER Here" | John 20:19-31

### **Pastor's Prayer**

**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 Your presence: and take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Your salvation: and uphold me with Your free Spirit.** (Psalm 51:10-12)

### **Offering Prayer**

## The Closing & Silent Prayers

### The Lord's Prayer

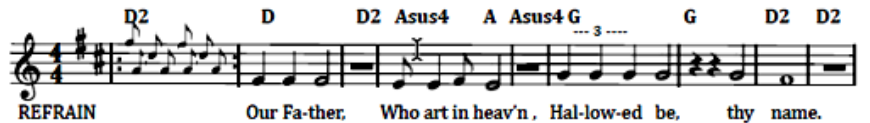
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### The Lord's Prayer

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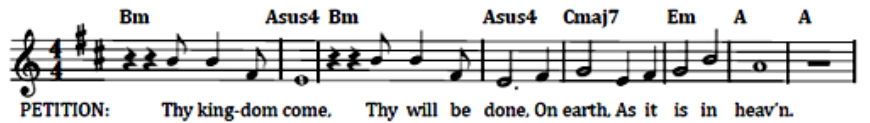
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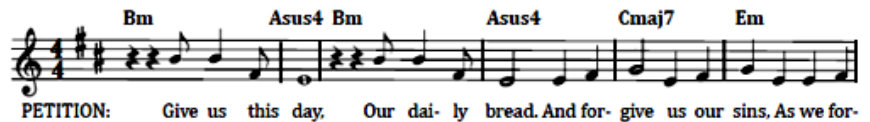
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PETITION:

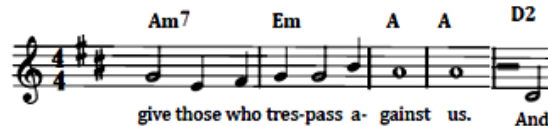


Thy king-dom come, Thy will be done, On earth. As it is in heav'n.

PETITION:



Give us this day, Our dai-ly bread. And for-give us our sins, As we for-



give those who tres-pass a- gainst us. And

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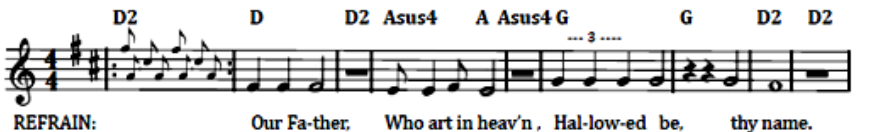


Lead us not in-to temp- ta- tion. But de- liv-er us from e- vil. For



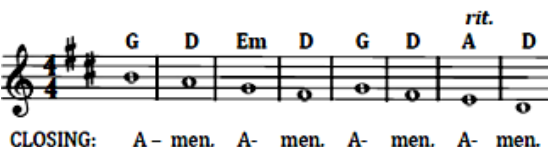
thine is the king-dom, And the pow-er, and the glo-ry, for- ev'r.

REFRAIN:



Our Fa-ther, Who art in heav'n, Hal-low-ed be, thy name.

CLOSING:



A- men, A- men, A- men, A- men.

**Closing Song: Great Things** (Phil Wickham & Jonas Myrin) (CCLI Song #7111321)

**Verse 1**

Come let us worship our King; Come let us bow at His feet  
He has done great things  
See what our Savior has done; See how His love overcomes  
He has done great things He has done great things

**Chorus**

O Hero of Heaven You conquered the grave  
You free every captive and break every chain  
O God You have done great things  
We dance in Your freedom awake and alive  
O Jesus our Savior Your name lifted high  
O God You have done great things

**Verse 2**

You've been faithful through every storm  
You'll be faithful forever more  
You have done great things  
And I know You will do it again  
For Your promise is Yes and Amen  
You will do great things  
God You do great things

**Chorus**

O Hero of Heaven You conquered the grave  
You free every captive and break every chain  
O God You have done great things  
We dance in Your freedom awake and alive  
O Jesus our Savior Your name lifted high  
O God You have done great things

**Bridge**

Hallelujah God above it all Hallelujah God unshakable  
Hallelujah You have done great things  
Hallelujah God above it all Hallelujah God unshakable  
Hallelujah You have done great things  
You've done great things .

**Chorus**

O Hero of Heaven You conquered the grave  
You free every captive and break every chain  
O God You have done great things  
We dance in Your freedom awake and alive  
O Jesus our Savior Your name lifted high  
O God You have done great things  
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O God You have done great things

**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**

**Postlude: Your Name is Matchless** (Sovereign Grace Music; words and music by Neil DeGraide and Colin Edge) (CCLI Song #7052978)

**Verse 1**

**We were sinners, we were orphans We were looking for a home  
We were lost and we were broken Wandering a - lone  
Looking down at our con-dition  
You sent Your Son to change our fate  
Though we were hopeless - ly im - prisoned  
He came to take our place**

**Chorus**

**Glory to the name of Jesus, glory to the only name that saves  
Ransomed the captives, Your name is matchless\_\_\_\_\_**

**Verse 2**

**What a mystery to fathom That we're Your children set a-part  
For we were ene - mies, not pilgrims, Prodigals at heart  
But Your Spirit now has caused us  
To no longer doubt Your love  
Abba, Father, You have bought us  
Adopted through Your Son**

**Chorus**

**Glory to the name of Jesus, glory to the only name that saves  
Ransomed the captives, Your name is matchless\_\_\_\_\_**  
**Glory to the name that freed us, glory to the love that made a way  
Beauty for ashes, Your name is matchless\_\_\_\_\_**  
**Glory to Your name. Glory to Your name. Glory to Your name.**

**Verse 3**

**Ponder all we have been given  
Heirs to God through Jesus' name  
A sting-less death has been made certain  
And glory now a - waits, Your glory now awaits**

**Chorus**

**Glory to the name of Jesus, glory to the only name that saves  
Ransomed the captives, Your name is matchless\_\_\_\_\_**  
**Glory to the name that freed us, glory to the love that made a way  
(the name that freed us) ( the love that made a way)  
Beauty for ashes, Your name is matchless\_\_\_\_\_**  
**Ransomed the captives, Your name is matchless\_\_\_\_\_**

# Announcements

**The altar flowers** are presented by Donna and Jason Weighley in thanksgiving for and celebration of their 21st wedding anniversary.

**Nursery Tomorrow:** 8:30 and Sunday School—Jenna Schwartz; 11:00—Claudia Patalong.

**Known to be hospitalized:** Lundy Castro (Jen Carlson's dad), following hip surgery. Portage Hospital, Room 205, 500 Campus Dr., Hancock, MI 49930. Please support him with your cards and prayers.

**Prayers for Recovery and Healing:** Michelle Hopkins—chemotherapy. Terry Alwine—TownView Health and Rehabilitation. Margie Jacobson is now home from the hospital. Please keep them in your prayers, as well as all those members of the Ruthfred family who are facing health or other challenges.

**Church Staff News:** At its April meeting Church Council voted to approve Mason Mitchell for a part-time Youth Internship at Ruthfred for this summer.

**National Day of Prayer:** Please join us on Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, at 7 p.m. in the adult Sunday School Room to pray for America. We will have a guided, informal time of prayer in a group (or groups) for approximately 45-60 minutes. Come and lift up your prayers vocally or silently.

**The Knit Wits** group is working on a new project—knitted and crocheted dish cloths to be shared, along with a bottle of dishwashing liquid, with our local food banks. Dish soap contributions are welcomed and can be left in the bin in the Fireside Lounge. Please call Pat Lutz if you need more information. Our next meeting will be this Thursday at 10 a.m. All are welcome!

**Youth Bible Camperships:** \$100 Bible Camperships are available to our youth attending a Christian camp. All camperships must be approved by Church Council. Deadline to submit an application is Sunday, May 8, 2022, for approval at the May Council meeting. Please place applications in the Council Secretary mail slot in the Conference Room.

**Sincere Thank You from Meals on Wheels:** On behalf of Meals on Wheels in South Park, I want to thank our generous congregation for donating over 78 bottles of salad dressing for their spring needs. They were very grateful to receive them. *Carol Ward*

**GIFT Bible Study:** Our April study will be at the Arelt's TOMORROW at 6:30 p.m. The new study book should be in and will be passed out. The cost of the book is \$8.00. Peggy Arelt is going to plan an activity for the evening.

**Young Adult Bible Study:** This group will meet tomorrow evening at 6:30 p.m. at Andrew and Cassie Vogel's house. All young adults are welcome to join. For questions or further information, please contact Andrew at [andrewvogel@ruthfred.org](mailto:andrewvogel@ruthfred.org).

**Lost and Found:** Two women's coats were found after the JTTW brunch on Wednesday. They are in the Office for the owners to claim.

**Preschool Registration** is now open for the 2022-2023 school year. Register online at [Ruthfred.org](http://Ruthfred.org). Contact Denise Stutzman at: [denisestutzman@ruthfred.org](mailto:denisestutzman@ruthfred.org) with any questions or to schedule a tour.

**Lutherans for Life Quote:** "Christians are called to proclaim the truth, and that truth is clear: All life is valuable. Each member of the human race is vital. All lives are indispensable because of Christ."—*Michelle Bauman, Director of Y4Life*

## Announcements (cont'd)

### Employment Opportunity at Ruthfred:

Nursery School Attendant: Do you have a heart for the youngest in our Church family? We have a need for a nursery worker during Sunday School. Please contact Shane Cox if you can help

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| <b>RECEIPTS AND EXPENSES<br/>OF BUDGETED FUNDS</b> |               | <b>Member<br/>Donations</b>   | <b>Transfers to<br/>Other Funds</b> | <b>Less: Actual<br/>Expenses</b> | <b>Surplus/<br/>(Shortfall)</b> |
| <b>Year to Date March 31, 2022</b>                 |               |                               |                                     |                                  |                                 |
|                                                    | Current       | 233,641*                      | (26,000)                            | 186,853                          | 20,788                          |
|                                                    | Building      | 7,995                         |                                     | —                                | 7,995                           |
|                                                    | Benevolence   | 38,195                        | 26,000                              | 49,394                           | 14,801                          |
|                                                    | <b>Totals</b> | <b>279,831</b>                | <b>—</b>                            | <b>236,247</b>                   | <b>43,584</b>                   |

\* Includes special gift from Birmingham UCC (see article in March *Herald* newsletter)



## **Adult Sunday School Class Today In Large Classroom**

THOU SHALT HAVE NO FUN! Remember the Ten Commandments you learned in Sunday School or confirmation? – those killjoy rules God laid down to keep us from having any fun. Remember them? Join us as Pastor McMinn continues this Sunday morning adult study series.

We are taking a fresh look at how God convicts, blesses, and guides His people through His Commandments. (It'll be fun!) Luther said, "*Whoever knows the Ten Commandments perfectly must know all Scripture. Such a person is qualified to judge all doctrines, estates, spirits, laws, and anything else in the world.*"

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Tomorrow in the Upper Room

Twisting Truth- Learning to Discern in a Culture of Deception—In this six-session small group video series, Andy Stanley exposes some common ways God's truth gets twisted. Each one has the potential to destroy your relationships, cloud your decisions, and distort your perception of him. This study helps us identify where we have cultural "twisted thinking" with Biblical guidance to overcome them. All are welcome to join!

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## **Young Adult Sunday School Class Tomorrow in the Conference Room**

All young adults are invited to attend a Bible study between worship services. We will be exploring an introduction to Divine Worship. In addition, we hope to grow together by looking at opportunities to be God's hands and feet in the mission field that surrounds us. We will be putting together plans for future servant events and group activities. Come check it out—we would love to see you! If you would like more information, please call Don Roose at (412) 584-2112 or Barb Roose at (540) 846-684.

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YOUTH NEWS:

SWAP (6-8 Grade)

There is **SWAP** tonight, 6-7:30 p.m. at the Church.

TNT (9-12 Grade)

TNT will meet on Tuesday, April 26th, at the Church.

SAVE THE DATE

May 13-15 — TNT Retreat

July 3-8 — Work Camp

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### **Questions/concerns?**

**Contact: Regan Johnson at [ReganJohnson@ruthfred.org](mailto:ReganJohnson@ruthfred.org), or  
(c) (218)-230-5800**



## Thank You for the Easter Baskets...

John and Dee Coldsmith: Thank you for taking the time out of your day to pack and deliver the goodies!

Gladys Constant: Thank you for the lovely Easter basket!

Eleanor Dymond: Thank you to all who contributed, filled, and delivered the baskets!

Betta and Fritz Heilman: Thank you for reaching out with this blessing, especially for the home made Easter card from Hollynne!.

Nancy McCloskey: What a yummy gift! Thank you so much!

Mary Ann Presto: Thank you for the Easter basket!

Else and Cindy Resosky: Thank you for the lovely Easter basket!

Gladys and Bob Reith: Thank you for the Easter basket full of goodies! We were especially touched by the home-made Easter card by Robert Schmidt.

Kay Wyrwas: Thank you for the Easter basket, especially to Mary Beth Dietz for delivering! And thank you to Ann Albanesi for remembering me!

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## Gifts to Our Church:

### Benevolence Fund:

- ◆ Given by Chris and Ron Stout in memory of Marcia Pavesi.
- ◆ Given by Barbara Watt in memory of Marcia Pavesi.

### Current Fund:

- ◆ Given by John and Dee Coldsmith as thanks for the "Easter Basket" and for all you do as a church family. We appreciate you taking the time out of your day for reaching out to home-bound members.
- ◆ Given by a Friend in Christ in memory of Marcia Pavesi.

### Pastor's Fund:

- ◆ Given by Dan and Judy Bender in memory of Marcia Pavesi.
- ◆ Given by Gladys Constant in memory of Marcia Pavesi.
- ◆ Given by a Friend in Christ in memory of Marcia Pavesi.
- ◆ Given by Marc and Barb Harrold in memory of Marcia Pavesi.
- ◆ Given by Dorothy Kratz and family in memory of Marcia Pavesi.
- ◆ Given by Mary Lou and Joe McKenna in loving memory of Marcia Pavesi.
- ◆ Given by Pat Moore in memory of Will and Alma Vogel and Marcia Pavesi.
- ◆ Given by Fred and Sandy Pellegrino in memory of Marcia Pavesi.

### Preschool Fund:

- ◆ Given by Carolyn Carr in loving memory of Marcia Pavesi.

### Youth Fund:

Given by Carol Mueller in loving memory of Blaise Donolo

**Summer is just around the corner! How do I know this?**

**It's time to start planning for VBS!!**



**VBS 2022 will be July 25<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>, 9 a.m. to noon**

**We are looking for Volunteers!!**

**Join us for an informational meeting on Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup>.**

**We will meet in the Large Sunday School Classroom**

**after the 11 a.m. service.**

Questions?

Contact Jason Weighley by email at  
[Jason.weighley@gmail.com](mailto:Jason.weighley@gmail.com)

## **VBS 2022 set decorating!!**

We are teaming up with the South Hills Bible Chapel again to decorate the sets for Vacation Bible School. We need a team of **YOU** to help with painting, cutting, and tracing to make the scenery for **VBS!** (NO ART EXPERIENCE NEEDED!!) VBS set work days are at the Bible Chapel on Tuesdays from 6 to 8 p.m. (enter door 2) or on Wednesdays from noon to 3 p.m. (enter door 5 and ring the bell).

If you are interested, the dates are:

**April 26<sup>th</sup> and April 27<sup>th</sup>.**

Anyone willing to help is welcome! If you have questions, please contact Jason Weighley at [jason.weighley@gmail.com](mailto:jason.weighley@gmail.com).



## This Week At Ruthfred

**Sunday (4/24) CHURCH ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY**

8:30 a.m.—Worship Service (Wellinger baptism)

9:45 a.m.—Sunday School

11:00 a.m.—Worship Service (Picard baptism)

6:30 p.m.—GIFT Bible Study at the Arelts'

6:30 p.m.—Young Adult Bible Study at A & C Vogels'

HERALD DEADLINE

## Monday (4/25) St. Mark, Evangelist

## Tuesday (4/26)

7:00 p.m.—Worship Team

### Wednesday (4/27)

5:45 p.m.—Children's Choir

6:30 p.m.—Bell Choir

### 6:45 p.m.—Confirmation Classes

7:30 p.m.—Senior Choir

### Thursday (4/28)

10:00 a.m.—Knit Wits

### Friday (4/29)

7:00 a.m.—Men's Prayer Group (Fireside Lounge)

**Sunday (5/1) 2nd SUNDAY AFTER EASTER/City**

## Mission Food Sunday

8:30 a.m.—Holy Communion

9:45 a.m.—Sunday School

11:00 a.m.—Holy Communion

6:00 p.m.—Holy Communion

Welcome to worship this second Sunday of Easter.

Faith is always a mix of belief and doubt, so with Thomas we proclaim: "My Lord and my God!" (John 20:28).

**Attendance for Last Week:**

Maundy Thursday...165    Live Stream...18

Good Friday Afternoon...92

Good Friday Evening...136    Live Stream...23

Easter Sunrise...37 Easter Worship...572

8:30 Live Stream...47

## 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 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:

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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