

RUTHFRED LUTHERAN CHURCH

# Welcome to Ruthfred Lutheran Church!

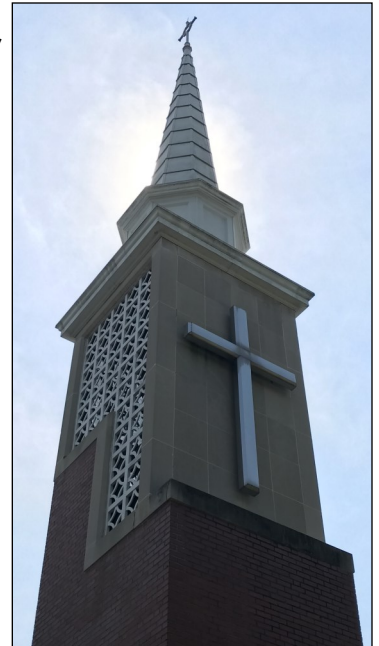
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**We are delighted to have you with us this morning as we gather to worship the Lord Jesus Christ.**

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 on the back cover of this bulletin, and place it in the offering basket.

## 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 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 *scherschnitte*, 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

Sunday, April 17, 2022  
Easter Sunrise Service

## Prelude:

### **"Resurrexit"**

(Roger C. Wilson)

### **"Jesus Has Risen as He Said"**

(Gerald Peterson)

### **"Glory to Our God and King"**

(Franklin Ritter)

## The Opening Hymn:

### **"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"**

(SBH92)

(Please stand as we  
join our hearts in  
song)

1. Je - sus Christ is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!

Our tri - umphant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Un - to Christ, our heaven-ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!

Who did once, up - on the Cross, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Who en - dured the Cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!

Suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia! A-men.

3 But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!  
Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!  
Now above the sky he's King, Alleluia!  
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

4 Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!  
Praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!  
Praise him, all ye heavenly host, Alleluia!  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

Amen.

*Latin, XIV cent.*

*Tr. Lyra Davidica, 1708*

*St. 4, Charles Wesley, 1707-88*

The “invocation” is Latin for “call upon.” In the Invocation we remember our baptism and acknowledge God as our Father. We are reminded that through Christ’s name we have access to the Father’s throne by the Holy Spirit. Because we are children of God, we have the privilege to invite (invoke) God’s presence and blessing upon this service of “divine liturgy” in which we receive the Work of God through His Word and Spirit, and also in which we offer up to God our praise as an act of worship. *Hebrews 10:19-25; 13:15; Ephesians 2:18*

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 Call to Worship**

### **The Trinitarian Invocation**

**C: Amen**

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

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

Our help is in the name of the Lord

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

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

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

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

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

(Silent Prayer of Personal Confession)

### **Together:**

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

The Absolution 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.

"Kyrie" is Latin for *Lord*, which is the first word of the prayer. Distinct from the confession of sin, it is a prayer for God to grant His mercy in every aspect of our lives and to supply us with all our needs, personally, corporately and for the whole world.

**The Absolution:** (After which the congregation shall sing "**Amen**")

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us, and has given His only-begotten son to die for us, and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name, He gives the power to become children of God, and bestows upon them His Holy Spirit. The one who believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this O Lord, unto us all.

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

P: He is risen, alleluia:

**C: Why do you seek the living among the dead? Alleluia. Remember how He spoke to you, alleluia:**

P: The Son of Man must be crucified, and the third day rise again. Alleluia, alleluia. You have crowned Him with glory and honor:

**C: You made Him to have dominion over the works of your hands** (Luke 24:5-7; Psalm 8:5-6)

**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 Kyrie** (Sung in Unison; SBH p. 18)

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

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

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

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

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

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

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

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

**C: Amen.**

## The Hymn of Praise:

"The Strife is O'er" (SBH 90, v. 1-3)

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Org.

The first system of the hymn features a treble and bass staff in G major (one sharp). The melody is a simple, joyful tune. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!' are written below the treble staff. An organ icon is placed below the bass staff.

1. The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done; Now is the Vic - tor's  
2. The powers of death have done their worst, But Christ their le - gions  
3. The three sad days have quick - ly sped, He ris - es glo - rious

The second system continues the melody. It includes three verses of lyrics. The first verse is '1. The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done; Now is the Vic - tor's'. The second verse is '2. The powers of death have done their worst, But Christ their le - gions'. The third verse is '3. The three sad days have quick - ly sped, He ris - es glo - rious'.

tri - umph won; Now be the song of praise be - gun, Al - le - lu - ia!  
hath dis - persed; Let shouts of ho - ly joy out - burst, Al - le - lu - ia!  
from the dead; All glo - ry to our ris - en Head! Al - le - lu - ia!

The third system concludes the hymn. It includes three verses of lyrics. The first verse is 'tri - umph won; Now be the song of praise be - gun, Al - le - lu - ia!'. The second verse is 'hath dis - persed; Let shouts of ho - ly joy out - burst, Al - le - lu - ia!'. The third verse is 'from the dead; All glo - ry to our ris - en Head! Al - le - lu - ia!'.

The “collect” is a prayer of the day for each day in the liturgical calendar. It is meant to “collect” the prayers of God’s people.

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

### **The Collect:**

P: The Lord be with you:

**C: And with thy spirit.**

P: Let us continue to pray: Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, has overcome death, and opened unto us the gate of eternal life, we pray that as You place in our minds good desires, you will also by Your grace help us to live them out, through the same, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end.

**C: Amen**

### **The Old Testament Lesson: Job 19:25-27** (NASB)

<sup>25</sup> “As for me, I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last He will take His stand on the earth. <sup>26</sup> Even after my skin is destroyed, yet from my flesh I shall see God; <sup>27</sup> Whom I myself shall behold, and Whom my eyes will see and not another. My heart faints within me!”

### **The Psalm: Psalm 118:5, 6, 14-21, 24, 28, 29** (NASB)

P: From my distress I called upon the Lord; the Lord answered me and set me in a large place.

**C: The Lord is for me; I will not fear; what can man do to me?**

P: The Lord is my strength and song, and He has become my salvation.

**C: The sound of joyful shouting and salvation is in the tents of the righteous; the right hand of the Lord does valiantly.**

P: The right hand of the Lord is exalted; the right hand of the Lord does valiantly. I will not die, but live, and tell of the works of the Lord.

**C: The Lord has disciplined me severely, but He has not given me over to death.**

P: Open to me the gates of righteousness; I shall enter through them, I shall give thanks to the Lord.

**C: This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous will enter through it.**

P: I shall give thanks to You, for You have answered me, and You have become my salvation.

**C: This is the day which the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

P: You are my God, and I give thanks to You; You are my God, I extol You.

**C: Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for His lovingkindness is everlasting.**



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: Colossians 3:1-4** (NASB)

<sup>1</sup> Therefore if you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup> Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth. <sup>3</sup> For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup> When Christ, who is our life, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with Him in glory.

### **The Gradual:**

This is the day which the Lord has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it. O give thanks unto the Lord for He is good for His mercy endures forever. Alleluia, alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. Let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia. (Psalm 118:24, 29; 1 Corinthians 5:7, 8)

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

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

### **The Holy Gospel Lesson: Matthew 28:1-10** (NASB)

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

<sup>1</sup> Now after the Sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first *day* of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to look at the grave. <sup>2</sup> And behold, a severe earthquake had occurred, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled away the stone and sat upon it. <sup>3</sup> And his appearance was like lightning, and his clothing as white as snow. <sup>4</sup> The guards shook for fear of him and became like dead men. <sup>5</sup> The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; for I know that you are looking for Jesus who has been crucified. <sup>6</sup> He is not here, for He has risen, just as He said. Come, see the place where He was lying. <sup>7</sup> Go quickly and tell His disciples that He has risen from the dead; and behold, He is going ahead of you into Galilee, there you will see Him; behold, I have told you."<sup>8</sup> And they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to report it to His disciples. <sup>9</sup> And behold, Jesus met them and greeted them. And they came up and took hold of His feet and worshiped Him. <sup>10</sup> Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and take word to My brethren to leave for Galilee, and there they will see Me."

The Congregation shall sing, "**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** (Please be seated)

**Children's Object Lesson**

**The Sermon Hymn: "Now Let the Vault of Heaven Resound"** (SBH103)

1. Now let the vault of heaven re - sound In praise of Love that  
2. E - ter - nal is the gift he brings, Where - fore our heart with

doth a - bound, 'Christ hath tri - umphed, Al - le - lu - ia;'  
rap - ture sings, 'Christ hath tri - umphed, Je - sus liv - eth!'

Sing, choirs of an - gels, loud and clear, Re - peat their song  
Now doth he come and give us life, Now doth his pres -

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat) and a common time signature (C). The melody is primarily in the soprano voice part, with piano accompaniment in the right and left hands. The lyrics are arranged in three systems, each corresponding to a vocal line. The first system contains two lines of lyrics. The second system contains two lines of lyrics. The third system contains two lines of lyrics. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and moving lines in both hands, providing harmonic support for the vocal melody.

of glo - ry here, 'Christ hath tri-umphed, Christ hath tri-umphed!  
ence still all strife Through his tri - umph; Je - sus reign - eth!

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia. A-men.

3 O fill us, Lord, with dauntless love;  
Set heart and will on things above  
That we conquer through thy triumph,  
Grant grace sufficient for life's day  
That by our life we ever say,  
'Christ hath triumphed, and he liveth!'  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

4 Adoring praises now we bring  
And with the heavenly blessed sing,  
'Christ hath triumphed, Alleluia!'  
Be to the Father, and our Lord,  
To Spirit blest, most holy God,  
Thine the glory never ending!  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! Amen.

*Paul Zeller Strodach, 1876-1947*

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:**

"Alive with our Lord Jesus Christ" | Psalm 118:5, 6, 14-21, 24, 28, 29;  
Matthew 28: 1-10; Colossians 3:1-4

### **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 Closing & Silent Prayer** (Please bow or kneel in prayer)

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

**Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And, forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

**The Benediction**

P: Now the God of Peace, who brought up from the dead the great Shepherd of the sheep through the blood of the eternal covenant, *even* Jesus our Lord, equip you in every good thing to do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom *be* the glory forever and ever. Amen.

(Hebrews 13:20)

**C: Amen**

## The Closing Hymn:

### **"Thine is the Glory"**

(AMB98)

## The Silent Prayer & Chimes

### The Postlude:

### **"Praise Him with Trumpets"**

(Richard Blake)

1 Thine is the glo - ry, Ris - en, con-qu'ring Son; End-less is the  
2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, Ris - en from the tomb! Lov-ing - ly He  
3 No more we doubt Thee, Glo - rious Prince of life; Life is nought with -

vic - t'ry Thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment  
greet thee, Scat - ters fear and gloom; Let His Church with glad - ness  
out Thee; Aid us in our strife; Make us more than con - qu'rors,

Rolled the stone a - way, Kept the fold - ed grave - clothes  
Hymns of tri - umph sing, For the Lord now liv - eth:  
Through Thy death-less love; Bring us safe through Jor - dan

*Refrain*  
Where Thy bod - y lay.  
Death hath lost its sting! Thine is the glo - ry, Ris - en, con-qu'ring  
To Thy home a - bove.

Son; End-less is the vic - t'ry Thou o'er death hast won!

Text: Edmond Budry, 1854-1932; tr. R. Birch Hoyle, 1875-1939  
Tune: George F. Handel, 1685-1759, adapt.

JUDAS MACCABAEUS  
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## THE EASTER FLOWERS ARE PRESENTED BY.....

- ◆ Jim and Judy Agnew: Hallelujah! He is risen! (2 tulips)
- ◆ Zoe Akhtar to the glory of our Risen Savior and in memory of loved ones. (1 lily)
- ◆ Ann and Tom Albanesi in honor of our grandchildren—Isaiah, Jonah, and Sienna Compel. Jesus loves you. Have a blessed Easter! Love Nani Ann and PapPap Tom Albanesi. (1 tulip)
- ◆ Joyce Alderson in loving memory of my husband, Bill. (1 lily)
- ◆ The Alwine and Skundrich families in loving memory of their parents, Bob and Louise Johns, and their brother, David Johns. (1 tulip)
- ◆ Anastasia Augenstein in memory of Allen Augenstein. (1 tulip)
- ◆ Bunny Barger in honor of and with love for my treasured sister, Betzi Barger. (1 tulip)
- ◆ Bunny and Betzi Barger in memory of our mother, Janet, and in thanks for her love that never faded. (1 tulip)
- ◆ Ray and Linda Baughman and Mary Jane Jones in memory of Ray and Ruth Baughman and all our loved ones. (1 tulip)
- ◆ Keith Boucher, Linda Friedel, and Sandy Pellegrino in loving memory of our sister and brother, Oona Richardson and Dennis Boucher. (1 tulip)
- ◆ Buzon Family in honor of our brothers and sisters of Ruthfred. (1 tulip)
- ◆ Pastor and Jen Carlson in worship to our Risen Lord Jesus Christ, and in thanks to our loving congregation. (1 tulip)
- ◆ Ben, Sadie, and Sam Carlson in loving memory of their grandmothers, Nancy Castro and Kathy Carlson. (1 tulip)
- ◆ Carolyn Carr with thankfulness for my loving, patient, kind, and thoughtful daughter, Kathryn. (1 lily)
- ◆ Chris and Marcia Clark in memory of our parents, Glenn & Alice Clark and Al & Anna Mae Hamilton, with thanks to God for their wisdom and love. (2 lilies)
- ◆ Lauren, David, Isaiah, Johah, and Sienna Compel in thanks for God's glory and blessings upon our family. (1 tulip)
- ◆ Shane and Kate Cox in honor of our beloved parents and our grandmother (Esther Cox) and in loving memory of our grandparents who now live with our Lord. (2 tulips)
- ◆ Steve and Peggy Cox in memory of our parents, Tom Cox, Fred & Phyllis Crompton; and in honor of our mom, Esther Cox. (2 tulips)
- ◆ Larry Cumberledge in memory of Imogene & Daniel Cumberledge. (1 lily)
- ◆ Grace Diehm in memory of Charles Diehm. (1 lily)
- ◆ Virginia DiSalvo and family in loving memory of Charles DiSalvo. (1 lily)
- ◆ Marirose Donlin in memory of my parents, Vicky & George Liples. (1 lily)
- ◆ Evans Family in glory to our Risen Lord! (1 tulip)
- ◆ Arlene Fees in memory of my husband, Ron, and of our parents. (1 lily; 1 tulip)
- ◆ Anne Fife in honor of Christ, our Risen Savior. (1 tulip)
- ◆ Frank and Lisa Fife in honor of their mothers, Priscilla O'Lare and Anne Fife. (1 tulip)
- ◆ Frank and Lisa Fife in memory of William, Bill, and Johnny O'Lare. (1 tulip)
- ◆ Frank and Lisa Fife in memory of Jack (Pap) Fife and Sue Fife Greenberger. (1 lily)
- ◆ Frank Fife in honor of his wife, Lisa O'Lare Fife. (1 lily)
- ◆ Tim Fife in honor and loving memory of our loved ones. (1 tulip)



- ◆ Friend in Christ in memory of my precious friend, Alma Vogel, and her husband, Will. I believe she and Lois Funk are singing their hearts out in the Heavenly Choir. (1 tulip for the Vogel family)
- ◆ Friend in Christ in honor of Bob & Lynn, Norma, Andrew & Cassie, and Jennifer Vogel. May God bless and keep you surrounded by His healing hands. (1 tulip for the Vogel family)
- ◆ Friends in Christ in thanksgiving for Brian Lyskava's faithful service to Ruthfred. (1 tulip)
- ◆ Tom and Peggy Glasser in thankfulness for the pastors and servants of our congregation. (2 tulips)
- ◆ Russ and Linda Hafen in thanksgiving that He has risen—Christ has triumphed, Alleluia! And in memory of loved ones. (1 tulip)
- ◆ Caryl Hansen: Thank you, God! (1 tulip; 1 lily)
- ◆ Marc and Barb Harrold to the glory of the Risen Savior and in honor of our dedicated pastors and staff. (2 lilies)
- ◆ Debbie Huffman in honor of my parents, William and Patricia VanKirk. Happy Easter! (1 lily)
- ◆ Sue Hughes in gratitude to the Lord Jesus and remembering Lee Hughes. (1 lily)
- ◆ Jeremy, Logan, and Megan Huwe: Happy Easter with love to Grandma and Pap! Happy Easter with love to Grandma Huwe, and in memory of PapPap, Uncle John, and Uncle Butch. (2 tulips)
- ◆ Jill and Roger Kurtz: Praising our Risen Savior for His love for us that took Him to the cross. (1 lily)
- ◆ Meig Kurtz in loving memory of mom and dad. (1 lily)
- ◆ David Langkamp in loving memory of my parents, Frank and Johanne Langkamp: You are in my thoughts every day. Love and miss you both very much. (1 lily; 1 tulip)
- ◆ Pat Lindauer in honor of Ruthfred Lutheran's faithful shepherds and in loving memory of Leonard. (2 lilies)
- ◆ Brian Lyskava in memory of Tom & Elsie Lyskava. (2 tulips)
- ◆ Ed and June Malachosky in memory and honor of our deceased parents. (1 lily; 1 tulip)
- ◆ Mary Lou and Joe McKenna in memory of Paul Libell and Barbara McKenna. (1 lily)
- ◆ Pastor McMinn and family in loving memory of Pastor McMinn's grandparents, Charles and Laura Flory—faithful disciples of Jesus Christ; and in memory of Pastor John Dennis. (2 tulips)
- ◆ John Morden in loving memory of my parents, John & Pearl Morden. (1 tulip)
- ◆ Carolyn Munro in loving memory of Robert Munro. (1 tulip)
- ◆ Sandy and Bryan Newman: To God be the glory for our beautiful Risen Savior; and in honor of our granddaughter, Hazel Grace. (2 tulips)
- ◆ Mick and Marlene Nowicki to the glory of God in honor of our Risen Lord. (1 tulip)
- ◆ Fred and Sandy Pellegrino, thanks be to God. (1 tulip)
- ◆ Katie Recaldini in loving memory of Agnes & Victor Recaldini. (1 lily)
- ◆ Rieck Family to the glory of our Risen Lord. (3 tulips)
- ◆ Don and Barb Roose in thanks for our good Christian friends, Pete & Jill Huwe. (1 tulip)
- ◆ Don and Barb Roose in thanks for Peggy & Steve Cox and all they do for Ruthfred. (1 tulip)
- ◆ Rich and Kathy Rostauscher in memory of all of our loved ones. (1 tulip)
- ◆ Bev Rowan in thankfulness for all of God's blessings. (1 lily)

- ♦ Jan and John Ruzicka in loving memory of family members that have passed away to be with the Lord. (1 tulip)
- ♦ Joanne Salvetti in honor of our Risen Lord. (1 tulip)
- ♦ Patty Sanders in memory of Charles Diehm. (1 lily)
- ♦ Jenna Schwartz in memory of my mother, Heather Schwartz. (1 tulip)
- ♦ Debbie Skundrich in loving memory of my dear husband, Ray. (1 tulip)
- ♦ Jane Stivason in memory of her loved ones. (1 tulip)
- ♦ Mary Lou Streiner in loving memory of Ernie and all of our beautiful Easters together. (1 lily)
- ♦ Mary Lou Streiner in loving memory of my brother, Bill Schultz. (1 lily)
- ♦ Norma Vogel in loving memory of my dear sister, Linda J. Vogel and in loving memory of my dear parents, Wilbert and Alma Vogel (1 lily; 1 tulip)
- ♦ Jason and Donna Weighley in memory of Donna's parents, Ed & Alice. (3 tulips)
- ♦ Eric and Kris Wente in remembrance/memory of our parents who have gone on to be with our Lord. (1 tulip)
- ♦ Libby Wood in memory of loved ones. (1 lily)

**Many thanks to the Altar Guild for arranging the lovely Easter flowers!**



# Announcements

**The altar flowers** are presented by the Bostaph Family: Rejoicing in the hope of our Resurrected Savior, Jesus Christ. In Memory of our dear friend, Marcia Pavesi.

**Please welcome** our own Peggy Arelt as organist for the Easter Sunrise service. We are so blessed to have such talent in our congregation!

**Nursery Today:** 8:30—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. Terry Alwine—St. Clair Hospital. Margie Jacobson—St. Clair Hospital. Please support them with your cards and prayers.

**Prayers for Recovery and Healing:** Michelle Hopkins—chemotherapy. Please keep her in your prayers, as well as all those members of the Ruthfred family who are facing health or other challenges.

**XYZers:** The next meeting will be THIS Friday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>. The program, entitled "Gabbing About Gardens," will be presented by Lisa Jenkins from Jim Jenkins Lawn & Garden Center. The sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board outside the Library. Please join us for a wonderful lunch catered by Peggy Cox and an interesting program! This will be the last meeting until September.

**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 on April 28<sup>th</sup> 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.

**A Sincere Thank You** to the ladies who served the funeral luncheon for Bill Schultz's family. And thank you for such a warm welcome! It was appreciated by all who attended. Pat Schultz & family.

**GIFT Bible Study:** Our April study will be at the Arelts' on Sunday, April 24, at 6:30 p.m. The new study book should be in and will be distributed. 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 next at 6:30 p.m. on April 24<sup>th</sup> 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).

**Our Communion Practice:** Today, if you are staying for communion after the 8:30 or 11:00 services, please sign a communion card and give it to a Deacon. 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. If you are not a member of our congregation, we invite you to speak to our pastors anytime about communion and its meaning.

**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.

# Announcements (cont'd)

## **Employment Opportunities at Ruthfred:**

**Parish Assistant:** We are looking for a member of Ruthfred with a heart to serve Jesus and His church. The Parish Assistant performs a variety of ministry tasks in support of the ministries and pastors of Ruthfred. The position would be part time, 28 to 30 hours/week. The job description is posted on the church website. Interested persons should submit resumes to the Ruthfred Personnel Committee through the church office, c/o SallyOndrejko@ruthfred.org. Contact Kevin Boehme, Personnel Committee Chairman, at (724) 942-4551, for more information.

**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.



## **Gifts to Our Church:**

### **Benevolence Fund:**

- ◆ Given by Bob and Gladys Reith in memory of Marcia Pavesi.

### **Current Fund:**

- ◆ Given by Bob and Carol Wagler in memory of Marcia Pavesi. It was a blessing and honor to have her as a friend. She was a wonderful Christian lady and dearly loved her church and church family. We will all miss her.
- ◆ Given by Don and Pam Hafer in memory of Marcia Pavesi.

### **Music Fund:**

- ◆ Given by Bill and Sue Rotz in memory of Marcia Pavesi.
- ◆ Given by Joyce Bock in loving memory of Marcia Pavesi.

### **Pastor's Fund:**

- ◆ Given by Judy and Jim Agnew in memory of Marcia Pavesi, our dear sister in Christ.
- ◆ Given by Mick and Marlene Nowicki to the glory of God in loving memory of Marcia Pavesi.

### **Preschool Fund:**

- ◆ Given by Lou and Arlene Ball in memory of Marcia Pavesi for her dedicated years as a teacher in the preschool.
- ◆ Given by Nancy and Gene McCloskey in loving memory of Marcia Pavesi.

### **Sunday School Fund:**

- ◆ Given by Norma Vogel in memory of Marcia Pavesi, Linda's co-teacher of 7th grade Sunday School for many years.

### **Youth Fund:**

- ◆ Given by Elaine Widich in memory of Marcia Pavesi.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL, EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 17, 2022**  
**NO SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY FOR ADULTS OR CHILDREN**

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## **YOUTH NEWS:**

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

There is NO **SWAP** meeting tonight.

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

TNT will meet on Tuesday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, at the Church.

### **SAVE THE DATE**

**April 21-24 – Campus Days**

**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**

**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 19<sup>th</sup>, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 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

## Today (4/17)

7:00 a.m.—Easter Sunrise Service  
8:30 a.m.— Easter Worship Service  
**NO SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY**  
11:00 a.m.—Easter Worship Service  
(Holy Communion offered after the  
8:30 and 11:00 services)

## Monday (4/18)

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

## Tuesday (4/19)

7:00 p.m.—Worship Team

### Wednesday (4/20)

9:30 a.m.—JTTW End-of-Year Brunch  
5:45 p.m.—Children’s Choir  
6:30 p.m.—Bell Choir  
6:45 p.m.—Jr. & Sr. Confirmation Classes  
7:30 p.m.—Senior Choir

### Thursday (4/21)

2:00 p.m.—Ruth

### Friday (4/22)

7:00 a.m.—Men's Prayer Group (Fireside Lounge)  
Noon—XYZ (final meeting until September)

## Saturday (4/23)

6:00 p.m.—Contemporary Liturgical Worship  
Service (please note time change)

## Sunday (4/24)

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 (Arelts' house)  
 6:30 p.m.—Young Adult Bible Study (A & C Vogels')  
**HERALD DEADLINE**

Christ is risen! Alleluia! Welcome, one and all, to this  
Resurrection Sunday worship celebration!

**Attendance for Last Week:**

Sunday Worship...324   Sunday School...117  
8:30 Live Stream...49  
Family Easter Festival...190

## 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:

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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