

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 an 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 *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

Sunday, April 9, 2023

Easter Sunrise Service

Prelude:

"A Joyous Prelude"

(E. Broughton)

"The Joy of the Lord"

(G. Sewell)

"O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing"

(F. Ritter)

"Sunrise Praise"

(I. Grichetechkine)

The Opening

Hymn:

"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

(SBH #92)

(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 Sins (SBH, p. 41)

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

Our help is in the name of the Lord

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

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

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

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

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

(Silent Prayer of Personal Confession)

Together:

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

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. 43)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

The Kyrie (Sung in Unison; SBH p. 48)

P: Lord, have mercy upon us..

C: Lord, have mercy upon us.

P: Christ, have mercy upon us.

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P: Lord, have mercy upon us.

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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 in the treble staff, and the organ accompaniment is in the bass staff. 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 first measure of 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 hymn with three verses of lyrics. The musical notation remains in G major. The lyrics are: '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', and '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 with the final verses. The musical notation remains in G major. The lyrics are: '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!', and '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: O God, who for our redemption did give Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, to suffer death upon the Cross, and by His glorious Resurrection has delivered us from the power of the enemy, grant us so to die daily unto sin, that we may live evermore with Him who died and rose again for us; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

C: Amen

The Old Testament Lesson: Jeremiah 31:1-6 (NASB)

¹ “At that time,” declares the LORD, “I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be My people.” ² Thus says the LORD, “The people who survived the sword found grace in the wilderness—Israel, when it went to find its rest.” ³ The LORD appeared to him from afar, *saying*, “I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have drawn you with lovingkindness. ⁴ “Again I will build you and you will be rebuilt, O virgin of Israel! Again you will take up your tambourines, and go forth to the dances of the merrymakers. ⁵ “Again you will plant vineyards on the hills of Samaria; the planters will plant and will enjoy *them*. ⁶ “For there will be a day when watchmen on the hills of Ephraim call out, ‘Arise, and let us go up to Zion, to the LORD our God.’”

The Psalm: Psalm 16 (NASB)

P: Preserve me, O God, for I take refuge in You. I said to the LORD, “You are my Lord; I have no good besides You.”

C: As for the saints who are in the earth, they are the majestic ones in whom is all my delight.

P: The sorrows of those who have bartered for another *god* will be multiplied; I shall not pour out their drink offerings of blood, nor will I take their names upon my lips.

C: The LORD is the portion of my inheritance and my cup; You support my lot.

P: The lines have fallen to me in pleasant places; indeed, my heritage is beautiful to me.

C: I will bless the LORD who has counseled me; indeed, my mind instructs me in the night.

P: I have set the LORD continually before me; because He is at my right hand, I will not be shaken.

C: Therefore my heart is glad and my glory rejoices; my flesh also will dwell securely.

P: For You will not abandon my soul to Sheol; nor will You allow Your Holy One to undergo decay.

C: You will make known to me the path of life; in Your presence is fullness of joy; in Your right hand there are pleasures forever.

The "Gradual" (Latin for *step*) is a liturgical reading bridging the readings of the epistle and the Gospel. It is comprised of Scripture, mostly the Psalms.

"Alleluia" is Hebrew for "Praise the Lord."

The Epistle Lesson: Colossians 3:1-4 (NASB)

¹ Therefore if you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth. ³ For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ 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: John 20:1-18 (NASB)

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

¹ Now on the first *day* of the week Mary Magdalene came early to the tomb, while it was still dark, and saw the stone *already* taken away from the tomb. ² So she ran and came to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken away the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid Him." ³ So Peter and the other disciple went forth, and they were going to the tomb. ⁴ The two were running together; and the other disciple ran ahead faster than Peter and came to the tomb first; ⁵ and stooping and looking in, he saw the linen wrappings lying *there*; but he did not go in. ⁶ And so Simon Peter also came, following him, and entered the tomb; and he saw the linen wrappings lying *there*, ⁷ and the face-cloth which had been on His head, not lying with the linen wrappings, but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸ So the other disciple who had first come to the tomb then also entered, and he saw and believed. ⁹ For as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that He must rise again from the dead. ¹⁰ So the disciples went away again to their own homes. ¹¹ But Mary was standing outside the tomb weeping; and so, as she wept, she stooped and looked into the tomb; ¹² and she saw two angels in white sitting, one at the head and one at the feet, where the body of Jesus had been lying. ¹³ And they said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "Because they have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid Him." ¹⁴ When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing *there*, and did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵ Jesus said to her,

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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 Holy Gospel Lesson: John 20:1-18 (NASB) (cont'd)

"Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" Supposing Him to be the gardener, she said to Him, "Sir, if you have carried Him away, tell me where you have laid Him, and I will take Him away." ¹⁶ Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to Him in Hebrew, "Rabboni!" (which means, Teacher). ¹⁷ Jesus said to her, "Stop clinging to Me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to My brethren and say to them, 'I ascend to My Father and your Father, and My God and your God.'" ¹⁸ Mary Magdalene came, announcing to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord," and *that* He had said these things to her.

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

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 Special Music

Christy Hinkelman—*This Is the Day* (N. Sleeth)

The Announcements (Please be seated)

Children's Object Lesson

The Sermon Hymn: "Now Let the Vault of Heaven Resound" (SBH #103)

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 image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment (grand staff). The key signature is B-flat major (two flats). The first system contains the first two lines of the hymn. The second system contains the next two lines. The third system contains the final two lines. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the 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: "Christ Is Risen!" | John 20:1-18

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"

(SBH #566)

The Silent Prayer & Chimes

The Postlude:

"Christ Is Risen, Alleluia"

Hymn Tune:

Morgenlied

(H. Turner)

Majestically

1. Thine is the glo - ry, Ris - en, con-quer-ing 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 - tory Thou o'er death hast won. An - gels in bright rai - ment
greet - s thee, Scat - ters fear and gloom; Let his Church with glad - ness
out thee; Aid us in our strife; Make us more than con-querors,

Rolled the stone a - way, Kept the fold - ed grave clothes
Hymns of tri - umph sing, For her 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-quer-ing Son;
To thy home a - bove.

End - less is the vic - tory Thou o'er death hast won. A-men.

Edmond Budry, 1854-1932 Tr. Richard Birch Hoyle, 1875-1939
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GEORGE FREDERICK HANDEL, 1685-1759

THE EASTER FLOWERS ARE PRESENTED BY.....

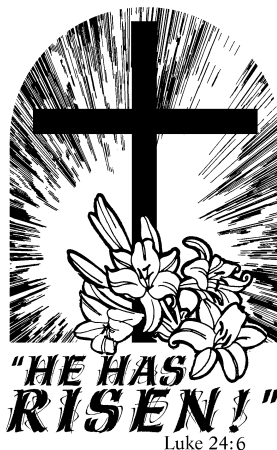
- ◇ Zoe Akhtar and family to the glory of our Risen Savior and in memory of family members, gone but forever in our hearts. (2 lilies)
- ◇ Kristy Balzer in honor of Edward Balzer and Albina Ryncowski. (1 lily)
- ◇ Bunny Barger in honor of Betzi Barger, the best friend and sister ever, and with love and friendship to Susan Wholey. (2 tulips)
- ◇ Bunny and Betzi Barger in memory of our loving mother, Janet, and in thanks for the priceless memories that we will always treasure. (1 tulip)
- ◇ Dottie and George Barrett in honor of Melissa Bostaph for her dedication to our Church. (1 tulip)
- ◇ Ray and Linda Baughman and Mary Jane Jones in memory of Ray and Ruth Baughman and all our loved ones. (1 tulip)
- ◇ The Boehme Family with Glory to Christ who has born our sins and granted us eternal life. (1 lily; 2 tulips)
- ◇ Melissa Bostaph in memory of Marcia Pavesi with thanks for her legacy of faithfulness. (1 tulip)
- ◇ Jason and Annie Buzon in honor of Pastor Bryce and the McMinn family. (1 tulip)
- ◇ Chris and Marcia Clark with love and remembrance of our parents, Glenn & Alice Clark and Al & Anna Mae Hamilton, who taught us much about faith and love. (2 lilies)
- ◇ Shane and Kate Cox in honor of our grandparents, our parents, and our children, as well as the youth of Ruthfred. (2 lilies; 1 tulip)
- ◇ Steve and Peggy Cox in honor of our family and of the Risen Christ. (2 tulips)
- ◇ Sue Dawson in appreciation of my Kids' Time partner, Janet Paterra. You make teaching the kids about Jesus' love for them a pleasure. Happy Easter! (Please take a tulip.) (2 tulips)
- ◇ Virginia DiSalvo and family in memory of Charles K. DiSalvo. (1 lily)
- ◇ Tom and Linda Eld to the Glory of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. (1 lily; 1 tulip)
- ◇ Steve and Becky Evans in thanks for blessings received. (1 tulip)
- ◇ Arlene Fees in memory of my husband, Ron, and of our parents. (2 tulips)
- ◇ Anne Fife in thankfulness for my family. He is Risen! (1 tulip)
- ◇ Frank Fife in honor of his wife, Lisa O'Lare Fife. (1 tulip)
- ◇ Frank and Lisa Fife in honor of their mothers, Priscilla O'Lare and Anne Fife. (1 lily)
- ◇ Frank and Lisa Fife in memory of Lisa's father, William O'Lare, and brothers, Bill and John O'Lare. (1 lily)
- ◇ Frank and Lisa Fife in memory of Frank's father, Jack Fife, sister Sue Fife Greenberger, and Owen Weimar Shilatz. (1 tulip)
- ◇ Tim and Sandi Fife in honor of our parents. (1 tulip)
- ◇ Friend in Christ in loving memory of Thomas and Elsie. (2 tulips)
- ◇ Eric, Robin, Ryan, Erin, and Meghan Ghise in memory of our dad and pap, Cornell Ghise. (1 lily)
- ◇ Janet Ghise in memory of my loving husband, Cornell Ghise. (1 lily; 1 tulip)

- ◇ Tom & Peggy Glasser in dedication to the Carlson family with Christian love and with gratitude for 13+ years of faithful ministry to our church. (2 tulips)
- ◇ The Gusky Family in honor of Bill & Barbara Reilly and in honor of Al & Kathy Gusky. (2 tulips)
- ◇ Mary Habovick to the glory of God in honor of our Risen Lord. (2 lilies)
- ◇ Russ and Linda Hafen in memory of loved ones. He Has Risen Indeed—Alleluia! (1 tulip)
- ◇ Caryl Hansen with thanks to God for His mercy. (1 tulip)
- ◇ Harris and Caty in loving memory of Grandma Marcia. (2 tulips)
- ◇ Sue Hughes in gratitude to our Savior and in memory of my grandmothers, Isobel Porter and Betty Hess. (1 lily)
- ◇ Jeremy, Logan, and Megan Huwe with love in honor and memory of our grandparents and great-grandparents. Happy Easter!
- ◇ Mike Kovac to the glory of our Risen Lord Jesus Christ, and in memory of all loved ones who have passed. (1 lily; 1 tulip)
- ◇ The Kurtz Family: “But the pains which He endured, our salvation have procured.”; Alleluia! Thank you, Jesus! (3 lilies)
- ◇ 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)
- ◇ Ed and June Malachosky in memory of our parents. (2 tulips)
- ◇ Don and Carol McDowell in appreciation for the 13 years of ministry by the Carlson family. (1 lily; 1 tulip)
- ◇ Pastor McMinn, Erin, and family in celebration of our dearly beloved from Ruthfred who have gone on to glory. (2 tulips)
- ◇ Pat Moore in celebration of the Glory of God! (1 tulip)
- ◇ Cliff and Joan Morton to the Glory of God and to the memory of loved ones. (2 lilies)
- ◇ Mick and Marlene Nowicki to the glory of God in honor of our Risen Savior and Lord. (1 tulip)
- ◇ Ray and Candy Phillips in honor of our children and grandchildren and in memory of our grandparents, parents, aunts, uncles, a brother, and a sister. (2 tulips)
- ◇ Mary Ann Presto in memory of husband, John, and son Charles, and in memory of Carol Mueller. (2 tulips)
- ◇ Katie Recaldini in loving memory of Agnes & Victor Recaldini. (1 lily)
- ◇ Bob and Gladys Reith in honor of our children, Sue Swan (Tom), Linda Baird (Menzo), Janet Pacich (Ed), and David; in honor of our grandchildren, Nathan Swan, Bethany Hosack (Brian), and Alexandra and Jenna Pacich; in memory of our parents, Herbert and Dorothy Reith and Charles and Gladys Schueler. (1 lily; 2 tulips)
- ◇ Marty, Felicia, Colin, & Aidan Rieck to the glory of our Risen Lord! (2 lilies)
- ◇ Kathy and Richard Rostauscher in loving memory of all our loved ones. (1 tulip)
- ◇ Bev Rowan in thankfulness to God for Ruthfred’s awesome choirs, musicians, and for Bob Vogel. (1 lily)
- ◇ Jan and John Ruzicka in memory of Margo and Kip Barraclough. (1 tulip)
- ◇ Joanne Salvetti in honor of our Risen Lord. (1 tulip)

- ◇ Patty Bierman Schrey with prayers for comfort, healing, and strength for the Bierman, Barley, Lashbrook, and Schrey families. (1 tulip)
- ◇ Deb Skundrich in loving memory of my dear husband, Ray, and with thanks to the Risen Lord. (3 tulips)
- ◇ Jane Stivason in memory of my husband, Ron. (1 tulip)
- ◇ Chris and Ron Stout with Glory to God! (1 lily)
- ◇ Mary Lou Streiner in loving memory of my dear husband, Ernie, and my brother, Bill Schultz. (1 lily)
- ◇ Chris & Randy Sucky and Sydney & Sonny Dalessandro in memory of Howard Lehman and Michael Sucky. (2 lilies)
- ◇ William VanKirk in loving memory of my beautiful wife, Patricia. (1 lily)
- ◇ Norma Vogel in loving memory of her dear sister, Linda J. Vogel, and her parents, Will and Alma Vogel. (2 lilies)
- ◇ Carol and Bill Ward in appreciation of the Youth Committee for leading the spiritual growth of our youngest members. (1 lily)
- ◇ Donna and Jason Weighley in memory of Donna's parents and Jason's grandparents. (2 tulips)
- ◇ Eric and Kris Wentz in appreciation of Jill Huwe for all of the planning you do for the Youth Ministry. (1 tulip)
- ◇ Marly Willis in loving memory of husband, Tom, and in loving memory of mom and dad, Ruth and Joseph McCorkle. (2 tulips)
- ◇ Libby Wood in memory of my mother. (1 lily)

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

Flowers may be picked up after the 11:00 a.m. service.



Announcements

The altar flowers are presented by Deb Skundrich and Diane Alwine in loving memory of our parents, Bob and Louise Johns, and our brother David, and with thanks to the Risen Savior!

Scripture Readers and Communion Assistants Today: 8:30—Al Macugoski; 11:00—Kurt Ziegler.

Organist: Thank you to Peggy Arelt for serving as organist for the Sunrise service today!

Nursery Today: 8:30—TBD; 11:00—Claudia Patalong.

Known to be hospitalized: Joanne Salvetti—Magee Women's Hospital. Caryl Hansen—now at Paramount Senior Living, Room 328, 240 Cedar Hill Dr., McMurray, PA 15317. Erna Jochum—St. Clair Hospital. Please support them with your prayers and cards.

Prayers for Recovery and Healing: Bill VanKirk is now at Arden Courts, 380 Wray Large Rd., Room 24, Jefferson Hills, PA 15025. Fred Schell is now home—103 South Grandview Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15205. Linda Donolo (broken leg & hip replacement). Linda is currently in Florida, so cards can be sent to: 307 Reynolds Ct., Naples, FL 34112. Pat Lutz (recent surgery). Nancy Jane Weighley (Jason's mother) is now home. Greg Saul—back surgery. Sylvia Fitzgerald—broken leg. Amy Taylor—upcoming rotator cuff surgery. Please keep them in your prayers, as well as all those in the Ruthfred family who are facing health or other challenges.



Benevolence Fund: Given by members of the Senior and Bell Choirs in memory of George Kopac (Lynn Vogel's father).

Welcome Today! We are so blessed to have everyone, visitors and regular attendees alike, in worship today to celebrate Our Risen Savior! Please take the time to greet one another in His Name!

Thank You from Garnett Wasson to the Ruthfred congregation for all of the cards! She is currently at a rehabilitation facility in Florida receiving physical therapy and greatly appreciates all of the encouragement from her Ruthfred family.

Thank You from Greg Saul to the Ruthfred congregation and staff for all of the prayers in connection with his recent back surgery. He will not know the outcome for some time, so he appreciates the continued prayers!



Pastor Andy Olson Visit: Next Sunday, April 16, we will have a special guest with us for worship and for the adult Sunday School class. Pastor Andy Olson will be visiting from Minnesota. Andy and his family recently served in Tanzania with Lutheran Bible Translators. He now has a ministry he founded to extend a translation of John 3:16 to unreached people groups anywhere in the world. Come and learn about Andy's passion for Jesus, which he is melding with internet technical expertise and networking. Andy is Pastor Kevin Olson's son and Pastor Nathan Olson's brother. Ruthfred has been supporting Andy via your Benevolence giving.

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 pastor anytime about communion and its meaning.

Knit Wits will meet this month on April 13th and 27th at 10 a.m. All are welcome!

Announcements (cont'd)

VBS 2023: Dates are July 24-28. The theme this year will be “Twists and Turns.” Come and learn how following Jesus will help you through life’s twists and turns. Registration is open at: <https://www.myvbs.org/RuthfredLutheran/>. This link allows parents to register their children for this fun event and also allows volunteers to sign up to help make VBS a success!

VBS Decorating 2023: This year decorating will be an in-house project. We will begin THIS Tuesday, April 11, 7-9 p.m. on the stage in the Fellowship Hall. These Tuesday meetings will continue until the decorations are completed. Please consider supporting this important ministry. We particularly need cardboard boxes (square 12” x 12” or 24” x 24”). Larger boxes would also be appreciated. Please contact Jason Weighley at jason.weighley@gmail.com, or bring the boxes to the stage. If you have any questions, please contact Jason or Donna Weighley.



Preschool Registration is now open for the 2023-2024 school year. Register online at Ruthfred.org. Contact: preschool@ruthfred.org with any questions or to schedule a tour.

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 today for approval at the April Council meeting. Please place applications in the Council Secretary mail slot in the Conference Room. Call the church office if you need an application.

Employment Opportunity at Ruthfred: Do you have a heart for the youngest in our Church family? We have a need for a nursery worker during the 8:30 a.m. service and Sunday School. Please contact Shane Cox if you can help: coxfarrierservice@gmail.com.

Craft & Sew Candy Collection: As of February, the women at Craft & Sew have sent nearly 2000 favors to local nursing homes since September. Because of this, our candy supply is almost depleted. Please help to refill our supply with snack-size Milky Way bars, M & M's, Hershey's Kisses, KitKats, or Twix bars. These candy favors put smiles on many faces. Thank you so much for doing your part! There is a collection box in the Fellowship Hall.

Ruthfred Reflections Newsletter: This new publication will be a weekly email. If you subscribed to Two on Tuesday, you should have received the first issue in your inbox on Wednesday. If you did not receive a copy and would like to, please call or send an email to the church office to have your email address added. If you would like to be removed from the list, please call or email to let the church office know that. If you have items to be added to the newsletter, please send them either to Melissa Bostaph, Parish Assistant, or Sally Ondrejko, Office Manager. Contact information for both is on the back of this bulletin.

Easter Baskets: Thank you to all the volunteers who helped with the Baskets for Shut-Ins Project: everyone who donated items, those who helped sort the goodies for the baskets, those who filled the baskets, and those who delivered Easter blessings and treats to our shut-ins. We are blessed with the generosity of the Ruthfred family! *Jill Kurtz and Jeanine Szalinski*



Announcements (cont'd)

Bible Reading 2023: Please join us in reading through the entire Bible in 2023, starting on January 1, 2023. We will be using the YouVersion Bible app, which provides a reading guide for each day (including a daily Psalm), over 150 videos to engage readers throughout the year, and a talk-it-over feature. The daily reading schedule will also be available on the Ruthfred website, as well as being printed in each month's Herald. The theme for 2023 will be "One Story That Leads to JESUS." For questions, or to sign up, please email Don Roose at donroose@yahoo.com.

XYZers: The next meeting will be Friday, April 28th. The program will be presented by Susan Kimmel Wright, author and Ruthfred member. 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 a thought-provoking program! This will be the last meeting until September.



SUNDAY SCHOOL, EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 9, 2023
NO SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY FOR ADULTS OR CHILDREN



YOUTH NEWS

SWAP (6-8 Grade)

There is NO **SWAP** meeting tonight.

TNT (9-12 Grade)

TNT will meet at Ruthfred on April 11th, 7-9 p.m.

Questions/concerns?

Contact: Any member of the Youth Committee

This Week At Ruthfred

Today (4/9) Easter Sunday

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 (4/10)

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

7:00 p.m.—Elders' Prayer Time

7:30 p.m.—Council Meeting

Tuesday (4/11)

7:00 p.m.—Worship Team

7:00-9:00 p.m.—VBS Decorating

Wednesday (4/12)

Noon—Esther

5:45 p.m.—Children's Choir Practice

6:30 p.m.—Bell Choir

7:30 p.m.—Senior Choir

Thursday (4/13)

10:00 a.m.—Knit Wits

Friday (4/14)

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

Saturday (4/15)

9:30 a.m.—Mary Bible Study

6:00 p.m.—Contemporary Liturgical Worship

Sunday (4/16) Andy Olson Visit

8:30 a.m.—Worship Service

9:45 a.m.—Sunday School

11:00 a.m.—Worship Service

Christ is risen! Alleluia! Welcome, one and all, as we celebrate Jesus' resurrection—and ours!

Attendance for Last Week:

Sunday Worship...360 Fellowship Breakfast...173

8:30 Live Stream...37


Family Easter Festival...135

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 for the pastor 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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