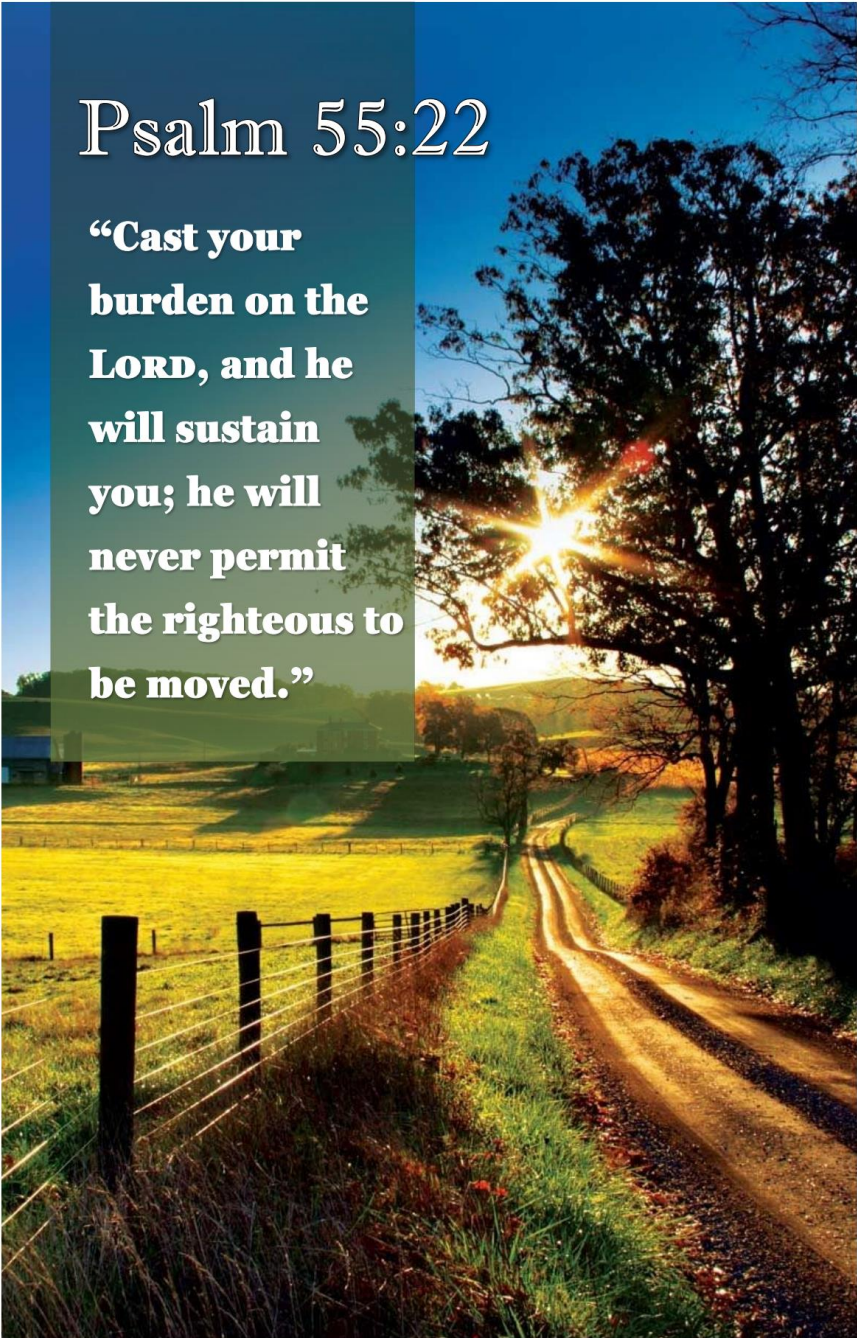


Psalm 55:22

**“Cast your
burden on the
LORD, and he
will sustain
you; he will
never permit
the righteous to
be moved.”**



**SERVICE OF WORSHIP AND PRAISE TO GOD FOR
HIS BLESSING THROUGH THE LIFE OF:**

† **Carol S. Bird** †

Born – November 15, 1933

Born again through Baptism – December 26, 1933

Confirmed her Baptism – April 14, 1946

Called home – July 22, 2021

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church – Livonia, Michigan

Thursday, July 29, 2021 – 11:00 am

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

PRELUDE

GREETING

Pastor: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the source of all mercy and the God of all consolation. He comforts us in all our sorrows so that we can comfort others in their sorrows with the consolation we ourselves have received from God. Thanks be to God!

People: Thanks be to God!

REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM

Pastor: In Holy Baptism Carol was clothed with the robe of Christ's righteousness that covered all her sin. St. Paul says: "Do you not know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?"

People: We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. If we have been united with Him in His death, we will certainly also be united with Him in His resurrection.

(Romans 6:3-5)

(The casket is covered with the pall to recall Holy Baptism)

- 1** "Christ the Lord is ris'n today!"
Saints on earth and angels say;
Raise your joys and triumphs high;
Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth, reply.
- 2** Love's redeeming work is done,
Fought the fight, the battle won;
Lo! Our Sun's eclipse is o'er;
Lo! He sets in blood no more.
- 3** Vain the stone, the watch, the seal;
Christ hath burst the gates of hell.
Death in vain forbids His rise;
Christ has opened paradise.
- 4** Lives again our glorious King!
Where, O death, is now thy sting?
Once He died our souls to save;
Where thy victory, O grave?
- 5** Soar we now where Christ has led;
Foll'wing our exalted Head.
Made like Him, like Him we rise;
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies.
- 6** Hail the Lord of earth and heav'n!
Praise to Thee by both be giv'n!
Thee we greet triumphant now:
Hail, the resurrection, Thou!

INVOCATION

Pastor: We begin this worship service in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

VERSES OF COMFORT

Pastor: God is our refuge and strength,

Psalm 46

People: a very present help in trouble.

Pastor: Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,

People: though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,

Pastor: though its waters roar and foam,

People: though the mountains tremble at its swelling.

Pastor: there is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,

People: the holy place where the Most High dwells.

Pastor: God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved;

People: God will help her when morning dawns.

Pastor: the nations rage, the kingdoms totter;

People: he utters his voice, the earth melts.

Pastor: The Lord of hosts is with us;

People: the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Pastor: Be still, and know that I am God.

People: I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!

Pastor: The Lord of hosts is with us;

People: the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Pastor: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

Psalm 100

People: Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!

Pastor: Know that the Lord, he is God!

People: It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Pastor: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!

People: Give thanks to him; bless his name!

Pastor: For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever,

People: and his faithfulness to all generations!

All: Thanks be to God!

PRAYER

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray. Lord God, our Shepherd, You gather the lambs of Your flock into the arms of Your mercy and bring them home. Comfort us with the certain hope of a reunion with those who die in the faith and at the last, a joyful resurrection to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord,

People: Amen.

HYMN

"Amazing Grace"

LSB 744 (verses 1-3)

- 1 **Amazing grace—how sweet the sound—
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found,
Was blind but now I see!**
- 2 **The Lord has promised good to me,
His Word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.**
- 3 **Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come;
His grace has brought me safe thus far,
His grace will lead me home.**

LOVING WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE

Stephen Bird

HYMN

"Amazing Grace"

LSB 744 (verses 4-5)

- 4 **Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail
And mortal life shall cease,
Amazing grace shall then prevail
In heaven's joy and peace.**
- 5 **When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun.**

LESSONS FROM GOD'S WORD

Psalm 23
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
John 14:1-6

THE "BAPTISMAL" CONFESSION OF FAITH

Apostle's Creed

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 Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

HYMN

"On Eagles' Wings"

LSB 727 (verses 1-2)

- 1 You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
Who abide in His shadow for life,
Say to the Lord: "My refuge,
My rock in whom I trust!" *Refrain***

Refrain

**And He will raise you up on eagles' wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of His hand.**

- 2 The snare of the fowler will never capture you,
And famine will bring you no fear;
Under His wings your refuge,
His faithfulness your shield. *Refrain***

MESSAGE

HYMN

"On Eagles' Wings"

LSB 727 (verses 3-4)

- 3 You need not fear the terror of the night,
Nor the arrow that flies by day;
Though thousands fall about you,
Near you it shall not come. Refrain**

Refrain

**And He will raise you up on eagles' wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of His hand.**

- 4 For to His angels He's given a command
To guard you in all of your ways;
Upon their hands they will bear you up,
Lest you dash your foot against a stone. Refrain**

PRAYERS

Pastor: Almighty God, You have knit Your chosen people together in one communion, in the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Give to Your whole church in heaven and on earth Your life and Your peace.

People: Hear us, O Lord.

Pastor: Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection may die to sin and rise to newness of life and that through the grave and gate of death we may pass with Him to our joyful resurrection.

People: Hear us, O Lord.

Pastor: Grant to us, who are still in our pilgrimage and who walk as yet by faith, Your Holy Spirit that He may lead us in holiness and righteousness all our days.

People: Hear us, O Lord.

Pastor: Grant to Your faithful people pardon and peace that we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve You with a quiet mind.

People: Hear us, O Lord.

Pastor: Grant to Carol's family and all of us who mourn a sure confidence in Your loving care, that by casting all of our sorrows on You, we may know the consolation of Your love.

People: Hear us, O Lord.

Pastor: Give courage and faith to Carol's family, and all of us that mourn, that we may have the strength to meet the days ahead in the assurance of a holy and certain hope, in the communion of Your church, and in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love who have departed in faith.

People: Hear us, O Lord.

Pastor: Help us, we pray, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe in and find comfort in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

People: Hear us, O Lord.

LORD'S PRAYER *(Prayed by the Congregation)*

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; and 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.

CLOSING VERSES

Pastor: "The eternal God is your refuge,

People: And underneath are the everlasting arms."

(Deuteronomy 33:27a)

Pastor: "And my God will meet all your needs...

People: according to His glorious riches in Christ Jesus."

(Philippians 4:19)

Pastor: "The Lord will be your everlasting light,

People: And your days of sorrow will end."

(Isaiah 60:20b)

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

"Beautiful Savior"

LSB 537

- 1 Beautiful Savior,
King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love Thee,
Truly I'd serve Thee,
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.**
- 2 Fair are the meadows,
Fair are the woodlands,
Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer,
Jesus is purer,
He makes our sorr'wing spirit sing.**
- 3 Fair is the sunshine,
Fair is the moonlight,
Bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter,
Jesus shines purer
Than all the angels in the sky.**
- 4 Beautiful Savior,
Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor,
Praise, adoration
Now and forevermore be Thine!**



*Please join Carol's family for a luncheon immediately following this morning's service.
The luncheon will be served in the gymnasium at the west end of the building.*

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Officiating: Rev. Dean M. Davenport

Organist: Tom Schroeder

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OBITUARY



NOVEMBER 15, 1933 – JULY 22, 2021

Carol Susan Bird, age 87, of Livonia, passed away on Thursday, July 22, 2021. Loving mother of Susan, David (Lillia), and Stephen. Cherished grandmother of Austin and Jackson. Preceded in death by parents Merl & Susan Drake; and brothers Robert "Bob" & Alan.

Loved her career as a teacher and as a lifelong musician, being an accomplished pianist & organist. Her favorite colors were maize and blue, as is required of all University of Michigan alumni. GO BLUE! Even though all three of her children graduated from Michigan State University, (Michigan-Michigan State games were always interesting), she took great pride in having raised three successful and accomplished adults as a single parent.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, July 29, 2021 at 9am until the Funeral Service that will begin at 11am at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, Livonia.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are appreciated to University of Michigan Music School, Christ Our Savior Music Ministry, or Angela Hospice.