

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

† **Ruth Elizabeth Wuerth** †

May 9, 1929 – December 5, 2021

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, Livonia, Michigan
Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

Friday, December 17, 2021 ~ 11:00 a.m.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRESERVICE MUSIC

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.

People: Thanks be to God.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Romans 6:3-5

Pastor: Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

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

PROCESSIONAL

"New World Symphony"

Antonín Dvořák

LOVING MEMORIES

Stacey Bruursema

- 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.**
- 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.**

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

PSALM 23

(Spoken by the Congregation)

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters.

He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me, your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

(continued)

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies, you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

PRAYER

EPISTLE LESSON

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

MUSIC ANTHEM

"Wayfaring Stranger" *Traditional; arr. Gary Moyers*

HOLY GOSPEL

John 5:24

John 10:27-29

John 14:1-6

APOSTLES' CREED

(Spoken by the Congregation)

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

"How Great Thou Art"

LSB 801

- 1 O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works Thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed; Refrain**

Refrain **Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!**

- 2 **When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze;** *Refrain*
- 3 **But when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in—
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin;** *Refrain*
- 4 **When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim: "My God, how great Thou art!"** *Refrain*

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SERMON "Jesus said: I Am the Way, the Truth and the Life" *John 14:6*

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. *(continued)*

Pastor: Grant to all who mourn a sure confidence in Your loving care that, casting all their sorrow on You, they may know the consolation of Your love.

People: Hear us, O Lord.

Pastor: Give courage and faith to the bereaved that they 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.

MUSIC ANTHEM

"I'll Fly Away"

Traditional; arr. Don Gray

LORD'S PRAYER

(Spoken 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.**

BENEDICTION

RECESSIONAL

"On Eagles' Wings"

LSB 727



SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Preaching: Rev. Dean Davenport

Organist: Mr. Tom Schroeder

Special Music: Detroit Sound Machine: Dylan Broome, Dave Ebersole (grandson), George Jackson Jr. & Jason Hall

Elder: Mr. Fritz Quitmeyer



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OBITUARY

Ruth Elizabeth Wuerth

May 9, 1929 - December 6, 2021

Ruth Elizabeth Wuerth born on May 9, 1929 in Detroit, MI, died on December 6, 2021.

Ruth was married to Clarence Wuerth (deceased) for 69 years, is survived by son John (Judy) Wuerth; daughter Diane (Keith) Wilson, Daughter Darlene (Jeff) Ebersole; and son Steven (Anne) Wuerth, 12 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren.



Ruth attended Redford High School in Detroit. She worked most of her adult life for Omni Spectra until she retired and started her own business teaching ceramics. She and Clarence were true snowbirds, wintering at their home in Holiday, Florida and the rest of their time at their Plymouth condo. They loved and nurtured their grandchildren and great grandchildren. Their home was a loving haven for elderly parents, a displaced niece and nephew and even a wounded serviceman through the years. She was a faithful member of Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, Livonia.

Contributions in Ruth's memory may be made to Angela Hospice.