

“Because I live, you also will live.”
John 14:19

April 1, 2022 ~ Easter

Order of Worship

Morning Service

Welcome and Announcements

We Come to Worship

Opening Prayer

*Opening Song ~ CH 357 Christ Arose

*Call to Worship ~ from 1 Peter 1:3-5, 2:10

Leader: This is the good news – the grave is empty;
Christ is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed!

Leader: This is the good news – the light shines in the
darkness, and the darkness can never put it out.

**People: He has brought us out of darkness. He
has made us light to the world.**

Leader: This is the good news – once we were no
people; now we are God’s people.

**People: He has given us new life and hope. He
has raised Jesus from the dead.**

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

*Song of Praise ~ CH 367 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

*God’s Greeting

*We Greet One Another

Reading ~ Isaiah 25:8-9

The Sovereign Lord will destroy death forever! He will
wipe away the tears from everyone's eyes and take away
the disgrace his people have suffered throughout the
world. The Lord himself has spoken. When it happens,
everyone will say, “He is our God! We have put our trust

in him, and he has rescued us. He is the Lord! We have
put our trust in him, and now we are happy and joyful
because he has saved us.”

Song ~ O Praise the Name (Ana’stasis)

Message for the Children

We Are Renewed in God’s Grace

Confession & Assurance ~

Leader: All Lenten symbols—the reminders of death and
sadness—have been removed from the cross today. In
their place are signs of life and light. The stone has
been rolled aside; the tomb is empty. Death is
swallowed up in victory! What was intended for evil,
God in mercy has redeemed for good.

**People: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, we thank
you for your mercy! Like the women, we come to
the tomb in our darkness. Perplexed and
terrified, we fail to remember. Through your
resurrection you re-create us and call us to
rejoice forever! We rejoice in your mercy.**

Leader: The cross embodies both our sin and our
hopelessness without God’s grace. But Christ has
made the cross an eternal revelation of God’s love, a
borrowed tomb the symbol of everlasting hope. Being
raised from the dead, He will never die again. Death
and sin have lost their dominion.

**People: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, we thank
you for your grace, your love and your mercy!
We celebrate the hope we have because of the
empty tomb. Christ is risen!**

Leader: Let us pray together . . . Almighty God, whose
glory it is always to have mercy: We confess that the
cross and its dark symbols come from our hands. We
fail to remember, and waver in our faith.

**People: By the power of the resurrection, Father
God you are re-creating us in your image to be
your people. We praise and magnify your
glorious name. Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of
Hosts! Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Glory be to You, O Lord Most High! Amen.**

Song ~ Resurrection Hymn (Getty, Townend)

Congregational Prayer

Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

God’s Word for Us

*Song ~ Ancient Words

Scripture Reading ~ Luke 24:36-49

Message ~ From Fear to Celebration

Prayer

*Song ~ CH 368 v 1-2 He Lives

We Depart to Serve

*God’s Parting Blessing

*Closing Song ~ CH 368 v 3 He Lives

RUDYARD CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH
THE SUNDAY BULLETIN – April 17, 2022

Nursery is provided in the Educational Building for children up to age three.

Attendants today: Laurie Morley, Tammy Folkersma, Bryce Mitchell, and Colleen Rice

Next week: Cherie Rice, Cynthia English, Leah Beelen, and Colt Lubben

Junior Worship is provided in the Educational Building for 3, 4, and 5 year olds not yet in school. They will be dismissed before the morning sermon.

Helpers today: Donell Beelen, Kyle Postma, and Colt Lubben

Next week: Stef Lubben, Bryce Mitchell, and Liam Hoolsema

Sunday School and Catechism will not meet today.

Offerings today: A.M. – General Fund

P.M. – no service

Next week: A.M. – General Fund

P.M. – World Renew

2022 Amount Budgeted Weekly for General Fund: \$3690.

April 10 Offerings:

General Fund: \$3460.40; Building Fund: \$250; Missions: \$310.

THIS WEEK – April 17 - 24

TODAY:

- Happy Easter! He is Risen! Please stay after the service for donuts and coffee in the fellowship room.

MONDAY

- **Youth Group** will meet at 7:00 pm.

TUESDAY:

- Come join us for Christian Yoga Class! 7:00 pm in the fellowship hall. Cost is \$7.00 per person. Information is on the table in the narthex.

WEDNESDAY:

- **Women's Prayer Group** will meet in the Council Room at 10:00 am.
- **Cadets and GEMS Annual Derby Race** will be held at the Township Hall at 6:30 pm. Bring a dessert to share.

FAMILY NEWS

During the month of April, we will be participating with the other churches in Rudyard and having a baby shower for the Crisis Pregnancy Center. Please place your gifts of love in the baskets provided in the foyer of church. Baby Essentials as well as new or gently used clothing would be appreciated as well as larger diapers (5-6), pull ups (medium and large), wipes, juice pouches, copier paper, postage stamps, and financial support (they have a number of building repairs and updates that need to be made).

From the Christian School:

~ Scrap metal donations are one again being accepted with proceeds going to the Christian School. Last year over \$10,000 was raised. You can find the dumpster behind Carl Jensen's garage. For heavier donated items, please leave on the ground next to the dumpster.