

OUR SAVIOUR LUTHERAN CHURCH PARISH CALENDAR – APRIL 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1.	2. MAUNDY THURSDAY 2-4 pm & 5- 7:00 p.m. Food Bank 7:30 p.m. Service	3. GOOD FRIDAY 11a.m. Worship Service	4. EASTER VIGIL Trinity Lutheran Church, Toronto
5. EASTER 11 a.m. Worship Followed by Brunch	6.	7.	8.	9. 2-4 & 6-8p.m Food Bank	10.	11. CLTS, St Catherines Women's Guild Day
12. EASTER 2 10 a.m. Bible Study 11 a.m. Worship 11 a.m. Sunday School	13.	14.	15.	16 2-4 & 6-8 p.m. Food Bank	17.	18.
19. EASTER 3 10 a.m. Bible Study 11 a.m. Worship 11 a.m. Sunday School	20.	21. <i>Anselm of Canterbury, Theologian</i>	22.	23. 2-4 & 6-8p.m Food Bank	24.	25. <i>St Mark, (Evangelist)</i>
26. EASTER 4 10 a.m. Bible Study 11 a.m. Worship 11 a.m. Sunday School FRIENDSHIP SUNDAY	27.	28.	29.	30. 2-4 & 6-8p.m Food Bank		

THE TIME OF EASTER EASTER AND ITS SEASON

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Easter is not merely a one-day celebration; it is a fifty-day season from the Day of Resurrection of Our Lord to the Day of Pentecost. This extended season – one seventh of the year – is a victory celebration, a time for all Christians to proclaim boldly their faith in a risen and victorious Saviour.

The first celebration of Easter is the Easter Vigil, the evening of Holy Saturday. The Vigil includes a service of light. In which fire symbolizes Jesus as the Light of the World. The service is designed to take Christian from the solemnity of Good Friday to the predawn joy of Easter.

Easter is the richest and most lavishly celebrated of the Church year. Congregations may hold a sunrise service, commemorating the surprise of the women visiting the empty tomb of Christ, as well as services that celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. While not as lavish, this joyous and celebratory tone echoes down through the Sundays of the Easter Season.

Forty days after Easter, the Church celebrates the Ascension of Our Lord, who ascended into heaven not only as God but also as a man. The final Sunday of the Easter season, celebrated as Pentecost, was adopted by early Christians to commemorate the first great harvest of believers for Christ.

Thus, the Pentecost is the birthday of the Christian Church, as the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples and they gave their compelling witness about the resurrected Lord. The colour of the Day of Pentecost is red, representing fire and blood. Red recalls the tongues of fire received on the first Pentecost and the martyrs who shed their blood for the faith.

During Easter, we rejoice in our salvation.

**Matthew 28 Luke 24 John 12:24-25; 20:1-29; 21:1-14
Acts 1:6-11; 2:1-4**

EASTER PRACTICES AND TRADITIONS

- The colours of Easter are gold and white. White, the colour our Lord's holiness, is everywhere on Easter, from the paraments and vestments to the traditional Easter lilies. Good decorations remind us that our resurrection life in Christ is precious and eternal.
- After a long absence in Lent, Alleluia returns at Easter and is heard everywhere in the propers appointed for the weeks after Easter. Also, the joyous Hymn of Praise and the Gloria Patri return and are sung as part of the liturgy once again.
- During the Easter season, we greet one another with a special Easter greeting and response: "Alleluia! Christ is risen!" "He is risen indeed! Alleluia!"

LWML Spring Rally is being held at Risen Christ Lutheran Church, 4090 Dixie Road, Mississauga, On L4W 1M4 on Saturday May 2 @ 10 a.m. with registration starting at 9:30 a.m. E mail tzlwmlc@gmail.com RSVP by Apr 23, 2026

FRIENDSHIP SUNDAY - APRIL 26, 2026

Did you know that most new church members are there because an existing member invited them? Is there someone you know that doesn't attend church? (I'm sure there is.) How about inviting them on Friendship Sunday. Imagine the scene if everyone brought a friend! We have such good news to share - let's share it with a friend. Start thinking about who you might invite. And let's all pray that God will give us all the courage to actually invite someone. We will be having a special coffee hour that day with sandwiches and cake. What better way to celebrate Valentine's Day than by sharing God's love with a friend.

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