

OUR SAVIOUR LUTHERAN CHURCH UPDATE
EASTER 3, APRIL 14, 2024
ALLELUIA! CHRIST IS RISEN! ALLELUIA

This Newsletter contains the following information:

1. Worship Services
2. In Our Prayers
3. Weekly Services

WORSHIP SERVICES:

At present we offer one Sunday Worship Service at 11 a.m.

REMEMBER THE SABBATH DAY TO KEEP IT HOLY

VERSE

Rom. 6:9; Luke 24:32

Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. **Alleluia.** Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?
Alleluia.

EASTER 3 SUNDAY, APR 14, 2024

Beloved in the Lord,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus! **Amen.**

BULLETIN The bulletin for the Divine Service is attached to this update

The Preaching of Repentance and Forgiveness of Sins Makes Us Pure

READINGS

Acts 3:11-21

Psalm 4 (antiphon: v. 7)

1 John 3:1-7

Luke 24:36-49

SUMMARY OF TODAY'S READINGS

The Preaching of Repentance and Forgiveness of Sins Makes Us Pure

The risen Lord Jesus taught His disciples “that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead” and “that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations” (Luke 24:46–47). Therefore, St. Peter preaches repentance and forgiveness to the people of Jerusalem. As he proclaims that Jesus fulfilled all that “God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets” (Acts 3:18), he also convicts the people of their sin, because they “delivered over and denied” this Lord Jesus and “killed the Author of life.” Yet God “glorified his servant Jesus” and raised Him from the dead (Acts 3:13–15). St. Peter calls the people to repent, so that their “sins may be blotted out, that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord” (Acts 3:19–20). Through this forgiveness of sins and by faith in this forgiveness, the Father shows His love

for us in order that “*we should be called children of God; and so we are*” (1 John 3:1). Thus, we hope in Him and are made pure even “*as he is pure,*” because “*he appeared in order to take away sins, and in him there is no sin*” (1 John 3:3, 5).

2) IN OUR PRAYERS

Please keep the following people in your personal prayers:

Shut-ins: Maria Pohlman, Ruth Miller, Gabriel Civitillo, Letillia Sterling, Meta Both.

Those with other needs: Paul Alexander, Brian Miller, Lisa Deonadan, Harry Goorwah, Violet Deonarine, Deva Singh, Hans & Anna Schroedter, Edgar Rapp, Marlet Wardly, Trudy Marquardt, Peter Haug, Tomdaiya, Bill & Shila Mandel, Jairam Ganpat, Nila, Mariya, Marlin, Sam, Dawood, Indra Seemadray, Junior Atkins, Razack, Hilda Singh, Ruby Smith, Susan Krim.

If you would like to add yourself or a loved one to our prayer list please give me a call. It is also important to let me know when it's time to be removed from the list.

PRAYERS:

LUTHERAN CHURCH CANADA - MISSIONS

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This week, we pray for Rev. James D. Kay who serves as pastor of the Sudanese congregation of Grace Lutheran Church in Edmonton.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, as Your Son sent forth His Church to make disciples in all nations, we lift up before You, Pastor Kay, asking You to sustain him by Your Spirit and bless his labours for the sake of the Gospel; Lord in Your mercy, **C:**

Hear our prayer.

3) CONGREGATIONAL PROJECTS

FOOD BANK:

The proceedings of the Food Bank on April 11 went very well. Tony picked up the bread from Bread of Life ministries. The truck arrived at 10:00 am. Tony & Lois, Renee, Pastor Joseph, Angela, Jennifer, Maura, Gladess, Ahia, Babatunte, Jonalyn, Cyril, Clement, Stanley, Isaac, Victor, Majdulin, Sadia, Sameer, Mala, Ralph & Jeanette, Ray & Glen, Jan and Haydi, Mariya, Luis & Mariam, Raphael, Jermeene, Kimberley, Lyndon, Yanick, Stephanie, Franklyn, helped with the unloading of the skids, serving the clients. Tony, Al, and Isaac helped with the intake. The previous week's recycling bins that Bismark had put out the day before were picked up by the city in the early hours of the morning. There was a devotion at 12:15 p.m.

FOOD BANK STATISTICS FOR Apr 11, 2024

Total Food Hampers given out: 298

Those food hampers provided food to:
660 adults and 259 children for a total of 919

THE TIME OF EASTER EASTER AND ITS SEASON

Begins with evening prayer on Holy Saturday and ends with midday prayer on Pentecost.

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!”

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THIS WEEK AT OUR SAVIOUR

Sunday Apr 14

Third Sunday of Easter

10 a.m. Bible Study

11 a.m. Sunday School

11 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion

Thursday Apr 18

2-4 p.m. & 6-7 p.m. Food Bank

Sunday Apr 21

Fourth Sunday of Easter

10 a.m. Bible Study

11 a.m. Sunday School

11 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion

Pastor Joseph Singh

Vacancy Pastor

Apr 12, 2024

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The Altar Guild is thankful to all those who brought gifts of Easter Lily's for the Easter Sunday.

COMING UP

CIRCUIT AND REGIONAL NEWS/ ANNOUNCEMENTS

Theology of the Body A doxology Seminar presented by Risen Christ Lutheran Church on **Saturday, April 20, 2024**. A seminar for both Laity and Clergy. **The Registration deadline is Friday, April 5, 2024**. 4090 Dixie Road, Mississauga. On Tele 905-625-5117

To register go to: risenchrist.lutheranchurchcanada.ca Please see the flyer at the Narthex or speak to Pastor.

Pastors and Deacons Conference @ Mt Carmel, Niagara Falls is being held from April 22 to 24, 2024.

LWML Spring Rally is being held at St Matthews Lutheran Church, Scarborough on Saturday April 27 @ 10 a.m. with registration starting at 9:30 a.m.

A Marriage Conference for Young Adults and families is being held at Grace Lutheran Church, 136 Margaret Avenue, Kitchener. N2H4H9. It is a three day conference from May 3-5, 2024.

Ascension of our Lord

Thursday, May 9, 2024 Ascension of our Lord (Service)

12:00 pm.

