

OUR SAVIOUR LUTHERAN CHURCH UPDATE MARCH 15, 2026
THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT, MAR 15, 2026

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

With you is the fountain of life; in your light do we see light.

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***By His Word of the Gospel, Jesus Calls Us Out of the Darkness into His
Marvelous Light***

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
READINGS

Isaiah 42:14-21

Psalm 142 (antiphon: v. 5)

Ephesians 5:8-14

John 9:1-41 or John 9:1-7, 13-17, 34-39

SUMMARY OF TODAY'S READINGS

***By His Word of the Gospel, Jesus Calls Us Out of the Darkness into His
Marvelous Light***

The Lord is grieved by the spiritual blindness of His people, yet in mercy He does not forsake them. He restrains His anger and keeps His peace, until He opens their ears and eyes to hear and see Him. *"For his righteousness' sake,"* He magnifies His Word and makes it glorious in the coming of Christ Jesus (Is. 42:21). Jesus turns *"the darkness before them into light"* (Is. 42:16) because He is *"the light of the world"* (John 9:5). The incarnate Son of God does the works of His Father and displays the divine glory in His own flesh *"while it is day,"* until that night *"when no one can work"* (John 9:4). By the washing of water with His Word, He opens the eyes of the blind and grants rest to the weary. Therefore, though *"at one time you were darkness,"* now *"you are light in the Lord"* (Eph. 5:8). By our Baptism into Christ, we live in the eternal day of His resurrection, wherein He shines upon us. As often as we fall back into the darkness of sin, He calls us by the Gospel to *"awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead"* (Eph. 5:14).

VERSE ON THE BULLETIN You have seen Him (John 9:37)

ABOUT THE BULLETIN COVER: Jesus brought mud, washing, and His Word together to give sight to a man who was born blind. Then Jesus used His Word to let the man know whom he was looking at. The gift of physical sight was only a preamble to the spiritual sight the man needed to see the Son of Man. Jesus is still granting us the eyes of faith to see His work. He unites His word with water to wash away our sin. He brings His Word together bread and wine to give us His very body and blood, given and shed for us. Jesus continues to open eyes by faith, helping people see Him at work and delivering them forgiveness for us and eternal life.

2) IN OUR PRAYERS

Please keep the following people in your personal prayers:

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

Those with other needs: Paul Alexander, Brian Miller, Lisa Deonadan, Harry Goorwah, Violet Deonarine, Deva Singh, Marlet Wardly, Trudy Marquardt, Tomdaiya, Nila, Mariya, Marlin, Sam, Dawood, Al & Indra Seemadray, Junior Atkins, Susan Krim, Eric Krim, Dhanraj Bharrat, Sarab Adwer, Kamini Paul, Shirley Ewan, Pamela and Nigel, Gisela McLuhan, Pat Brewster, Gwenn Elliott.

PRAYERS INVITED FOR THE DEAR WIFE OF OUR PRESIDENT OF LCC

With a solemn heart, we share an important update concerning the health of our dear President's wife, Paula Teuscher. She is currently facing a serious health challenge. Please keep the President and his family in your prayers.

"Merciful Father, we commend Paula Teuscher into your hands as she faces a significant medical challenge. Comfort her, President Teuscher, and their whole family with the Gospel through your holy Word and Sacrament. Give them strength and your peace in this time, and if it be Your will, grant healing and restoration. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer." Amen.

*The family of Pastor Warren Hamp who was called to glory to be with the Lord.,

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.

LUTHERAN CHURCH CANADA MISSIONS

MARCH 15, 2026 | CANADA

For our international missions in Ukraine, Cambodia, Thailand, Nicaragua, and Costa Rica; for blessing upon our missions here in Canada; for the renewal of all the congregations of our Synod; and for the Lord to prosper the work of the Church in every place, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

3) CONGREGATIONAL PROJECTS

FOOD BANK:

FOOD BANK STATISTICS FOR March 12, 2026

Total Food Hampers given out: 316

Those food hampers provided food to:

730 adults and 330 children for a total of 1060

Our Saviour Food Bank: Need of Volunteers

We are in need of volunteers for the Food Bank for general and some specific duties. The duties may extend to cover picking up of bread, unloading of the skids, food packaging, computer intake and recycling of the cardboard and other materials. If you are desirous of helping please speak to Al Seemadray Food Bank Volunteers Coordinator, Ingrid or Pastor.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

There will be Sunday School this Sunday.

THIS WEEK AT OUR SAVIOUR

Sunday, Mar 15, 2026 **THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT**

10 a.m. Bible Study

11 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion

11:15 a.m. Sunday School

Wednesday Mar 18 MW LENT 4

5:30 P.M. Soup & sandwich

7:00 p.m. MW Worship Service

Thursday, Mar 19, 2026 2-4 p.m. & 6-8 p.m. Food Bank

Sunday, Mar 22, 2026 **THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT**

10 a.m. Bible Study

11 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion

11:15 a.m. Sunday School

Pastor Joseph Singh

Vacancy Pastor

March 13, 2026

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Services in March 2026
Theme: O love, how deep, how broad, how high
Join Us during Lent for
Our Mid-Week and Lenten Sunday Worship
THEME: FOR US



5:30 p.m. Soup & Sandwich Supper

7:00 p.m. Worship

~~Wed, Mar 4 Mid-Week Lenten (2)- **Done for Us** (Mark 1:9-13)~~

~~Wed, Mar 11 Mid-Week Lenten (3) **For Us He Seeks** (Mark 1:35-39)~~

Wed, Mar 18 Mid-Week Lenten (4)- **Healing from Demons** (Mark 5:1-13)

Wed, Mar 25 Mid-Week Lenten (5)- **For Us Betrayed** (Mark 8:31-9:1)

Sunday, Mar 1 11:00 a.m. Second Sunday in Lent

Sunday, Mar 8 11:00 a.m. Third Sunday in Lent

Sunday, Mar 15 11:00 a.m. Fourth Sunday in Lent

Sunday, Mar 22 11:00 a.m. Fifth Sunday in Lent

Holy Week & Easter Services

Palm Sunday: English Worship 11:00 am.
Mar 29, 2026

Maundy Thursday English Worship 7:30 p.m. **For Many Means for You (Mt 26:28)**
April 2, 2026

Good Friday, English Worship 11:00 am- **His Dying Breath (John 19:28-30)**
April 3, 2026:

Easter Vigil: **For Us He Rose from Death Again (Romans 4:23-25)**
April 4, 2026: (Trinity Lutheran Church, Toronto)

Easter Sunday, Easter Worship (English) 11:00 am.- **For Us He Lives on High to**
April 5, 2026: **Reign (Romans 8:38-39)**

Thursday May 14, 2026 Ascension of our Lord (Service) 12:00 pm



**THE TIME OF EASTER
LENT
THE SEASON OF LENT**

Begins on Ash Wednesday and ends with midday prayer on Holy Saturday.

The time of Easter invites us into the story of Jesus' sacrificial death and His glorious resurrection. The resurrection of Jesus gives proof that our salvation has been completed and that our hope for eternal life with God is secure.

Easter was the major celebration of the Early Church, which also set aside a period of preparation to celebrate the Feast of the Resurrection of Our Lord (Easter). Lent was a period of preparation first prescribed for baptismal candidates. During this period, the candidates were examined in preparation for Baptism at Easter (or Paschal Vigil). Later, these forty days were associated with Jesus' forty days in the desert prior to His temptation (Matthew 4:11) and with the forty years the children of Israel spent in the wilderness (Numbers 14:34), becoming a period of preparation for every Christian.

The Sundays during this season are not "of Lent" but "in Lent." Thus the Sundays retain an Easter tone and may be less solemn than the mid-week services that congregations typically offer. The observances of Lent are concrete reminders of the greater solemnity of this season, yet Lutherans emphasize the Gospel of Christ as central even to this penitential season.

**IN LENT, WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS
TO RECEIVE OUR CRUCIFIED AND RISEN LORD.**

Ps 51 Isaiah 58:6-12 Joel 2:12-13
Matthew 4:1-11 Matthew 6:1-18 Romans 6:1-4

LENT PRACTICES AND TRADITIONS

- The church is decorated in violet, the colour of royalty and repentance. This period of repentance is marked by a purposeful turning away from our sin and turning toward Christ for His mercy and forgiveness.
- Ash Wednesday begins the observance of Lent. Ashes on the forehead is a sign of penitence and a reminder that we, too, shall die and therefore, need forgiveness from Jesus. Black may be used to decorate the church on Ash Wednesday.
- *Alleluia* is the Hebrew word for "Praise the Lord." It is a joyous expression of faith in God. During Lent, we forego using this joyous response, in order to focus on our need for repentance and faith.
- As in Advent, so in Lent, we do not sing the Gloria in Excelsis in the Divine Service. We do this to focus our attention on repentance.
- Fasting is giving up eating at a particular meal or time, in order to devote that time to prayer and meditation on the Word of God.
- Many churches observe Lent by gathering for midweek services. As we do in our church. These additional times of worship and gathering around God's Word helps us prepare to observe Holy Week and celebrate Easter.



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