

OUR SAVIOUR LUTHERAN CHURCH UPDATE
EASTER 5, APRIL 28, 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; John 14:23

Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. **Alleluia.** If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. **Alleluia.**

EASTER 5 SUNDAY, APR 28, 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

Jesus Christ Is the True Vine Who Bears Much Fruit in Us

READINGS

Acts 8:26–40

Psalm 150 (antiphon: v. 6)

1 John 4:1–11 (12–21)

John 15:1–8

SUMMARY OF TODAY'S READINGS

Jesus Christ Is the True Vine Who Bears Much Fruit in Us

“God is love,” and He has manifested Himself to us by sending *“his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him”* (1 John 4:9, 16). By the ministry of the Gospel, *“he has given us of his Spirit,”* so that we also believe and confess *“that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh.”* In this way, we *“abide in him and he in us,”* and we *“love one another”* (1 John 4:2, 7, 13). Such divine love is exemplified in Philip’s preaching of *“the good news about Jesus”* to the Ethiopian eunuch. And when *“they came to some water,”* the eunuch was baptized into the very Gospel that Philip had preached (Acts 8:35–38). That Ethiopian was thereby grafted into *“the true vine,”* Jesus Christ (John 15:1), just as we are. Already we are clean because of the Word that Christ has spoken to us and by the washing of water with His Word. We now abide in Him by faith in His forgiveness. As He abides in us, both body and soul, with His own body and His blood, He *“bears much fruit”* in us (John 15:3–5).

Bible Study from April 28, 2024

BIBLE STUDY: INTRODUCTION TO THE OLD TESTAMENT AND GENESIS (YOU ARE INVITED)

A 12 Lesson Bible Study on the Old Testament with a focus on Genesis, the first book of the Bible is being started every Sunday from April 28 continuing after the summer break @10:00 am at the Fire Side Room.

Invitation

The Bible study is for all age categories. The Endeavour will be to keep the study to one hour duration only. The Bible Study will be interactive and **ALL** are encouraged to participate. Suitable Study materials will be provided.

To find out more **CALL PASTOR JOSEPH 416 - 741- 2100**

Come grow in your Christian knowledge and grow in your faith.

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, Pastor James Luke.

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

APRIL 28, 2024 | CANADA

This week, we pray for Rev. Asefa Aredo who serves as pastor of Shalom Oromo Lutheran Church in Winnipeg, Manitoba, and LCC's Missionary-at-Large for Oromo Outreach.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, as Your Son sent forth His Church to make disciples in all nations, we lift up before You, Pastor Aredo, 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 25 went very well. Tony picked up the bread from Bread of Life ministries. The truck arrived at 9:40 am. Tony & Lois,

Renee, Ajay, Pastor Joseph, Afe, Jennifer, Maura, Gladess, Ahia, Babatunte, Cyril, Clement, Stanley, Victor, Isaac, Majdulin, Sadia, Sameer, Mala, Yanick, Samintha, Ralph, Ray & Glen, Mariya & Marlin, Luis & Mariam, Raphael, Kimberley, Lyndon, Franklyn, helped with the unloading of the skids, serving the clients. Tony, Al, Christian and Christena, 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 1:10 p.m.

FOOD BANK STATISTICS FOR Apr 18, 2024

Total Food Hampers given out: 344

Those food hampers provided food to:

777 adults and 292 children for a total of 1069

FOOD BANK STATISTICS FOR Apr 25, 2024

Total Food Hampers given out: 367

Those food hampers provided food to:

820 adults and 316 children for a total of 1136

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 28

Fifth Sunday of Easter

10 a.m. Bible Study

11 a.m. Sunday School

11 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion

Thursday May 2

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

Sunday May 5

Sixth 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 27, 2024

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COMING UP

CIRCUIT AND REGIONAL NEWS/ ANNOUNCEMENTS

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)
Followed by BBQ

1:00 pm.

