

OUR SAVIOUR LUTHERAN CHURCH UPDATE
EASTER 6, MAY 5, 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 16:33b

Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. **Alleluia.** In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world. **Alleluia.**

EASTER 6 SUNDAY, MAY 5, 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 Lord Jesus Is with His Church in the Apostolic Ministry of the Gospel

READINGS

Acts 10:34-48

Psalm 98 (antiphon: v. 2)

1 John 5:1-8

John 15:9-17

SUMMARY OF TODAY'S READINGS

The Lord Jesus Is with His Church in the Apostolic Ministry of the Gospel

The crucified and risen Lord Jesus is with His Church through the word of His apostles, who *“are witnesses of all that he did.”* He was anointed by God *“with the Holy Spirit and with power,”* and *“he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil,”* and so He was with those whom He sent *“to preach to the people”* (Acts 10:38–42). The Holy Spirit is bestowed on those who hear that apostolic preaching, who are *“baptized in the name of Jesus Christ,”* so that *“everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name”* (Acts 10:43–44, 48). For as He came by the water of His Baptism, even to the blood of His Passion, so the Spirit testifies to the truth with *“the water and the blood”* in the apostolic ministry of the Gospel (1 John 5:6–7). By these means, Christ Jesus speaks to us, that His joy may be in us and that our *“joy may be full.”* For this purpose, He appointed the apostles to *“go and bear fruit”* in order to make known His divine friendship to us (John 15:11, 15–16).

Bible Study from May 5, 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 May 5 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

MAY 5, 2024 | CAMBODIA

This week, we pray for Rev. Van Ravy who serves as assistant pastor at Christ Lutheran Church in Phnom Penh and also serves with Lutheran Hour Ministries.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, as Your Son sent forth His Church to make disciples in all nations, we lift up before You, Pastor Ravy, 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 May 2 went very well. Tony picked up the bread from Bread of Life ministries. The truck arrived at 9:40 am. Tony & Lois, Renee, Pastor Joseph, Chika, Jennifer, Maura, Gladess, Ahia, Babatunte, Cyril, Clement, Stanley, Isaac, Majdulin, Sadia, Sameer, Mala, Samintha, Ralph, Ray & Glen, Mariya & Marlin, Luis & Mariam, Raphael, Kimberley, Lyndon, Franklyn,

Jarmeene, helped with the unloading of the skids, serving the clients. Tony, Al, Pastor Joseph, 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 12:35 p.m.

FOOD BANK STATISTICS FOR May 2, 2024

Total Food Hampers given out: 331

Those food hampers provided food to:

743 adults and 285 children for a total of 1028

THIS WEEK AT OUR SAVIOUR

Sunday May 5

Sixth Sunday of Easter

10 a.m. Bible Study

11 a.m. Sunday School

11 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion

Thursday May 9

ASCENSION DAY

1 p.m. Ascension Day Service

1:35 Barbecue

2:15-4 p.m. & 6-7 p.m. Food Bank

Sunday May 12

Seventh 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

May 4, 2024

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COMING UP

Ascension of our Lord

Thursday, May 9, 2024 Ascension of our Lord (Service) 1:00 pm.

Followed by BBQ

SUNDAY JUNE 2, 2023

OUR SAVIOUR LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL PICNIC

The church service will be indoors and begins at 11 a.m.
with picnic to follow. **VISITORS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.**

For the picnic, hot dogs, hamburgers and drinks will be provided.

If you are able, please bring a salad or dessert



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!"

THE TIME OF THE CHURCH THE SEASON AFTER PENTECOST

Begins the day after Pentecost and ends with midday prayer on the Saturday before the First Sunday in Advent.

The Sundays after Pentecost make up the longest portion of the Church Year. This is the time of the church - the time we focus on growing together in the life of the Holy Trinity.

On the first Sunday after Pentecost, the Church celebrates Holy Trinity Sunday. We are baptized into only one name, but that name is “of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” There is only one name, only one God – but there are three persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. On this Sunday, we confess the great mystery of the Holy Trinity.

The Sundays of this time of the Church Year are known as Sundays after Pentecost (or Sundays after Trinity). Picking up on Pentecost as the season of growth, they are often referred to as the Green Sundays. The readings focus on the life of Christ in His Church. We hear Jesus teaching His disciples and healing the faithful.

Because the Pentecost season is part of “ordinary” time, congregations may choose to observe some of the lesser festivals of the season. When saint days or commemorations fall on Sundays, worship leaders could highlight these to offer teaching moments about the breadth of the Church’s life and work. These noteworthy days enable Christians to reflect on how we worship “with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven.”

On the Last Sunday after Pentecost, the Church gives voice to the joyful hope of the second coming of Jesus for the resurrection of the dead and the last judgment. The end-times focus of the Last Sunday of the Church Year bears themes of hope and preparation that are similar to those of Advent, which soon follows.

**During the Time of the Church, we focus on growing together in the life of
the Holy Trinity.**

Acts 2:41-47 Ephesians 1:15-23 Ephesians 3:14-19 Colossians 3:12-17

PRACTICES AND TRADITIONS

The Church is decorated in green, the colour of growing plants. This marks the season of growth in living in our Baptism and receiving the Lord’s Word and Sacraments.

On Trinity Sunday, we confess the Athanasian Creed, which goes into great detail to confess the catholic (universal) faith that must be faithfully and firmly believed to be saved: “that we worship one God in Trinity and Trinity in Unity.”

CIRCUIT AND REGIONAL NEWS/ ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLTS, ST CATHERINES ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT: The event will be held on Monday, June 3, 2024 at Conestoga Golf Club in Conestogo, Ontario (north of Waterloo). The \$125 per person registration fee includes lunch, green fees, golf cart, full dinner, and prizes. To register a foursome, go to: <https://concordia-seminary.ca/golf2024/> If you have questions, call the seminary at 905-688-2362.

