

**EASTER 3 HE IS RISEN! ALLELUIA! HAPPY EASTER!
OUR SAVIOUR LUTHERAN CHURCH UPDATE APRIL 19, 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

Rom. 6:9; John 20:29b

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! HE IS RISEN! ALLELUIA! HAPPY EASTER!
SUNDAY APRIL 19, 2026**

***The Risen Lord Jesus Is with Us in Holy Baptism
and in “the Breaking of the Bread”***

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

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Psalm 116:1-14 (antiphon: v. 5)

1 Peter 1:17-25

Luke 24:13-35

SUMMARY OF TODAY’S READINGS

The Risen Lord Jesus Is with Us in Holy Baptism and in ‘the Breaking of the Bread’

From “before the foundation of the world” until heaven and earth pass away, “the word of the Lord remains forever” (1 Peter 1:20, 25). This “living and abiding word of God” is the preaching of Christ Jesus, namely that God “raised him from the dead and gave him glory” (1 Peter 1:21, 23). By this living word, we “have been born again” to eternal life (1 Peter 1:23) and ransomed from our sinful and mortal life “with the precious blood of Christ” (1 Peter 1:18–19). This living word also calls us to repentance, to dying and rising in Holy Baptism “in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins” (Acts 2:38). In this, we receive the Holy Spirit “for you and for your children and for all who are far off” (Acts 2:39). Through the preaching of His cross and resurrection, Jesus draws near to bring us “into his glory” (Luke 24:26). As He opens the Scriptures, He opens our minds to comprehend “the things concerning himself” (Luke 24:27), and He brings us to know Him “in the breaking of the bread” (Luke 24:35).

VERSE ON THE BULLETIN: It is now the third day Since these things happened.

ABOUT THE COVER: When the two disciple's encountered Christ on the road to Emmaus, their hopeful hearts had grown cold at their Lord's death three days earlier. However, their hearts burned within them. as the risen Lord opened the Scriptures to them. The living breathing, bread-breaking Lord who appeared to them sent them running in the night to confirm what they had seen and heard with the other disciples, saying, "The Lord has risen indeed!"

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, Raj & Sarita.

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

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This week, we pray for **Rev. Rochom Binh (Rock-om)** who serves as a missionary pastor for the Jarai community in his village in Ratanakiri.

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

3) CONGREGATIONAL PROJECTS

FOOD BANK:

FOOD BANK STATISTICS FOR April 16, 2026

Total Food Hampers given out: 372

Those food hampers provided food to:

855 adults and 367 children for a total of 1222

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.

Treasurer's Update as of March 31, 2026

Here is a report on our congregation's operating finances up to the end of March 31, 2026 which is 25% of our fiscal year.

Approved expenditure budget for the whole year	\$ 129,236
Expenditures to end of March	\$ 31,539 (24.4% of budget)
Approved budget income for the whole year	\$119,810.00
Budget income to end of March	\$23,411.10 (19.5% of budget)
Shortfall (expenditures minus income)	\$8,127.78

Our expenditures are on target for this time of year, at 24.4% of the total budget. Our total income, however, is below target and our offering income is even further below target at only 17% of what was budgeted for offerings.

Thank you to all of you who continue to give of your financial gifts. Pray that God will continue to provide for the needs of our church.

Lois Griffin
Treasurer

THIS WEEK AT OUR SAVIOUR

Sunday, Apr 19, 2026

EASTER 3 SUNDAY SERVICE

10 a.m. Bible Study

11 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion

Thursday, Apr 23

2-4 p.m. & 6-8 p.m. Food Bank

Sunday, Apr 26

EASTER 4 SUNDAY SERVICE (FRIENDSHIP SUNDAY)

10:00 a.m. Bible Study

11 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion

11:20 a.m. Sunday School

Pastor Joseph Singh

Vacancy Pastor

April 17, 2026

PHONE: 416-970-0322 Pastor Joseph (cell)

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

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.



Sunday May 2 Church Clean Up day
Sunday May 3 Church Council
Sunday May 23 Lawn Sale
Sunday June 7 Annual Church Congregational Picnic
Sunday June 21 Congregational Annual Meeting

UPCOMING CIRCUIT EVENTS :

1. Immanuel Lutheran Church, Georgetown.

OUTDOOR PEOPLE CONNECT ACTIVITY ; On Saturday May 9, 2026 @ St Andrews.

- A Call for help @ Immanuel Lutheran Church on Saturday May 9, 2026 for their Outdoor People Connect Activity . Please be at St. Andrews by 09:30 a.m.to welcome and encourage the volunteers from Kitchener -Waterloo Circuit and Concordia Lutheran Theological Seminary, St Catharines.
 - People Connect activity will take place from 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon.
 - Lunch for all at 12:00 Noon at St Andrews
 - People Connect activity resumes at 2:00 PM and closes at 4:00 PM
 - Service of Vespers at St Andrews at 4:30 PM to close the day
- **Note: Anyone wishing to work will be provided Mileage and an Honorarium.**
- Registration by Thursday April 30, 2026. Register with Rev.Vijay Samuel ilcgeorgetown1963@gmail.com
- Children under 18 must be accompanied by Parents

2. Additionally:

Save the Date : Saturday May 30, 2026 DOXOLOGY SEMINAR- @ Risen Christ Lutheran Church, Mississauga

Two Sessions (Pandemic of Loneliness and Spiritual Self – Care)

Third Session for Pastors, Rostered Workers , Elders . Support for LGBTQ Families (See the attached Image/Poster)

3. 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

4.

CLTS, ST CATHERINES ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT: The event will be held on Monday, June 1, 2026 at Conestoga Golf Club in Conestogo, Ontario (north of Waterloo). The \$165 per person registration fee includes lunch, green fees, golf cart, full dinner, and prizes. If you have visit <https://concordia-seminary.ca/golf/> or call 905-688-2362 ext 21.



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 the 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 the Christian from the solemnity of Good Friday to the predawn joy of Easter.

Easter is the richest and most lavish celebrated festival 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 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, 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 for 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

PRACTICES AND TRADITIONS

- The colours of Easter are white and gold. White, the colour of Our Lord's holiness, is everywhere on Easter, from the paraments and vestments to the traditional Easter lilies. Gold 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!"