



Resurrection Life

April 2019



Easter is the Heart of our Faith

Dear Brothers and Sisters;

This year Easter Sunday is later than usual. Several people have questioned me about this. So, I will share a few thoughts about Easter and then I will try to explain how the date of Easter is calculated each year.

Easter is the heart of our faith. If there was no Easter there would be no Christian faith. It is a very joyful time of the Church. We joyfully celebrate the hope we have in and through the resurrection of our Lord.

However, the first emotion of Easter was fear. The guards at the tomb, put there by the authorities to prevent any grave-robbing, fainted. The women, not thinking through how they were going to get access to the tomb though some of them had the idea of anointing the dead body of Jesus with their spices, listened in fear to the news that the One they sought was no longer there.

Fear is a tremendous motivator. Fear does terrible things to society. Fear is what creeps up on us unawares when illness strikes or bereavement comes close, or a job falls through, or a relationship ends, or egos clash over who is to be more important and who will be side-lined, or when our neighborhoods change.

The first emotion of the first Easter day is fear. But fear is not the last emotion of Easter day. Through the clouds of fear an earthquake unsettled the ground and shook the city, and a messenger from God spoke. "Do not be afraid."

The Easter story rises is not merely about 'what am I to do?' but more importantly about 'what is God doing?'. The Easter story isn't merely about us, or about the women, or the disciples, or the angel. The Easter story is about God, who raises the dead, who dispels fear, and who makes a way when we thought there was no way.

So, we dare to go to Church on Easter day, to hear the message of the resurrection. In that message, we are invited to turn around and find that Jesus is standing there, waiting for us, looking at us, telling us also that we need fear no more. "Do not be afraid." Come and see. Let the fear go. Then go, quickly, with great joy, and tell others.

Easter is preceded by Lent, a 40-day period of fasting, repentance, moderation and spiritual discipline in preparation for the celebration of Easter. In Western Christianity, Ash Wednesday marks the start of Lent. The week preceding Easter Sunday is called Holy Week. Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday, the celebration of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem and it ends with the Pascal Triduum: Maundy (Holy) Thursday – a commemoration of the Last Supper when Jesus shared the Passover meal with his disciples; Good Friday – The crucifixion of Jesus; and Holy Saturday - The Great Vigil of Easter which is truly the first Service of Easter. Traditionally new converts who received instructions, were baptized at the Easter Vigil. The Three Services of the Pascal Triduum is considered one unbroken liturgy which begins on Holy Thursday and ends with the Great Vigil of Easter. That is why the Invocation is included only on Holy Thursday. Good Friday and the Easter Vigil are considered continuations of the liturgy that starts on Holy Thursday. Consequently, there is no benediction at the end of the Holy Thursday and Good Friday Services because each of these Services continues through to the Easter Vigil. The Easter Vigil therefore ends with the benediction. Thus, making the three-day liturgy (Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil) complete.

The earliest believers in the church of Asia Minor wanted to keep Easter celebrations in line with the Jewish Passover since the death and resurrection of

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Ladies Guild APRIL

BELLY LAUGH MOMENTS

“God will yet fill your mouth with laughter and your lips with shouts of joy.”
Job 8:21

Of the Word:

It happened at the most inappropriate times! The two sisters would catch each other’s eye, and a fit of uncontrolled giggles would ensue. The more their father gave them his warning look, the worse the laughter grew. And what was the most embarrassing part? The sisters were both in their forties!

Not only are belly laughs contagious, they are quite healthy. Studies show laughter can reduce stress, lower blood pressure, and lessen chronic pain. This shouldn’t be surprising, because God is the creator of laughter. “God will yet fill your mouth with laughter, and your lips with shouts of joy” Job 8:21. Laughter in Job? Yes! Our Lord wants us to know that, even in difficult times, His desire for us is total joy in Him.

When we fully grasp our deliverance from sin and sorrow, the unmerited gift of salvation through faith in Jesus Christ, what other response is there? Uncontained shouts of gratitude, delight, and laughter! Exactly the way the God of Joy designed it.

Walking with my Lord

Lord, thank You for the gift of uncontrolled laughter as I celebrate Your grace and mercy with the fellow redeemed. In Jesus’ name. Amen.



Our next meeting will be on **Tues. April 30, 2019 @ 7:00pm**



Always Remember your Mite Boxes . . .

In Christ,
Debbie Sichler
President Ladies Guild



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EASTER: It’s not about the bunny,
it’s all about the “Lamb”

AND

JESUS IS ALIVE! That is the real reason
for Hope and a Changed Life!



BIBLE TRIVIA



TRIVIA QUESTION FOR MARCH 2019 WITH ANSWER

Food, Food, Food ...

Who was famous as an eater of locusts?

Matthew 3:4 John the Baptist

APRIL 2019 TRIVIA QUESTION

Food, Food, Food ...

What four faithful young men refused to eat the rich foods of the king of Babylon?

HINT: LOOK IN THE BOOK OF DANIEL

IN OUR
Thoughts and Prayers



- for all of us at Resurrection that we may all have a heart for those who don't know Jesus, to help everyone come to know the love of God, and become part of God's church family, into an even closer relationship with God, and come to eternal life.

Our Members who are in NURSING HOMES: Dorothea Gruenwald and Harriet Rose; those that are **HOME BOUND:** Sonja Munzenmaier and Anita Reinert; and those with **OTHER CONCERNS:** Lynn, Connie, Nicole, Grace Serro, John Ulicny, Karen Carella, Diana Green, Pastor Sam, Jennifer Gajadhar, Tom McNeely, Ricky Stanton, Richard Stanton, Heather Valente, Ralph Valente, Danielle Valente, Juliette Valente, Marilyn Lang, Valerie Lang, Nancy Michaelis, Derek Zacchino, Trina Seibel, Peter Seibel IV, Anthony Novitske, Anna Lee Rife, Ronnie Sowa, Joanne Voltmer, Howie Voltmer, Ronnie & Jennifer Dennis.

Heavenly Father - Lord, Your willingness to serve us led You to the cross to save us from our sins. Lead us to follow Your example and serve our neighbors in loving ways. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Our Mid-Week BIBLE Study - Dear Heavenly Father, you have made the heavens and the earth. You have revealed your beauty in creation and inspired the book that we are now studying. Please help us now as we read together. Take us deeper into understanding more about you and your love for us. Amen

Our missionary groups right here in Flushing, the Chinese Lutheran Ministry, the Korean Ministry, the Indo Pak Ministry, and Glory Lutheran Ministry that God will continue to bless all of these ministries and help them to grow.

- **For all of our troops:** "Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. Amen."

"Pray without ceasing ... Do not put out the Spirit's fire"
1Thessalonians 5: 17, 19

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Jesus happened right after the Passover. Followers wanted Easter always to be celebrated after the Passover. And, since the Jewish holiday calendar is based on solar and lunar cycles, each feast day is movable, with dates shifting from year to year. Easter is always celebrated on the Sunday immediately following the Paschal Full Moon. As such, since the days of early church history, Easter is a movable feast. In Western Christianity, Easter Sunday can fall as early as March 22 and as late as April 25.

This year the eight-day Passover festival starts on April 19. As such, Easter Sunday will be the first Sunday thereafter – April 21. Once the date of Easter Sunday is figured out, then we work backwards to figure out the forty days of Lent (not including the Sundays) to arrive at the date of Ash Wednesday – March 06. This also determines how many Sundays will be in the Epiphany Season because the Feast of Epiphany is always on January 06.

The Easter Season will run from the Great Vigil of Easter until Pentecost Sunday. The Feast of the Ascension of our Lord is celebrated 40 days after Easter (this year Thursday, May 30) and the Pentecost is fifty days after Easter (this year Sunday, June 09).

Hope you find this helpful. Blessed Easter to All.

Peace in Christ,

Pastor James T. Gajadhar





God's Blessings to all celebrating this month.

- April 4 Nancy (Carella) Kavanagh
- April 6 Brian Sichler
- April 6 Dorothea Grunwald
- April 10 Maria Gmuca
- April 10 Helene Su
- April 29 Anita Reinert



Dear People of God,

Do you have the courage to test yourself? How much do you really know? Try to correctly answer the follow questions before looking on page 6 for the answers.

1. Which Gospel is written by a doctor?
2. What is the final word in the Bible?
3. What tribe is Paul from?
4. How many books are in the New Testament?
5. Who killed John the Baptist?
6. How many times does the Bible mention the word "snow"?
7. Who was the monk who invented champagne?
8. How many days was Jonah in the belly of the big fish?
9. What was the name of Noah's wife?
10. Who was chosen to succeed Judas Iscariot as the 12th disciple?

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MID-WEEK LENTEN SERVICES

Week Four – April 3rd at Saint John - 6.30 supper; 7.30 Service

"CROSS-WORD"

Week Five – April 10th at Resurrection - 6.30 supper; 7.30 Service

"CROSS REFERENCE"



PALM SUNDAY - April 14, 2019

Regular Service at 9:15am

"CROSS PURPOSES"

HOLY WEEK – THE PASCAL TRIDUUM



Holy Week

Maundy Thursday – April 18, 2019

Stripping of the Altar

Saint John – 7:30pm

"CROSS-HAIRS"

Good Friday – April 19, 2019

Crucifixion of Our Lord

Resurrection – 10:00am

Saint John – 7:30pm

"CROSS-FIRE"

Easter Vigil – April 20, 2019

Renewal of Baptismal Covenant

Resurrection – 7:00pm

THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

Sunday, April 21, 2019

Saint John (Early Service) – 8:00am

Resurrection – 9:15am

Saint John – 10:45am



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Thu	Fri	Sat				
	1	2	 9:00am HEALING SERVICE Mid-Week Bible Study 10:00am 6:30pm Lite Dinner 7:30pm Service begins @ St. John's 7:30pm Choir Practice	4	5	6			
Fifth Sunday in Lent 9:15am Resurrection Lutheran 11:15am Immanuel Lutheran 2:00pm Indo-Pak 4:00pm Glory Lutheran	7	8	9	 Mid-Week Bible Study 10:00am 6:30pm Lite Dinner 7:30pm Service begins @ Resurrection 8:30pm Choir Practice	11	12	13	Altar Guild Members meet for Stripping of Palms @ 10:00am	
PALM SUNDAY 9:15am Resurrection Lutheran 11:15am Immanuel Lutheran 2:00pm Indo-Pak 4:00pm Glory Lutheran NEWSLETTER MEETING	14	15	16	 Mid-Week Bible Study 10:00am Council Meeting 1:00pm NO Choir Practice	 Maundy Thursday 7:30pm Service @ St. John's	18	19	20	Altar Guild Members meet for the Set-up of Easter Plants @ 10:00am EASTER VIGIL 7:00pm Service @ Resurrection
EASTER SUNDAY 9:15am Resurrection Lutheran 11:15am Immanuel Lutheran 2:00pm Indo-Pak 4:00pm Glory Lutheran	21	22	23	 Mid-Week Bible Study 10:00am Administrative Professionals Day NO Choir Practice	24	25	26	27	Newsletter DEADLINE
Second Sunday of Easter 9:15am Resurrection Lutheran 11:15am Immanuel Lutheran 2:00pm Indo-Pak 4:00pm Glory Lutheran	28	29	30						

Serving Schedule:


 APRIL 2019


April 7, 2019
 Elder: Tom McNeely
 Reader: Jenny Gajadhar
 Usher: Stephen Gavora
 Greeter: Eleanor Johnson
 Altar Care: Ida Myers
 Cynthia Myers

April 10, 2019
Mid-Week Lenter Service
 Elder: Tom McNeely
 Usher: TBD
 Altar Care: Cynthia Myers
 Ida Myers

April 14, 2019

 Elder: Tom McNeely
 Reader: Debbie Sichler
 Usher: Stephen Gavora
 Greeter: Ada Gavora
 Altar Care: Ida Myers
 Cynthia Myers

April 19, 2019
Good
FRIDAY
 Elder: Tom McNeely
 Usher: TBD
 Altar Care: Eleanor Johnson
 Dottie McNeely

April 20, 2019

 Elder: Tom McNeely
 Usher: TBD
 Altar Care: Dottie McNeely
 Eleanor Johnson

April 21, 2019

 Elder: Tom McNeely
 Reader: Eleanor Johnson
 Usher: Stephen Gavora
 Greeter: Dottie McNeely
 Altar Care: Debbie Sichler
 Ada Gavora

April 28, 2019
 Elder: Tom McNeely
 Reader: Gary Carella
 Usher: Stephen Gavora
 Greeter: Sharon Rouzier
 Altar Care: Ada Gavora
 Debbie Sichler

ANSWERS TO TEST ON Page 4

1. Luke
2. Amen
3. Benjamin
4. Twenty-seven
5. Herod Antipas
6. Twenty-four times
7. Dom Perignon
8. Three days
9. Don't know, her name was never mentioned
10. Matthias

 **DEADLINE:**
Newsletter Articles
APRIL 19, 2019

ORGAN FUND: The TONE CAGE of the organ needs to be rebuilt. Allen Organ is currently in the process of rebuilding it.

This process should take approximately 3 months.

We are anticipating we will have it back for our Easter Service.

An ORGAN FUND has been set-up to help with the cost. If you would like to contribute to this ORGAN FUND please make a check payable to Resurrection and put ORGAN FUND in memo line.



SUNDAY'S - Immanuel Lutheran Church - Bible Study - 9:30am
 Pastor Sam uses Church 2:00pm - 3:30pm
 Glory Lutheran Church 4:00pm - 5:30pm

WEDNESDAY'S - Resurrection Lutheran Church - Bible Study - 10:00am
 Choir Practice - @ 7:30pm
 Immanuel Chinese Bible Study 7:30pm -8:30pm

THURSDAY'S - Alcoholics Anonymous - 6:00pm - 8:00pm
 Glory Lutheran Bible Study 6:00pm - 7:30pm

FRIDAY'S - Immanuel Chinese Bible Study 7:45pm - 9:00pm

SATURDAY'S - Alcoholics Anonymous - 11:15am - 2:00pm

Bible Wordsearch

The Fig Tree

Wordsearch 280

Matt. 21:16-30

G R R B E A O W N S T J O H N
 L A T E R L O R T T D O E T G
 Y M E T Y R D R D R E A D N E
 L A X H K A U E A A V M I A N
 K E C A W O R Y R E I Y P E Y
 C V E N C I E P N S A N V L F
 I E P Y T N E P S S B E E R E
 U I T L I L E S I A R P U D I
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 L B N P I O I G N I H C A E T
 P E G R P S A E N A M A Z E D
 O E S H M I N D C U H T U R T
 E R E F A T H E R E H T I A F
 P T H I N K I T M O R N I N G

FAITH AMazed
 FRUIT BAPTISM
 JOHN BELIEVE
 LATER BETHANY
 MIND COURTS
 NEVER ELDERs
 PEOPLE EXCEPT
 PRAISE FATHER
 ROAD HEAVEN
 SAYING HUNGRY
 SEEING MORNING
 SPENT ORDAINED
 TEMPLE PRAYER
 THINGS PROPHET
 THINK QUICKLY
 TODAY RECEIVE
 TREE TEACHING
 TRUTH VINEYARD
 WORK WITHER

After you find all the hidden words the left over letters spell out a Bible verse reading from the top left to the bottom right

EASTER PLANT ORDER FORM

The annual sale of Easter Lilies or Hyacinths begins again. If you are interested in donating an Easter Lily or Hyacinth, please fill in the information below and return this form, with your payment, to the church office or place it in the "offering plate" on Sunday morning.

DEADLINE is MONDAY, April 15, 2019

Please indicate how many of each plant you would like.

Lily \$12.00 _____ Hyacinth \$10.00 _____

In Loving Memory of:

From:

In Thanksgiving for:

From:

() Will pick up the plants(s) after Easter service.

() Will NOT pick up the plant(s) after Easter service.



PLEASE ORDER BY APRIL 15, 2019

Christ has been raised
from the dead,
the first fruits of those
who have died.

1 Corinthians 15:20, NRSV

As disciples of Jesus and in obedience to God's word,
the mission of Resurrection Lutheran Church is:

Growing in the knowledge and love of Christ,
ministering to one another and to those in the
community, sharing the Gospel with unbelievers
so that the Holy Spirit draws them into a faith
relationship with Jesus.

Our Mission Statement

Jesus himself stood among
them and said to them,
"Peace be with you."

Luke 24:36, NRSV

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Sunday Worship 9:15am

* (Pre-Worship Singing begins at 9:05am)

Immanuel Lutheran Service 11:15am

Indo Pak Service 2:00pm - 3:30pm

Glory Lutheran Church 4:00pm - 5:30pm



May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ be upon
YOU