

A Time Called ... EASTER DAY

Today shatters the natural order. The crucified one lives again. Reality is redefined through Christ's death and resurrection. God has spoken the last word on death – and that word is LIFE! All creation can live again through the faithfulness of Jesus Christ. Alleluia!

Historical Roots of Easter Sunday

The celebration of the Resurrection is the oldest and greatest feast of the Christian Church. In the early church, the Sunday celebration began with the Saturday all-night watch, the Easter Vigil. People preparing for baptism waited for the first light and were baptized on Sunday. In several traditions, this is still done. Reformed churches may keep the Easter vigil, with or without baptism. Like Christmas, Easter probably superseded an old pagan festival, its name possibly traced to the name of a pagan deity. Unlike Christmas, it is a moveable feast, taking its date from the phases of the moon.

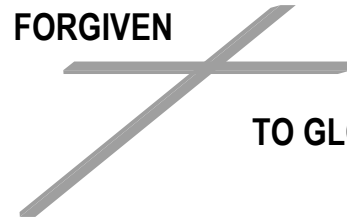
Finding Meaning in the Tradition

The Easter story is about Jesus who is raised from the dead. But that is not all. The resurrected Christ remembers his followers and seeks them out. He wants them to know he is alive. Why? Not to impress them with a trick, but because his dying and rising has to do with them. He seeks us out for the same reason. We all may share in his death and his resurrection. We can all have a new beginning. God has done this for us through Jesus Christ. This is the Good News. We have found a Saviour!

Questions for Personal Meditation

What part of the resurrection account stands out for me? If I could only share one aspect of my faith in Christ with someone, what would that be? Read your favourite Easter hymn as prayer and praise to God.

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Easter Sunday 31st March 2024 10:30 am

**The Church of Jesus the Saviour
Celebrates the Good News
of God's Love for the World
Made Manifest in Jesus His Son
as we learn to share Christ's Love with everyone**

Celebrating the Truth of the Presence of God – Alleluia!

Call to Worship:

Praise: “Alleluia” **SB #8**

Welcome, and announcements:

Lenten Liturgy: on screen

Celebrating the Truth of Forgiveness – We Receive New Life!

Praise: “He lives!” **SB #49**

Prayer, and the Lord's Prayer:

Celebrating the Truth of God's Word! - We are Listening!

Scripture: St. John 20:1-31 NLT

Message: “Voice Recognition”

The Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Children's puppet show about Easter:

Celebrating the Truth of God's gifts to us – We Are Accountable

Presentation of our Tithes and Offerings:

+ Offertory

Doxology: “**When I survey**” vs 4 **BP #78**

Prayer of Dedication

Praise: “Thine be the glory” **BP #201**

Celebrating the Truth of our Going Forth – We Leave for Ministry

Benediction:

Interpersonal Benediction: “Change my heart” **SB #62**

WORSHIP AND SACRAMENTS TEAM: PRAYER REQUESTS

Warnock Aitken – St. Joseph's Life-Care Centre, Brantford

Frank De Vries – at home

Pearl Howden – Trinity Village LTC

Bob Kenzie – Sunnyside Home

Mary Master – Conestoga Lodge

Dolly McCormack – Court at Laurelwood Retirement Home

Marg McCorriston – at home

Terry McCorriston – at home

Julie Phoenix – Southbridge London Long Term Care Home

Curt Ryan – AgeCare West Williams LTC

Shirley Steinberg – Highland Place Retirement Residence

Glen Verheye – at home

Sunday School:

We are having bi-weekly Sunday School running in 2024:

March 31; **April** 14, & 28; **May** 12, & 26; **June** 9, & 23. We have split the group: Grade 5 and under, and Grade 6 and up, to create a more engaging experience for our older children.

We are looking for more Sunday School teachers, helpers, or back-ups to join the team. If interested, please contact Cathrine (gcejtaylor@gmail.com), Nicolene (nclemens7@yahoo.ca) or Johnson (srikanthjohnson@gmail.com).

We can't wait to share and grow with the children this year.

Peace and Joy, Cathrine, Nicolene, & Johnson

Mission Moment – Easter Sunday 31st March 2024:

In Malawi, Madalitso Mphamba, a determined 16-year-old, once doubted she would ever have the chance to attend secondary school. When Madalitso's mother fell seriously ill and had to give up her job, they moved in with family for support. At first, Madalitso's grandma's beer brewing venture was thriving and played a crucial role in supporting her primary school education. However, Madalitso's grandmother eventually had to stop this business, and the family could no longer afford to send Madalitso to school. With help from PWS&D, the Blantyre Synod Education Department's Neno scholarship program allowed Madalitso to re-enroll, enabling her to dream of a brighter future.

From the Finance Team: options for financial giving to KEPC:

- 1) **Canada Post:** send your offering envelope in an envelope addressed to the Church: 10 Zeller Dr, Kitchener, ON, N2A 4A8
- 2) **E – transfer:** This involves using your online banking application using the e-transfer option & sending the transaction to the Church email: kepc@golden.net
- 3) **PAR: pre-authorized remittance.** This is set up once and an amount is withdrawn from your bank account monthly until you choose to stop it or change the amount. Contact Chris Clemens clemensc78@yahoo.ca and he can set you up.
- 4) **Tithe.ly** on our website, (click on the menu “Donate Now”) and donations can be through your Visa, Mastercard, or Debit.
- 5) The locked, **black box** on the wall of the sanctuary by the main doors for your offerings.

Thank-you for your ongoing and prayerful support of the mission and ministry of KEPC.

Offering Envelopes: If you are interested in having assigned envelopes for 2024 and are not on PAR, please reach out to Chris. For anyone that changed addresses in 2023, please let Chris and Mark know so that we can check our records and update them as required.

Grocery Cards:

We are participating in the grocery gift card program in our Region. If you would like to purchase grocery gift cards for the PC group of stores, and/or the Metro group of stores, please speak with Barb Cook, Rob Gloin, or Emmie Richardson. They are available every week. We receive a small amount back from the Community Charity Services, for each card we sell.

EVENTS THIS WEEK: 24th – 31st March 2024

- Sunday:** 10:30 am – **Easter Sunday** Communion Worship Service; Sunday School; Coffee, Cake, & Conversation downstairs.
- Monday:** 1 pm – Music Therapy
- Tuesday:** 9:30 am – Bible Study via Zoom
11:45 – 1:30 Music Therapy
6:30 pm – Sparks
7 pm – Worship & Sacraments Team in the McLean Room
- Wednesday:** 7 – 9 pm – Scouts in Gray Hall
- Thursday:** 9 am – Sonshine Corner in the Gray Hall
- Sunday:** 10:30 am – Worship Service



VBS 2024: Hello everyone:

We are starting to prepare for our VBS at KEPC this summer and I just wanted to check in to see who would be interested and available in volunteering again this year.

Dates are July 8-12 9am-noon. The theme is SCUBA.

Please let me know so I can get an idea of interest/availability of volunteers, and we will start putting out announcements, etc to further our planning. Kindly, Sarah.