

**St. John 11:1-15 NLT**

**11** A man named Lazarus was sick. He lived in Bethany with his sisters, Mary and Martha. <sup>2</sup> This is the Mary who later poured the expensive perfume on the Lord's feet and wiped them with her hair. Her brother, Lazarus, was sick. <sup>3</sup> So the two sisters sent a message to Jesus telling him, "Lord, your dear friend is very sick."

<sup>4</sup> But when Jesus heard about it, he said, "Lazarus's sickness will not end in death. No, it happened for the glory of God so that the Son of God will receive glory from this." <sup>5</sup> So although Jesus loved Martha, Mary, and Lazarus, <sup>6</sup> he stayed where he was for the next two days. <sup>7</sup> Finally, he said to his disciples, "Let's go back to Judea."

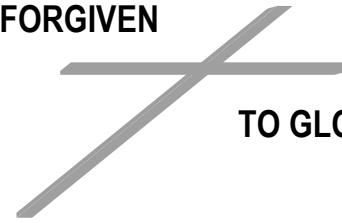
<sup>8</sup> But his disciples objected. "Rabbi," they said, "only a few days ago the people in Judea were trying to stone you. Are you going there again?"

<sup>9</sup> Jesus replied, "There are twelve hours of daylight every day. During the day people can walk safely. They can see because they have the light of this world. <sup>10</sup> But at night there is danger of stumbling because they have no light." <sup>11</sup> Then he said, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but now I will go and wake him up."

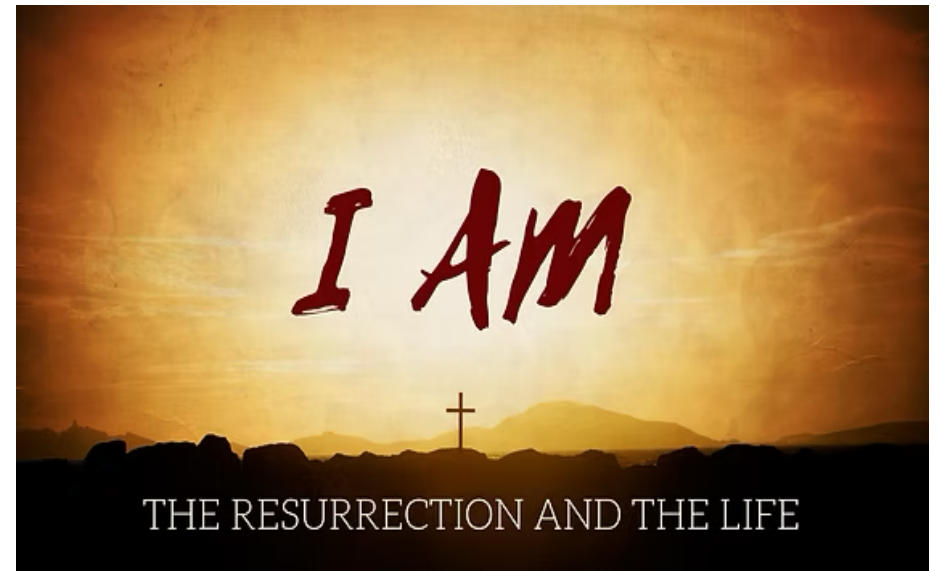
<sup>12</sup> The disciples said, "Lord, if he is sleeping, he will soon get better!" <sup>13</sup> They thought Jesus meant Lazarus was simply sleeping, but Jesus meant Lazarus had died.

<sup>14</sup> So he told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. <sup>15</sup> And for your sakes, I'm glad I wasn't there, for now you will really believe. Come, let's go see him."

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**Lent 5, Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2026 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: “And can it be?” vs 5** **BP #173**

Lenten Candle Liturgy: on screen

Welcome, and announcements:

*Celebrating the Truth of Forgiveness – We Receive New Life!*

**Praise: “O for a thousand tongues to sing”** **BP #247**

Prayer, and the Lord's prayer:

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

Scripture: St. John 11:1-50, 53

Message: “The silence of the resurrected Lazarus”

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

Prayer:

Presentation of our Tithes and Offerings:

+ Offertory

Doxology: **“When I survey” vs 4** **BP #178**

Prayer of Dedication

**Praise: “How great Thou art”** **SB #65**

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

Benediction:

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

**Worship & Sacraments Team: Prayer Requests**

Bernice Baum – at home

Gladys Brown – at home

Frank De Vries – at home

Ann Gray – Trinity Village

Doug Greenwood – Huronview LTC, Clinton

Frank Ingold – at home

Bob Kenzie – Sunnyside Home

Anneleise Kramer – at home

Hannelore Lemke – at home

Larry Mason – AgeCare West Williams LTC

Mary Master – A. R. Goudie LTC

Dolly McCormack – Court at Laurelwood Retirement Home

Marg & Terry McCorrison – at home

Curt Ryan – AgeCare West Williams LTC

Shirley Steinberg – Winston Park LTC

Marilyn Weeks – Fergus Place

Dirk Vanderheide – at home

**Sunday School 2025 – 2026:**

Our regular bi-weekly Sunday School dates for 2026 are:  
**29<sup>th</sup> March; 12<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> April; 10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> May; 07<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> June.**

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). We are thrilled to share and grow with the children this year. Peace and Joy, Cathrine and Nicolene

**Book Sale at KEPC:**

We are collecting gently used books for a used book sale in June. Please consider donating any gently used books you have that you no longer want. Donations will be accepted starting March 1st. Thank you for your support. The Mission and Outreach Team.

**Leading With Care:** KEPC has been a Leading with Care congregation since its inception in 2004. We are strengthening our understanding of this national church policy and our implementation of it in our congregation here in 2026. Rob Gloin & Kerry Weir are spear-heading this within our congregation.

**Offering Envelopes:** If you are interested in having assigned envelopes for 2026 and are not on PAR, please reach out to Chris at clemensc78@yahoo.ca. For anyone that has changed addresses, 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. For each card we sell we receive a small amount back from the Community Charity Services.

#### **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.**

**2025 Income Tax Receipts:** are in your hanging files for your pick-up.

#### **Here is the KEPC February financial summary:**

A shortfall for the month of over \$3800 and YTD shortfall of over \$11,000.

We do have the surplus from 2025 to help manage the current shortfall and will monitor and communicate further in the coming months as the situation develops.

Thanks for your financial support of KEPC.

Finance & Stewardship Team

#### **Events This Week: 22<sup>nd</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

**Sunday:** 10:30 am – Lent 5 Worship Service

**Monday:** 4 – 5 pm – Music Therapy  
7:30 – 9:30 pm – GRIPS in the Gray Hall

**Tuesday:** 9:30 – 11:30 am Bible study this week via Zoom; & in person in the McLean Fireside room.  
12 – 6:30 pm – Music Therapy  
6:30 – 8 pm – Sparks in the Gray Hall

**Wednesday:** 6:30 – 9 pm – Scouts in the Gray Hall

**Thursday:** 9 – 11 am – Sonshine Corner this week

**Friday:** 12 – 5 pm – Music Therapy

**Sunday:** 10:30 am – Palm Sunday Worship Service;  
Sunday School; Coffee, cake, & Conversation in the Gray Hall.

#### **Women of Worship:**

The next meeting of WOW will be on Saturday, March 28th from 10:00 - noon in the Gray Hall. As you know, there is a lot of work put into VBS every year by a wonderful group of people. This month we are excited to be able to help with some of the VBS preparation. There is always lots to do, so there will be something for everyone. All ladies from KEPC are welcome. Coffee, tea and treats will be provided. If you have any questions about the meeting, please contact Jo Anne at 519-886-6559 or aitkenj09@gmail.com.

## VBS at KEPC this summer:

Dates are Monday 06<sup>th</sup> – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2026, 9am-noon. The theme is Rainforest Falls.



## Church Cleaning Bee:

Scheduled for Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2026 at 9 am. Anyone and everyone is invited and welcome to come and help us do a thorough cleaning of our church facility.

Could you please put this in the bulletin for Sunday