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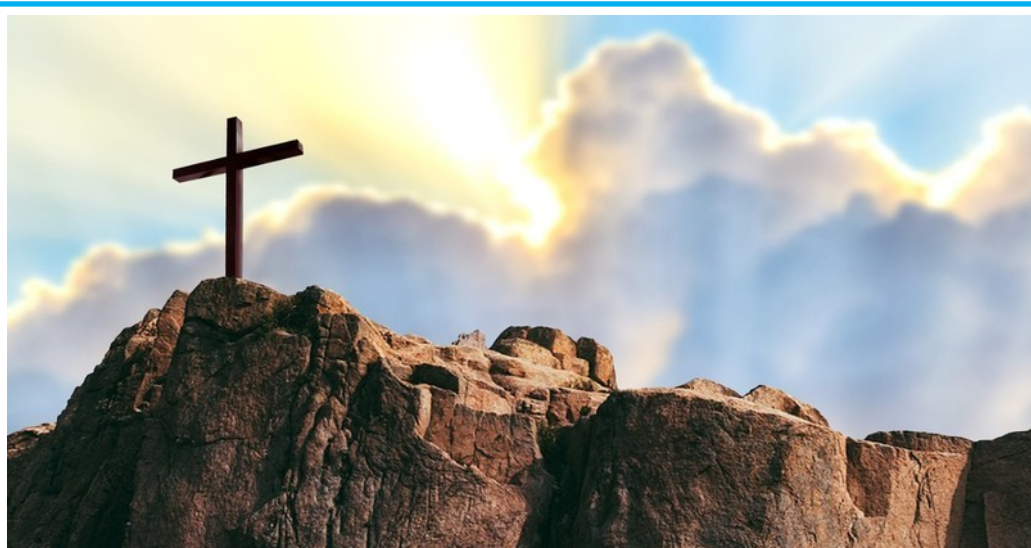
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What is Easter? Easter is one of the central holidays, or Holy Days of Christianity. It honors the Resurrection of Jesus three days after his death by crucifixion. For many Christian churches, Easter is the joyful conclusion to the Lenten season of devoted prayer, fasting and penitence.

Along with the Nativity of Christ, Easter is one of the most important celebrations in the Christian calendar. It is when Christians glorify and give thanks for the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. After His crucifixion, death, and burial, Christ rose from the grave three days later. By this, He conquered death and redeemed us from sin.

Some of the symbols of Easter include:

- **Easter eggs:** Originally a pagan symbol of fertility and rebirth, the Christian tradition of Easter eggs came to represent the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The egg represents new life and rebirth.
- **Easter Bunny:** The Easter bunny is a symbol of new life and fertility. It is believed that the tradition of the Easter bunny was brought to America by German immigrants who settled in Pennsylvania.
- **Easter candy:** Candy is often associated with Easter because it is a treat that people give up for Lent. When Lent ends, people celebrate by eating candy.
- **Easter Parade:** The Easter parade is a tradition that dates back to the mid-1800s. People would dress up in their finest clothes and parade down Fifth Avenue in New York City.
- **Lamb and Other Traditional Easter Foods:** Lamb is often served at Easter dinner because it represents Jesus Christ as the "Lamb of God." Other traditional foods include hot cross buns, ham, and fish.

Wintertime has passed and Spring is upon us. The days are surely getting longer, the birds are getting busier, and the snow is slowly vanishing. Springtime is a tangible way in which we see how our lives are changed by God's grace. All around us, the "dead" is "coming back to life" and growing, by the grace of the Holy Spirit. It is the perfect time for us to remember the new life that Christ brings to us through His death and resurrection, as we see the miracle of new life all around us in this season!



Lent is wrapping up and Easter is almost upon us. Interestingly, The English word 'Lent' is a shortened form of the Old English word 'lencten', meaning "spring season." In the Christian Orthodox tradition Lent is thought of as a spiritual springtime. Not winter, but spring. It is a flowering springtime for our souls and should bring us new hope. The world of nature coming alive round us during the Lenten season should be a symbol of what is to happen in our own hearts. The Orthodox service book known as the Lenten Triodion speaks of repentance as a flower that is opening. We shouldn't just have a negative idea of repentance, as feeling sorry, gloomy and somber about our failings. Rather repentance is new hope. An opening flower. How our lives can, by God's grace, be changed. That change is a continual process, and God continues to offer other reminders of His work in our lives.

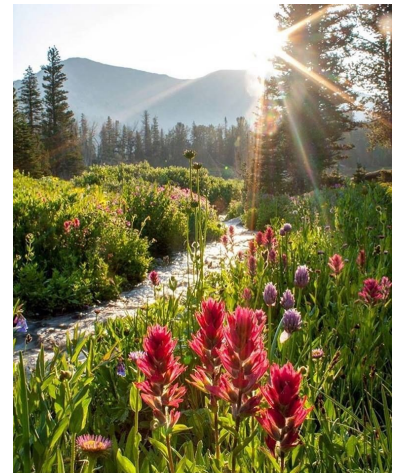
Likewise, the "resurrection" that is happening all around us in nature during the springtime season gives us physical reminders to celebrate Christ's resurrection. In his article in Word magazine in April 1959, Friar Theodore Ziton's wrote:

"Winter is now past! The snow is gone, and the gardener prunes his trees and vines for another harvest. Nature joyfully cries out: 'Stop, look and listen for spring is here!' Yes, there is a glorious resurrection in nature. STOP! or you will tread upon the tender flowers that have just risen from the dead. LOOK! and you will see that old tree whose branches in winter resembled the long arms of a ghost, but now the tree begins to bloom with fragrant apple blossoms. LISTEN! and you will hear the singing bird so full of song that it seems he will burst his little throat. The earth sounds a note of joy and gladness. Everyone picks up the melody and intones the words: 'Stop, look and listen, for there is a resurrection in nature.'

Yes, the winter of Calvary is past; the storm of sorrow is gone, and Jesus the Nazarene, whose very title in Hebrew means the Flower, has appeared in glory today. Beautiful was that Flower when it took its roots in the dark cave of Bethlehem. Fragrant was that Flower when it was bruised and pinned to the Cross which became its vase: but glorious is that Flower today, for It now fully blooms never to wither away again."

While we think about the Lenten springtime and the physical resurrection of the world which points to Christ's resurrection, let us truly celebrate springtime! We honor springtime not just for its beauty (although that is certainly worth celebrating) or for the joy that the warm sun brings (also worthy of accolades, especially after a very cold winter!). Rather, we celebrate springtime because God uses it to remind us of the glory of resurrection; especially of Christ's resurrection. We don't want to miss celebrating THAT!

Steve



WHAT'S TRENDING AT EIDSVOLD?**Change of Hours**

Spring has almost sprung and I'm ready to dig in the dirt and plant.
So off I go to do just that a couple days a week at Hooper's till June 1st.

I'll be in the office every

Tuesday from 1-4

and various hours here and there.

You can always leave a voice mail

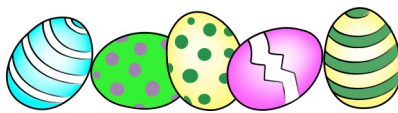
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Happy Gardening!

Hollie



GARDENING



Palm
Sunday

April 2nd
11:00

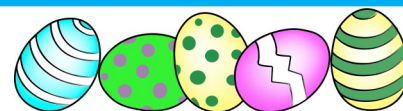


MAUNDY
Thursday

Both services at 4pm



*Good
Friday*



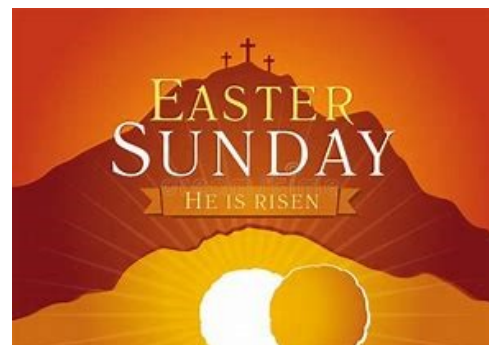
*Easter
Breakfast*

Served 10-10:45



easter
egg
hunt

At 10:45



EASTER
SUNDAY
HE IS RISEN

Service at 11:00



Date:	4/2/2023 Palm Sunday	4/9/2023 Easter	4/16/2023	4/23/2023	4/30/2023
Minister /Preacher	Steve Seilhymer LPA	Pastor Al Jensen	Dick Sine LPA	Pastor Scott Thompson	Dick Sine LPA
Assisting Ministers	Jan Vachal	Rosella Thompson	Anna Cleghorn	Rosella Thompson	Karen Richardson
Accompanists	Phillip Brous	Suzi Watteyne	Susan Pierson	Marlene Anderson	Suzi Watteyne
PowerPoint	Jim Heim	Sharon Bristow	Rosella Thompson	Anna Cleghorn	Rosella Thompson
On-line	Gage Thompson	Gage Thompson	Gage Thompson	Gage Thompson	Gage Thompson
Ushers	Jim & Linda Heim	Sharon Bristow	Rosella Thompson	Anna Cleghorn	Rosella Thompson
Coffee Hosts	Bill & Sue Schottlekorb	Easter Breakfast	Care	To	Host?

Birthday wishes go to:

4/1 Linda Heim
 4/3 Jack Thompson
 4/4 Pat Morgan
 4/26 Jan VanRinsum
 4/26 Sally Howland
 4/29 Phillip Brous
 4/30 Doug Doten



On March 5, your council met with Bethlehem's council to discuss a job description for sharing a pastor/deacon with Eidsvold, including how this person's salary will be paid. The meeting was very positive and productive. The leadership from both churches are currently working out the details to finalize the proposal.

At the April council meetings, both church councils will vote on sending the proposal to their respective congregations for approval. Bethlehem has a congregational meeting scheduled in May and is expected to vote on the proposal. The plan is to hold a special congregational meeting at Eidsvold on the same day to vote on the proposal. If the proposal is approved by both congregations, a joint call committee will be formed to begin the call process. Please keep the leadership at both churches in your prayers as we work towards our goal of providing a leader for Eidsvold and a person to provide community outreach for Kalispell and south.

Your Church Council





APRIL



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 Palm Sunday 11:00 Worship with Steve Seilhymmer LPA	3	4	5	6  MAUNDY <i>Thursday</i> 4pm	7  4pm	8
9 Easter Events 10-10:45 Breakfast 10:45 Egg hunt 11:00 Easter Worship with Pastor	10 8pm AA	11	12	13	14	15
16 11:00 Worship with Dick Sine LPA	17 8pm AA	18	19 7pm Church Council	20	21	22
23 11:00 Worship with Pastor Scott Thompson	24 8pm AA	25	26	27	28	29
30 11:00 Worship with Dick Sine LPA						

April Weekly Worship Texts

	Old Testament	Psalm	New Testament	Gospel
Palm Sunday April 2nd	Isaiah 50:4-9a	Psalm 31:9-16	Philippians 2:5-11	Matthew 26:14-27:66
Easter April 9th	Acts 10:34-43	Psalm 118:1-2	Colossians 3:1-4	John 20:1-18
April 16th	Acts :14a, 22-32	Psalm 16	1 Peter 1:3-9	John 20:19-31
April 23rd	Acts 2:14a, 36-41	Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19	1 Peter 1:17-23	Luke 24:13-35
April 30th	Acts 2:42-47	Psalm 23	1 Peter 2:19-25	John 10:1-10

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