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“So, when they had come together, they began asking Him, saying, “Lord, is it at this time that You are restoring the kingdom to Israel?” But He said to them, “**It is not for you to know periods of time or appointed times which the Father has set by His own authority; but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and Samaria, and as far as the remotest part of the earth.**”

And after He had said these things, He was lifted up while they were watching, and a cloud took Him up, out of their sight. And as they were gazing intently into the sky while He was going, then behold, two men in white clothing stood beside them, and they said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into the sky? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you have watched Him go into heaven.” - Acts 1:6-11

FROM THE PASTOR

It is that time again, and I have this short lesson on the season of Easter for you. I found much of this article in my Desk Diary.

Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Pastor Parent

The Time of Easter and Its Season



The season of Easter begins with Easter Vigil on the evening of Holy Saturday and ends with the Mass 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 Savior.

The first celebration of Easter is the Easter Vigil on 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 lavishly celebrated festival of the Church Year. Indeed, it is the most important feast day on the Christian calendar! Congregations may hold a sunrise service, commemorating the overwhelming joy of the women upon finding Jesus' tomb empty and having heard the proclamation of the angel who declared that Jesus has risen from the grave.¹ Whether the congregation celebrates the Easter Vigil or an Easter Sunrise service, the joyous and celebratory tone echoes down through the entire Easter season.

Forty days after Easter, the Church celebrates the Ascension of

Our Lord, who ascended to His Heavenly throne not only as true God but also as true man. The final Sunday of the Easter season, celebrated as the Feast of Pentecost, was adopted by early Christians to commemorate the coming of the promised Comforter (the Paraclete), the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit is our Sanctifier who enters into our hearts at Baptism, who *“calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.”*²

Thus, the Feast of Pentecost celebrates the birth of the Christian Church, as the Holy Spirit descended upon Jesus’ disciples and they gave their compelling witness about our resurrected Lord.

The color of Easter Vigil as well as the Easter Day and its Octave (Quasi Modo Geniti or The Second Sunday of Easter) can be either white or, as we use here at Our Savior, gold. The remaining Sundays are white until the red of The Feast of Pentecost which recalls the tongues of fire coming to rest above the heads of

the disciples at the descent of the Holy Spirit.

After a long absence during Lent, the Gloria in Excelsis and Alleluias return to our liturgy and flowers again decorate our chancel. The same goes for the Gloria Patri which

disappeared (except for the Maundy Thursday Mass) after Judica.

The traditional Easter greeting is the proclamation and acclamation, “Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!” I pray these words grace your lips on the day our Lord

returns for you on the clouds of Heaven.

¹ At Our Savior, instead of the Easter Sunrise Service, we observe the Easter Vigil on the evening of Holy Saturday.

² Dr. Martin Luther’s explanation to The Third Article of the Apostles’ Creed.

Private Confession and Absolution

Available on

Thursdays, 8:00-8:30 a.m. and Sundays, 8:00-8:45 a.m.

Or by appointment, see Pastor Parent

Sunday Readings (Lectionary)

| Date | Old Testament | Epistle | Gospel |
|--------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| May 4 | Ezekial 34:11-16 | 1 Peter 2:21-25 | John 10:11-16 |
| May 11 | Isaiah 40:25-31 | 1 Peter 2:11-20 | John 16:16-22 |
| May 18 | Isaiah 12:1-6 | James 1:16-21 | John 16:5-15 |
| May 25 | Numbers 21:4-9 | James 1:22-27 | John 16:23-30 |
| June 1 | Ezekial 36:22-28 | 1 Peter 4:7-11 | John 15:26-16:4 |

Ascension of our Lord Service

Thursday, May 29th

7:00 pm

The Ascended Lord Jesus Is with Us Always in His Church on Earth

After He rose from the dead, the Lord Jesus presented Himself alive to the apostles, “appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God” (Acts 1:3). When He ascended to the right hand of the Father, He did not orphan His Church, but He fills all things in heaven and on earth and gives gifts to His disciples. Even now, through His Church, He continues “to do and teach” (Acts 1:1), preaching “repentance for the forgiveness of sins” (Luke 24:47) even “to the end of the earth” (Acts 1:8). Though the cloud hid Jesus from the sight of His disciples then, and He remains hidden from sight even now, He remains with His people through His Gospel and Sacraments. He comes to us by the Word of His apostles, by the promise of His Father and by the power of the Holy Spirit, whom He pours out upon “the church, which is his body” (Eph. 1:22–23). In this holy Christian Church, we bless God and worship Christ with joy, for in His Church He blesses us with forgiveness, lifts us up in His hands and seats us with Himself “in the heavenly places” (Eph. 1:20).

Women’s Book Club Meeting

May 15th

Thank you to the ladies who have been attending the Book Club this Spring. It turns out all of you are skillful at connecting art and poetry from a Lutheran perspective. When we began in February, we were not sure we could do this, but I never doubted you. The next session will be on May 15 when we will look at two versions of Adoration of the Magi painted during the Renaissance and two poems written in the twentieth century. This is our last foray into “ekphrastic” poetry, a new word for all of us, which grows out of a writer’s understanding of a work of art. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall from 11:30-12:30.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE AT OSEL C

Serve on a Board - See Alex Franco, Pres.

Sign up for Flowers—See sign up list in the Parish Hall

Sign up for Refreshments—See sign up list in Parish Hall

Serve on the Altar Guild—See Dcs. Heather Bien

Ongoing Project on Campus—See Brian Hull, Trustee

Serve as an Usher—See Julie Blaylock

Sunday School—9:00 a.m. Sunday, Parish Hall

Women’s Bible Study

Mondays at 6:00 p.m.

(Microsoft Teams)

Thursdays at 10:00 a.m.

(on campus)

Come join us!



If you are interested in signing up for the Basic LERT Training class. It is on Saturday, June 14th from 10a - 2p at OSEL C. please see Dcs. Heather. LERT has a wide range of opportunities to serve from organization efforts to cleaning to cooking to chainsawing. From 9-90 years old—there is a place for everyone!

COFFEE WITH PASTOR



Coffee with Pastor

begins with

Matins at 9:00 a.m.



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Follow the Youth Group on Instagram!



FROM LWML

Serve the Lord with Gladness!

Psalm100:2

OSEL C Mites donations 2025:

Jan: \$38.01

Feb: \$38.49

Mar: \$63.61

Apr: \$48.36

YTD TOTAL: \$188.47.

Thanks be to God we reached our mission Grant goal for the 2023-2025 biennium.

Thanks to all who bought an Easter Lily.

The Lutheran Woman’s Quarterly Spring 2025 and District Glad Tidings Spring 2025 issues are in the Narthex magazine rack.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, June 7, 10:00 am-Noon We will do a mission project making lap blankets for the Crestview Manor residents. All are welcome. Light snacks and drinks provided. We also will have a collection of men’s and women’s belts (new or lightly used) for the residents. Collection will start May 18.

Websites:

<http://www.lwml.org>

<http://lwmlgulfstates.org>

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Emerald Coast Zone LWML Christian Growth Workshop, Saturday, May 17, 2025, 9:00am-2:00pm, Trinity Lutheran Church, Panama City, FL, Theme: “Turning the Sailboat”, Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

41st Biennial LWML Convention, June 26-29, 2025, Omaha, NE, “Growing in God’s Grace” 2 Peter 3:18

Emerald Coast Zone LWML Fall Rally, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Gulf Breeze, FL, Date TBD

Gulf States District LWML Convention, April 24-26, 2026, Gulfport, MS, “Jesus our Hope, Anchor of our Soul” Hebrews 6:19

42d Biennial LWML Convention, July 8-11, 2027, Oklahoma City, OK

Linda Urda
LWML President



Dear Sisters in Christ,

Ahoy Mates!! Trinity Lutheran Church Mary Martha LWML is very excited to host the LWML Emerald Coast Zone Christian Workshop

Saturday, May 17, 2025

9:30 am-1:30 pm

Registration begins at 9:00 am

Cost \$10.00 per person (includes light breakfast & lunch)

Trinity Lutheran Church

1001 W. 11th St, Panama City, FL 32401

Please join us for fellowship and Bible Study "Turning Your Sailboat" (based on Ecclesiastes 3:18)

RSVP to Linda Urda NLT May 1, 2025 at 850-758-0471 or linurda@cox.net

Gifts from the Heart will benefit the Pregnancy Resource Center, Panama City, FL.

ITEMS NEEDED:

Diapers (Sizes NB, 2, 3,4,5)

Wipes, Shampoo, Lotion, Bottles, Quilts, Fuzzy Blankets

Boys Clothes (NB-9 mos), Boys & Girls Sleepers (3-9 mos)

Donations accepted until May 15 or bring them to the rally if attending. Donation Box will be in the Narthex the Sunday after Easter (April 27)

Birthdays:

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| Troy Grimes | 5/5 |
| Tom Schmoldt | 5/21 |
| Shane Stapp | 5/26 |



Sale for the Sem

Our annual yard sale to benefit our seminarians at CTSFW is coming soon!

Saturday, May 24th

All donations welcome (no clothing items, please)

Drop off starts Sunday, May 10th

Men's Group

Tuesday, May 20th

7 p.m.

Pastor Parent's house



Our Savior Evangelical Lutheran Church

Council Meeting Minutes (TEAMS)

April 9, 2025

President – Alex Franco

Vice-President- Alan Widener



1) Attendance: Pastor Parent, Dcs Heather Bien, Alex Franco, Brian Hull, Mahlon Haunschild, Linda Urda, Julie Blaylock, Emily Bien, Clare Jones, Alan Widener, Jennifer Currid

2) Alex called the meeting to order at 6:38, and Pastor opened the meeting in prayer.

3) The previous council minutes were approved (Julie/Mahlon).

4) Reports:

a) Pastor's Report (Fr Parent) – Pastor reviewed the Holy Week schedule and added that we would not have Sunday School or Adult Bible Study on Easter morning. He has been asked to participate in Pastor Jason Scheler's son's ordination on July 13 at Hope on the Beach Lutheran Church in Santa Rosa Beach. Matins will not be held on April 10 or 17.

b) Deaconess Report (Dcs Bien) – Women's Bible Study will not be held during Holy Week on April 17. The altar guild will have a meeting after church on April 13. LERT training has 18 slots open. Heather will contact area pastors to let them know about the training. She will be asking for volunteers to provide snacks and lunch.

c) Financial Report (Mahlon) - See attached. Additional comments: Mahlon recommends using HDMI connections for use with our AV equipment.

d) Treasurer (Brian) - See attached.

e) Board of Security (Julie) – No recent security incidents to report.

f) LWML (Linda) – See Attached.

g) Board of Christian Life (Linda)- No report.

h) Board of Education (Cindy) – No report.

i) Board of Youth (Emily) - Emily is planning an easy, fun activity for the Stapp children. She is also interested in starting a children's choir. She will meet with Pastor

and Brian to discuss details.

j) Board of Elders (Alan) – Isaiah, Elijah and Gabriel Stapp are going to start their acolyte training soon, and Pastor related that Dennis Barnett would like to be trained as an elder.

k) Board of Trustees (Brian) - See attached. Additional comments: Work day on April 12 will begin at 8:30. The air internet device from AT&T has not arrived yet. Lightening strikes are still playing havoc with our security camera system.

l) Board of Social Ministry (Clare) – See attached. Clare asked for the council's input on her tentative plans for a talent night and a youth retreat.

m) Board of Evangelism (Melania) - Melania has obtained a free email address that is tied to our Google domain: Oursaviorevangelism@OSELc.net. An announcement and explanation will be included in the bulletin and in the church newspaper.

5) Unfinished Business: Office Internet Service – Air internet from AT&T will arrive soon.

6) New Business: Laptop for Pastor. See New Business on Treasurer's report. Because a church purchased laptop cannot be used for church business and personal use, the Pastor decided to purchase his own laptop.

7) A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 (Alex/Linda)

8) Pastor closed the meeting with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Jennifer Currid

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