



Resurrection Sunday: Christ is Risen!



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April 5, 2026

LMC will meet at 10am for Sunday Worship, followed by coffee fellowship time.
There is no Sunday School after worship due to Easter.

The entire worship service will also be live streamed from the LMC sanctuary on YouTube from 10:00-11:15am.

Click on www.lmchurch.ca a few minutes before 10am, and click on the "Livestream" button.

You can view the livestream afterwards by going to our website under the "Past Sermons" page.

<https://www.lmchurch.ca/past-services.html>

Usher-Ernie

Greeters - Bolanders

Coffee-Phil

AV-Seb & Sid

Gathering Song: HWB 273 Low in the Grave He Lay

Welcome & Announcements (Linda Weber)

- This week you will notice that all the candles are lit, and yellow cloth hangs on either side of the screen. The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it.
- The yellow cloth and the flowers on the cross also remind us that at Easter we celebrate new birth, the resurrection of Jesus, and the promise of eternal life. The purple cloth and ties are symbols of Jesus' royalty, the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords.
- The butterfly ornament on the communion table belonged to Erla Buehler. Butterflies are symbols of the resurrection, as the caterpillar goes into the chrysalis and emerges as a butterfly.

- As people entered the sanctuary they may have picked up a flower. If you missed getting a flower please raise your hand and someone will bring you a flower.

Opening Prayer

Heavenly Father, on this glorious Easter morning, we rejoice in the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ. Thank you for the hope and new life that Easter brings. May we live in the light of His victory. Amen.

Special Music by the LMC Choir Medley VT 342 & 344

Focus statement

Today we celebrate the resurrection of Christ. Death could not defeat him. Jesus lives! Our dissonance now is like those first disciples: What does this all mean?

Call to worship

One: Listen. Do you hear it?

All: *The sound of joy. Laughter breaking in.*

One: Listen! It sounds like harmony.

All: *Angels singing.*

One: Why are you weeping?

For the grief? For the beauty?

All: *Jesus is risen!*

One: Yes! And creation sings it.

Yesterday's tears linger, as they must,

All: *but love is stronger than death.*

One: Do you believe this?

Listen, Jesus is speaking your name.

All: *Our names—each one.*

One: Like music of the soul. Can you hear it?

All: *It is the sound of resurrection.*

One: Let us worship the Risen One!

SINGING, PRAISING, THANKING

Led by Tian Ip

HWB 459 I come with joy

HWB 275 Lift your glad voices

HWB 280 Christ the Lord is risen today

Prayer of confession

Jesus, you don't always show up
where we expect
or in the way we expect.

Once again, we feel for Mary,
weeping by a tomb.

In our grief, we assume
that the lost is lost forever.

"Tell me where to go!" we say.

Tell me how I can find that piece

of what was

to cling to a while longer.

And we don't even realize you are there—
that you have been there
right in front of us
all along—

until you speak our name.

As if to say, "I'm here."

As if to say, "I love you"

and promise: "This is not the end."

Words of assurance

We are accepted, forgiven, and made new through the power of the risen Christ!

Thanks be to God!

Offertory Prayer

God of all goodness and grace, receive the gifts we offer;
and grant that our whole life may give you glory and praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Moments for Children (Nancy)

Scripture Drama John 20:1–18 (Ron & Peggy Bauman)

Sermon: I have seen the Lord! by Nancy Frey

Flowers on cross (music by Tian)

Special Music by the LMC choir VT 366 Although Our Lord Has Left Us

Song of response: VT355 Thine Is the Glory

WITNESSING & PRAYING

Sharing Time

We will have "Open Mic Sharing" time. This will not be part of the livestream.

- Thank you to all who attended and invited friends and family to the **Ukrainian Easter Egg Making & Fundraiser** last Sunday, March 29. We had 48 people attend. Thanks especially to the helpers at the dying table and in the kitchen! \$310.00 was raised - Praise be to God! May it be used to bring peace to Ukraine, as soon as possible! ~ Dorothy T.
- Let's pray for **all those who suffer with Parkinson's disease**, as well as for their caregivers, as we head toward World Parkinson's Day on April 11. The incidence of Parkinson's disease is growing around the world impacting more than 12 million people globally, including some of our own LMC members. Let's pray for access to care, more emphasis on prevention, and increased research into the causes and cures.

From MCEC

- Please pray for the **MCEC community of congregations**; this week we hold **East Zorra Mennonite Church** in prayer. Ray Martin and Mike Williamson provide pastoral leadership for this congregation. Pray for this congregation who is rooted in Christ, growing together in faith and extending God's love to each other and to their neighbourhoods.
- Pray for our **siblings in faith in Cuba** as they live into increasingly desperate conditions. Sustain them with daily bread, courage and hope. Give thanks for the gift of companionship, and for MC Canada's support of SEMILLA seminary in Guatemala as they equip and train Cuban pastors to serve faithfully.
- Pray for **Bethlehem Bible College** and all who teach, study and lead there; here President Jack Sara's call that we to pray for peace and to stand in solidarity with our family of faith in Israel and Palestine. Deepen our shared ministry as MC Canada walks alongside Bethlehem Bible College, bearing hope, courage and love in difficult times.
- Mennonite Church Canada Indigenous Relations invites us to pray for the work of **The Legacy of Hope Foundation**, a national, Indigenous-led, charitable organization who works to promote healing and reconciliation in Canada.
- Holy God, hold **our hurting world** in your compassion and bring healing where there is conflict, fear and grief. Strengthen all who work for peace and justice, and guide us to be instruments of your hope. Surround every community with your wisdom and light, that we may walk together toward reconciliation and renewal.

Congregational Prayer

Lord of life,
hear us as we lift to you our hopes and prayers
for the church and the world.

Let your grace empower us as people of faith

to better serve you in the common places of our lives,
and with the people we meet on our daily journeys.

Open our eyes to the living Christ
as we pray for and walk with the poor,
the broken-hearted, the sick and the bereaved.

Hear our prayers for your peace to reign in our world full
of war, insurrections, anxiety and fear. In your divine mercy may
the hearts of the oppressors be changed to hearts of compassion and generosity.

Hear our prayers for those who are close to our hearts.
In your resurrecting power,
lift them up and give them renewed strength and hope;
and give to us all new faith by which to live our days with you.

Then will our lives be a living witness to your resurrection,
made whole by your love and care.
In Christ's Spirit we pray. **Amen**

Sending Song: VT 341 Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia!

Benediction

May you go from here, like Mary Magdalene,
paying attention,
being astonished,
and then telling others about it.

Let us proclaim with Mary:
We have seen the risen Lord!
Christ is risen!
Christ is risen indeed!
Hallelujah!
May you go with the risen Christ's peace surrounding you. Amen.

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LISTOWEL MENNONITE CHURCH

Announcements Sheet

Upcoming:

- Fri Apr 3, 10:30am - Good Friday service at LDSS
- Sun Apr 5 - 8:15am-9:15am Easter Breakfast, 10am worship service.
- Thu Apr 9, 6pm - Community Supper. Helpers needed starting at 2p.
- Wed Apr 15, 1-2pm - Prayer Group in the Meeting Room. Next meeting will be May 6.

Announcements

- The Annual **Community Good Friday Service** will be held on **Friday April 3, 2026, 10:30am**, in the LDSS High School gym. The livestream link is on our website and also here: https://www.youtube.com/live/AILwK2_xD9w?si=id3xyn-luav6tcut
- **Easter Breakfast Potluck - Sunday April 5, 2026 at 8:15am - 9:15am** - Let's meet on Easter Morning for breakfast - Everyone is welcome! Kitchen Duty will be by those with **last names starting with Ce-K** but feel free to lend a hand no matter what your last name starts with. Please bring your own dishes to lessen the clean up. The donation basket will be for *MCC Ukraine Response*.
- **Easter Choir:** Our final rehearsal **April 5, 9am** (with Tian)
- **LMC Women's Fellowship** meets on Tuesday, April 14 from 9:30 to 4:00. For lunch at 12:00 bring a bag lunch and mug. Coffee and tea provided. Devotions at 1:00. Everyone is welcome.
- **Help wanted - The Vision and Guidance** team is looking for a new member. Qualifications - a heart for LMC and the desire to see us flourish in our relationship with Jesus and the world around us. If there is someone you would like to recommend for this position please let Nancy, Ernie, Jackie or Linda know by **April 19**. You **do not** need to ask someone first if they would be interested in being a part of the team. Please just give the names to the above.
- **MCC Canning opportunity:** MCC has invited LMC to participate in canning meat at the MCC Warehouse in New Hamburg. Thanks to a generous donor, there are enough funds to cover all the costs. **We need 8-10 volunteers age 15+ who can commit to a half day on either a Wednesday or Thursday**; If we have enough volunteers, we will schedule a day that suits everyone sometime in the next five months. If you are interested, please let Ron Bauman, Ernie Reesor, Dorothy Edgar, or Nancy Frey know or sign up on the table outside the sanctuary.
- **Woolwich-Grey Mennonite Seniors Fellowship** invites you to our Spring Meeting at Community Mennonite Fellowship in Drayton on **Wed. April 22 from 10-11:30 am**. Singing, story-telling, inspiration and fellowship. Devotions by CMF Pastor Laurel Rounds-Fretz and storytelling by 3 seniors on "How God has Led Me". No pre-registration needed.
- **In the week up to March 29, 2026, we offered \$ 2,364.55 in worship before God.**

General Fund	\$ 1,910.00	Sunday School (MCC Ukraine)	\$ 19.55
Ukrainian Egg Fundraiser (MCC Ukraine)	\$ 310.00	Cookbooks	\$ 25.00

 - March 29 attendance: 77
 - March 29 livestream viewers on Sunday: 7 (views after one week: 19)
 - March 29 Sunday School: 53
 - Community Supper April 2: 145

Community Announcements

Youth for Christ Banquet: On **April 10th**, we are gathering for our **Annual Co-Missioning Banquet**. We hope to spark your imagination as we share a fantastic meal, a night of stories and stats, and the opportunity to invest in the youth of North Perth through the work of Youth Unlimited YFC North Perth. For tables or tickets you can visit our website here <https://swoyfc.com/donation/co-missioning-banquet-tickets-tables/>

If you have an auction item you would like to donate, please be in touch with Mel at 226-791-6436!

Our online auction opened on April 3rd, feel free to join the bidding here: <https://yfcnorthperth.litiks.com/>

Listowel Pentecostal Church - Men's Spring Conference, Sat April 18, 2026, 8am-12:30pm. Cost \$30 at the door, \$20 by April 8th. Full breakfast and refreshments provided. More info from john@listowellpc.com, 226-456-4053.

Spark the night: World Parkinson's Day April 11, 2026 is meant to increase awareness and understanding of Parkinson's disease, recognize people living with Parkinson's and their care partners, and encourage better prevention, care, and research. To learn more [click here](#).

Silver Lake Mennonite Camp | (slmc.ca)

Singing the World Whole Music Retreat (April 10 – 12, 2026): From songs of solidarity and protest through the ages, to the favourites that see us through hard times, come enjoy a restorative camp weekend of making music in community. This retreat is for participants aged 15 and up. \$230 +HST per person, \$150 + HST for under 30 or underemployed (including youth). Register by Tuesday, April 7th at SLMC.CA/RETREATS

Rockway Mennonite Collegiate is hosting a **Gr. 7 - 12 Information Night on Tuesday, April 14** at 7 pm. Join us for a short program and campus tour. RSVP at rockway.ca/events.

MCEC Financial Zoom Call, April 15, 2026, 7-8 p.m. online. Review the MCEC financial story prior to our Annual Church Gathering. This online conversation provides an early opportunity to ask questions ahead of the Annual Church Gathering. [Register today](#)

MCEC Youth Ministry Leaders Lunch Meetup, Friday, April 24, 2026, 12:00 p.m., Stirling Avenue Mennonite Church, 57 Stirling Ave. N., Kitchener. Join Stephen Kennedy and Carrie Lehn as youth pastors, leaders and anyone working or volunteering in youth ministry gather for a lunchtime meeting to talk about youth ministry, share ideas and learn from each other. [More information and to register at mcec.ca/events](http://mcec.ca/events).

MCEC Annual Church Gathering, April 25, 2026, 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., Steinmann Mennonite Church, Baden, ON. Be part of a life-giving day at MCEC's Annual Church Gathering! Come worship, learn and dream together as we dive into interactive workshops that will spark creativity and strengthen our shared ministry. Discover the workshop lineup, schedule and business sessions — [Register Today](#)

MCEC Intercultural Worship Gathering, April 25, 2026, 7-9 p.m., 800 King St. E., Kitchener (Home of Shalom Worship & Healing Centre and First Mennonite Church). Join us for the MCEC Intercultural Worship Service, a joyful gathering where congregations unite to celebrate our diversity in Christ. Offered alongside the MCEC ACG, everyone is welcome. We will also celebrate the ordination of Anthony Siegrist, MCEC Executive Minister. Plan to attend!

MCEC Intercultural Competency Conversation, May 9, 2026, 9 a.m. - noon, Lao Canadian Evangelical Mennonite Church, Toronto. Join us for an engaging and interactive workshop open to all who are curious about how intercultural understanding can deepen relationships and enhance ministry effectiveness. [Register today](#).

MCEC Small Church Theology Workshop, May 14, 2026, 6-8 p.m. online. Discover the gifts of small churches. This workshop explores, from an Anabaptist perspective, how small churches offer unique strengths and essential lessons that enrich the wider Church. [Register at mcec.ca/events](http://mcec.ca/events)