

Easter Sunday: April 16th

Easter is the joy-filled celebration of Jesus' resurrection and his victory over sin and death. The following opportunities will help us celebrate:

- **Easter Sunrise Service: 6:00 am (meet in Faith Hall and process to Calvary)**
- **Free Easter Breakfast: Following the Sunrise Service (about 6:30 am) in Faith Hall**
- **Easter Sunday Services: 8:45 am & 11:15 am**
- **Sunday School for All Ages: 10:00 am in Faith Hall**

The Season of Easter

The original name for Resurrection Sunday (Easter) was Pascha, a Hebrew word for Passover. The Old Testament tells us how God passed over the houses of the faithful, delivering them from the plagues sent upon their Egyptian oppressors. The New Testament reveals the perfect Passover, Jesus who delivered the world from sin, suffering, and death.

Resurrection Sunday is the oldest Christian festival. Jesus was raised from the dead on a Sunday. Each Sunday thereafter was celebrated as a little Resurrection Day. Eventually the day of worship changed from the Sabbath (Saturday) to the Lord's Day (Sunday). The time to celebrate Resurrection Day was set by the Council of Nicea in 325 A.D. The date changes because the observance coincides with the spring equinox. Resurrection Sunday always falls on the first Sunday after the full moon on or after the first day of spring except if the full moon is Sunday—then it is celebrated on the following Sunday. The appropriate color for altar paraments and vestments is white—signifying purity, hope, and celebration.

If you have a family member visiting during this special time or if you know of a friend or relative who is spiritually searching—you may be the one that leads them to Christ. Please pray for them and invite them to attend church with you on Sunday April 16. Christ the Lord is risen indeed!