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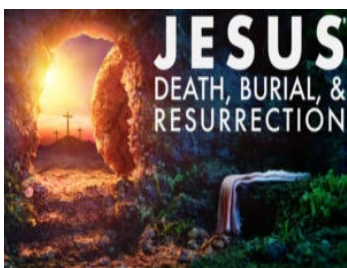
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What is Easter?



Easter is a Christian religious holiday, also known as a feast day, that celebrates the [Resurrection of Jesus Christ](#) from the dead, as described in the New Testament of the Bible. It is considered the most important and oldest festival of the Christian Church. Easter is preceded by the [season of Lent](#), a 40-day period of [fasting](#), [prayer](#), and [penance](#).

The exact date of Easter varies each year because it is based on the lunar calendar. It generally falls on the first Sunday after the first full moon following the vernal equinox, which is around March 21. As a result, Easter can occur between March 22 and April 25.

So what is Easter? And why do Christians place such a high importance on this holiday?

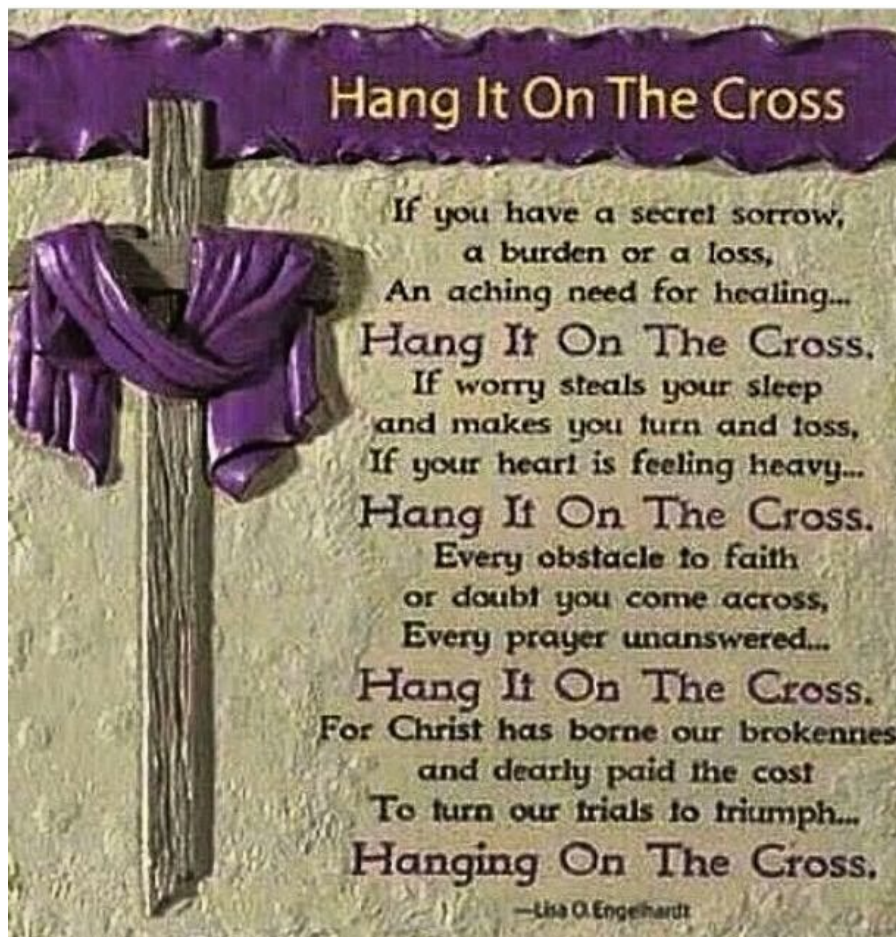
Easter commemorates the [resurrection](#) of Jesus Christ from the tomb, occurring three days after His crucifixion. It fulfills the prophecy of the Messiah's persecution, death for our sins, and resurrection, as foretold in [Isaiah 53](#). This event serves as a reminder of our victory over sin and a source of daily hope. According to the New Testament, Easter falls three days after Jesus' crucifixion, following a period of fasting known as Lent, which begins on Ash Wednesday and concludes on Good Friday, the day of Jesus' death. Pope Gregory I established the 40-day

duration of Lent, drawing inspiration from the biblical accounts of Israel, Moses, Elijah, and Jesus' time in the wilderness.

After Christians spend time in reflection during the 40 days of Lent, we remember the event that shook the whole world. That our Lord conquered death. The Old Testament prophesied about this event hundreds of times, hundreds to thousands of years prior to the Resurrection. It's not just a big deal. It's the biggest deal in all of Christianity.

The Easter story, as recounted in all four Gospels of the New Testament, begins with the crucifixion of Jesus Christ, His burial, and culminates in His resurrection from the dead. In Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, Jesus is crucified by the Roman authorities at the instigation of religious leaders. He is then buried in a tomb belonging to Joseph of Arimathea. On the third day after His death, women visit the tomb and find it empty, with angels announcing Jesus' resurrection. They encounter Jesus alive, who then appears to His disciples, providing them with evidence of His resurrection before ascending into heaven. This miraculous event confirms Jesus' identity as the Son of God and the fulfillment of prophecies regarding the Messiah.

Easter is one of the most important holidays in the Christian calendar. It commemorates the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, who Christians believe was sent to Earth to offer salvation from sin.



Pastors Notes

HAPPY EASTER! He is Risen! He is Alive!

- please READ 1 Corinthians 15:13-20

Christians celebrate our Risen Lord this month and here at Monocacy we welcome all to our services, especially join us for the early Easter Sunrise Outdoor Service on April 20th! It is a joyous occasion to see the sun rise over the horizon as we face the cemetery, farm and landscape and to sing the songs of faith.

The Bible has many references for the words "rise" and "risen" and we would be most sad off if Christ had not risen! (v.13-14)

Jesus spoke of His own resurrection several times to His disciples before that fateful morning.

(see Matt. 17:9, 20:19, 26:32, Mark 9:31, 10:34, 14:28 and Luke 24:46)

Jesus fulfilled His mission and earthly ministry with proof of who He was with God the Father raising Him from the dead! PTL - He is Risen! He is Alive!

We then, as the Apostle Paul wrote to the believers at Colossae, "buried with Him in baptism, in which you were raised with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead." (Col.2:12) He also encourages us to live in that resurrection, "If you then, be raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth." (Col.3:1-2)

Praise God for that 1st Easter morning and Praise God we get to enjoy the many Easters after! Join us in shouting, "He is Risen!"

Happy Easter from the Wisers -

Pastor Tracy



Advice from a BUTTERFLY -

- Let your true colors show
- Take yourself lightly
- Look for the sweetness in life
- Take time to smell the flowers
- Catch a breeze
- Treat yourself like a Monarch!

The Bulletin Board



The Mid-Atlantic Auction is scheduled for Saturday May 3rd at the Carroll County Agricultural Center, Shipley Avenue, Westminster Maryland. Lots of auction items and great food.



Easter Sunrise Service – Easter morning Time to be announced. Light refreshments after the service. Come and bring a friend.



New pew cushions have been ordered. If anyone has a bench and could use any of the old cushions, please see Karen Elsey by April 1.



Let your Gentleness Be Known
National Junior High Conferences – June 20-22, 2025
Junior College – Huntingdon, PA



HOPE
Roots and Branches
Young adult Conference
May 23-25, 2025
Register March 1 – May 1
www.brethren.org/yya/yac



Mount Tabor Church Easter Egg Hunt
April 19, 2025 at 1:00 pm at Mount Tabor Church
Money box on back table if you would like to make a donation



Every Sunday from 9:30 – 10:30 am

Children's Sunday School Schedule

April 6th and April 20th

Adult Sunday School



Bible Study

Bible Study is every 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month at 10:30 am.
Come and bring a friend.

April 2

April 16



Pastor Schedule

April 6 - Pastor Tracy Wiser

April 13 - Pastor Sam Martz

April 20 - Pastor Tracy Wiser

April 27 - Pastor Sam Martz

Birthdays



Sarah Edah 1st
Terry Free 2nd
Justin Andrew 9th
Lynn Ott 13th
Richard Simpson 15th
Alec Boone 17th
April Smith 19th
Adrien Ott 29th

Wilton Smith 2nd
Joshua Free 8th
Sam Lookingbill 9th
Kevin Orndorff 15th
Darlene Fogle 16th
Pam Kilcoyne 18th
Cotey Eyler 27th
Carreanne Eyler 29th

Anniversaries

Greg & Diane Stambaugh 2nd Paul & JoAnn Hurley 4th
Jason & Denise Cook 6th Curtis & Tammy Hartman 18th
Joey & Karen Andrew 19th Don & Kathryn Carnes 20th
Donnie & Teressa Kaas 21st Bob & Joy Luke 22nd
Harold & Trish Lutz 30th



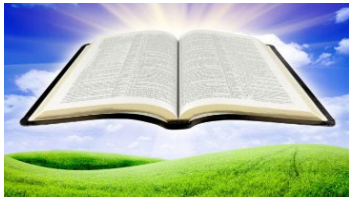
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Elijah Moser – Air Force

Thank You for your service.

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SUGGESTED DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS APRIL

1 2 Thessalonians 1:6-7	2 2 Timothy. 4:8	3 2 Timothy 1:12
4 2 Timothy 2:13	5 Isaiah 1:18	6 Isaiah 11:4
7 Isaiah 12:2	8 Isaiah 25:8	9 Isaiah 26:19
10 Isaiah 26:3	11 Isaiah 30:15	12 Isaiah 30:21
13 Isaiah 33:22	14 Isaiah 33:6	15 Isaiah 35:10
16 Isaiah 35:4	17 Isaiah 38:20	18 Isaiah 40:11
19 Isaiah 40:28	20 Isaiah 40:29	21 Isaiah 41:31
22 Isaiah 41:10	23 Isaiah 41:13	24 Isaiah 41:17
25 Isaiah 42:16 Isaiah 43:1	26 Isaiah 43:2	27 Isaiah 43:25
28 1. Isaiah 44:22	29 Isaiah 45:2	30 Isaiah 49:15

Easter Bible Word Find



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| Bible | Resurrection | New Life | Glorious King |
| Church | Jesus Christ | Cross | Redemption |
| Triumph | Sunrise Service | Joy | Sunday |
| Messiah | Lamb of God | Celebration | Third Day |
| Gospels | Everlasting Life | Easter Bells | Easter Lily |
| Alleluia | Light of the World | Candles | Empty Tomb |

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