



Sequanota

Lutheran Conference Center & Camp

STEP OUTSIDE THIS EARTH DAY WEEKEND



Date: Saturday, April 26 at 9:00 AM Cost: \$50 per participant

Step outside this Earth Day weekend and connect with nature for the 5th Annual Happy Camper Fun Run! Proceeds benefit camper scholarships. Our goal is to raise \$8,000...that's 20 full scholarships! Register to participate today or donate to an individual or a team by scanning the QR code! Register by **April 11** to secure your own Happy Camper long sleeve tee! Complete the Fun Run and stick around for the Love Your Mother (Earth) Retreat!

Dates: April 26-27, 2025

Join us this Earth Day weekend as we come together to celebrate and protect our planet. Whether you're planting trees at camp or learning how to be more sustainable, your actions matter! Let's make every step count towards a healthier Earth! Take action, inspire change, and leave a lasting impact. Take a moment this weekend and appreciate the beauty of the Earth at Sequanota. Let's celebrate together by getting outside, breathing fresh air, and protecting our planet during the Love Your Mother (Earth) Retreat!



There is no set fee for this retreat, but if you would like to help offset the cost to Sequanota you may consider the following suggested donation amounts:

Lodging - \$50/room or cabin Meals - \$40/adult (includes 4 meals) & \$20/under 10 (includes 4 meals)



May 2
Spring Benefit Dinner

May 3
Spring Work Day

May 11
Mother's Day Banquet

FROM ELCA BISHOP EATON

Mary anointed Jesus' feet with pure nard, this incredibly costly, precious substance. Then she dried his feet with her hair.

In the Gospel story in the last Sunday in Lent, we hear about Jesus visiting with his dear friends, Martha, Mary and Lazarus. This happened just after Jesus had raised Lazarus from the dead. And Mary was anointing Jesus' feet with pure nard, this incredibly costly, precious substance. And then she dried his feet with her hair. Nard is a very powerful, pungent substance, and the Gospel says the room was filled with the fragrance.

Now I did a little research on nard, and some people would describe the smell as being pungent or earthy, or musty, or musky or like feet. So it was an interesting choice that people had in those days. And they did two things with nard. One, they would use nard to anoint the bodies of the dead in order to offset the stench of death, which Jesus had only encountered with his friend Lazarus a few days before. And it was also used for kings as a sign of royalty because of the luxury of this whole thing.

Well, Jesus was himself, like us, like the first Adam, an earth creature — pungent and full of life, dense in this sense. And this earth creature was obedient to death, reversing the work of the first Adam, who disobeyed and brought sin into the world. And we've suffered the consequences. The chief consequence is death, separation from God.

And now Jesus, the new Adam, the new earth creature, he's anointed, he says to Mary, for his burial and so that he will be using this incredibly pungent substance, while at the same time being very clear that he is, in fact, part of this incarnation, this earth creature. But instead of it being oil put on him to remove the stench of death, it became the anointing of a royal king. Through the death and resurrection of Jesus, the usual cycle of life and death has been disrupted forever. Jesus' death and resurrection promises new life and brings us new life.

Happy Easter, dear church.

Elizabeth A. Eaton

Elizabeth A. Eaton, Presiding Bishop
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



Allegheny Synod's Easter Blessing...

ALLELUIA Christ is Risen!

Christ is Risen Indeed!

These are words we proclaim with assurance in what God has done for the sake of all. This saving action by God in Christ's passion, death, and resurrection is the "beating heart of our faith and life" as we proclaim the mysteries of this good news in word and deed.

As we gather to worship together on Easter Sunday, to celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord, we are reminded of how undeserving we are of God's unfailing love, forgiveness and grace toward us. But God, who sees us as beloved children, offers these things freely – always calling us back into loving arms.

The message of this life-giving, good news also raises two questions for us to ponder as siblings in Christ. Where is Christ's saving passion unfolding around us today? How does Christ's saving passion hold us in daily life and in death?

I pray that we see it unfolding in not only the actions of others, but in our own actions as we serve our communities.

And I pray that we hold on to and believe in what God has done, and continues to do for us, each new day of our lives – which will then sustain us in times of grief and death.

My siblings in Christ...

Christ is Risen, He is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!

Easter Blessing from the Office of the Bishop's staff:

Bp. Collins, Pr. Kevin, Michelle, Sue Ellen, and Pr. John



THE ALTAR FLOWERS ARE GIVEN BY THE
CONGREGATION OF TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
IN HONOR OF CHRIST'S HOLY RESURRECTION

Worship
Schedule for
HOLYWEEK



WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16

6:00 pm Soup & Salad Dinner
7:00 pm Holden Evening Prayer

MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 17

12:00 pm Brief Worship with Communion
7:00 pm Worship with Communion



GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 18

12:00 pm Brief Worship
7:00 pm Worship with Communion



SATURDAY, APRIL 19

5:00 pm Easter Eve Worship

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 20

8:15 am Celebration of the Resurrection with Communion
9:00 am Easter Breakfast
9:30 am Easter Egg Hunt
10:00 am Festival of the Resurrection with Communion