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A Chronology of the Resurrection of Jesus

Rev. George R. Hansell, Jr.

THE RESURRECTION ACCOUNTS:

- v Matthew 28:1-15
- v Mark 16:1-20
- v Luke 24:1-49
- v John 20:1-31
- v 1 Corinthians 15:1-8

Jesus hangs on the cross on Good Friday from 9 AM to 3 PM.

Jesus is buried before 6 PM on Friday by Nicodemus & Joseph of Arimathea. Several women including Mary Magdalene & Mary the mother of Jesus witness the burial. A large stone is rolled across the entrance of the tomb.



Jesus lays in the grave Friday evening, all day Saturday, and briefly Sunday morning. In Biblical time keeping, any portion of a day, no matter how short, is considered a "day." Therefore, Jesus was in the tomb as prophesied by Scripture for "3 days."

Sometime between Midnight and Dawn on Easter Sunday, Jesus comes back to life.

Jesus descends into hell to proclaim His victory.



They were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone from the entrance to the tomb for us?" Looking up, they noticed that the stone—which was very large—had been rolled away.
Mark 16:3-4

At dawn, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James & Joses, and Salome head for the tomb to anoint the body of Jesus. They wonder who will move the stone covering the entrance of the tomb for them.

While the women are on the way to the tomb, there is an earthquake. An angel comes down from heaven and rolls away the stone and sits on it.

The guards are petrified, then they run away to report to the Jewish authorities.

The angel enters the tomb.

The women arrive at the tomb and see the stone rolled away. Mary Magdalene immediately suspects the body has been stolen and, without going into the tomb to investigate, runs to tell the disciples.



The remaining women enter the tomb, where they see two angels, one of whom asks, "Why do you seek the living among the dead?" The women are told to announce to the disciples that Jesus is risen and will meet them in Galilee.



The women run off to find the disciples and run into the risen Jesus. He repeats the instructions of the angels. The women continue on their trek to find the disciples.

Meanwhile, Mary Magdalene has found Peter and John, and they immediately run to the tomb with Mary trailing behind. They apparently take a different route because they do not see the other women who are coming from the tomb to find the disciples.

As Peter, John, and Mary Magdalene go to the tomb, the other women find the rest of the disciples and tell them that Jesus is risen from the dead, but the disciples don't believe the women.

Meanwhile, the guards have reported what they have seen to the Jewish authorities. They are paid a large amount of money to spread the rumor that the disciples stole the body while the guards were sleeping.

John arrives at the tomb first but does not go in. Peter arrives second and goes in. John joins Peter inside the tomb. They see the grave clothes folded neatly but do not see Jesus. They "believe" Jesus is not there as Mary Magdalene said, but they did not yet understand that Jesus was risen from the dead.

Peter and John return to their home. Mary Magdalene remains at the tomb.

Mary Magdalene goes into the tomb, sees two angels who ask her why she is weeping. She tells them that someone has taken her Lord away and she doesn't know where He has been taken.

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Mary Magdalene exits the tomb and sees Jesus but mistakes Him for a gardener.

Jesus reveals Himself to Mary Magdalene, who then rushes to tell the disciples. She is not believed.

Jesus appears to two disciples traveling to the village of Emmaus, approximately 7 miles from the city of Jerusalem.

Jesus reveals Himself to the two disciples in "the breaking of the bread."

The "Emmaus Disciples" run back to Jerusalem to report to the rest of the disciples.

Sometime on Easter Day, Jesus appeared to Simon Peter personally.

Jesus appears to the Eleven Disciples and upbraids them for not believing the report of the women.

The Emmaus Disciples arrive back at Jerusalem and are greeted with the news that "He is risen indeed and has appeared to Simon!"

The Emmaus Disciples give their report.

For 40 Days, Jesus makes numerous other appearances to the disciples!

He appears to Thomas with the other disciples a week after Easter

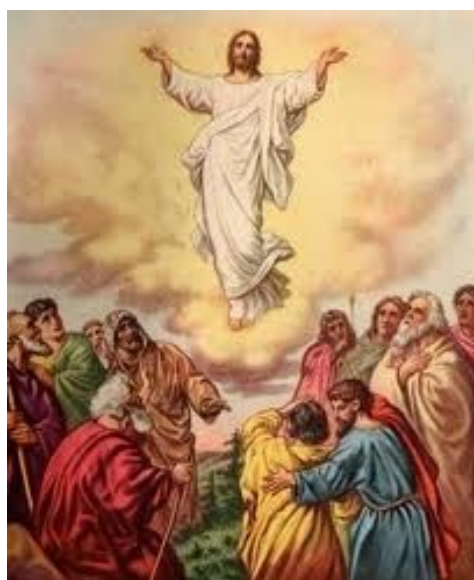
He appears to the disciples by the seashore.

He appears to His brother James, who becomes a leader of the Church in Jerusalem

He appears to more than 500 people at one time, probably when He gave "The Great Commission."

He appears to the disciples and ascends into heaven before their very eyes.

He ultimately reveals Himself to Saul of Tarsus whom we know better as the Apostle Paul.





New Lutheran Haven Video



We are excited to announce a new Lutheran Haven video that focuses on what Lutheran Haven is and who it serves. It also speaks about the relationship Lutheran Haven has with the SELC District and with St. Luke's Lutheran Church and School. Many thanks to LCEF who produced the video to share with anyone looking to learn more about what Lutheran Haven is all about!

To view the video, please [click here](#).

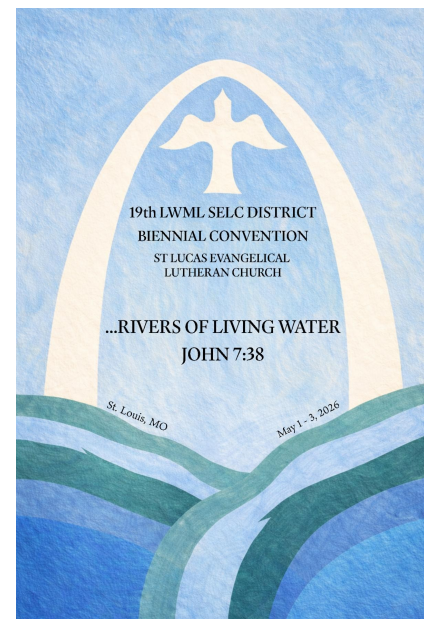


LWML-SELC Convention May 1 - 3, 2026

Only 2 weeks left to register!

The LWML-SELC is holding their convention in St. Louis, Missouri May 1 - 3, 2026. The theme of the convention is "Rivers of Living Water" based on the Bible verse: John 7:38 - Jesus declares, he that believes in me, as the scripture has said, out of his belly will flow Rivers of Living Water.

The convention will be held at St. Lucas Lutheran Church at 7100 Morganford Road St. Louis, Missouri 63116. Overnight rooms are available at the River City Casino and Hotel and rooms must be reserved by **April 16, 2026 at 8:00 AM** is the last day for guests to reserve their hotel rooms through the booking link **River City Hotel Booking Link** CODE: **STLC26E**. Individuals may also call 855-785-4263 for reservations using the same code STLC26E.





LWML SELC DISTRICT 19th BIENNIAL CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

St. Lucas Lutheran Church 7100 Morganford Road, St. Louis, Missouri 63116

"RIVERS OF LIVING WATER"

JOHN 7:38

May 1-3, 2026

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

(Each registrant must complete a separate registration form)

CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX:

Badge Name _____
 Last Name First Name

Mailing Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone (_____) _____

Email _____

NOTE: Your email address will not be shared. It is needed only for registration confirmation. Please print legibly.

Group _____

Church _____

Church City _____

Zone _____

Group Delegate

General Registration (LWML Member)

Guest Spouse – (Non LWML Member)

LWML SELC District President

LWML SELC District Board of Directors

Pastoral Counselor/Clergy

Young Woman Representative (Zone or District)

Teen (ages 12-17) State age _____

Special Guest (Please identify)

Are you a first time LWML SELC District Convention attendee? Yes No

Registration Choices (Includes a tote bag and manual)	NO EMAILED REGISTRATIONS AFTER APRIL 16, 2026	
1. Registration.....	\$125.00	\$.....
2. Late Registration.....	\$130.00	\$.....
3. Teen Registration.....	\$75.00	\$.....
4. Late Teen Registration.....	\$80.00	\$.....
5. Guest Spouse (Meals Only)	\$50.00	\$.....
NO MEAL ORDERS AFTER APRIL 22, 2026		
Total Payment.....	\$.....	

List any special needs/diets _____

Please make checks payable to LWML SELC District. Currently we are not able to accept credit card payments.

Mail this form(s) with payment to: LWML SELC District Treasurer
 Stephanie Bailey
 737 Redwood Drive
 Canal Fulton, Ohio 44614-8882
jjsb123@sssnet.com

Note: Please keep a photocopy of your completed registration form(s) for your records.
 Confirmation will be emailed to all who register prior to April 24, 2026. NO REFUNDS AFTER APRIL 16, 2026



Multiethnic Symposium

May 5 - 6, 2026

**Celebrating God's Love and
Faithfulness Across All Nations**



In the context of a multiethnic church, praise becomes a powerful witness to the rich tapestry of peoples who together glorify Him. Through expressions of praise in music, dance and art, the 2026 Multiethnic Symposium will explore how the church is equipped to bear witness to God's love and faithfulness across all nations. "Praise the Lord, all nations!" (Ps. 117:1 ESV).

Registration is now open for the 2026 Multiethnic Symposium, May 5-6, 2026 here at Concordia Seminary St. Louis.

Learn more on this YouTube video is an invitation from Dr. Ely Prieto: <https://youtu.be/oRHIS61bwh4?si=LZzmVI314PI25hg2>

Register <https://www.csl.edu/resources/continuing-education/multiethnic-symposium/>.



Called to Serve Event St. Luke's Lutheran Church Oviedo, Florida

Please join us for a meal and presentation by [Rev. Jesse Kueker](#), director of Enrollment, on the doctrine of vocation and the status of enrollment at [Concordia Seminary, St. Louis](#).

Who should attend?

- Those exploring or interested in pursuing pastoral ministry
- The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) clergy and laity interested in helping recruit the next generation of church workers

St. Luke's Lutheran Church and School

Oviedo, FL

5-7 p.m. Saturday, May 23, 2026

There is no cost to attend, but space is limited. Please [register online](#) or by calling 800-822-9545.





2026 Take Heart Scholarships Available Applications due by May 1, 2026


HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR
Scholarship Opportunity

High school seniors who have a Young Investors StewardAccount® with Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF) are eligible to apply for the Take Heart Scholarship. Answer this question, and you could receive up to \$3,000.

Other than Jesus, which person in the Bible would you love to talk with?



 • Recipients awarded up to \$3,000
• Apply by May 1, 2026
• Visit lcef.org/scholarship



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Registration open for Vocatio: High School June 20–26, 2026

Students explore vocational ministry during on-campus visit

Vocatio: High School, an annual weeklong visit event for high school students held on the campus of **Concordia Seminary, St. Louis**, is set for June 20–26, 2026. The visit provides an introduction to Seminary life and the ministerial formation process.

Specifically, the retreat offers young people the opportunity to explore the vocations of pastor and deaconess and consider future service in the church. Participants will engage in theological conversation, hear from Seminary professors and attend a Concordia University System college fair. Group sessions will focus on thoughtful conversation about the Lutheran faith, aspects of vocation and the call to pastoral or diaconal ministry. Participants also will walk through the admissions process, learn about the St. Louis area, and engage in some fun and recreation!

"As I went through high school, I thought about pursuing several different vocations, including helping with my dad's business, going into youth ministry or studying to

become a Lutheran teacher. While the idea of becoming a pastor was on my mind as

well, it wasn't until I visited the Seminary campus that the idea became a real possibility," said **Rev. Craig Reiter**, admissions officer. "It's a joy now to lead Vocatio: High School and I pray our youth are blessed by their time on campus and are encouraged toward considering church work like I was."

The registration fee is \$300, which includes lodging and meals. The deadline to **register** is May 15, 2026.



Mark Your Calendars

May 1, 2026 - Take Heart Scholarship Applications due

May 1 - 3, 2026 - LWML District Convention in St. Louis, MO

May 5 - 6, 2026 - Multiethnic Symposium, Concordia Seminary St. Louis

May 15, 2026 - Vocatio for high school students registration ends

May 23, 2026 - Called to Serve Event, St. Luke's Oviedo, Florida



Family Bible Journey

Join us as we explore the "New Testament of the Old Testament" in the Family Bible Journey. The last 27 chapters of Isaiah are full of hope and promise in the Messiah. We will even hear details of Christ's suffering and death that are more detailed than the gospel accounts!

Listen on your favorite podcast platform or go to the website familybiblejourney.com.



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Christ Has Risen! Alleluia!



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Prayer Requests

We ask for your prayers for the Teuscher family. Paula Teuscher, wife of Rev. Dr. Timothy Teuscher, President of Lutheran Church–Canada was called to His loving arms last week.

Rev. Brian Roberts, Orlando, FL, please continue to pray for him as he continues his journey following cancer treatment.

Rev. Wally Vinovskis, Macungie, PA, who is continuing his recovery from hip replacement surgery. He is back to work and appreciates all of the prayers from the District.

Rev. John Telloni, St. John in Massillon, OH as he is working and continuing to regain his strength as he has returned to work.

Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Ballas, Parma, OH. Please keep the Ballas' in your prayers for their health challenges.

Rev. Alan Mercer in Galloway, NJ for his ongoing health struggles.

Rev. Kevin Duff, Hilton Head, SC, please pray for Pastor Kevin and Holly Duff, asking Him for peace and courage in coming months as doctors figure out course of treatments for brain tumors and other issues.

Rev. Edward Kucera, and his wife Irene, St. Louis, MO, for God's loving care.

Rev. Stephen Bocklage, Bel Air, MD, for care and healing for health concerns for his left leg.

Rev. Arthur H. Baisch, Sharon, PA, who is receiving physical therapy and is working on healing a foot injury he had before the hospitalization and blood clots.

Megan Skelton in Oviedo, FL Please continue to pray for her and her doctors to find pain relief solutions for her jaw pain and severe headaches.

Laura Bergmann, Munster, IN, please pray for her to continue to build strength in her injured knee.

Nita Huffines, St. John, Granite City, IL. Praise the Lord for 7 years of healing, the name *Jesus* is greater than *Cancer*. We thank Him for His presence in daily victories, while we all watch and wait to see Jesus face-to-face.

Daniel McLean, Oviedo, FL, who has stage 4 cancer and is receiving treatment. Please keep him, his wife Emily, Deaconess at St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Oviedo, and their children in your prayers.

If you have people you would like to be included in the prayer list, please send the information to selc.lcms@gmail.com or call the District Office at 610-965-3265 and press 6.



Closing Thoughts What Truly Matters Most

Rev. Kenneth Ballas, EM

With special thanks to our innocently crucified resurrected and ascended Lord's apostle Paul and others since, this Easter message surely bears repeating regarding ordering our personal priorities concerning what really matter most in any truly lasting sort of way:

*If Christ did not rise from the dead, nothing else matters;
because He has risen from the dead, nothing else matters!*

Prayerfully read aloud Romans 6 and 1 Corinthians chapter 15.

CHRIST IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN INDEED! ALLELUIA!



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***Showing Everyone Life in Christ, by Showing
Everyone Love in Christ***

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