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# Lauvers Mennonite Church

"Our mission is to nourish the found and seek the lost  
through the work of Jesus Christ."

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**Sunday School**

for all ages at 9 AM

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## April 13, 2025

**Greeters:** Curtiss & Robin Kanagy

**Worship Service**

Prelude: Rosanna Ebersole

Nursery: Faith/Jenna

Worship Leader: Mike Clark

Worship in Song: Tonya's Team

Message: Pastor Curtiss "*Jesus' Last Week*" Mark 14:12-25

Communion & Foot Washing

**Last Sunday**

Attendance: 123

Offering: \$3,252.00

1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Children's Offering: \$248.10

**Next Sunday** – Easter Sunday - April 20

Greeters: Denise & Diane Kauffman

Worship: Jacque's Team

Message: Pastor Curtiss

*happy birthday!*

Marlin Burkholder, Grace Varner  
and Troy Hoover on April 16



## **Announcements**

1. **Building Project Update:** This week we finished the drywall, removed the pews, and received the new chairs. We also made some progress on electrical work. Plans for this coming week's work include painting, finishing replacing floor decking, and installing ceiling tiles in the expanded sanctuary.
2. **Resurrection Sunday Services:**  
April 20 - 8 a.m. Sunrise Service; 9 a.m. Fellowship Breakfast; 10 a.m. Celebrating the Resurrected Christ.
3. The **youth fundraiser total** from the meal on March 30<sup>th</sup> was \$2,456.00. Thank you for your generosity!
4. **RBC Chorale** will present *Bread of Heaven – a Choral Worship Service* at Lauvers at 7:00 p.m. on April 15.
5. **Sign up for our 2025 Church Retreat** on the table at the back of the sanctuary. All are welcome to attend, and there is no cost! Talk to a committee member with any questions or suggestions.
6. **Youth Events:**
  - Wed, April 16 – Bible Study at the Martin's at 7:00 p.m.
  - Saturday, May 2 – Yard work at the Rhodes's
7. **Ladies Fellowship –**
  - Wednesday, April 16th - SHOPPING, SUPPER, SELINS GROVE. We will be leaving the church parking lot at 6:00 p.m. *Please sign up so that we can make transportation plans.*
  - The Secret Sister Reveal will be Thursday, May 15th at 6:00 p.m. We will be fellowshiping together with a meal and a special speaker for the evening. Remember to pray for your secret sister regularly and encourage them as you are able. All ladies are invited to come to the reveal party and evening meal even if you did not participate in the secret sister part this year.

### Upcoming Events

April 13 - Singing at Brookline, 2 & 3 PM

April 15 – RBC Chorale @ LMC, 7 PM

April 16 – Ladies Supper & Shopping @ Selinsgrove, 6 PM

April 16 – Youth Bible Study @ Martin's, 7 PM

April 20 – Easter Sunrise Service @ LMC, 8 AM

April 26 – Spring Widows Luncheon

May 2 – Youth Yard Work @ Rhodes's

May 7 – Congregational Meeting, 7 PM

May 15 – Secret Sister Reveal Party @ LMC, 6 PM

June 6-8 – Church Retreat @ Christian Retreat Center



*Easter* SUNDAY

8 AM - SUNRISE SERVICE

9 AM - BREAKFAST

10 AM - WORSHIP SERVICE

*we hope you will join us!*

## ~~~~~ GET CONNECTED ~~~~~

### Our Church Council:

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## Prayer Page

**God's purposes for His people are clearly outlined in Scripture. When we pray according to those purposes, we are praying the very desires on God's heart for His Church. (By Richard**

**LaFountain)** Pray that we worship in spirit and in truth. John 4:22-24: You Samaritans know very little about the one you worship, while we Jews know all about him, for salvation comes through the Jews. But the time is coming—indeed it's here now—when true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth. The Father is looking for those who will worship him that way. For God is Spirit, so those who worship him must worship in spirit and in truth."

### **Praises/Prayer Requests:**

- ~**Joe & Lydia were married yesterday!!!**
- ~**Marcella & Marlin are in NC visiting with Kyle & family in North Carolina, at JAARS for pre-field orientation to AIM AIR.**
- ~**Breanna & Omar have a contract to get a water meter and piping.**
- ~**Pray for comfort and peace for those who have lost loved one and continue to grieve during holidays and special days.**
- ~**Baby Laurel needs to be able to increase her intake and discontinue the feeding tube to be able to leave the hospital.**
- ~**Youth summer missions' trip with Tom Bouser; they are thankful for our support as a church body.**
- ~**Yasir is looking for space for 200 people to meet for church services. They are trying to obtain travel Visas to seek medical treatment for Manahil's back pain.**
- ~**James Newswenger's 2 young children in the hospital with RSV.**
- ~**Pray for Jeff and family. For minimal ill effects from treatments.**
- ~**Rod (Jordan's friend from softball) & Morgan's baby girl, Paisley (2 months old), had a stem cell transplant on 4/5 and it went well. The next 100 days are important to see how her body accepts it.**
- ~*Expectant parents: Geneva & Daniel (July), Lisa & Ty (August), Hilary & Matthew Nissley (missionaries in Mauritius), Sydney & Jordan (Nov.)*

***Michelle Brubaker will be serving in the prayer room to pray with you about needs or concerns you may have.***

# Understanding the Resurrection<sup>1</sup>

By Daryl Wingerd

## **The Resurrection Vindicates Christ's Claims and Predictions**

What would you think of a man who, in every visible respect, appeared ordinary yet claimed to be the Son of God? What if he also claimed to be deserving of equal honor with God? What if he even claimed to have God's power and authority to forgive sin? Prior to His death and resurrection, Jesus shocked people by making many such claims of personal deity, power, and authority (cf. Matt. 16:15-17; Mark 2:10-11; Luke 22:69-70; John 5:21-23; 8:58; 10:30).

In addition to His claims of deity and authority, Jesus repeatedly predicted His own death and resurrection (cf. Matt. 17:22-23; 20:17-19; John 2:18-22).

Jesus' claims were so unbelievable that most people rejected Him. Even when He rose from the dead and appeared to many witnesses (cf. 1 Corinthians 15:3-8), most refused to believe. But Jesus' true disciples saw His resurrection as the vindication of all of His claims and the fulfillment of His predictions.

These were not naive people who were persuaded to believe something that was false. They simply recognized the fact that Jesus *did* rise from the dead, and so proved to the world that everything He said about Himself was true.

## The Resurrection of Christ was the Coronation of Christ

The writers of the New Testament saw the resurrection of Jesus Christ as the fulfillment of Old Testament prophecy, particularly as it concerned the coming of the Messiah as King. This becomes evident in Peter's sermon on the Day of Pentecost following the dramatic outpouring of the Holy Spirit (cf. Acts 2:22- 36).

Peter was not attempting to prove that the resurrection occurred. He spoke of that event as being publicly known and irrefutable, saying, "This Jesus God has raised up, of which we are all witnesses" (v. 32). His point was to show these Jews, from their own Old Testament Scriptures, that the resurrection of the Christ *had* to occur. He was telling the same people who only weeks earlier were screaming, "Crucify Him, crucify Him!" (Luke 23:21), that Jesus, whom they had murdered, was now risen and seated in heaven as their King and their Savior! He was the One to whom they owed all obedience and worship (cf. Luke 4:8; Deuteronomy 6:13). He was the One who would destroy all who persisted in their rebellion against Him (cf. Luke 19:27; Ps. 2).

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Paul opened his letter to the Romans by making a similar reference to the resurrection of Christ and its bearing on His power and authority (cf. Romans 1:4). He described the same event again in Philippians 2:8-11. In Ephesians 1 he relates resurrection to power and authority like this:

These are in accordance with the strength of His might which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come (vv. 19-21).

Many Jews on the Day of Pentecost came to the shocking realization that Old Testament prophecies about the Messiah receiving a kingdom (e.g., Daniel 7:13-14) were written about the resurrection of Jesus. As Luke records, they were “cut to the heart” (Acts 2:37). They were stunned, grieved, deeply convicted by the sudden realization that they had crucified their Messiah—the promised Ruler who now held sovereign authority over their lives. This is what prompted 3,000 of these rebels to repent and be baptized in the name of Christ (Acts 2:41).

### A Source of Hope for Believers

The resurrection of Christ should be a great source of terror for all who persist in their rebellion against God (cf. Acts 17:30-31). On the other hand, the resurrection of Christ provides a great source of hope for believers. Christians are assured in the Bible that Christ’s bodily resurrection is certain proof of their own future bodily resurrection. Perhaps the most compelling passage is 1 Corinthians 15:20-23 where Jesus is said to be “the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.”

The word “firstfruits” refers to something that is a sample of what is sure to come. Adam proved to be the “firstfruits” of death for all who were in him (that is, all of humanity). Christ, on the other hand, was the “firstfruits” of eternal life for all who are in Him (that is, all believers).

Paul sums up the Christian’s great hope in his letter to the Philippians:

“For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body” (Phil. 3:20-21).