



Bulletin of the Rockhampton Lutheran Parish

April 2023

Readings

02 April

Palm Sunday

Edna

Matthew 21:1-11
Psalm 118:1,2,19-29
Philippians 2:5-11
Matthew 27:11-54

06 April

Maundy Thursday

Doreen

Exodus 12:1-14
1 Corinthians 11:23-26
John 13:1-17

07 April

Good Friday

Hannah

Isaiah 52:13-53:12
Hebrews 10:16-25
John 18-19
Colossians 3:1-4
John 20:1-18

09 April

1st Sunday of Easter

Ron

Acts 10:34-43
Psalm 118:1,2,14-24
Colossians 3:1-4
John 20:1-18

16 April

2nd Sunday of Easter

Dianne

Acts 2:14a, 22-32
Psalm 16
1 Peter 1:3-9
John 20:19-31
23 April

3rd Sunday of Easter

Lorna Bausch

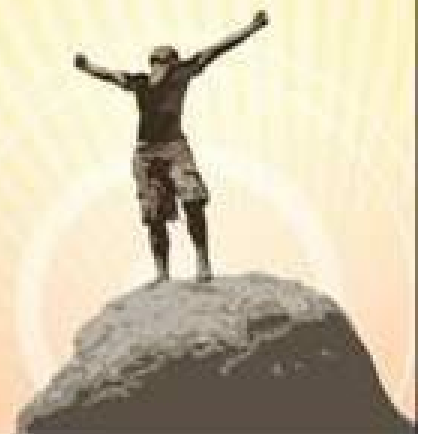
Acts 2:14a,36-41
Psalm 116:1-4,12-19
1 Peter 1:17-23
Luke 24:13-35

30 April

4th Sunday of Easter

Charmaine / Riley

Acts 2:42-47
Psalm 23
1 Peter 2:19-25
John 10:1-10



The watchword for the month of April is found in Romans 14:9

*For this very reason, Christ died and returned to life
so that he might be the Lord of both the dead and the living.*

The Power of the Empty Tomb

Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?

— [1 Corinthians 15:55](#)

Life on this earth is not without dark times. We can identify periods in history when evil and darkness seemed to be in control. We can look back on our own lives and recall times of grief, hurt, loneliness, or despair. Or maybe those times are happening right now, and life seems empty of meaning or purpose. Maybe all of life seems like a dark, empty space.

Jesus knows what that's like—and even more. On the cross he suffered the agony of complete separation from God (descending into hell) so that we wouldn't have to—and his body was placed in a tomb till he rose to life again on the third day. Jesus' work of salvation for us would not have been complete if he did not suffer the full punishment of “unspeakable anguish, pain, and terror of soul” on the cross to pay the price for all our sins (Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 44). And on Easter he rose in victory over death so that we might share in the power of his resurrection and enjoy new life with God. (See also [Luke 23:42-46](#).)

Our journey into new life in Christ may take us through times of darkness. Yet, as hard as those times may be, we can be assured that death, loneliness, and despair do not have the final victory; Jesus conquered them. As you walk through valleys of shadow in your life, lean on Jesus, the Savior—who knows you and is walking with you into new life.

God of new life, assure us of your presence, especially when darkness and despair seem all around. In Christ we pray. Amen.

What's on in April

Sunday, 02 April

*9:00am, Worship Service,
Calvary LC, Rockhampton*

*11:30am, Worship Service,
Living Waters, Yeppoon*

Thursday, 06 April

*6:00pm, Worship Service,
Calvary LC, Rockhampton*

Friday, 07 April

*9:00am, Worship Service,
Calvary LC, Rockhampton*

Sunday, 09 April

*8:00am, Worship Service,
Calvary LC, Rockhampton*

*11:00am, Worship Service,
Living Waters, Yeppoon*

Sunday, 16 April

*9:00am, Worship Service,
Calvary LC, Rockhampton*

*11:30am, Worship Service,
Living Waters, Yeppoon*

Sunday, 23 April

*9:00am, Worship Service,
Calvary LC, Rockhampton*

*11:30am, Worship Service,
Living Waters, Yeppoon*

Sunday, 30 April

*9:00am, Worship Service,
Calvary LC, Rockhampton*

*11:30am, Worship Service,
Living Waters, Yeppoon*

**Every Wednesday at 10:00am,
Wednesday Morning Drop-in at Calvary, Rockhampton**

Calvary Lutheran Church, 59 Burnett St., Berserker, Rockhampton, 4701

Rosters

Morning Tea

Edna	02/04	Wendy	09/04
Dianne	16/04	Lorraine	23/04
Everyone	30/04		

Usher

Dianne & Doreen	02/04	Trevor & Terri	06/04
Ron & Lorna	07/04	Shirley & Bernie	09/04
Dianne & Lyn	16/04	Doreen & Wendy	23/04
Lorraine & Lorna Bausch	30/04		

Cleaning

Shirley	02/04	Lorna	09/04
Terri	16/04	Doreen	23/04
Lorraine	30/04		

Altar Assistant

Josie	02/04	Rodney	06/04
Patrick	07/04	Rodney	09/04
Patrick	16/04	Wendy	23/04
Josie	30/04		

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