

Living as Easter People

Dear Family,

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

As we move into May, the season of Easter still continues. It's easy, though, to let the excitement of Easter Sunday fade into the busyness of spring, but I encourage you to remain **"Easter people"** throughout your earthly lives.

What does that really mean? It means bringing the hope and love of the risen Christ into a world that often feels filled with despair. It means that we are called to be the hands and feet of Jesus—acting with love, walking by faith and speaking with hope.

The whole point of being **"Easter people"** is to emphasize that Easter is a "sending" and a new reality rather than just a single day of celebration. Therefore, when we look towards the celebration of Mother's Day, for example, it's not only a day of flowers and taking mom out for a good meal, but as we celebrate the gift of motherhood we also embrace and even promote the nurturing love that reflects God's love for us. Furthermore, as we prepare for our summer months and events, **"Easter people"** don't look at summer only as vacation and downtime; you know, taking off from worshipping or receiving the Lord's Supper sometime (once again) in September or October. That's just too long! Instead, as we live the resurrection of our Lord, we desire His preached Word often as well as having that same hunger for His intimate Supper--often.

In closing, family, let's not only continue to carry Jesus' resurrection of peace, hope and joy into our community this May, but let's also live it as His children; yes, as **"Easter people."**

Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!
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