



2010  
Lenten  
&  
Easter  
Services

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**WELCOME TO THE LENTEN SEASON  
AT EMMANUEL CHURCH**

*In the centuries after the death and resurrection of Jesus, the Church's focus in Lent was to lead the people of God to the destination of Easter. It had much less to do with remembering the death of Jesus than it did making the Good News of Easter real. Now, however, many centuries removed from the actual events of Jesus death, Lent is important to us for two reasons: 1] It helps us remember that without Jesus' passion and death there is no Easter. 2] It provides a time to grow in faith, and to prepare ourselves –individually and as a church – for the celebration of the Easter feast of victory when we celebrate the resurrection that is "FOR US".*

**ASH WEDNESDAY**  
**February 17, 2010**



*Christians gather on Ash Wednesday to mark the beginning of Lent's baptismal journey to Easter. While marked with the ashes of human mortality, the church hears God's promise of forgiveness and tastes God's mercy in the bread of life and cup of salvation. From this solemn liturgy, the church goes forth on its journey to the great feast of Easter.*

2:00 p.m.      Worship in the Sanctuary  
7:30 p.m.      Worship in the Sanctuary

**SUNDAY SCHEDULE FOR LENT**

8:45 a.m.      Traditional Worship with Holy Communion  
10:00 a.m.      Sunday School for Adults & Children  
10:00 a.m.      Fellowship Hour  
11:15 a.m.      Contemporary Worship with Holy Communion

*The following lessons will be the focus of our Sunday worship services. Read them at home and join us in the discipline of Lenten devotions and prayer.*

<b>Feb. 21</b>	Deut 26:1-11	Rom 10:8b-13	Luke 4:1-13
<b>Feb. 28</b>	Gen 15:1-12 17-18	Phil 3:17-4:1	Luke 13:31-35
<b>Mar. 7</b>	Isaiah 55:1-9	1 Cor 10:1-13	Luke 13:1-9
<b>Mar.14</b>	Josh 5:9-12	2 Cor 5:16-21	Luke 15:1-3,11b-32
<b>Mar.21</b>	Isaiah 43:16-21	Phil 3:4b-14	John 12:1-8

**MIDWEEK LENTEN WORSHIP**

**Overheard**  
**Conversations by the Cross**  
by Arden W. Mead

Do you suppose it is possible that various people who were involved in our Lord's Passion ever had the opportunity to talk with one another about it? Perhaps even *right then*, while the events were happening? Can you imagine what they might have said? People like:

+ **Malchus**, whose ear was cut off and healed at Gethsemane, and **Mark**, who ran from the Garden naked.

+ **Barabbas**, the criminal released when Jesus was condemned, and **Caiaphas**, the high priest who led the cries for his release.

+ **Pontius Pilate** and **Procula**, his wife.

+ **Simon of Cyrene**, who carried our Lord's cross, and the **Centurion** who compelled him to.

+ **The Two Thieves** who were crucified with Christ.

+ **Mary**, our Lord's grieving mother, and **John**, the "beloved disciple," who took her into his home.

If you could have listened to conversations like those, what might you have OVERHEARD?

With piercing insight and dramatic reality, these Lenten services invite us to eavesdrop on the concerns and conflicts of people whose lives were touched ... and changed – just as our have been - by the crucifixion of Jesus the Christ.

### **WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON WORSHIP SERVICES**

Founders' Room – 2:00 PM  
February 24, March 3, 10, 17, and 24  
*Refreshments and fellowship will follow.*

### **THURSDAY LENTEN EVENING PRAYER**

Founders' Room – 6:45 PM  
February 25, March 4, 11, 18, and 25



## HOLY WEEK SERVICES



### **PALM SUNDAY/PASSION SUNDAY**

**March 28, 2010**

**Worship at 8:45 & 11:15 a.m.**

The **procession with palms** at the start of worship brings us into Holy Week and the celebration of the mystery of our salvation. We enter with joy as our Lord passes through the streets of Jerusalem but we end watching him on the hill of death.

It would be wonderful if all of us could walk the hours and days of Holy Week together as the church used to do. It would be a deep and meaningful experience to observe the whole flow from joy to fear and share in the grief of these last days of our Lord's life. However, because most church members do not choose to attend Holy Week services these days, they miss the passion and costly sacrifice of the life of our Lord. Therefore, our Palm Sunday observance has become fused to the story of Jesus' Passion and we mark a doubly important day.

The liturgies on this special Sunday will include the blessing and procession of palms, Holy Communion, special music by our ensembles, and the congregational reading of the Passion of our Lord.

### **+ HOLY THURSDAY +**

**April 1, 2010**

**Holy Thursday** worship will be held at **2:00 and 7:30 p.m.** in Main Church at Emmanuel. We gather to share in the holy supper gave the church to reveal his unfailing love for the human family.



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The Holy Thursday liturgy focuses on three significant actions. First, the confession of sins and announcement of forgiveness brings to conclusion the Lenten discipline of repentance that began on Ash Wednesday. Second, the church obeys Jesus' command to follow his example and wash each other's feet. Third, we celebrate our meal of deliverance, taking our place at the supper Jesus shared with his disciples on this night of nights.



### **GOOD FRIDAY**

**April 2, 2010**

The church gathers to remember the death of our Lord on the cross, but more than that we "Lift high the Cross" as the sign of God's triumph over sin, death and evil.

**9:00-12:00 Good Friday Vacation Bible School for children--**The families of our

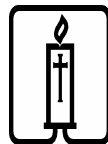
congregation and community are invited to join us for this special learning event focused on the meaning of Good Friday for us today.

**2:00 Stations of the Cross** - We walk the way of the cross with Jesus, marking the events and hours leading to his death. Then we conclude with the reading of the final portions of the Passion. A large cross will be present in the chancel area as a focal point for our prayer and devotion.

**7:30 Tenebrae** - Through the extinguishing of candles and deepening darkness, we will recall the **SEVEN LAST WORDS OF CHRIST** from the cross. The service closes with the sound of the earthquake and the Paschal Candle – the light of Christ being extinguished.



***As we prepare for the Easter celebrations, please remember to bring bells of all sizes to ring at the alleluias in worship.***



## **THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER**

**April 3, 2010**

*At 7:00 in the evening, we will gather around the “new fire” of the resurrection on the steps of Emmanuel Lutheran Church as we join Christians from our communities and wait in vigil for the first announcement that, “The Lord is Risen”*

*The Easter Vigil is the ancient and powerful celebration of the new creation that springs from Jesus’ empty tomb. Sitting in darkness we hear the whole salvation story, from the creation through the Exodus and the prophets, ending with the glorious word of new life of resurrection joy.*

*The Easter fire, the lighting of the paschal candle, the chanting of the Easter proclamation, the baptismal washing that buries us with Christ and raises us to new life – all these powerful actions draw us into the wonder of the resurrection.*



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# Easter SERVICES

**April 4, 2010**

## **EASTER MORNING SERVICES**

*The Lord is risen indeed! The open tomb of Jesus is the door to a new way of being in the world. Easter is not one day but fifty. For fifty days- the church will exult and explore the dimensions of this new life and raise a joyful alleluia.*

**8:45 Worship** will begin with the procession of the new light of Easter. Candles throughout the church will be lighted as we celebrate the light of Christ risen from the grave and shining in our lives once again. Easter flowers will adorn the altar, and we will gather for the Easter Feast of Victory – the Holy Communion.

**EASTER BREAKFAST** will be served in the parish hall following the 8:45 liturgy. Watch for your opportunity to sign up for breakfast food preparation and for reserving a place at the breakfast table. Breakfast will end in time for the start of the 11:15 contemporary service.

**11:15 Contemporary Easter worship** will follow the mode of the services that have become so much a part of Emmanuel's weekly experience. The service will include a sermon by Pastor Saling. Holy Communion will be celebrated with distribution by intinction. Several of our ensembles will present special music.

## **SUNDAYS AFTER EASTER**

The Easter Season continues through seven Sundays of Easter as we are made aware of the far reaching meaning and effect of the Resurrection.

## **CELEBRATION OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

**April 11, 2010**



There will be the regular two worship services on this Sunday, but we will welcome those children who are in second grade or above who have not yet received their first Holy Communion to the Table of the Lord. A joyful reception will be held between the worship services at 10:00.

**FESTIVAL OF PENTECOST – May 23, 2010**  
**AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM – CONFIRMATION DAY**



*The Easter season draws to a conclusion with the Festival of Pentecost. Once an ancient Hebrew harvest festival associated with the giving of the Law on Sinai, Pentecost became for Christians the occasion for the gift of the Holy Spirit to the Church. The Spirit is the power of the resurrected Jesus in our midst, claiming us in baptism, feeding us at the Eucharist, and sending us into the world to be bearers of the divine word that can raise the dead to new life.*

There will be two services to celebrate the Festival of Pentecost. The first service will be at 8:45. Then at 11:15 the principal liturgy of the day will be held as we welcome the members of the confirmation class of 2010 into full adult membership.

While we provide two worship services on this day, please consider attending the 11:15 worship. This is a MOST IMPORTANT DAY for the confirmation class members and their families. These young men and women need and deserve the full and strong support of every member of Emmanuel. Remember what it was like for you on your confirmation day! Was the church full to capacity or half empty? Plan to be present at 11:15 to add your voice to the grand AMEN as we welcome this year's class into membership at Emmanuel.

**SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

begins on June 6

8:45 a.m. Formal Worship with Holy Communion

10:00 a.m. Fellowship

*SUNDAY SCHOOL IS IN RECESS FOR THE SUMMER*

10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship with Holy Communion

