

# The eNews

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LUTHERAN  
CHURCH

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Holy Week is upon us.

I strongly encourage you to come, not only to Easter Sunday, but to Maundy Thursday and Good Friday as well. (And, a reminder, you're also invited to the Stations of the Cross on Holy Saturday, from 10AM-noon).

The evening of Maundy Thursday through Easter is considered one single event, and thus is accorded one single worship service, called The Three Days (or the Triduum). The betrayal, commandment, and Lord's Supper on Maundy Thursday, the death of Jesus on the cross on Good Friday, the resting in the tomb on Saturday (the Sabbath), and the rising from the tomb at dawn on Sunday are considered the single, central act of Jesus for our salvation.

Each reveals something distinct about salvation, and each has a distinct feel or character. Maundy Thursday is quite intimate; Good Friday is dark, melancholy; Easter is joyful.

And though the Easter joy is what we are promised and what we long for, yet on this side of the grave is still suffering and grief. The Lord's betrayal, suffering, and death sanctifies our own suffering and grief. His suffering gives our own suffering roots, depth, and meaning.

There is no Resurrection without Good Friday, no Good Friday without the betrayal and Lord's Supper of Maundy Thursday, no Maundy Thursday without Christ's entrance into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, no Palm Sunday without the intense ministry of Jesus' miracles & teaching over three years, no three-year ministry of Jesus without his Baptism, no Baptism without his birth *and* John's birth, no birth without the of Jesus without the prophets foretelling him, no prophets without God's promise to Abraham, no promise to Abraham without the Fall – and nothing at all without the Creation of the world and mankind.

All of human history comes to a point on Good Friday, and from that moment, all of human history forks in two. On one path is found all those who are like the criminal who mocked Jesus; on the other path is found all those who are like the *other* criminal who confessed from his cross that he was guilty and Jesus was innocent.

The criminal who cries out that Jesus was innocent – while the whole crowd was either mocking Jesus or silent – is a testament to his incredible faith. To be numbered with this criminal is a great privilege. To be numbered among the faithful is a great joy.

And so, if you have never come to Maundy Thursday or Good Friday, or if it has been some time, come. There is a richness, holiness, depth, and beauty present in this service that is lovely.

Come, let us worship him.

+ Pastor Justin Baker

# AN INVITATION

## COME TO HOLY WEEK AT EMMANUEL

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*CHRIST BETRAYED ON THURSDAY; CHRIST PUT TO DEATH ON  
FRIDAY; CHRIST RESTED IN THE GRAVE ON SATURDAY*

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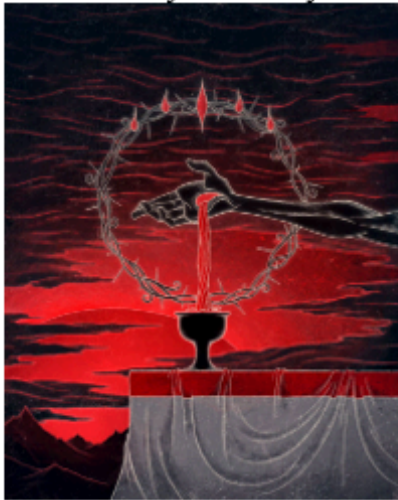
- ☐ **MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP SERVICE, 7PM**  
APRIL 17, SANCTUARY  
AN INTIMATE SERVICE THAT INVITES US INTO CHRIST'S GREAT  
COMMANDMENT OF LOVE, HIS SELFLESS WASHING OF THE  
DISCIPLES' FEET, AND THE LORD'S HOLY SUPPER
- ☐ **GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP SERVICE, 7PM**  
APRIL 18, SANCTUARY  
A HAUNTING SERVICE THAT INVITES US INTO CHRIST'S ULTIMATE  
SACRIFICE FOR US, POURING HIMSELF OUT IN DEATH ON THE CROSS
- ☐ **THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS, HOLY SATURDAY, 10AM-NOON**  
APRIL 19, NARTHEX (UPSTAIRS)  
A SELF-GUIDED TOUR THROUGHOUT THE CHURCH BUILDING,  
FEATURING IMAGES, SCRIPTURE, AND PRAYER FOR MEDITATION

# The Maundy Thursday & Good Friday Bulletin

## The Three Days

Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday

### Maundy Thursday



7PM, Sanctuary,  
Service Begins on Page 3

### Good Friday



7PM, Sanctuary  
Service Begins on Page 29

**Worship Service**  
**Emmanuel Lutheran Church**

2025

# Easter Bulletin

## The Resurrection of Our Lord



**Worship Service**  
**Emmanuel Lutheran Church**

10:15 AM, Sanctuary  
April 20, 2025

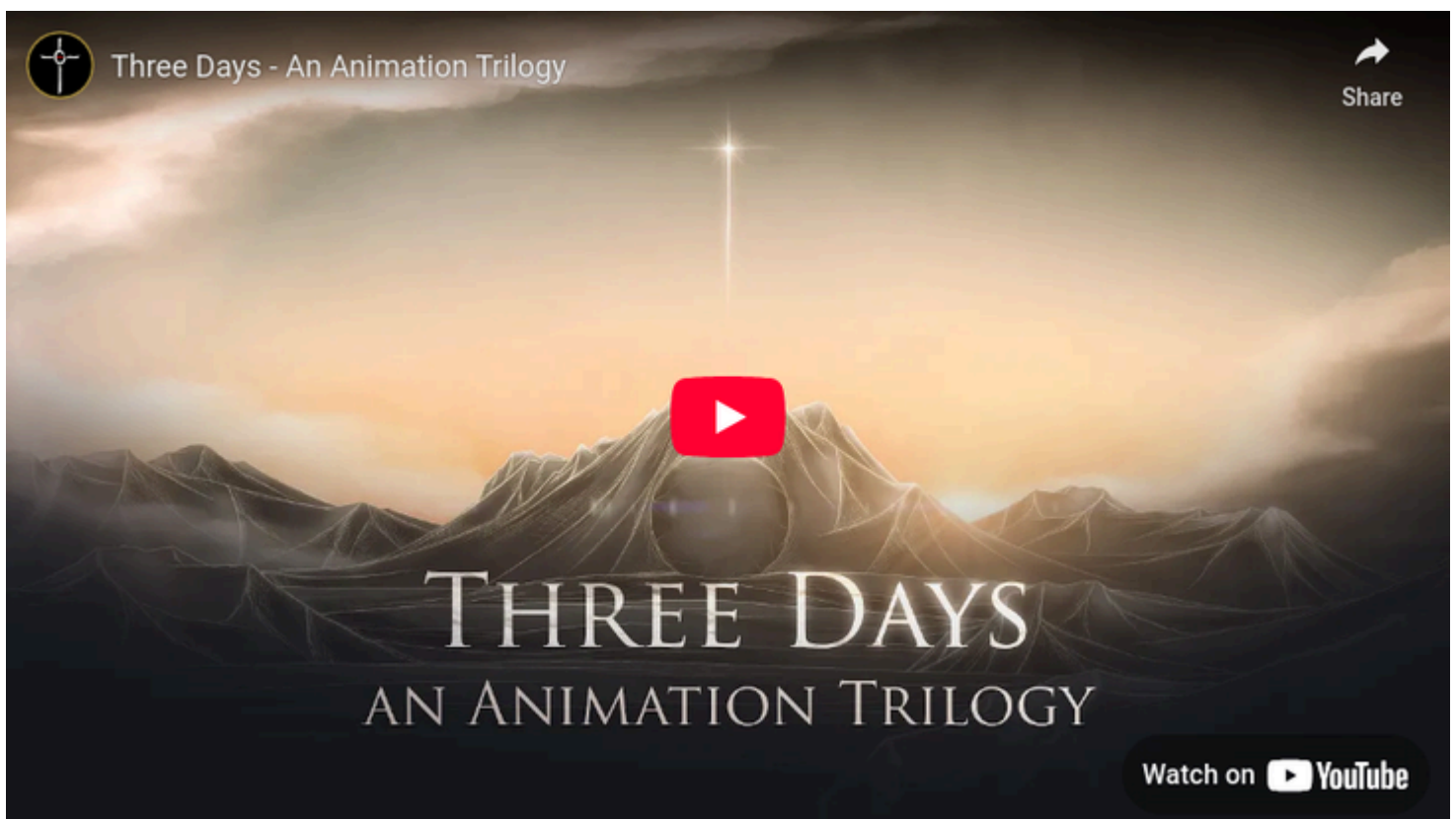
Large Print Copies of Homilies and the Sermon Will Be Available



# For Meditation

Our bulletins regularly feature artwork from fullofeyes.com. This artist is a pastor with a great love for Scripture, a deep understanding of Scripture and symbols, and a love for using what God has given him for the sake of the gospel. In addition to stills, he produces occasional animations from his artwork.

You might find these animations meaningful as we reflect on Holy Week.



# NALC Disaster Response

## Part II

### Partnering with Brookdale Murrysville

**Thursday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at 2PM**

Emmanuel is partnering with Brookdale Murrysville for the  
NALC Disaster Response.

Emmanuel Lutheran Church is going to bring supplies to the  
community on Thursday, April 24th to help the residents  
make care packages for this cause.

Please join us to fellowship with residents at Brookdale and  
to help pack for delivery the next day, Friday, the 25<sup>th</sup>.

**If you would like to join this Brookdale  
partnership or volunteer to drive donations,  
please contact Debbie Weigold!**

## Part III

**Volunteer to Be a Delivery Driver  
Delivering to Zion Lutheran Church  
by Friday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:30AM**

# Prayer for Family

Why not pray about it together? Many in this congregation have children or grandchildren who are no longer in the faith--or at the least, no longer practicing their faith. This is a pain point for many members. Is there anything we can do, together as a church, about this? We have no idea what God will do. But we can be faithful in our own calling, as Christians and as family members.

We'll host our first monthly prayer service in the sanctuary as follows:

**First Wednesday in May, at 11AM.**

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## Prayers for our People

Karla Gustafson, Vince Berardinelli, Julie Schamber, George & Donna Campagna, Gary Kral, Mary Lou McDonald, Dorothy McWilliams, Gayle Wertz, June Ugen, Debbie Pritts, Rosemary Palmer, Dick & Sandy Lester, Esther, Alice, Rob, Duke, Connie, For children, Keith, Angie, Victoria, Zachary, Kevin, Linda, Jake, Levi, Mervin, Shawn, Lynn, Ginny, Jim, Richard, Scotty, Robin, Roger, Joe, Kathy, Betty, Jason, Zac, Les, Kenny, Gary, Linda, Michael, Missy, Jim, Bonnie, Lois, Tony, Sarah, Denise, Harry, Millicent, Stephanie, and Ruthie <sup>6</sup>

# Good Friday, 1613. Riding Westward

by John Donne

Let mans Soule be a Spheare, and then, in this,  
The intelligence that moves, devotion is,  
And as the other Spheares, by being growne  
Subject to forraigne motion, lose their owne,  
And being by others hurried every day,  
Scarce in a yeare their naturall forme obey:  
Pleasure or businesse, so, our Soules admit  
For their first mover, and are whirld by it.  
Hence is't, that I am carryed towards the West  
This day, when my Soules forme bends toward  
the East.

There I should see a Sunne, by rising set,  
And by that setting endlesse day beget;  
But that Christ on this Crosse, did rise and fall,  
Sinne had eternally benighted all.  
Yet dare I'almost be glad, I do not see  
That spectacle of too much weight for mee.  
Who sees Gods face, that is selfe life, must dye;  
What a death were it then to see God dye?  
It made his owne Lieutenant Nature shrinke,  
It made his footstoole crack, and the Sunne  
winke.

Could I behold those hands which span the  
Poles,  
And tune all spheares at once peirc'd with those  
holes?

Could I behold that endlesse height which is  
Zenith to us, and our Antipodes,  
Humbled below us? or that blood which is  
The seat of all our Soules, if not of his,  
Made durt of dust, or that flesh which was worne  
By God, for his apparell, rag'd, and torne?  
If on these things I durst not looke, durst I  
Upon his miserable mother cast mine eye,  
Who was Gods partner here, and furnish'd thus  
Halfe of that Sacrifice, which ransom'd us?  
Though these things, as I ride, be from mine eye,  
They'are present yet unto my memory,  
For that looks towards them; and thou look'st  
towards mee,

O Saviour, as thou hang'st upon the tree;  
I turne my backe to thee, but to receive  
Corrections, till thy mercies bid thee leave.  
O thinke mee worth thine anger, punish mee,  
Burne off my rusts, and my deformity,  
Restore thine Image, so much, by thy grace,  
That thou may'st know mee, and I'll turne my face.

# OFTEN

Sunday School	Sundays	9:00AM	Luther Hall
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Discipleship: Methods</li> <li>◦ Ten Commandments</li> <li>◦ Stories of Faith</li> </ul>			
Worship	Sundays	10:15AM	Sanctuary
<b>Bible Study: The Book of Acts resumes April 28</b>	Mondays	<b>1:00 &amp; 6:30PM</b>	Luther Hall & Music Room
Start the Week with Bill, an AA group	Mondays	6:30PM	Luther Hall
Girl Scout Troop 20661	Mondays	6:00PM	Heritage Hall
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1st and 3rd Mondays</li> </ul>			
Champion Cheerleading	Tuesdays	6:00PM	Heritage Hall
Emmanuel Prayer Group	Wednesdays	11:00AM	Zoom
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2nd and 4th Wednesdays</li> </ul>			
Steps and Stories, an AA group	Wednesdays	7:00PM	Luther Hall
Boy Scout Troop 208	Thursdays	6:45PM	Luther Hall
Festive Bells	Thursdays	7:00PM	Sanctuary
Al-Anon Family Group	Thursdays	7:30PM	Heritage Hall
Girl Scout Troop 16380	Fridays	5:00PM	Heritage Hall
Girl Scout Troop 22123	Fridays	6:00PM	Luther Hall

# UPCOMING

<b>Maundy Thursday</b>	Thur, Apr 17	7:00PM	Sanctuary
<b>Good Friday</b>	Fri, Apr 18	7:00 PM	Sanctuary
<b>Easter Breakfast</b>	Sun, Apr 20	8:30AM	Luther Hall
<b>Easter Service</b>	Sun, Apr 20	10:15AM	Sanctuary
Christian Education Meeting	Tues, Apr 22	10:00AM	Music Room
<b>Christianity on Film</b>	Sat, Apr 26	1:00PM	The Bakers House
<b>Acts Bible Study Resumes</b>	Mon, Apr 28	1PM/6:30PM	Luther Hall/Music Room
Council Meeting	Tues, Apr 29	7:00PM	Music Room

DATE	LITURGICAL DAY	ORGANIST	PASTOR	ASSISTING MINISTERS	COUNTER TEAM	GREETERS	USHERS	ACOLYTE	CRUCIFER	ALTAR GUILD	ALTAR FLOWERS	COMMUNION BREAD BAKERS
4/20/2025 10:15AM	Resurrection of Our Lord	Homer Adams	Pastor Justin Baker	Scott Wilson & Sally Seidling	Danette Hunter & MaryAnn Sinwell	James & Karen Kuczek	Dave & Marcy Whipkey & Serenity Wee	Kaleb Wee		Donna Berardinelli & Jeanne Yargar		Danette Hunter
4/27/2025 10:15AM	Second Sunday of Easter	Homer Adams	Pastor Justin Baker	Elizabeth, Hannah, Matthew & Lisa Yothers	Cherie Wolovich & Lisa Yothers	Jeff & Holly Pelusi & Family	Dave & Marcy Whipkey & Serenity Wee	Elizabeth Yothers		Kathy & Karla Gustafson		Julie Schamber
5/4/2025 10:15AM	Third Sunday of Easter	Homer Adams	Pastor Justin Baker	Danette Hunter & Kathy Gustafson	Cherie Wolovich & Lisa Yothers	Julie Schamber	Deb Weigold & Mary Wipkey & Serenity Wee	Faith Palmer		Danette & Dan Hunter		Julie Schamber

# Anniversaries and Birthdays

4/20 Janet Troxell  
 4/22 Scott & Karen Gustafson (30 years)  
 5/02 Ernest & Susanne Carns (44 years)



# Easter Flower Dedications

Ron & Susan Smith

In Memory of Weinel, Ethel & Judith Jones, in memory of William  
& Emily Smith, and to the Glory of God.

Vince & Donna Berardinelli

In Memory of Irvin & Gladys Rittko, Marcia Endress, Ted Rittko,  
and Sam & Gen Berardinelli.

Debbie Weigold

In commemoration of Easter.

Danelle Jaszcar

To the Glory of God.

Stan & Linda Caspers

In memory of parents and grandparents.

Kathy & Denny Potter

To the Glory of God

Lou & Michele Hiener

To the Glory of God.

Scott & Carol Wilson

In Memory of Dr. & Mrs. Dean Wilson and Melvyn & Lois Wingard.

Penny Walker

In Memory of my parents, Jake & Nancy Larimer.

Lisa Yothers

To the Glory of God

Faith Palmer

In memory of my Pap-Pap, Irv Rittko

MaryAnn Sinwell

To the Glory of God

Mack & Karen Flood

To the Glory of God

The Pelusi Family

In memory of our beloved parents, and To the Glory of God

The Visnic- Ford Family

In memory of our beloved parents, Dan & JoAnne Visnic, and  
Elaine Ford

The Baker Family

To the Glory of God

# Miss Last Week Services?

Follow the QR codes to **watch** the services on youTube and **read** the sermons.

Scan QR code (or click) to watch the service!    Scan QR code (or click) to watch the service!



Lenten Evening Prayer



Palm Sunday



**Worship Service**  
**Emmanuel Lutheran Church**

*7:00 PM, Sanctuary*  
*April 9, 2025*

Scan QR code (or click) to read the Sermon!



**Worship Service**  
**Emmanuel Lutheran Church**

*10:15 AM, Sanctuary*  
*April 13, 2025*

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