



"There is a place..."

EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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"He is risen! Alleluia!"

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER, 2016

Holy Week, beginning with Palm Sunday and ending on Holy Saturday, and Easter Sunday are special times at EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH when we reflect on the foundation of our faith, and celebrate God's purpose. Our members welcome everyone in our community to join us.

Sunday, March 20th – Palm Sunday

8:30 a.m.: Traditional Lutheran Service with Communion

10:30 a.m.: Emerging Worship Service Sunday School.

Thursday, March 24th – Maundy Thursday

7:00 p.m.: Taizé Chant, Foot Washing, Communion, Stripping of the Altar

Friday, March 25th – Good Friday

7:00 p.m.: The Seven Last Words/Service of Shadows.

The lights of EMMANUEL are lowered as each of Jesus' Seven Last Words are read, and the last reading ends with the Sanctuary in complete darkness.

Saturday, March 26th – Holy Saturday

7:00 p.m.: *"Die BEFORE you Die"*

led by Jim Roberts

Jesus' journey involves letting go of the fear of transformation, change, and death, even embracing death as a doorway to our true being. We will welcome death (like Rumi's Guesthouse welcomes everything) as we sing and chant our way to the tomb... letting the Earth Gong and the Tibetan bowls bring us down into that sacred place of deep listening. Then we will breathe, sing, and spiral our way up out of the tomb less weighed down with other's stories and expectations, and ready to "unfold our own myth." We can then bring our own indigenous gifts to our people/world. If you prefer, bring a cushion, mat, or blanket on which to sit or lie down.

All welcome, no charge. Donations to the church.

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Sunday, March 27th – Easter Sunday

9:00 a.m.: Easter Brunch:

Overnight Egg Casserole
Egg and Bacon Casserole
Raspberry French Toast
Side of sausages and links
Assorted Muffins: Cinnamon Streusel, Lemon Poppy
Seed, Cranberry Orange, Blueberry, Banana, Chocolate

Free-Will Offering: Suggested donation at least \$5/person

10:30 a.m.: Easter Sunday Celebration Service with Holy Communion
Sunday School Children begin in the Sanctuary and are then
dismissed to go to Sunday School.

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