

Emmanuel C.S.I. Church, Philadelphia  
4937 Church Avenue,  
Feasterville-Treose, PA 19053

Sunday school at 9:00 a.m.  
Sunday Worship at 10:00 a.m.

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> - Malayalam Holy Communion  
2<sup>nd</sup> - English H. C. with Praise & Worship  
4<sup>th</sup> - English Holy Communion  
5<sup>th</sup> - Malayalam Matins

Teleconference Prayer - Every Wednesday @ 9:00 PM

Fasting Prayer - Every Saturday @ 10:00 AM

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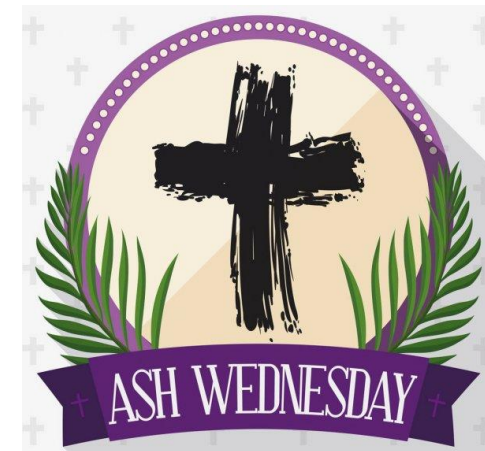
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Motto: Year of Healing

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## Ash Wednesday: Few Facts

While Ash Wednesday is perhaps most closely associated with Catholicism, there are many Christian sects that recognize it, including Lutherans, Methodists, Episcopalians, Presbyterians, and some Baptists. There are also Christians that refrain from Ash Wednesday celebrations. Mormons, Evangelicals, and Pentecostal Christians are some of the denominations that don't take part in the holy day.

The Ashes used on Ash Wednesday are meant to represent dust. When receiving ashes on their foreheads, parishioners hear the words: "Remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return." This is a reference what God says to Adam when exiling him from the Garden of Eden (in the Christian Bible, Adam is literally formed from dust). On Ash Wednesday, the saying is a reminder to be humble in the face of mortality.

The first Ash Wednesday ceremonies were likely held sometime in 11th century. It's never mentioned in the Bible, but there is a verse in the Book of Daniel that links fasting to ashes, and some scholars believe this is the origin of the Lenten practice.

The ashes used on Ash Wednesday are surprisingly eco-friendly. On Palm Sunday, the Sunday before Easter, many churches pass out palm fronds like those used to welcome Jesus Christ to Jerusalem days before his crucifixion. Some churches save those palms to burn them and make the ashes that are applied to peoples' foreheads roughly 11 months later.



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**From Achen's Desk**

### **The Blood: Our Agent of Purification and Central Supply**

Greetings to you all in the matchless name of our Lord and savior Jesus Christ. Once again it is my pleasure to address the Emmanuel family through this month Newsletter. This year, Lent starts on February 17 which is also known as Ash Wednesday. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the season of Lent. The time of Lent through fasting and abstaining, may be an important reminder of what it means to suffer. This small suffering should not be met with misery but with great joy as we better understand the incredible sacrifice that Jesus Christ made for humanity.

As blood moves through your system, it removes waste material from your body. Likewise, the Bible explains that: "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9).

This cleansing is powerful! Jesus warned the Pharisees, "For you are like whitewashed tombs which indeed appear beautiful outwardly, but inside are full of dead men's bones and all uncleanness" (Matthew 23:27). The cleansing power of the Lord's blood purifies our hearts from the inside out. Just as your blood carries away waste from your system, Jesus' shed blood removes the filth of sin and uncleanness from your daily life. His blood purifies your heart perfectly so that you actually become a temple of God!

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Blood is also the central supply to each of your body's cells, of which there are millions. Each cell in your body receives new blood—new life—every 50 seconds! The life-giving substance of blood constantly supplies your body with strength to continue living.

The shed blood of Jesus gives us continual life too: “Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day” (John 6:54).

Through the blood of Jesus, you now have a full supply of abundant life—divine, eternal life that sprang forth the moment you were born again! From that moment, you stepped into a new life—the life of God became your life, to sustain and strengthen you forever!

Yours loving,

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### *Wedding Anniversaries:*

Congratulations and best wishes to all the couples who will be celebrating their anniversaries in the month of February. They are requested to attend the Thanksgiving prayer during the Service.



***May you truly sense God's love as you celebrate your Wedding Anniversary and see the future years together as memories to be made.*** **By M.S.Lowndes**

### ❖ **Reminders...**

We will continue to have Church service, prayer meeting and Fellowship meetings available through Zoom Video conference facilities until end of February. If and when we decide to reopen, we still must obey all CDC guidelines for the safety of our members. We must follow Social distancing guidelines provided by the Federal Government as well as State/Local Governments. Members who are over sixty, especially those with any pre-existing conditions, should refrain from attending the service. Your cooperation is requested.

“SIGNAL” will be the official messaging app that will be used by the church. We will not be using the WhatsApp messaging system after February 28, 2021. Please download SIGNAL APP on your phone.

Our regularly scheduled Wednesday's Teleconference Prayer meeting will be held at 9:00 PM. The Zoom link will be sent via email and WhatsApp.

On every Saturday, at 10 AM, we will have a teleconference fasting prayer meeting. First Saturday's prayer will be led by Women's Fellowship.

If you wish to send any donations/offerings, please mail it to our Treasurer **Mr. Shaji P. Oommen, 10221 Selmer Plaza, Philadelphia, PA 19116.** Thanks to everyone who already contributed and continued support to our Church.

Church Committee Meetings will be scheduled as needed with the permission of the Vicar/President.

## Birthdays Greetings:

The following members will be celebrating their birthdays in the month of February. They are requested to attend the Thanksgiving prayer during the Service.

Mr. Jacob Russal	02/10
Dr. Benjamin George	02/17
Mrs. Elizabeth Anish Mathew	02/17
Miss. Aubrey Maria Thomas	02/17
Dr. Mrs. Prameela George	02/22
Mr. Ivan Patterthanam	02/23
Mr. Tony Mathew	02/24
Ms. Lena Cherian	02/24
Mrs. Annamma Mathew	02/25
Mrs. Teena Annie John	02/27



*God's richest blessings be upon you as you celebrate yet another year on this journey with Christ and as you commit each day into the hands of the Lord.*



## Lectionary for February 2021

February 07  
Theme:

8<sup>th</sup> Sunday before Easter  
The Fallen-ness of Creation

1 Lesson: Genesis 3: 1-10

Psalm 53

Lesson: Romans 3: 21-26

Gospel: Matthew 18: 23-35

Songs:

Lay Ministry: Mr. Shaji P. Oommen & Family

February 14

Theme:

7<sup>th</sup> Sunday before Easter

Lent: A Time of Reconciliation

1 Lesson: Genesis 45: 1-15

Psalm 85

2 Lesson: Ephesians 2: 11-22

Gospel: John 2: 1-11

Songs:

Lay Ministry: Dr. Thomas Colacot & Family

February 21

Theme:

6<sup>th</sup> Sunday before Easter

Touching the Untouchable

1 Lesson: Kings 5: 1-10

Psalm 10: 1-12

2 Lesson: Hebrews 13: 8-17

Gospel: Matthew 8: 1-4

Songs:

Lay Ministry: Rev. Prince John & Family

**Lectionary for February 2021**

February 28            **5th Sunday before Easter**  
**Theme:**                **Life Saving Faith**

**1 Lesson:** 2 Kings 4: 1-7  
**Psalm**                72  
**2 Lesson:** Acts 5: 12-16  
**Gospel:**            Luke 5: 17-26  
**Songs:**  
**Lay Ministry:** Mrs. Achamma Andrews & Family

March 07                **4th Sunday before Easter**  
**Theme:**                **Persistence in Prayer**

**1 Lesson:** 2 Kings 20: 1-11  
**Psalm**                116  
**2 Lesson:** 1 Thessalians 5: 12-22  
**Gospel:**            Mark 7: 24-30  
**Songs:**  
**Lay Ministry:** Mrs. Achamma Issac & Family

March 14                **3rd Sunday before Easter**  
**Theme:**                **True Worship that Liberates**

**1 Lesson:** Exodus 3: 11-18  
**Psalm**                137  
**Lesson:**            Acts 16: 25-34  
**Gospel:**            Luke 13: 10-17  
**Songs:**  
**Lay Ministry:** Mr. Abraham Kunnel & Family

**Importance days of the Church Calendar**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
02/17/2021	Ash Wednesday
03/07/2021	Women's Fellowship Sunday
04/01/2021	Maundy Thursday
04/02/2021	Good Friday
04/04/2021	Easter Sunday
05/09/2021	Mother's Day
05/13/2021	Ascension of our Lord
05/30/2021	Trinity Sunday
06/20/2021	Father's Day
08/01/2021	Laity Sunday
09/05/2021	Choir Sunday
09/19/2021	Mission Sunday
09/26/2021	Senior Citizen's Day
09/27/2021	CSI Formation Sunday
10/10/2021	Youth Sunday
10/17/2021	Church Day
10/31/2021	Reformation Sunday
11/07/2021	Sunday school Sunday
11/14/2021	Unity Sunday
12/05/2021	Bible Sunday
12/25/2021	Christmas Day
12/26/2020	Family Sunday
12/31/2021	Watchnight Service