

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 @ 8:00 PM

Fasting Prayer - Every Saturday @ 10:00 AM

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2025 Year Plan  
Importance days of the Church Calendar

Date	Event
04/05/2025	Family Night at Emmanuel
04/13/2025	Palm Sunday
04/17/2025	Maundy Thursday
04/18/2025	Good Friday
04/20/2025	Easter Sunday (Send-off for Achen & Fly)
05/11/2025	Mother's Day
06/08/2025	Pentecost Sunday
06/15/2025	Trinity Sunday & Father's Day
07/20/2025	Harvest Festival
07/27/2025	Harvest Festival
08/03/2025	Mission Sunday Laity Sunday
08/09/2025	Church Picnic
09/07/2025	/Education Sunday
09/21/2025	Choir Sunday
09/27/2025	CSI Formation Day
09/28/2025	Senior Citizen's Sunday
10/05/2025	Laity Sunday
10/19/2025	Church Day
10/26/2025	Reformation Sunday
11/02/2025	Sunday school Sunday
11/09/2025	Unity Sunday
11/23/2025	Thanksgiving Sunday
11/29/2025	House to House Caroling (Local areas)
12/06/2025	House to House Caroling (outside areas)
12/--/2025	Christmas Carol 21 or 28
12/25/2025	Christmas Day



From Achen's Desk

Praise the Lord, God bless the Emmanuel family. Once again it is my pleasure to address the Emmanuel family through this month's newsletter.

My family and I thank God for helping us to serve as the Vicar of the Emmanuel CSI church for the past three years. We are thankful for all the love, care, and respect we have received from this church over the past three years. Thank you again for all your help and cooperation. Another Easter is coming. Happy Easter to everyone.

Resurrection is the foundation for Christian Faith. It leads to a transformed life that has no boundaries. Empty tomb is a powerful sign of Christ's resurrection. Without resurrection there would have been no preaching, no hope, and no Christianity. As Sam Morris says "The tomb of Christ is famous because of what it doesn't contain." The empty tomb, in all its emptiness, indicates that death is not an end in itself but there is life even after death. In 1 Cor 15:23 we read that all those who believe in Him shall rise in their own order. Empty tomb is not a static, lifeless but a dynamic and radical experience of fullness of life, a boundless and a transformed life.

The resurrection experiences recorded in the gospel St Mark. 16: 1-11 narratives indicate the celebration of boundless transformation through resurrection permeated. "He is risen, he is not here" Mk. 16.6. The risen Lord transforms our weeping into witness, blindness into a vision and fear into courage and peace.

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Before I conclude my words, I extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone in the Emmanuel CSI church, all organizations and our church committee for the support and cooperation that were given during these three years. I am extremely grateful to all of your love and shown to my family. May the good God bless all of us.

Yours loving  
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## Lectionary for April 2025

**April 06**      **Passion Sunday**

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Easter; 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent

**Holy Communion Service in Malayalam**

**Theme:**      **Cross and a New Paradigm to Discipleship**

**1 Lesson:**    Genisis 26: 12 - 33

**Psalm**        92

**2 Lesson:**    2 Corinthians 11: 21 - 31

**Gospel:**        Mark 10: 46 - 52

**Lay Ministry: Mr. Mathew Abraham & Family**

**Refreshments: Mr. Abraham Kunnel & Family**

**April 13**      **Palm Sunday**

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday before Easter

**Holy Communion Service in Malayalam**

**Theme:**      **Hosana: Lord Save Us**

**1 Lesson:**    Zecharia 9: 1 - 12

**Psalm**        118: 19 - 29

**2 Lesson:**    1 Timothy 4: 6 - 16

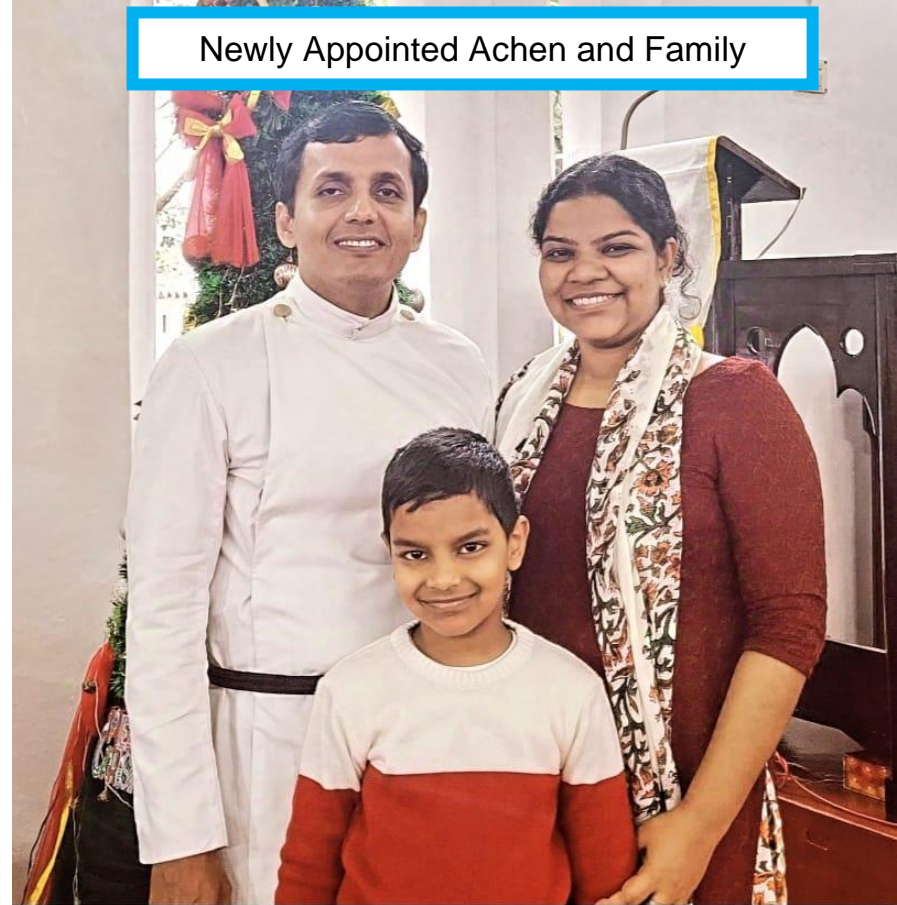
**Gospel:**        Luke 19: 29 - 40

**Lay Ministry: Russal Samuel & Family**

**Refreshments: Mr. Ipe Varghese & Family**

The Emmanuel Church family sincerely expresses our heartfelt gratitude to Jose Achen, Susan Kochamma, Joslyn, and Jeswin for their prayers and unwavering support over the past three-plus years. Your kindness and dedication have been a great blessing to us. Emmanuel family will continue to remember you and your family in our prayers. Please remember the Emmanuel family in your prayers.

Newly Appointed Achen and Family



Rev. Sandeep Jacob,  
Dr. Mrs. Betty Elsa Jacob  
Mr. Jithin Jacob

## Wedding Anniversaries:

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

Mr. Abraham & Mrs. Lizy Kunnel 04/03  
Mr. Johnson John & Mrs. Dhanya John 04/16

*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*



## Holy Week Services

Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday at 7:00 PM in the sanctuary

Maundy Thursday: Holy Communion service at 7:00 PM

Good Friday: Worship Service at 9:30 AM

Holy Saturday: Fasting Prayer at 10:00 AM via ZOOM only

Easter Sunday: Malayalam Holy Communion Service at 10 AM

## Lectionary for April 2025

**April 17** **Maundy Thursday Service @ 6:30 PM**  
**Holy Communion Service in Malayalam**

**Theme:** **Eucharist: Communion of Suffering Humanity**

**1 Lesson** **Exodus 12: 1 - 7**

**Psalm** 116

**2 Lesson:** **1 Corinthians 11: 23 - 34**

**Gospel:** Mark 14: 17 - 25

**Lay Ministry:** **Mr. Cherian Abraham & Family**

**Refreshments:**

**April 15** **Good Friday**

**Theme:** **Cross: Accomplishment of Salvation**

**1<sup>st</sup> Lesson** Exodus 14: 15 – 22

**Psalm** 22

**2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson** Hebrews 13: 8 - 17

**Gospel** John 19: 23 - 30

**Lay Ministry:** **Mrs. Jiji Varughese & Family**

**Refreshments:** Church

**April 20** **Easter Sunday**

**Theme:** **Resurrection: Celebrating Boundless Transformation**

**1 Lesson:** 2 Samuel 22: 1 - 20

**Psalm** 16

**2 Lesson:** 1 Corinthians 15: 20 - 28

**Gospel:** Mark 16: 1 - 11

**Lay Ministry:** **Mr. Koshy K. Varghese & Family**

**Refreshments:** Church

## Lectionary for April/May 2025

**April 27 First Sunday after Easter**  
**Theme: Empowered by the Risen Lord**  
1<sup>st</sup> Lesson Genese 28: 10 – 22  
Psalm 29  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson Acts 20: 7 - 12  
Gospel John 20: 11 - 18  
**Lay Ministry: & Family**  
**Refreshments:**

**May 04 Second Sunday after Easter**  
**Theme: Re-reading the Scripture with the Risen Lord**  
**1 Lesson:** 2 Chronicles 34: 29 – 33  
**Psalm** 19: 7 - 14  
**2 Lesson:** Acts 8: 26 - 40  
**Gospel:** Luke 24: 13 - 27  
**Lay Ministry:**  
**Refreshments:**

**There will be a special Prayer Meeting on Saturday, April 26, 2025, at 5:00 PM at the residence of Mrs. Reena George & Family. Everyone's prayerful participation is requested.**

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**8822 Rising Sun Avenue  
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## *Birthday Greetings:*

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

Mrs. Punnya Ann Andrews	04/01
Mr. Koshy John Thalakal	04/04
Mr. Koshy K. Varghese	04/04
Dr. Mrs. Sandra Colacot	04/06
Mr. Joseph Cherian	04/11
Mr. Maxwell P. Gifford	04/12
Mrs. Annamma Cherian	04/14
Mr. Jenith Jacob	04/15
Master Ryan Samuel	04/17
Mrs. Leelamma Ipe	04/17
Miss. Tintu Merin Mathew	04/22
Mr. Sebin Jacob Easo	04/26
Mrs. Seeja Prasad	04/28
Miss Arya Elizabeth Colacot	04/29



*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.*

