

Offerings: 4/25/10	
Sunday Envelopes.....	\$7,507.00
Almoners Fund.....	\$200.00
Sinking Fund.....	\$106.78
150th Anniversary Fund.....	\$0.00
Operating Budget pledge funds given to date ...	\$71,975.00
<i>Budgeted offerings needed per week.....</i>	<i>\$11,557.69</i>

Worship Attendance: 4/25/10	
Sunday 8:00 AM .....	60
Sunday 10:30 AM.....	271
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>331</b>
Holy Communion.....	19
Sunday School .....	15
Youth Group.....	20
Bible Class.....	78

<b>This week at Emanuel Lutheran:</b>	
<b>Today</b>	8:00 & 10:30 AM Worship Services (10:30 Communion) 9:15 German Worship with Holy Communion 9:15 AM Sunday School, Youth Group & Bible Class
<b>Tuesday</b>	6:30 PM Elders 7:00 PM Missionary Society
<b>Saturday</b>	6:30 PM Worship Service at Campus Ministry, East Lansing Friendship Group "Bowling Night"
<b>Sunday</b>	8:00 & 10:30 AM Worship Services (8:00 Communion) 9:15 AM Sunday School, Youth Group & Bible Class
<i>"THE EMANUEL HOUR OF WORSHIP" SUNDAYS AT 8:00 AM, 1240 ON THE DIAL, WJIM</i>	

**Announcements**

- **Memorials & Gifts: School Library**— \$200.00 given in loving memory of Gordon Johnson, by Helen Johnson.
- **Spring Newsletters** are in the mail! If you submitted your email address to the church office please check your junk/SPAM folder and settings to be sure your email account did not think the email was SPAM. Extra newsletters are available outside the church office to those on the email distribution who would like a physical copy also.
- **Spring Rummage Sale save-the-date:** May 20-21, drop off begins May 16.
- Emanuel Night with the Lansing Lugnuts, June 3rd at 7:05 PM, **the deadline to order tickets is May 3.** Forms are on the church & school bulletin boards.
- Economic Investment Outlook Update sponsored by Thrivent May 16; see bulletin board.
- Food bank: 152 items for a total of 4,358 this year.

**We remember in our prayers:**

*Betsy Burger & Steven Janecke II*

Requests for prayers may be made to the Church Office:  
(517) 485-4118

**MAY 2, 2010**

**THE FIFTH SUNDAY  
OF EASTER  
+  
JUNIOR CONFIRMATION  
SUNDAY**

**TODAY'S ORDER OF SERVICE:**

**"THE COMMON SERVICE "**  
P. 15

**PSALM OF THE DAY:**

**PSALM 118  
CW P. 108**

**TODAY'S HYMNS:**

457  
452  
464  
250

**HOLY COMMUNION**

**HYMNS:**

444  
462  
469  
478



**Our 2010 Youth  
Confirmands:**

- Reed Elizabeth Anderson
- Morgan Elizabeth Binge
- Jerek Andrew Crim
- Gabriella Elenora Seida
- Nadia Atta Thabatah
- Gage Aaron Weatherbee
- Travis Leon Williams

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# Emanuel First Ev. Lutheran Church

Lansing, Michigan + Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod

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WELCOME IN THE NAME OF JESUS!

We consider ourselves privileged to have you worship the Risen Savior together with us today! If you are visiting for the first time, please sign our guest book.

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## THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER + JUNIOR CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

### **First Lesson: Proverbs 3:1-6**

My son, do not forget my teaching, but keep my commands in your heart, for they will prolong your life many years and bring you prosperity. Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. Then you will win favor and a good name in the sight of God and man. Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.

### **Psalm of the Day: Psalm 118 (CW p. 108)**

### **Second Lesson: Ephesians 3:14-21**

For this reason I kneel before the Father, from whom his whole family in heaven and on earth derives its name. I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in

the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

### **Verse of the Day: Psalm 119:105**

Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path. Alleluia.

### **Gospel Lesson: Matthew 6:24-33**

"No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money. "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life? "And why do you worry about clothes? See how the lilies of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

### **Today's Sermon Lessons: Luke 2:52 + Hebrews 6:1**

#### *“Spiritual Maturity—Growing Up With Jesus”*

And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men. Therefore let us leave the elementary teachings about Christ and go on to maturity, not laying again the foundation of repentance from acts that lead to death, and of faith in God.

### **Prayer of the Day:**

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we commend to your care all the homes where your people live. Fill them with faith, virtue, knowledge, moderation, patience, and godliness. Bind together in enduring affection those who have become one in marriage. Let children and parents have full respect and affection for one another; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

# The Rite of Confirmation and Renewal of Vows

**M:** Brothers and sisters in Christ: Our Lord Jesus said to his disciples, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I will be with you always, to the very end of the age.”

In obedience to the Lord’s command, you have been baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. You have been taught the precious truths of the Christian faith as confessed by the Evangelical Lutheran Church. You know what God has given you by his grace and what he expects of you as his dear child.

You confirmands are here to make a public profession of your Christian faith. Those who have been confirmed in the Lutheran Christian Faith are invited to renew your vows. The Apostle Paul writing to the Romans says: “If you confess with your mouth, ‘Jesus is Lord’ and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved ... For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved. Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

Therefore, lift up your hearts to the God of all grace and joyfully answer these questions: (Those renewing their vows are encouraged to join in the **R**esponses)

**M:** Do you this day in the presence of God and of this congregation acknowledge that in Baptism, God gave you the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation?

**R:** **I do.**

**M:** Do you reject the devil along with all his lies and empty promises?

**R:** **I do.**

**M:** Do you believe in God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit?

**R:** **I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**M:** Do you believe all the books of the Bible to be the inspired Word of God?

**R:** **I do.**

**M:** Do you believe that the teaching of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, as you have learned to know it from Luther's Small Catechism, is faithful and true to the Word of God?

**R:** **I do.**

**M:** Do you intend to continue steadfast in this teaching and to endure all things, even death, rather than fall away from it?

**R:** **I do, and I ask God to help me.**

**M:** Do you intend faithfully to conform all your life to the teachings of God's Word; to be faithful in the use of the Word and Sacrament; and in faith and action remain true to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, as long as you live?

**R:** **I do, and I ask God to help me.**

**M:** Since it is God alone who enables us both to will and to do his good pleasure, it is right for us, dear friends in Christ, to call on him for these confirmands and for ourselves, that he would graciously complete the good work which he has begun in them and us. Let us, therefore, bow our heads and pray.

**M:** Lord Jesus, Author and Perfecter of our faith, in mercy you joined these brothers and sisters to your Church when they were born again of water and the Spirit. In mercy you taught them your saving truth. Grant that they may offer themselves as living sacrifices to you as their spiritual act of worship. Transform them by the renewing of their minds so that they will not conform to the pattern of this world. Help us live in love and harmony with one another, and work together in serving you. Keep us united in your Spirit and bring us at last to your eternal kingdom where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** **Amen.**

**ALL: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

**M:** Dear Members of the Confirmation Class:

What we as a Christian congregation have here asked our heavenly Father to confer on you all, we will now ask him to grant you singly, each and every one.

*The confirmands, in turn, come forward and may kneel. The minister lays his hands on the head of each one and speaks a blessing over each confirmand together with each young person’s confirmation verse.*

*After all the confirmands have received the blessing, the minister dismisses them, saying:*

**M:** Your church now invites you to partake of the Sacrament of the Lord’s body and blood. Accept this invitation with deep reverence and holy joy. Regard your communing at the Lord’s table a precious privilege given you by God through his church; receive this sacrament thankfully and often. The almighty and most merciful God: Father, Son (†), and Holy Spirit, bless and keep you.