



Immanuel CSI Church

780, Salem Ave, Elizabeth, New Jersey 07208

Parish News - May 2021



Motto for the Year 2021

Year of Healing

*I will restore health to you, and your wounds I will heal,
says the Lord*

Jeremiah 30:17

Worship Service at 9.30 AM

Sunday School at 11.30 AM

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LETTER FROM THE VICAR

'Come Holy Spirit, Renew Us'



Dear beloved in Christ,

Greetings, Grace and Peace from the risen Lord Jesus Christ.

The Church of South India mediates upon the theme 'Come Holy Spirit, Renew us' in May as we are going to celebrate Pentecost Sunday during this month. 'Come Holy Spirit, Renew us' is a prayer, and prayer is the language most authentic to the Church for it invites us to become co-creators with God in Christ. The gift and presence of the Holy Spirit is the greatest, most wonderful thing which can happen to us, to the human community, to all living beings, and this earth of ours. The Church is a charismatic community of all who share a common experience of new life through their unity in God's spirit. The Holy Spirit actualizes Christ in the life of the Church and safeguards the Church's unity and truth. In the extraordinary events of the first Pentecost, the earliest Christians discovered that the mission to which Christ called them was one for which the gift of the Holy Spirit empowered them. Two thousand years later, therefore, the choice of the theme "Come Holy Spirit—Renew us"—holds immense promise for the whole Church.

How is the Holy Spirit to be discerned? It is simple enough to turn to the apostle Paul's description of "the fruit of the Spirit" for an answer (Gal. 5:22-23). But, in God's freedom, the Holy Spirit breathed over the face of creation (Gen. 1:21), is to be poured out on all flesh (Joel 2:28), and is free as the wind to blow wherever God wills (John 3:8). It was suggested that a new type of mission is required today in the context of this pandemic, not into foreign lands, but into 'foreign' structures, that is economic, social, and political structures that are destructive and need conversion. As Christians, we should confess our failure to recognize and fulfill our responsibility toward creation. As a redeemed community, the Church is called to be a sign of 'new creation' in Christ and has a crucial role in the renewal of creation. In this pluralistic age, the Christian Church does this in dialogue with other religions and ideological faiths.

Many divisions still prevail in our world, which leads to the disparity. Some are economic and political. The post-Covid world will indeed create many unprecedented issues that are yet to be identified and discerned. The brokenness of relationships and injustices are experienced particularly by many women, children, youth, and the differently-abled. The Holy Spirit draws churches into a relationship of love and commitment. The spirit calls the churches to a commitment to seek visible unity and a more effective mission. Heeding the call of the spirit, we urge churches to seek new and reconciled relationships between peoples and use all their members' gifts.

God and humankind are reconciled by the Cross of Christ, a costly sacrifice. To appropriate this reconciliation is also costly, as we become ministers of reconciliation (2 Cor. 5:18). We thus become a missionary people, not in the sense of dominating people and nations, which has all too often characterized missionary work, but in the purpose of sharing God's own mission of bringing all humanity into communion with God through Christ, sharing our faith and our resources with all people. The Church, by this meditation, prays for the Spirit of God to lead Christians to a renewed vision of God's rule so that we may be accountable for our stewardship of 'the mystery of the Gospel' (Eph. 6:19). We pray that we may bear the 'fruit of the Spirit' that bears out God's rule of love and truth, righteousness and justice and freedom, reconciliation, and peace.

We need the dynamic power of the spirit that integrates faith with daily life, worship with action. May the Holy Spirit empower us to integrate such a comprehensive faith-life integration for a better world.

Yours in Christ

Rev. Joby Joy Mullackal

Vicar

News and Events

CSI NA Council Prayer: The CSI NA Council monthly prayer was held on April 8th. Rev Shalu T Mathew, Vicar CSI Malayalam Congregation of Greater New York, Seaford led the prayer.

Holy Week Services:

- Maundy Thursday service was held on Thursday, April 1st at 7:30 pm via. video conferencing.
- Good Friday Service was held on Friday, April 2nd at 9:30 am via. video conferencing. Four Diocesan final year BD students spoke, namely, Mr. Jose Chenneerkara, Mr. Tibu George Oommen, Mr Riju Mathew and Mr. Ajin Kochukoshy George delivered the messages.
- Easter Day Holy Communion Service was held on Sunday, April 4th at 2:00 pm at the St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Edison. The service was also available via. Zoom video conference.

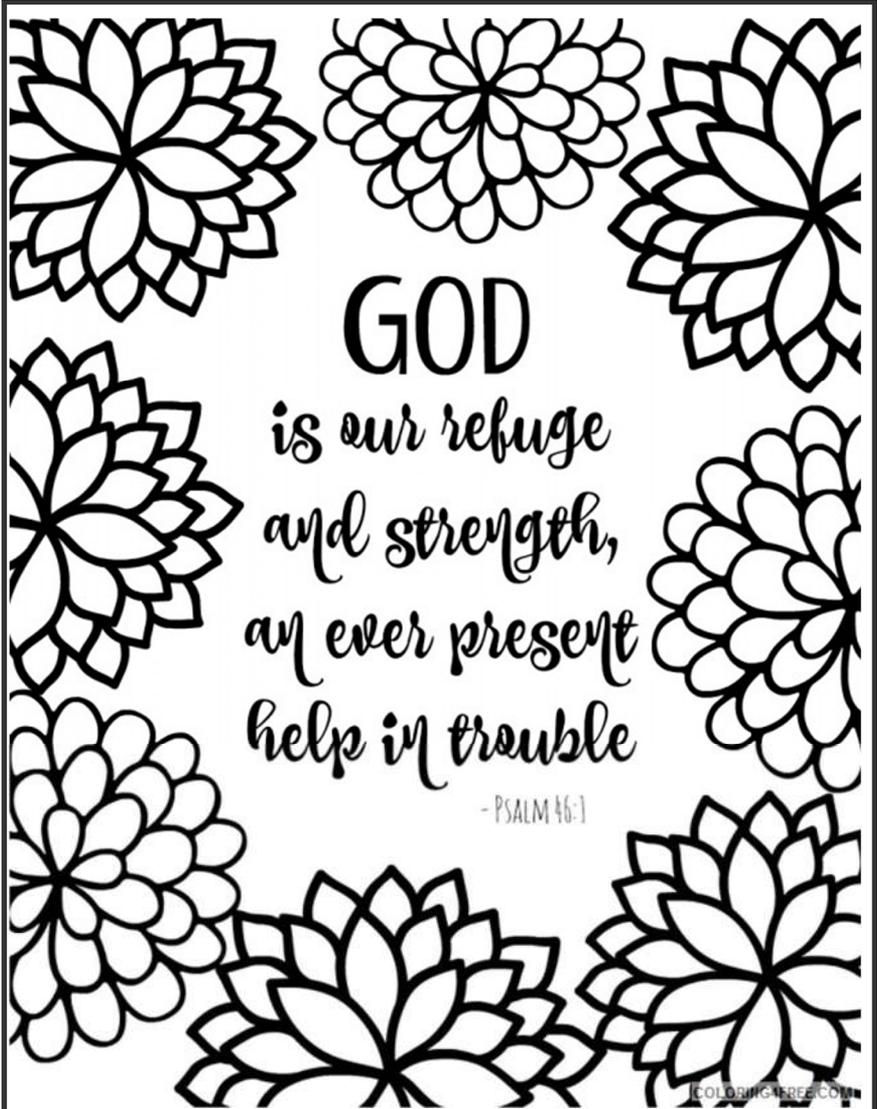
Worship Services: Starting April 4th 2021 (Easter Sunday) and until further notice in-person holy communion worship services will be held at the St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 455 Old Post Road, Edison, NJ 08817 every Sunday at 2pm. The worship services will be conducted in strict compliance with current CDC, state guidelines and the COVID mitigation plan prepared by the Immanuel CSI Church. Worship Services will also be broadcast via. Zoom.

Sunday School: Starting April 11th 2021 and until further notice Sunday School will be held via video conferencing every Sunday at 10:00 AM.

Bible Study: Bible study sessions are conducted through video conferencing every Friday at 7:30PM.

Prayer Meeting: A weekly prayer meeting is now conducted through video conferencing every Wednesday at 8:00PM.

Holy Matrimony: Sybil Mathew & Keerthana Jacob were joined together in holy matrimony on April 24th, 2021 at the Marthoma Church of New Jersey, Randolph.



Women's Fellowship

Motherhood

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Baby dolls and dinosaurs-
 one that cries, one that roars
 The pitter patter of little feet-
 a bike race in which they want you to compete
 Fruity Pebbles, pancakes, no wait! a pop-tart-
 those daily moments that steal your heart
 One throws tantrums, the other just pouts-
 ahh, the joys of motherhood- what life is all about
 Another birthday - two paychecks in all-
 but, it is so worth it with smiling memories on the wall
 From late night tears to early morning grumps-
 through all the bruises, scrapes and bumps
 The kisses and hugs, the encouraging words-
 from nursery rhymes to the bees and the birds
 The laughter, the memories, those looks in their eyes-
 never trade it for anything - never compromise
 The toys left out, the clothes on the floor-
 these are the moments we mothers live for
 For we are the ones who are there through it all-
 to always make it better and pick them up when they fall
 From kissing their boo-boos and making sure they're fed-
 passing down stories while tucking them into bed
 Through the weight gain, cravings, labor and more-
 to that one special moment we spend 9 months waiting for
 Eighteen years is what they say, but our work is never done-
 a lifetime of tears, laughter, sadness and fun
 Nothing in the world can even come close-
 to the one special bond God made matter the most
 A relationship only two certain people can share-
 a mother and her child, nothing will ever compare...

Sunday School Corner

Mother's Day

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Worship Schedule May 2021

| May | 5/2/2021 | 5/9/2021 | 5/16/2021 | 5/23/2021 | 5/30/2021 |
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| Service | Malayalam | English | Malayalam | English | Malayalam |
| | 4th Sunday after Easter | 5th Sunday after Easter | 6th Sunday after Easter | Pentecost Sunday | 1st Sunday after Pentecost (Trinity Sunday) |
| Theme | Believe in Christ: The Resurrection | Christ's Invitation to be an Expression of Mission | Waiting upon the Holy Spirit | Come Holy Spirit Renew Us | We Worship the Tri-une God |
| 1st Lesson | 2 Kings 4: 27-37 Jayanthi Varghese (DC) | Ezekiel 34: 25-31 Beena Abraham (DC) | Isaiah 40: 25-31 Manish George (DC) | Ezekiel 37: 1-14 Richie Varghese (DC) | Genesis 1: 1-28 Anu Rony (DC) |
| Psalm | 90 Jiya Thomas | 47 Liya Riju | 51 Matthew Pothen | 104: 24-35 Shaun Abraham | 2 Jace Alex |
| 2nd Lesson | Acts 26: 12-23 Shameetha Jacob | 1 Peter 2: 1-10 Rebecca Kuruvilla | Act 1: 1-11 Jeny Eapen | Acts 2: 1-13 Ligi Alex | 2 Cor. 13: 11-14 John Sachariah |
| Intercessory | Achan | Achan | Achan | Achan | Achen |
| Peace | | | | | |
| Offertory | | | | | |

Birthdays

For through wisdom your days will be many, and years will be added to your life - Proverbs 9:11

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| ◇ Mr. Thomas Eapen | 7th May |
| ◇ Mr. John Daniel | 9th May |
| ◇ Ms. Neida Vinod | 9th May |
| ◇ Ms. Leyna Vinod | 9th May |
| ◇ Mr. Charles Frank | 10th May |
| ◇ Mst. Jacob Pothan | 14th May |
| ◇ Mrs. Ligi Alex | 18th May |
| ◇ Mr. Pratul Ujjwal | 18th May |
| ◇ Mst. Ethan Samuel | 25th May |
| ◇ Mr. Shebin Alex | 25th May |
| ◇ Mr. Thomas Varughese | 25th May |
| ◇ Mr. Wilson Cherian | 29th May |
| ◇ Mrs. Gigi Thomas | 30th May |
| ◇ Mrs. Anu George | 31st May |

Anniversaries

With all humility & gentleness, with patience, showing forbearance to one another in love, being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace Eph 4: 2-3

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| ◇ Rev. & Mrs. Joby Joy | 4th May |
| ◇ Mrs. & Mr. Johnson Eapen | 14th May |
| ◇ Mrs. & Mr. Jaison Eapen | 19th May |
| ◇ Mrs. & Mr. Wilson Cherian | 22th May |
| ◇ Mrs. & Mr. Thomas Eapen | 28th May |
| ◇ Mrs. & Mr.. Anish Mathew | 30th May |

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