

# Birmingham Area Churches Plan Services to Climax Holy Week Observance

Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday services will draw thousands of Birmingham residents to the churches of their choice beginning today.

Special services and choir programs have been scheduled at most of the churches in the area.

The Birmingham Council of Churches will hold its annual Good Friday Union service at First Methodist this year. "The Cross Speaks to Us" is the theme for the three-hour period of commemoration.

Three distinctive services will be held. The Rev. Dr. Homer J. Armstrong, recently called to become minister of the First Baptist church, will preach at the first service, beginning at noon.

The Rev. Raymond A. Fenner, minister of the Congregational church of Birmingham, will preach the second service at 1 p.m., and the Rev. Robert Graham of the First Presbyterian church will preside over the serving of the bread and wine.

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Dr. Barton Lloyd, minister of St. Stephen's Episcopal church, will administer a service of Believers' Baptism for young people and adults.

Rodney Peterson, minister of music at First Methodist church, will be organist for each of the services, and the participating churches will provide choral and other vocal music.

The traditional Easter Sunday Youth Sunrise Service will be held at Quanton Falls at 7:30 a.m.

James Henry of Dearborn, a student at the University of Michigan, will be the guest speaker.

The church school hour of 9:45 will be the first Easter worship service at the church. Dr. Gage

will give a sermon, "The Living Christ."

The Junior choir will sing at the first service and the Sanctuary choir will sing at both the 9:45 and 11 a.m. services.

Dr. Richard Cummings, executive secretary of the Detroit association of American Baptist churches, will be the guest minister at the 11 a.m. service.

First Presbyterian church will hold a communion service at 8 p.m. tonight and tomorrow.

Youths joining the church at this time will attend the Maundy Thursday service, and other new members will be received on Good Friday.

The church choir will sing, and there will be a silent procession at both services.

Easter Sunday, Dr. W. Glen Harris will preach at the 8:15, 9:45 and 11:15 a.m. services. He will have as his sermon title, "Light on Immortality."

All eight church choirs will participate in the services, and the Calvin high school choir will sing at the 8:15 a.m. service.

The massed choirs will be assisted by a brass quartet and timpani and the prelude will include words for organ and brass and the postlude will be "Toccata (Symphony V) by Widor, Mildred G. Ritter, associate organist will assist at the 8:15 and 9:45 a.m. services, and L. Robert Slusser will play at the 11:15 a.m. service.

ST. JAMES' Episcopal church will hold a Good Friday service and film in the Children's chapel at 1:30 p.m. for primary and junior boys and girls.

The Rev. Kenneth H. Gass, pastor, will preach on "The Seven Last Words" at the regular noon to 3 p.m. service Good Friday.

Four Easter Sunday services will be held, 6, 7, 9 and 11:15 a.m. The Junior choirs will sing at the 7 a.m. service, and the Senior choir will sing at the 9 and 11:15 a.m. services.

An Easter Even service of Baptism will be held at 4:30 p.m. Saturday for all children and adults who have not received the sacrament.

KIRK IN THE HILLS will hold Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter services.

The Sacrament of Communion, in celebration of the Last Supper, will be held in the Cathedral to night at 8. On Good Friday a service of remembrance will be conducted in the sanctuary from 1 to 2 p.m.

Three festival Easter services will be held at 7:15, 9:15 and 11:30 a.m. The Rev. Dr. Harold C. DeWitt will conduct the services.

CHRIST CHURCH Cranbrook will hold a traditional 3-hour service Good Friday from noon to 3 p.m. The service has been planned so persons unable to attend for three hours may be present for only a part of it.

On Easter Sunday a Sunrise Holy Communion service will be held at 6:30 a.m. in the Chapel of the Resurrection. A musical service will be held at 8 a.m., and will feature an anthem by the Blue Choir. Festival Holy Communion services are planned for 9:30 and 11:30 a.m.

FRANKLIN COMMUNITY church will hold a Good Friday service from 1 to 2 p.m. as part of the services sponsored by the Birmingham Council of Churches.

The Rev. Dr. Benjamin F. Holme, executive secretary of the Methodist Union of Greater Detroit, will speak at the service. The Rev. Ralph C. Strub, Jr., pastor of the Presbyterian church of Our Saviour, and the Rev. Robert J. Searls, minister of the host church, planned the service.

A choir, made up of women from both churches will sing, and the ushers will be youths from the Church of Our Saviour.

A 7:30 a.m. Sunrise service Easter Sunday will be sponsored by the Senior Youth Fellowship. Three members of the fellowship will speak at the service.

Mr. Searls will conduct the 9:30 and 11 a.m. services. The Junior choir will sing at the 9:30 service and the Adult choir will participate in the 11 a.m. service.

FIRST METHODIST church will hold Maundy Thursday services at 8 p.m. A Communion will be held plus reception of new members.

On Good Friday the church will host the Birmingham Council of churches Union services, and Friday at 8 p.m. an additional service will be held.

The Rev. Allen F. Wittrup, Associate minister will preach at an 8 a.m. service Easter Sunday, and the Rev. Dr. Arnold F. Runkel, minister, will conduct the 9:30 and 11 a.m. services. The choirs will participate in all services.

A Baptism service will be held at the church at 3 p.m. Easter Sunday.

BEAUTIFUL SAVIOUR Lutheran church has a Narrative Eucharist Maundy Thursday service at 7:30 p.m. The liturgy will be explained during the service in place of a sermon.

A 7:30 p.m. Vesper service and Tenbrae will be held Good Friday. The Rev. Donald G. Zill will give the sermon "A Question on Loneliness."

Easter services will begin with a 7:30 a.m. Sunrise service, which will include the celebration of Holy Communion. An Easter breakfast will be held for the congregation at 8:45 a.m.

The Sunday school will meet at 10 a.m. to view a special Easter film. Another Festival service will be held at 11 a.m. Easter anthems will be presented by the Senior choir at both services.

THE LUTHERAN Church of the Redeemer will hold an 8 p.m.

Maundy Thursday Holy Communion service. The Senior choir will do Dubois' "Seven Last Words." Soloists will be: Sandra Johnson, soprano; Carl Christensen, tenor; and Richard Davis, baritone.

Easter Sunday services will be held at 8 and 11 a.m. and a children's service will be held at 9:30 a.m. The sermon at the children's service will be given by Duane Wuggazer, son of the Rev. Theodore Wuggazer, pastor.

HOLY NAME church is holding three Holy Thursday masses. There will be a 7 a.m. mass and two evening masses, a low mass at 5:30 and a solemn high mass at 7:30 p.m.

Following the last mass, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will begin, and will continue through noon on Good Friday.

"The Ore" services will begin at noon Good Friday and communion services will begin around 1:30 p.m.

A Holy Saturday Easter Vigil service will begin at 11 p.m., and a solemn high mass will be said at midnight. The men's and boys' choirs under the direction of John F. Callaghan, will sing the midnight mass.

Masses will be held at 6:30, 7:30, 8:45 and 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Easter Sunday.

THE CONGREGATIONAL Church of Birmingham will join with other churches for the Birmingham Council of Churches (See CHURCHES, Page 7-B)



WELCOME TO  
**BEAUTIFUL SAVIOUR LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
North Adams Road at Whitmore Road  
(1/2 mile north of East Long Lake Road)  
Sunday Worship Service 11:00 A.M.  
Sunday School and Bible Classes 9:30 A.M.  
Telephone: MI 6-5941  
REV. DONALD G. ZILL, Pastor

**FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST**  
Christian Science Services  
191 N. Chester — Birmingham, Michigan  
Sunday Morning Services 9:30 and 11:00  
Sunday School 9:30 and 11:00  
Infants' Room (in Reading Room) 9:15 and 10:45  
Wednesday Evening Meeting 8:15  
READING ROOM, 355 East Maple Ave.  
Open 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Except Sundays and Holidays  
Evenings 7:00 to 9:00 Except Wednesdays and Saturdays.

**Northwestern Baptist Church**  
19421 West Ten Mile (Near Evergreen) EL 6-1717  
Minister: Dr. Walter R. Hand  
Sunday Worship Services 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.  
Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m.  
Youth Groups 6:30 p.m.

**Kirk in the Hills**  
BLOOMINGDALE HILLS — PRESBYTERIAN  
Dr. Harold C. DeWitt, MINISTER  
EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES  
7:15, 9:15 and 11:30 A.M.

**NATIVITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
21229 West 14 Mile Road  
(Half way bet. Cranbrook & Lakewood)  
Easter Sunrise Service 7:30 A.M.  
Worship Services 9:30, 11:15  
Church School and Nursery 9:30 and 11:15  
Minister: Rev. Louis C. Gillette  
MA 6-6666 MI 6-7627

**ST. ANDREW LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
United Lutheran Church of America  
6255 Telegraph, 1/10th of a Mile North of Maple  
Church School 9:30 a.m.  
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.  
Parsonage: 150 Pleasant St.  
Phone: MI 6-4119  
Rev. John A. Root, Pastor  
National Lutheran Council Church

**Christian Science Society**  
Franklin, Michigan  
26100 German Mill Road  
SUNDAY—11 A.M.  
SUNDAY SCHOOL—11 A.M.  
WEDNESDAY EVENING  
TESTIMONY MEETING—8:15  
READING ROOM  
(In Church Edifice)  
Tuesdays & Saturdays 1-3 P.M.  
Thursdays 7-9 P.M.

**NORTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**  
Northwestern Highway and Lahar Road  
EASTER SUNDAY  
6:00 a.m. Sunrise Service  
9:30 a.m. Morning Service of Worship  
11:00 a.m. Morning Service of Worship and Church School  
(Nursery care at both Services)  
Ministers: Rev. Ralph H. Read and Rev. John W. Mettler  
All are Welcome

We Invite you to share the  
Easter Joy with us  
at  
**Our Shepherd Lutheran Church**  
14 Mile Road, 4 Blocks East of Woodward  
Sunrise Service 7:00 A.M.  
Festival Services 9:15 and 11:00 A.M.

**Easter Services**  
**FIRST METHODIST CHURCH**  
1589 West Maple at Pleasant  
Worship Services — 8:00 9:30 11:00  
Sermon theme:—"HE IS RISEN"  
8:00 a.m.—Rev. Wittrup preaching  
9:30 and 11:00—Dr. Runkel preaching  
Music by children's youth and chancel choirs  
and brass quartet under direction of  
Rodney Peterson and Mona Spezzano.  
No Crib Nursery or Classes at 8:00 a.m.  
Sacrament of Baptism—3:00 p.m.  
Ministers: A. F. Runkel—A. E. Wittrup—H. O. Martin  
Robert R. Falk  
A CORDIAL INVITATION IS EXTENDED TO ALL

**ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
355 W. Maple  
GOOD FRIDAY  
12:00 to 3:00 P.M.  
"THE SEVEN LAST WORDS"  
Preacher—The Rev. Dr. Kenneth H. Gass  
Service—The Rev. W. Eugene Snarell  
Special Music—Mr. Kent McDonald  
CHILDREN'S SERVICE — 1:30 to 3:00 P. M.  
Service—The Rev. Thomas G. Phillips  
Full Length Film "I Beheld His Glory"  
ALL ARE WELCOME  
Baby Sitting Service Available for Children  
of all ages for the three hours.

**HOLY WEEK**  
**Lutheran Church of The Redeemer**  
1800 West Maple  
Maundy Thursday—8 P.M. Holy Communion  
Good Friday—  
Noonday Meditation 1 P.M.  
The Seven Last Words 8 P.M.  
Easter Sunday—  
8 A.M.—9:30 A.M.—11 A.M.

**Franklin Community Church**  
On Franklin's Village Green  
1 block west of Franklin Rd.,  
at Wellington and Normandy  
MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE—10:00 A.M.  
CHURCH SCHOOL—2 Year Olds thru 3rd Grade 10 A.M.  
4th Grade thru Junior High 11:15  
Robert J. Searls, Minister  
Assistant to the Minister, Constance D. Koch

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF DETROIT**  
21200 Southfield Road at 8 Mile  
Elgin 6-8282  
Rev. Emil Gaverluk, Pastor  
UN 3-4329  
7:30 Sunrise Service  
8:30 Easter Breakfast  
9:45 Sunday School for all ages  
11:00 THE RESURRECTION AND TRANSLATION  
OF HUMAN BEINGS  
6:00 Baptist Training Group for all ages  
7:00 EASTER—LOVE'S PROMISE OF ETERNAL LIFE  
Special Easter Music

**Easter Greetings**  
from  
16935 W. 11 Mile at Pierce  
**Ascension Lutheran Church**  
Holy Week Services  
Maundy Thursday Good Friday  
8:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m.  
Easter Sunday—8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

**THE BIRMINGHAM COUNCIL OF CHURCHES**  
Invites You To Attend  
The Annual Union Good Friday Service  
The First Methodist Church  
1589 West Maple Road  
Birmingham, Michigan  
Three Distinct Services Within the Three-Hour Period of Commemoration  
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Mr. Rodney Peterson, Organist  
THEME: "The Cross Speaks To Us"

**CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
1152 Bonnaville Birmingham, Michigan  
G. Wheeler Utley, Minister U 2-0855  
10:00 A.M. Sunday Bible Class  
11:00 A.M. Sunday Worship  
6:00 P.M. Sunday Evening Service  
7:30 P.M. Wednesday Evening Bible Study  
"THE HERALD OF TRUTH"  
WXYZ—Each Sunday 5:00-5:30 P.M.

**UNITY**  
Affiliated With The Unity School of Christianity  
UNITY SERVICES  
Sunday 11:00 A.M.  
"Life's Masterpiece"  
Sunday School 11:00 A.M.  
1128 West Maple, Birmingham

**Lutheran Church of the Shepherd King**  
Announces Worship Services in its New Church Building  
at West Maple and Middle Belt Road  
EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 29  
Sunrise Service 6:20 AM  
Worship Service 10:30 AM  
Sunday School and Bible Class 9:00 AM  
Rev. A. Karl Boehmke, Pastor  
A Mission of the Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod  
For information call GR 4-7531

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