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Epiphany Lutheran Church Offers Holy Week Services

Germantown, Tennessee, USA – Epiphany Lutheran Church will be holding several worship services during Holy Week. On Palm Sunday, April 14, the 10 am worship service will begin with a Palm Processional, with worshipers waving their palm crosses as they move into the chapel for the service. Immediately following the service, all are invited to a potluck luncheon. On Maundy Thursday, April 18, a special worship service will take place at 6 pm to commemorate The Last Supper and the initiation of Holy Communion (the Eucharist), observed in many Christian churches.

At 7 pm on Good Friday, April 19, Epiphany is offering a Tenebrae worship service. The Tenebrae is an ancient Christian Good Friday service that makes use of gradually diminishing light through the extinguishing of candles to symbolize the events of Holy Week, from the triumphant Palm Sunday entry through Jesus' burial. With the extinguishing of the candles, the increasing darkness symbolizes the approaching darkness of Jesus' death and of hopelessness in the world without God. The worshipers then leave in silence to ponder the impact of Christ's death and await the coming Resurrection.

“Christians have long practiced times of worship and service during the week before Easter as a way to remember Jesus’ last week before his crucifixion and resurrection. By participating in worship, reflection and prayer during this time, Christ’s sacrifice becomes more meaningful for both long-time Christians and those exploring the faith,” says Pastor Weber.



All services take place in Schaeffer Memorial Chapel and include Holy Communion, which is open to everyone. To see the full schedule online, please visit <https://www.epiphanylu.org/lent-and-easter-2019.html>.

About Epiphany Lutheran Church: Epiphany Lutheran Church worships every Sunday at 10:00 am in Schaeffer Memorial Chapel at Kingsway Christian Church, 7887 Poplar Avenue in Germantown (right next to Whole Foods). Epiphany's Community Garden, tended by volunteers, provided 1,800 pounds of produce in 2018 to the Collierville Food Pantry, Page Robbins Adult Day Center, Trinity Ministries and other area organizations. Epiphany Lutheran is a member congregation of the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America). For more information, contact Pastor Monica Weber, (901) 861-6227, or visit www.epiphanylu.org.

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