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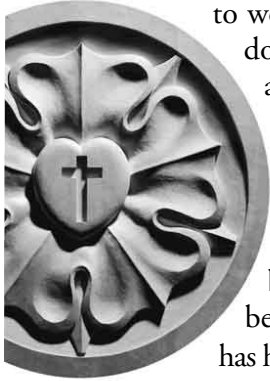
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Blessed are those  
who have not seen  
and yet have believed.

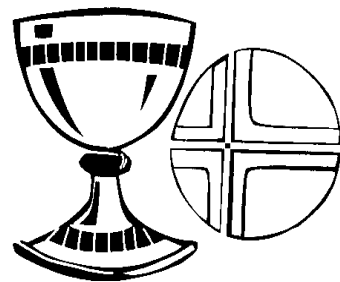


IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST, WE WELCOME YOU. We encourage our visitors to worship with us often and to let us know if we can be of service. If you do not have a church home, the pastors will be happy to talk with you about membership here at Memorial. Please sign our Rite of Friendship booklet this morning so we may acknowledge your presence. Please pick up one of our visitor information packets from an usher in the narthex.

THE CHURCH NURSERY is located in the blue nursery room in the building north of the sanctuary. Children up to three years of age may be left in the nursery. Please do not bring your child to the nursery if he/she has had a fever within the last hours, has a cough or might be contagious.

PEACE BE WITH YOU! John received his first vision of the Firstborn from the dead on the Lord's Day. The resurrected Lord guided him so he could understand the meaning of what he saw and heard. The Christian community gathers each Lord's Day so it may also see and hear the resurrected Lord and find peace and life in His word. We pray therefore "that we who have celebrated the mystery of the Lord's resurrection may by the help of Your grace bring forth the fruits thereof in our life and conduct." The "mystery" is what we share with the newly baptized through these Fifty Days. We are God's kingdom and His priests who serve as mediators of God's grace to one another and to the world. In this we share our labors and trials with John and all the saints who are our sisters and brothers, companions in the suffering and patient endurance that are ours in Jesus. We have not seen with our eyes, yet we see the risen Lord in the communion of saints gathered in His name to hear His Word and celebrate His Sacraments. He presents Himself with power and grace in this community, disperses our fears and fills us with His warming Spirit. His faithfulness continues through all generations.

TODAY AS WE CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION we will receive the body and blood of our Savior. We receive the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith. Since the Lord's Supper is an expression of our common confession of the Christian faith, we ask that only those persons who are members of a congregation of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod receive the Sacrament. Those who would like more information about this doctrine or any other teaching of the Lutheran Church are asked to speak with one of the pastors.



## THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

April ,

(*Lutheran Service Book, Divine Service One, -* )

Preservice Music      I Know that My Redeemer Lives      G. Martin

Prelude      *Vruechten*      D. Schack

### **j** Entrance Hymn      This Joyful Eastertide

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

*Erica Gerald Bonin, daughter of Debra Bolin, is receiving the washing of rebirth and renewal in the Holy Spirit in Holy Baptism during early service. Patrick Thomas Wilty, son of Roy and Catherine Wilty, is receiving the washing of rebirth and renewal in the Holy Spirit in Holy Baptism during late service.*

### Service of the Word

Kyrie

Hymn of Praise      This Is the Feast

Collect of the Day

P. Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C. Amen.

**j** The First Lesson      Acts : -      ESV p.

Now many signs and wonders were regularly done among the people by the hands of the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. <sup>13</sup>None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high esteem. <sup>14</sup>And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, <sup>15</sup>so that they even carried out the sick into the streets and laid them on cots and mats, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. <sup>16</sup>The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed. <sup>17</sup>But the high priest rose up, and all who were with him (that is, the party of the Sadducees), and filled with jealousy <sup>18</sup>they arrested the apostles and put them in the public prison. <sup>19</sup>But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said, <sup>20</sup>"Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life."

Gradual

Christ Is Risen from the Dead

J. Muth

Epistle Reading

Revelation : -

ESV p.

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne,<sup>5</sup> and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood<sup>6</sup> and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.<sup>7</sup> Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen.<sup>8</sup> "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."<sup>9</sup> I, John, your brother and partner in the tribulation and the kingdom and the patient endurance that are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos on account of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus.<sup>10</sup> I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet<sup>11</sup> say-

ing, "Write what you see in a book and send it to the seven churches, to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea."<sup>12</sup> Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands,<sup>13</sup> and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest.<sup>14</sup> The hairs of his head were white like wool, as white as snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire,<sup>15</sup> his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters.<sup>16</sup> In his right hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength.<sup>17</sup> When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, "Fear not, I am the first and the last,<sup>18</sup> and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades.

### **i** Gospel Procession

Soloist: We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again;  
death no longer has dominion over him. Alleluia.  
Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.

**C. Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Holy Gospel

John : -

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On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup>When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." <sup>22</sup>And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld." <sup>24</sup>Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and

place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe." <sup>26</sup>Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>27</sup>Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." <sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup>Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." <sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; <sup>31</sup>but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

Hymn

O Sons and Daughters of the King

*Stanza : All*

*Stanza : Women and children*

*Stanzas , : All*

*Stanza : Men*

*Stanza : Choir/Soloist*

*Stanzas - : All*

Sermon

Creed

**i** Prayer of the Church

Offering I Know that My Redeemer Lives G. F. Handel  
Offertory What Shall I Render to the Lord

## Service of the Sacrament

Preface

Sanctus

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord's Prayer

The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini

Agnus Dei

Hymns **Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain  
These Things Did Thomas Count as Real**

Anthem : *Jubilate Deo* M. Bedford  
Translation: Be joyful in God, all the earth.

: Unto Him Who Loved Us R. Vaughan Williams  
Canticle Thank the Lord

Collect

Benediction

Hymn **All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name**

Postlude Coronation O. Holden

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## Servants of the Word

Preacher  
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Lector  
Organist

Rev. Dr. Scott R. Murray  
Rev. Charles St-Onge  
Rev. Charles P. Wokoma  
Cantor Janet Muth



Sunday (April , )

Exodus : -

Luke : -

Psalm

Monday

Exodus : - :

Luke : -

Psalm

Tuesday

Exodus : -

Luke : -

Psalm

Wednesday

Exodus : -

Luke : -

Psalm

Thursday

Exodus : -

Luke : -

Psalm

Friday

Exodus : -

Luke : -

Psalm

Saturday

Exodus : -

Luke : -

Psalm

Sunday (April , )

Exodus : -

Luke : -

Psalm

**TODAY between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. you can give the gift of life by donating blood in the gymnasium. Walk-ins are welcome.**

Here are just a few reasons you should donate today:

Leukemia and cancer patients can require many units of blood during the course of their treatments. Anyone, anywhere from all walks of life, even mothers giving birth, newborns, accident victims, or someone suffering from an illness most of us have never heard of can suddenly require blood products. Whether you are an A, B, O or AB, you have the opportunity to help save lives in a way that is special for your blood type. If you have questions, please see Brenda Stancik.



*Thanks for donating your time and your gift of life!*

THE BEAUTIFUL FLOWERS that grace our chancel are given to the glory of God by Mark and Becky Tackett in celebration of Eloise Christine's 1st birthday on April 10th. *"Every good and perfect gift is from above..."* James 1:17. Flowers are given to the glory of God by Tim and Janet Taylor in celebration of Janet's birthday on the 10th and in thanksgiving for the many blessings that our family has received.

**BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST:** We welcome Erica Gerald Bonin and Patrick Thomas Wilty to our Christian family today. Erica is the daughter of Debra Kay Bolin. Her sponsors are Terry and Susan Bomar. Patrick is the son of Roy and Catherine Wilty. Jan Orlesh Conway is his sponsor and Roger McGuire is his godfather.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** meets from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Preschool and kindergarten aged children have opening with Mrs. Lamberson in Sunday School room 101. Children follow their teachers to class and are dismissed in the Sunday School hallway at 10:30 a.m. Two year old children are accompanied by a parent and join Miss Patti in Sunday School room 101. The elementary aged children (1st-5th grades) have an opening in the Music Suite with Cantor Muth. Students are then picked up by their teachers and are dismissed at 11:00 a.m. in the Commons. Middle School class meets in room 101 with Mr. Jeffers, and the High School class meets in the

Youth Room with Pastor St-Onge. **NOTE:** Please arrive on time to pick up your children so that Sunday School teachers may arrive on time for church service.

**GROWING IN CHRIST:** Today in Sunday School, the children learned that we, like Thomas, doubt what we cannot see (John 20:29). Through His Spirit, God gives us eyes of faith that we might see Jesus in Word and Sacrament and believe in Him. Discuss with your family times when it was hard to trust and believe in the promises of God. Talk about faith and where it comes from (the Holy Spirit). In your catechism review, study the Third Article of the Apostles' Creed and its explanation.

**SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASSES:** Pastor Murray is teaching the Gospel of Mark in the Fellowship Hall. Paul Broughton's class, Christ in Today's Culture, in Meeting Room 101, will be taught by John Threet today. Growing a Godly Family in an Ungodly World in the Church Library will not meet today. Please join the Bohots and the Hansons as they resume this class next Sunday.

**ADULT INSTRUCTION** meets today at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Contact Pastor Murray by email at [smurray@mlchouston.org](mailto:smurray@mlchouston.org), for questions regarding the class or to register for the fall class.

**TUESDAY MORNING EUCHARIST:** Holy Communion is offered every Tuesday

morning in the church at : a.m.

**BAGELS AND BIBLE STUDY** meets on Tuesday morning at : a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

**TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE** class meets at : a.m. in the church library. The class is studying and Peter.

**HANDBELL AND ADULT CHOIRS:** This week handbells will meet at : p.m. on Thursday and adult choir will meet at : p.m. on Thursday. Call Cantor Muth, . . . , if you are interested in joining either group.

**MEMORIAL MOMENTS** is a daily devotion written and distributed by Pastor Murray. To join the mailing list, log on to [www.memorialmoments.org](http://www.memorialmoments.org) and put your email address in the sign-up box.

**DYING TO LIVE:** Join Pastor Murray Sundays on KKHT . FM at : p.m. Programs are available on demand at [www.mlchouston.org](http://www.mlchouston.org) and by podcast at iTunes.

**PASTOR ST-ONGE'S BLOG** can be found at [houstonbelief.com](http://houstonbelief.com). Click on blogs and look for Lutherant and his picture. Or go to [www.chron.com/channel/houstonbelief/commons/lutherant.html](http://www.chron.com/channel/houstonbelief/commons/lutherant.html).

**JUNIOR CONFIRMATION:** Class will meet tonight at : p.m. in the Church Library.

**NICARAGUA MISSION TRIP** - DATE SET: Mark your calendars for June through July for the next mission trip

to Nicaragua. The cost per person for this year's trip is . See John Coulter to sign up. Let John know if you need scholarship assistance to join the group on this mission trip.

**MEMORIAL MEMBERS NOMINATED FOR SYNOD-WIDE OFFICES:** Noreen Linke was nominated to serve on the Board for District and Congregational Services. Albert Allen was nominated to serve on the Board of Regents of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. Both of these members will be up for election at the Synodical Convention to be held at the George R. Brown Convention Center in Houston, July - th. Congratulations Noreen and Albert!

**ENGAGING TRUTH:** The Game for Life. Americans love their football and basketball; but, while we indulge ourselves in games and athletic contests, the lives of unborn children around this nation are hanging in the balance. Jesus said, "Whatever you did unto the least of these, you did unto me." Tune in Sunday night, April at : p.m. to . FM The Word KKHT. Or stream the program live at [www.kkht.com](http://www.kkht.com).

**LUTHERAN HIGH NORTH MUSIC DEPARTMENT:** Lutheran High North proudly presents the third annual choral vespers TODAY, April th at : p.m. at Our Savior Lutheran Church. The service will feature J. S. Bach's Easter Cantata, *Christ Lag in Todesbanden*. The service is free and open to the public. There will be a dinner following the

service with a free will offering. **Lutheran High North is also pleased to invite you** to attend this year's Spring Musical. Based on the classic Disney animated film, "The Beauty and the Beast" is a family friendly musical filled with all of the songs and characters you know and love. Spend the evening with enchanted characters, hungry wolves, a Prince who must learn to love, and Belle who demonstrates true inner beauty. Mark your calendar for April 17th and 18th at 7:30 p.m. for your entire family. Order your tickets online today at [www.lutheranhighnorth.org](http://www.lutheranhighnorth.org).

**PEOPLE ENJOYING PEOPLE:** The PEP club invites you on an outing to see "The Little Foxes" on stage at the A.D. Players, 7:30 p.m., Sunday, April 18th. Tickets are \$10 and should be reserved and paid for by Monday, April 17th. Because the county bus is not being used, younger-than-seniors are invited to participate. You may meet others to carpool from the church at 7:30 p.m., or you may meet the group at the theater at 1000 W. Alabama. After the play, coffee and dessert will be served at the church. Contact Sylvia Atsinger (713.466.1234) or Florence Brimberry (713.466.1234) for more information.

## SPRING CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NIGHT

April 17, 18 - May 1, 2

Evening Schedule:

7:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Private Confession and Absolution

8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Dinner and Fellowship

9:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Classes

Pastor Murray: Death and Dying

Pastor St-Onge: The Christian Family Tree,  
What we believe and why we believe it!

Cantor Muth: Bach's B Minor Mass

LouAnn Webber: CEN for the Children

10:00 p.m. Vespers

More information coming soon. If you would like to volunteer to help prepare light dinners, please contact Brenda Stancik in the church office at 713.466.1234 or [Brenda@mlchouston.org](mailto:Brenda@mlchouston.org).



## NICARAGUA CHILD SPONSORSHIPS

With God's help, Memorial Lutheran Church will once again be able to sponsor children in the refugee village of Santa Patricia, Nicaragua. For only \$100 a year the children will receive school shoes, a school uniform, school books, a backpack, their school registration, and all their school supplies, plus two hours of Lutheran Catechism instruction and two hours of daily math instruction. If you would like to sponsor a child, please make your check payable to Memorial Lutheran Church and write Nicaragua Child Sponsorship in the memo field of your check. If you would like to talk to someone about Nicaragua, John Coulter will be at the Nicaragua table in the Commons each Sunday between services.

*Whoever shall receive one of such children in my name, receiveth me: and whosoever shall receive me, receiveth not me, but him that sent me. Mark 9:37*

### MLC VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

LCMS World Relief and Human Care  
Disaster Response Team

Have you wanted to have a part in disaster response and relief but just didn't know how to get involved? Now you can be! After our recent visit from Pastor Matthew Harrison, executive director of LCMS World Relief and Human Care, MLC has been invited to join with over 100 congregations in the LCMS to set up a disaster response team.

This is a large undertaking but one which can deeply impact the lives of those in need. How does it work? In the coming months we will host Rev. Glen Merritt of LCMS World Relief and Human Care as he presents an on-site disaster response training seminar. Because of new FEMA laws, everyone who enters a "disaster" zone (national or

international) to bring relief and aid will have to be trained and registered. Rev. Merritt will offer that training right here at MLC. The training takes about 16-20 hours and will take place on April 23rd and May 1st.

At the conclusion of the training, everyone will fill out an inventory noting skills and abilities. This could include almost anything: medical, construction, counseling, cooking, etc. LCMS World Relief and Human Care enters this information into the data base and calls upon congregations for assistance as skills can be matched with needs.

Are you ready and willing to serve? If you are interested in learning more and possibly attending the training seminar, please contact Pastor Day in the school office (713.261.1234) or [revday@mlchouston.org](mailto:revday@mlchouston.org).



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## CALENDAR FOR APRIL -

<b>TODAY:</b>	MLC Blood Drive	<b>WEDNESDAY:</b>	
:	Divine Service	:	English for Beginners
:	Adult Bible Study; Sunday School	:	Private Confession & Absolution
:	Divine Service	:	Dinner & Fellowship
:	Youth Group	:	CEN Classes
:	Adult Instruction	:	Vespers
:	Junior Confirmation		
<b>MONDAY:</b>		<b>THURSDAY:</b>	
:	English for Beginners	:	English Conv. & Pronunciation
:	MLS Chapel	<b>FRIDAY:</b>	Women's Retreat (Fri-Sun)
:	Board of Elders	:	English for Beginners
:	Boards and Committees	<b>SATURDAY:</b>	
:	Parish Planning Council	:	Men's Bible Study Breakfast
<b>TUESDAY:</b>		:	Men's Bible Study Class
:	Bagels & Bible Study	<b>SUNDAY:</b>	
:	Tuesday Eucharist Service	:	Divine Service
:	English Conv. & Pronunciation	:	Adult Bible Study; Sunday School
:	Bible Study	:	Divine Service
:	Young Adult Bible Study	:	Adult Instruction
		:	Junior Confirmation
		:	Junior Youth Group

Attendance April :

Tuesday Morning Service:

Offering received April : ,

Through April :

Year-to-date Budgeted Offerings: ,

Year-to-date Actual Offerings: ,

Amount above/(below) Budget: ( , )

### ELDERS ON DUTY

**Early:** Joel Kuhlmann      **Late:** Albert Allen  
Greg Renzelman              Steve Tackett

### USHERS ON DUTY

**Early:** Alberto Salazar      **Late:** John Wagner  
Jan Morley                      Scott George  
Clarence Kamba                Greg Koch  
Jeff Mishler                      Mathew Mohono  
Robert Kline                      ChaCha Mwita

### ALTAR GUILD

**Early:** Ruth Kamba      **Late:** Claudine Bhandari  
Hilary Murray                Sylvia Atsinger

### ACOLYTES ON DUTY

**Early:** Andrew Coulter      **Late:** Jack Ogden