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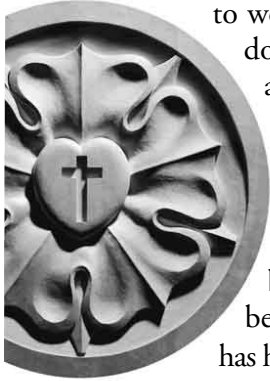
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They knew it was
the Lord.

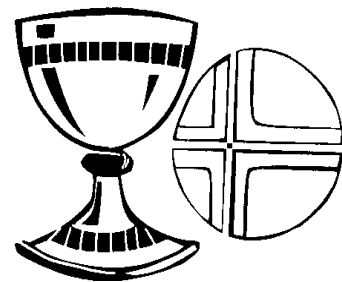


IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST, WE WELCOME YOU. We encourage our visitors to worship with us often and to let us know if we can be of service. If you do not have a church home, the pastors will be happy to talk with you about membership here at Memorial. Please sign our Rite of Friendship booklet this morning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

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.

WORTHY IS THE LAMB...The apostles are fishing again, as though nothing had happened. In one way, nothing has changed. The Lord appears to them, as once before He came to call them to be fishers in the world's waters. Once again they learn that without Him they can catch nothing. But one thing has changed. The Son of Man, who showed compassion on the crowds by feeding them with bread and fish, now stands revealed to them as the Son of God who returned to the Father and was glorified by Him. The bread He gives them now is the very Bread of life and the fish is the Ichthus Himself, Jesus Christ, God's Son, the Savior. The community into which the Spirit leads the elect of God is identified in the world by the breaking of the bread in the remembrance of the Lord who died and yet lives. John, nurtured by his community's weekly celebration of the liturgy, beholds the heavenly community at worship. "Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain," they sing. He is the food by which we are fed. He is the Passover that is everlasting. By faith and in hope we join in the great Amen of creation, singing, "This is the feast of victory for our God. Worthy is the Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God."

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 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April ,

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

Preservice Music *Mit Freuden zart* J. Pepping

i Prelude *Nun danket all* J. Crüger

Entrance Hymn Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs

The Public Attestation to the Baptism of an Adopted Child (: a.m.)

Aiden Brian Kleb was adopted by Allen and Michelle Kleb on March , . Prior to his adoption Aiden was privately baptized on December , , at Epiphany Lutheran Church by Pastor Michael Welmer. His baptismal sponsors are Kim Bohot, Olivia Riha, Linda Kleb, and Keith Groeschel. Today we celebrate his adoption and give public attestation to his baptism.

Catechism Confession (: a.m.)

P. What is confession?

C. **Confession has two parts. First, that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution, that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.**

Hymn From Depths of Woe I Cry to Thee

From depths of woe I cry to Thee,	Though great our sins, yet greater
In trial and tribulation;	still Is God's abundant favor;
Bend down Thy gracious ear to me,	His hand of mercy never will
Lord, hear my supplication.	Abandon us, nor waver.
If Thou rememb'rest ev'ry sin,	Our shepherd good and true is He,
Who then could heaven ever win	Who will at last His Israel free
Or stand before Thy presence?	From all their sin and sorrow.

Service of the Word

Introit Psalm : - , ; antiphon: Psalm :

P. All your works shall give thanks to you, | O LORD,*
and all your saints shall | bless you!

C. **One generation shall commend your works to an- | other,*
and shall declare your | mighty acts.**

P. On the glorious splendor of your | majesty,*
and on your wondrous works, I will | meditate.

- C. They shall speak of the might of your | awesome deeds,*
and I will declare your | greatness.
- P. They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant | goodness*
and shall sing aloud of your | righteousness.
- C. The Lord is | good to all,*
and his mercy is over all that | he has made.
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
- P. All your works shall give thanks to you, | O LORD,*
and all your saints shall | bless you!

Kyrie

Hymn of Praise

This Is the Feast

Salutation & Collect of the Day

P. O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C. Amen.

⌋ The First Lesson

Acts : -

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But Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ²and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴And falling to the ground he heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?" ⁵And he said, "Who are you, Lord?" And he said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶But rise

and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." ⁷The men who were traveling with him stood speechless, hearing the voice but seeing no one. ⁸Saul rose from the ground, and although his eyes were opened, he saw nothing. So they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. ⁹And for three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank. ¹⁰Now there was a disciple at Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." And he said, "Here I am, Lord." ¹¹And the Lord said to him, "Rise and go to the street called

Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul, for behold, he is praying,¹² and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.”¹³ But Ananias answered, “Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints at Jerusalem.¹⁴ And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on your name.”¹⁵ But the Lord said to him, “Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel.¹⁶ For I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.”¹⁷ So Ananias departed and entered the house. And laying his hands on him he said, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on the road by

which you came has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.”¹⁸ And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he rose and was baptized;¹⁹ and taking food, he was strengthened. For some days he was with the disciples at Damascus.²⁰ And immediately he proclaimed Jesus in the synagogues, saying, “He is the Son of God.”²¹ And all who heard him were amazed and said, “Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem of those who called upon this name? And has he not come here for this purpose, to bring them bound before the chief priests?”²² But Saul increased all the more in strength, and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Christ.

Gradual

Christ Is Risen from the Dead

J. Muth

Epistle Reading

Revelation : -

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Then I saw in the right hand of him who was seated on the throne a scroll written within and on the back, sealed with seven seals.² And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, “Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?”³ And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it,⁴ and I began to weep loudly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it.⁵ And one of the elders said to me, “Weep no more; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David,

has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.”⁶ And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, with seven horns and with seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth.⁷ And he went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who was seated on the throne.⁸ And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of

incense, which are the prayers of the saints. ⁹And they sang a new song, saying, “Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, ¹⁰and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth.” ¹¹Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and

thousands of thousands, ¹²saying with a loud voice, “Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!” ¹³And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, “To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!” ¹⁴And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” and the elders fell down and worshiped.

i Gospel Procession

Choir/Soloist: We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again;
death no longer has dominion over him. Alleluia.
Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road,
while he opened to us the Scriptures?

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

Holy Gospel

John : -

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After this Jesus revealed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he revealed himself in this way. ²Simon Peter, Thomas (called the Twin), Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples were together. ³Simon Peter said to them, “I am going fishing.” They said to him, “We will go with you.” They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. ⁴Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵Jesus said to them, “Children, do you have any fish?” They answered him, “No.” ⁶He said to them, “Cast the net on the right side of the boat,

and you will find some.” So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, because of the quantity of fish. ⁷That disciple whom Jesus loved therefore said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he was stripped for work, and threw himself into the sea. ⁸The other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, but about a hundred yards off. ⁹When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire in place, with fish laid out on it, and bread. ¹⁰Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.” ¹¹So Simon Peter went

aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, of them. And although there were so many, the net was not torn. ¹²Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” Now none of the disciples dared ask him, “Who are you?” They knew it was the Lord. ¹³Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish. ¹⁴This was now the third time that Jesus was revealed to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

Hymn **With High Delight Let Us Unite**

Sermon

i Nicene Creed

Prayer of the Church

H Offering **Christ is Our Cornerstone** J. Darwall

i 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

H Hymns **Long before the World Is Waking
Our Paschal Lamb, That Sets Us Free**

Anthem/Voluntary **Come, Follow Me** J. Hermann Schein

i Canticle **Thank the Lord**

Post-Communion Collect

Benediction

Hymn **Splendor and Honor**

Postlude **Shades Mountain** K. Lee Scott

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 Rev. J. Bart Day
 Cantor Janet Muth



Sunday (April ,)
 Exodus : -
 Luke : -
 Psalm

Friday
 Exodus : - :
 Luke : -
 Psalm

Monday
 Exodus : -
 Luke : -
 Psalm

Wednesday
 Exodus : - :
 Luke : -
 Psalm

Saturday
 Exodus : -
 Luke : -
 Psalm

Tuesday
 Exodus : -
 Luke : -
 Psalm

Thursday
 Exodus : - : , -
 Luke : -
 Psalm

Sunday (April ,)
 Leviticus : - , -
 Luke : -
 Psalm

TODAY IS SEMINARY EMPHASIS SUNDAY

Please welcome our Adopt-a-Student from Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Seminarian Robert Paul is a second year seminarian from Sayville, New York. He and his wife Amy are newlyweds. In today's bulletin, offering envelopes are included for every worshipper so that you can make a gift directly to the seminary of your choice. Complete the information on the envelope, include your gift and drop it in the offering plate, give it to an usher or leave it in the church office.

THE BEAUTIFUL FLOWERS that grace our chancel are given to the glory of God by Debbie Jauregui in celebration of her daughter Natalie's th birthday.

SUNDAY SCHOOL meets from : a.m. to : a.m. Preschool and kindergar-

ten aged children have opening with Mrs. Lamberson in Sunday School room . Children follow their teachers to class and are dismissed in the Sunday School hallway at : a.m. Two year old children are accompanied

by a parent and join Miss Patti in Sunday School room . The elementary aged children (st- th grades) have an opening in the Music Suite with Cantor Muth. Students are then picked up by their teachers and are dismissed at : a.m. in the Commons. Middle School class meets in room 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 learn how Jesus revealed Himself to the disciples after Easter in another miraculous catch of fish (John :-). As a family, talk about how Jesus reveals Himself to us in the means of grace, calling us to be disciples and giving us Easter joy. Especially discuss the blessings of Baptism and how through water and God's Word each of us puts on Christ. What does that mean for your lives now and in eternity?

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASSES: Seminarian Robert Paul is speaking in the Fellowship Hall about his seminary experience. Paul Broughton is teaching Christ in Today's Culture in Meeting Room . John and Kim Bohot and Mark and Ruth Hanson are teaching Growing a Godly Family in an Ungodly World in the Church Library.

ADULT INSTRUCTION will *not* meet today. Class will resume next week.

Contact Pastor Murray by email at smurray@mlchouston.org, for questions regarding the class or to register for the fall class.

BAGELS AND BIBLE STUDY meets Tuesday mornings at : a.m. in the Fellowship Hall, completing a study of the Gospel of Matthew. Tuesday Eucharist follows in the Sanctuary at : a.m.

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

HANDBELL AND ADULT CHOIRS MEET THURSDAY: This week handbells will meet at : p.m. and adult choir at : p.m. 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 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 and by podcast.

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

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 Con-

cordia 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: Intelligent design - finding the signature in the cell. Is there really evidence of God's existence in modern science? Darwin gave us "design without a designer," but did he refute intelligent design? Tune in at : p.m. to . FM, The Word, KKHT.

LUTHERAN HIGH NORTH MUSIC DEPARTMENT: Lutheran High North is 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 rd and th at : p.m. Order your tickets online today at 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, : p.m., Sunday, April th. Tickets are and should be reserved by calling Florence or Sylvia. Because the county bus is not being used,

younger-than-seniors are invited to participate. You may meet others to car-pool from the church at : p.m., or you may meet the group at the theater at W. Alabama. After the play, coffee and dessert will be served at the church. Contact Sylvia Atsinger (. .) or Florence Brimberry (. .) for more information.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES: FMC Technologies is hiring to fill openings for current and upcoming subsea oil projects. See the link below to the FMC website and you can navigate to the career opportunities from there: www.fmctechnologies.com. If you are interested, you can speak to Mark Porter by email at mark.porter@fmcti.com or by phone at . . .

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April , - May ,

Evening Schedule:

: p.m. - : p.m.

Private Confession and Absolution

: p.m. - : p.m.

Dinner and Fellowship

: p.m. - : 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

Michelle Kleb: CEN for the Children

: p.m. **Vespers**

If you would like to volunteer to help prepare light dinners, please contact Brenda Stancik in the church office at . . . or Brenda@mlchouston.org.

MLC VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

LCMS World Relief and Human Care
Disaster Response Team

Have you wanted to help with 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 15th 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 so 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).

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 \$25 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



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CALENDAR FOR APRIL -

TODAY:

- : Divine Service
- : Adult Bible Study; Sunday School
- : Divine Service
- : Junior Confirmation
- : *Adult Instruction & JYF-cancelled today*

MONDAY:

- : MLS Chapel
- : English for Beginners

TUESDAY:

- : Bagels & Bible Study
- : Tuesday Eucharist Service
- : English Conv. & Pronunciation
- : Bible Study
- : Young Adult Bible Study

WEDNESDAY:

- : MLS Science Fair
- : English for Beginners
- : Private Confession & Absolution
- : Dinner & Fellowship
- : CEN Classes

: Vespers

THURSDAY:

- : MLS Science Fair
- : English Conv. & Pronunciation
- : Handbells
- : Adult Choir

FRIDAY:

- : MLS Science Fair
- : English for Beginners

SATURDAY:

- : Men's Bible Study Breakfast
- : Men's Bible Study Class

SUNDAY:

- : Divine Service
- : Adult Bible Study; Sunday School
- : Divine Service
- : Adult Instruction
- : PEP Club at AD Players
- : Junior Confirmation

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: Charles Corbin **Late:** Bill Bahr
Steve Emshoff Jonathan Bahr
Adam Helleck David Dasari
Neil Matthys David Payne
Greg Renzelman Jason Ogden

ALTAR GUILD

Early: Shirley Ford **Late:** Carolyn Curry
Martha Fredenburg Dorothy Williamson

ACOLYTES ON DUTY

Early: Tom Harvey **Late:** Joshua Cadungog