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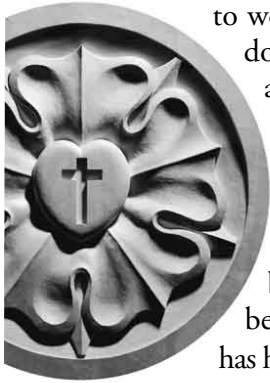
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My Sheep Listen To
My Voice.

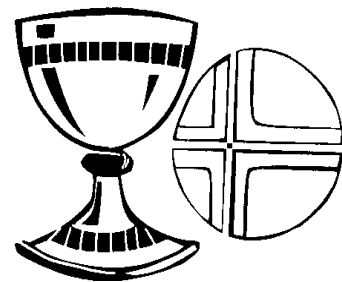


IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST, WE WELCOME YOU. We encourage our visitors to worship with us often and to let us know if we can be of service. If you do not have a church home, the pastors will be happy to talk with you about membership here at Memorial. Please sign our Rite of Friendship booklet this morning 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.

THE GOOD SHEPHERD... God's people are cared for by the Good Shepherd Himself who laid down His life for the sheep. He leads us into green meadows and lets us drink deeply of the living waters. He has passed through the valley of the shadow of death. He now guides us as we participate in His death by repentance and Baptism. He brings us with Him to the paschal banquet. He anoints us with His Spirit so we may pass through life safely and finally come through the death that brings us into the great multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language, gathered around the throne and the Lamb. In anticipation of our joining that throng, we have been clad in the white garment of the perfect righteousness of Christ. In the liturgy, the sheep gather to listen to the Shepherd's voice. He gives them eternal life so they may never perish. He is no pied piper, luring them to destruction or slavery. The Good Shepherd gathers the sheep into one flock. As long as the sheep hear His voice, they cannot be snatched out of the Father's hand and put into danger.

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 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April ,

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

Preservice Music Brother James' Air J. L. Macbeth Bain

i Prelude *Der Mange Skal Komme* J. Maunteht

Entrance Hymn A Multitude Comes from the East and the West

The preparatory rite is omitted during the season of Easter.

Catechism (: a.m.) Office of the Keys

P. What is the Office of the Keys?

C. **The Office of the Keys is that special authority which Christ has given to His Church on earth to forgive the sins of repentant sinners, but to withhold forgiveness from the unrepentant as long as they do not repent.**

Hymn From Depths of Woe I Cry to Thee

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

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism (: a.m.)

Matthew Alexander Castillo is receiving the washing of rebirth and renewal in the Holy Spirit in Holy Baptism.

Service of the Word

Introit Psalm : - ; : ; antiphon: John : , b

P. I am the good | shepherd.*

I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life | for the sheep.

C. **He chose David his servant and took him from the | sheepfolds;* from following the nursing ewes he brought him to shepherd Jacob his people, Israel his in- | heritance.***

P. With upright heart he shep- | herded them* and guided them with his | skillful hand.

C. But we your people, the sheep of your pasture, will give thanks to you
 for- | ever;*
 from generation to generation we will re- | count your praise.
 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. I am the good | shepherd.*
 I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life | for
 the sheep.

Kyrie

Hymn of Praise This Is the Feast

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P. Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the
 Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear
 the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name
 and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son,
 our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God,
 now and forever.

C. Amen.

⌋ The First Lesson Acts : - ESV p.
 Now from Miletus [Paul] sent to Ephesus and called the elders of the church to come to him. ¹⁸And when they came to him, he said to them: "You yourselves know how I lived among you the whole time from the first day that I set foot in Asia, ¹⁹serving the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials that happened to me through the plots of the Jews; ²⁰how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to house, ²¹testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. ²²And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, constrained by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there, ²³except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me. ²⁴But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God. ²⁵And now, behold, I know that none of you among whom I have gone about proclaiming the

kingdom will see my face again.
²⁶Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all of you, ²⁷for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God. ²⁸Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. ²⁹I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; ³⁰and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. ³¹Therefore be alert, remembering that for three

years I did not cease night or day to admonish everyone with tears. ³²And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. ³³I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. ³⁴You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me. ³⁵In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'

Gradual

Christ Is Risen from the Dead

J. Muth

Epistle Reading

Revelation : -

ESV p.

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be

to our God forever and ever! Amen." ¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" ¹⁴I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵"Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. ¹⁶They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching

Sanctus		
Prayer of Thanksgiving		
Lord's Prayer		
The Words of Our Lord		
Pax Domini		
✠ Agnus Dei		
Hymns	Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread Take My Life and Let It Be	
✠ Anthem	My Shepherd Will Supply My Need	Thompson
Canticle	Thank the Lord	
Post-Communion Collect		
Benediction		
Hymn	Thy Strong Word	
Postlude	Ebenezer	K. Hildebrand

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Servants of the Word

Preacher	Rev. Dr. Scott R. Murray
Presiding Minister	Rev. Charles P. St-Onge
Assistant Minister	Rev. J. Bart Day
Lector	Rev. Charles P. Wokoma
Organist	Cantor Janet Muth
Choir	(:) MLS 1 st & 2 nd Grades (:) MLC Adult Choir
Instrumentalists	MLC Adult Handbell Choir Trumpet: Joshua Saenz, Christopher Clark



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

Monday
 Leviticus : -
 Luke : -
 Psalm

Tuesday
 Leviticus : -
 Luke : -
 Psalm

Wednesday
 Leviticus : -
 Luke : -
 Psalm

Thursday
 Leviticus : -
 Luke : -
 Psalm

Friday
 Leviticus : - , - :
 Luke : -
 Psalm

Saturday
 Leviticus : - , -
 Luke : -
 Psalm

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

THE BEAUTIFUL FLOWERS that grace our chancel are given to the glory of God by Molly Salazar. *“Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of His praise be heard, who has kept our soul among the living and has not let our feet slip.”* Psalm : - . Flowers are given by Karl and Mary Swanson to the glory of the Triune God for His gracious gift of marriage and in celebration of their th wedding anniversary.

HOLY BAPTISM: Today at the late service, Matthew Alexander Castillo joins our Christian family through the holy waters of Baptism. Matthew is the son of Sergio and Amy Castillo. His sponsor is Anna Kavugha and his godparents are Rolf and Julie Smith, Justin Harris, and Sophie Smith. We welcome Matthew into our Christian family.

COMMISSIONING AND INSTALLATION OF DEACONESS OBERSAT: Today, at both services, Jane Ann Obersat will be commissioned and installed as a deaconess in The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. Deaconess Obersat will be working at Memorial Lutheran School. Congratulations, Jane!

SUNDAY SCHOOL meets from : a.m. to : a.m. Preschool and kindergarten 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: Jesus calls Himself our shepherd (John : -). In Sunday School today, the children learned how we are all like sheep who have gone astray. As a family, talk about this Good Shepherd Jesus, who rescues, gathers, and cares for us through His Word and Sacraments. In what ways has He rescued you? Where can we find our Shepherd? (In His Word and Sacraments.) Review the blessings of Baptism and the Lord's Supper in the catechism.

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASSES: Pastor Murray is teaching the Gospel of St. Mark in the Fellowship Hall. 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 meet today at : p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. 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 church 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.

PASTOR ST-ONGE'S BLOG can be found at houstonbelief.com. Go to houstonbelief.com/lutherant.

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.

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., today, April th. Tickets are . 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 : p.m., or you may meet the group at the theater at West Alabama. After the play, coffee and dessert will be served at the church. Contact Sylvia Atsinger at . . . or Florence Brimberry at . . . for more information.

BAYOU CITY ZONE LWML RALLY: All ladies are invited to the Bayou City Lutheran Women's Missionary League spring zone rally being held at Fishers of Men Lutheran Church in Sugar Land on May st. Registration and fellowship starts at : a.m. with the program following at : a.m. For more information contact RosaLee Robinson at

MOM AND TOTS PLAYDATE: April's playdate will be held at the Faske house in Sugar Land on April th from : a.m. to : a.m. Snacks and drinks will be available for all to enjoy. Please RSVP to Heather Faske at

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 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.

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.

Confirmation/JYF

Lock-In

May 7

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 congregations in the LCMS to set up a disaster response team.

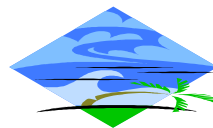
This is a large undertaking but one which can deeply impact the lives of those in need. How does it work? In the coming months we will host Rev. Glen Merritt of LCMS World Relief and Human Care as he presents an on-site disaster response training seminar. Because of new FEMA laws, everyone who enters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

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 (. . . or revday@mlchouston.org).

Training: Friday, / from p.m.- p.m. and Saturday, / from a.m. to noon



SPRING CEN

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: Christian Family Tree

Cantor Muth: Bach's B-Minor Mass

Mrs. Webber: Children's CEN

: p.m. **Vespers**



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CALENDAR FOR APRIL - MAY

TODAY:	:	Dinner & Fellowship
:	:	Divine Service
:	:	CEN Classes
:	:	Adult Bible Study; Sunday School
:	:	Vespers
:	:	Divine Service
:	THURSDAY:	
:	:	English Conv. & Pronunciation
:	:	Handbells
:	:	Adult Choir
:	FRIDAY:	
:	:	English for Beginners
:	-	Disaster Response Team Training
MONDAY:	:	
:	:	MLS Chapel
:	:	English for Beginners
TUESDAY:	:	
:	:	Men's Bible Study Breakfast
:	:	Men's Bible Study Class
:	-	Disaster Response Team Training
:	SATURDAY:	
:	:	Bagels & Bible Study
:	:	Tuesday Eucharist Service
:	:	English Conv. & Pronunciation
:	:	Bible Study
:	:	Young Adult Bible Study
WEDNESDAY:	:	
:	:	Divine Service
:	:	Adult Bible Study; Sunday School
:	:	Divine Service
:	:	Adult Instruction
:	:	Junior Confirmation
:	:	Junior Youth Group
:	:	English for Beginners
:	:	Private Confession & Absolution

Attendance April :	Through April :
Tuesday Morning Service:	Year-to-date Budgeted Offerings: ,
Offering received April : ,	Year-to-date Actual Offerings: ,
	Amount above/(below) Budget: (,)

ELDERS ON DUTY		ALTAR GUILD	
Early: Joel Kuhlmann	Late: Albert Allen	Early: Mary Beth Ehrke	Late: Mary Lewis
Greg Renzelman	Steve Tackett		Debbie Allen
USHERS ON DUTY		ACOLYTES ON DUTY	
Early: Jim Hunt	Late: Jason Afinowicz	Early: Garrett Browne	Late: Brian Trieglaff
David Kunz	Chris Benton		
Robert Kieschnick	Simon Makangula		
Wayne Kieschnick	David Wuthrich		
Eric Nixdorf			