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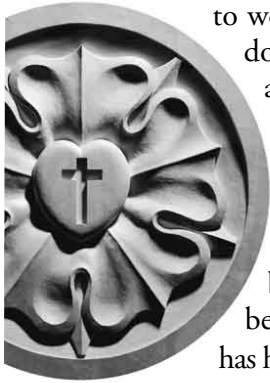
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I saw
a new heaven and
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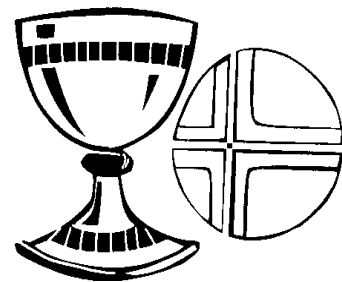


IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST, WE WELCOME YOU. We encourage our visitors to worship with us often and to let us know if we can be of service. If you do not have a church home, the pastors will be happy to talk with you about membership here at Memorial. Please sign our Rite of Friendship booklet this morning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

LOVE ONE ANOTHER...The sheep hear the Shepherd's voice and follow Him. Their one will is to love what He commands and to desire what He has promised. The Shepherd's command is that we love one another; in this way the world will know that we are His disciples. The Lord was glorified by God and called to die for us. So the Father has shown His love for the Son, and the Son His love for His Father and us. We are called by that love to give up earthly power and honor, to live for our sisters and brothers in the community of faith. In our memory, the Lord's Word that we love one another is linked to the Supper celebrated in the liturgy. Those words were not spoken carelessly or out of sentiment; His Word always points to the cross, His cross and ours. The Holy Spirit creates in us a new being so we may love one another. That love is that mark of the citizens of the new city that comes to us from heaven, the new and perfect Jerusalem. The dwelling of God even now is with us. The trustworthy and true Word of God is the life of the community. That Word makes the people of God a light for the nations. That Word, accompanied by works of love, delivers us and all who hear it, and enables us to await the coming judgment in peace.

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 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May ,

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

Preservice Music *In dir ist Freude* J. S. Bach
i Prelude *In dir ist Freude* G. Gastoldi

Entrance Hymn **In Thee Is Gladness**

The preparatory rite is omitted during the season of Easter.

Catechism The Nature of the Sacrament

P. What is the Sacrament of the Altar?

C. **It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself for us Christians to eat and to drink.**

Hymn **O Lord, We Praise Thee**

Stanza

O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, May Thy body, Lord, born of Mary,
and adore Thee, That our sins and sorrows did carry,
In thanksgiving bow before Thee. And Thy blood for us plead
Thou with Thy body and Thy blood In all trial, fear, and need:
didst nourish O Lord, have mercy!
Our weak souls that they may
flourish: O Lord, have mercy!

Service of the Word

Introit *Psalm* : - ; antiphon: *Psalm* :

P. Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done | marvelous things!*

His right hand and his holy arm have worked salva- | tion for him.

C. **The LORD has made known his sal- | vation;***
he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the | nations.

P. He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of |
Israel.*

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation | of our God.

C. **Make a joyful noise to the LORD, | all the earth;***
break forth into joyous song and sing | praises!

P. Sing praises to the LORD | with the lyre,*
with the lyre and the sound of | melody!

- C. With trumpets and the sound | of the horn*
 make a joyful noise before the | King, the LORD!
 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. Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done | marvelous things!*
- His right hand and his holy arm have worked salva- | tion for him.

Kyrie

Hymn of Praise This Is the Feast

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P. O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C. Amen.

<p>⌋ The First Lesson</p> <p>Now the apostles and the brothers who were throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. ²So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcision party criticized him, saying, ³“You went to uncircumcised men and ate with them.” ⁴But Peter began and explained it to them in order: ⁵“I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision, something like a great sheet descending, being let down from heaven by its four corners, and it came down to me. ⁶Looking at it closely, I observed animals and beasts of prey and reptiles and birds of the air. ⁷And I heard a voice say-</p>	<p>Acts : -</p> <p>ing to me, ‘Rise, Peter; kill and eat.’ ⁸But I said, ‘By no means, Lord; for nothing common or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’ ⁹But the voice answered a second time from heaven, ‘What God has made clean, do not call common.’ ¹⁰This happened three times, and all was drawn up again into heaven. ¹¹And behold, at that very moment three men arrived at the house in which we were, sent to me from Caesarea. ¹²And the Spirit told me to go with them, making no distinction. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house. ¹³And he told us how he had seen the angel stand in his house and say,</p>	<p>ESV p.</p>
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‘Send to Joppa and bring Simon who is called Peter; ¹⁴he will declare to you a message by which you will be saved, you and all your household.’ ¹⁵As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on them just as on us at the beginning. ¹⁶And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy

Spirit.’ ¹⁷If then God gave the same gift to them as he gave to us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could stand in God’s way?” ¹⁸When they heard these things they fell silent. And they glorified God, saying, “Then to the Gentiles also God has granted repentance that leads to life.”

Gradual

Christ Is Risen from the Dead

J. Muth

The Second Lesson

Revelation : -

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Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. ⁴He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be

mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.” ⁵And he who was seated on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.” ⁶And he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. ⁷The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son.”

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.

If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him.

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

Holy Gospel

John : -

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[Jesus said:] “I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When the Spirit of

truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever

he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁶“A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me.” ¹⁷So some of his disciples said to one another, “What is this that he says to us, ‘A little while, and you will not see me, and again a little while, and you will see me’; and, ‘because I am going to the Father?’” ¹⁸So they were saying, “What does he mean by ‘a little while’? We do not know what he is talking about.” ¹⁹Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, so he

said to them, “Is this what you are asking yourselves, what I meant by saying, ‘A little while and you will not see me, and again a little while and you will see me’? ²⁰Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy. ²¹When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. ²²So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you.”

🔚 Hymn

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

Stanzas - : all

Stanza : women and children

Stanza : men

Stanzas - : all

Sermon

Making All Things New

Revelation : -

! Nicene Creed

Prayer of the Church

🔚 Offering

:
:

O Praise the Lord

Hyfrydol

G. F. Handel

P. Manz

! 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

**Jerusalem the Golden
The Gifts Christ Freely Gives**

Anthem

And God Shall Wipe Away

E. Daley

Canticle

Thank the Lord

Post-Communion Collect

Benediction

Hymn

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Postlude

Hyfrydol

R. Prichard

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Servants of the Word

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Rev. Charles P. St-Onge

Presiding Minister

Rev. Dr. Scott R. Murray

Lector

Rev. Charles P. Wokoma

Organist

Cantor Janet Muth

Choir

(:) MLC Adult Choir

Instrumentalists

Trumpet: Joshua Saenz, Christopher Clark

Daily Devotional



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

THE BEAUTIFUL FLOWERS that grace our chancel are given to the glory of God by Don and Mary Beth Erhke in celebration of their th wedding anniversary and in thanksgiving for the many blessings of their life together.

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: The key point of today's Sunday School lesson came from the Bible story about the choosing of the seventy-two to go and tell others about Jesus. God chose the seventy-two to serve Him in a special task (Luke : -). God places us in various callings,

giving us opportunities to serve Him and share our faith with others. As a family, talk about the various callings (vocations) each of you have and discuss the opportunities God gives you in these roles to share your faith. Who in your life needs to hear about the Savior?

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASSES: Pastor Murray is teaching the Gospel of St. Mark in the Fellowship Hall. Paul K. 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. Please 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.

ENGAGING TRUTH: Join Pastor Dave Schultz and his guest, the Rev. Edwin Peterman, Consulting Pastor at First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Houston, as they discuss "*Finding Easter in a Lost Society*." Tune in at : p.m. . FM, The Word, KKHT or stream the program live at www.kkht.com.

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.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NIGHT: The spring CEN continues this Wednesday with private confession and absolution at : p.m., and dinner at : p.m.

Please note that Pastor Murray's class will not meet this week. Please attend one of the other very interesting classes that are available.

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 CLASS LOCK-IN: This year's lock-in will be held Friday, May th, starting at : p.m. through Saturday, May th at : a.m. Pastor Murray will lead all the confirmands through a practice of public questioning, as well as a rehearsal of the confirmation service and holy communion. Pastor St-Onge will lead them through preparation quizzes and other games. Also there will be lots of time for movies, games, and fun activities. Please register by email or phone: cstonge@mlchouston.org or . The cost is \$ per youth.

IF YOU WERE MINE - A WORKSHOP FOR THOSE EXPLORING ADOPTION will be held in room of Trinity Lutheran Church (Spring Cypress Road, Klein, TX -) on Saturday, May from : a.m. - : p.m. Lunch will be provided. This workshop will give you reliable, Biblical information that will help you seek God's Will for your life as it relates to orphans and adoption. Please contact Mary Ann Day . . . or Carol Mueller . . . for more info and to sign up!



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

LWIM (*Lutheran Women in Mission*)

May , at : p.m.

All Ladies of Memorial-

Please join us after late service on Sunday, May , for a Mother-Daughter Luncheon!

Mother-Daughter Luncheon



What a wonderful opportunity for fellowship and a time to share with our teenage and pre-teen daughters our roles in the church through LWIM!

Our LWIM sister, Mary Swanson, will be leading a presentation on God's good gift of skin and the God-given roles of our appearance as females. Her presentation will have a Scriptural focus involving the topic of appearance and modesty.

RSVP with Kim Bohot: kim.bohot@sbcglobal.net or A free will offering is encouraged to cover the cost of the lunch.

We hope to see you there!



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CALENDAR FOR MAY -

TODAY:

- : Divine Service
- : Adult Bible Study; Sunday School
- : Divine Service
- : Adult Instruction
- : Junior Confirmation
- : Junior Youth Group

MONDAY:

- : MLS Chapel
- : English for Beginners

TUESDAY:

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

WEDNESDAY:

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

: Vespers

THURSDAY:

- : English Conv. & Pronunciation
- : Handbells
- : Adult Choir

FRIDAY:

- : English for Beginners
- : Confirmation Lock-In

SATURDAY:

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

SUNDAY:

- : Divine Service
- : Adult Bible Study; Sunday School
- : Divine Service
- : Adult Instruction
- : Youth Group
- : 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: Paul Lodholz **Late:** Greg Koch
 Timothy Taylor Mark Tackett

USHERS ON DUTY

Early: Mike Albert **Late:** Ross Bartley
 David Browne C.D. Stenberg
 Jim Keller Steve Reavis
 David Moeller Steve Meyer
 Ken Zimmerman Steve Narr

ALTAR GUILD

Early: Martha Fredenburg **Late:** Nikki Leech
 Vicki Harvey Sara Payne

ACOLYTES ON DUTY

Early: Michael Harvey **Late:** Jeremy Leech