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IF YOU ARE THE
SON OF GOD ...

Jesus is Faithful in Temptation

Lent is a time of struggle as we seek to comprehend what it means to be declared a daughter or son of God. So it was for Jesus. He was filled with the Spirit; He was declared God's beloved Son. Satan began by offering Him an alternate view of His sonship. But Jesus had made God His refuge and fortress, confident that God would rescue Him from the dangers into which His sonship would lead Him. The same God who led Abraham and Paul to trust His promise invites our

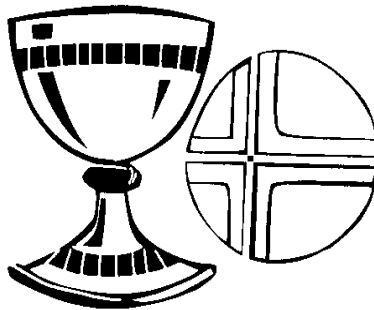


trust also. The God who revealed Himself to Moses in the burning bush reveals Himself to us in Christ. The God who delivered Israel from slavery will also deliver us from the slavery of sin and lead us into a land flowing with milk and honey, His kingdom. He calls on us to

confess that "Jesus is Lord" as we are plunged into the waters, in the patient daily renunciation of the devil and all his ways and all his empty promises, and by our obedience to God's Word.

Communion Information

Memorial Lutheran Church is a member of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS), a family of congregations who pledge themselves to teach and confess the same teachings. Members in good standing of LCMS congregations and those who belong to congregations that are in altar and pulpit fellowship with the LCMS are welcome to commune. We believe that we are given a great responsibility to distribute the holy body and blood of Christ only to those persons who are members of our confessional fellowship (Corin-



thians and) lest the sacrament be taken for harm. We want to express our sincere welcome to our guests and assure them that for their spiritual welfare we practice closed communion. For those who do not receive the sacrament this day we ask that you continue to pray that through the power of the Holy Spirit our Lord would through the truth of his Word destroy all the walls

that yet divide us. If you desire to learn more about this teaching of the church, please speak with one of the pastors.

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

February ,

Lutheran Service Book, -

Preservice Music *Ein feste Burg* D. Buxtehude

Prelude Agincourt Hymn Anonymous, th C.

i Hymn **O Love, How Deep**

Confession and Absolution

Catechism The Sixth Petition of the Lord's Prayer

P. The Sixth Petition

C. **And lead us not into temptation.**

P. What does this mean?

C. **God tempts no one. We pray in this petition that God would guard and keep us so that the devil, the world, and our sinful nature may not deceive us or mislead us into false belief, despair, and other great shame and vice. Although we are attacked by these things, we pray that we may finally overcome them and win the victory.**

Hymn **Our Father, Who from Heaven Above** , *stanza*

Lead not into temptation, Lord,
Where our grim foe and all his horde
Would vex our souls on ev'ry hand.
Help us resist, help us to stand
Firm in the faith, a mighty host,
Through comfort of the Holy Ghost.

Service of the Word

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

P. When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in | trouble;*

I will rescue him and | honor him.

With long life I will sat- | isfy him*

and show him my sal- | vation.

C. **Because you have made the Lord your | dwelling place—***

the Most High, who is my | refuge—

P. no evil shall be allowed to be- | fall you,*

no plague come | near your tent.

C. **For he will command his angels con- | cerning you***

to guard you in | all your ways.

P. On their hands they will | bear you up,*

lest you strike your foot a- | gainst a stone.

C. You will tread on the lion and the | adder;*
the young lion and the serpent you will trample | underfoot.
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. When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in | trouble;*
I will rescue him and | honor him.
With long life I will sat- | isfy him*
and show him my sal- | vation.

Kyrie

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P. O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C. Amen.

🔗 Old Testament Lesson Deuteronomy : - ESV
“When you come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you for an inheritance and have taken possession of it and live in it, ²you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from your land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket, and you shall go to the place that the LORD your God will choose, to make his name to dwell there. ³And you shall go to the priest who is in office at that time and say to him, ‘I declare today to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our fathers to give us.’ ⁴Then the priest shall take the basket from your hand and set it down before the altar of the LORD your God. ⁵“And you shall make response before the LORD your God, ‘A wandering Aramean was my father. And he went down into Egypt and sojourned there, few in number, and there he became a nation, great, mighty, and populous. ⁶And the Egyptians treated us harshly and humiliated us and laid on us hard labor. ⁷Then we cried to the LORD, the God of our fathers, and the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸And the LORD brought us out

of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great deeds of terror, with signs and wonders. ⁹And he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰And behold, now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground, which you, O LORD,

have given me.’ And you shall set it down before the LORD your God and worship before the LORD your God. ¹¹And you shall rejoice in all the good that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house, you, and the Levite, and the sojourner who is among you.”

Psalm *(sung by the choir)*

Psalm
(selected verses)

8:15 setting by R. Resch
11:00 setting by J. Muth

Epistle Reading

Romans : b-

ESV

“The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one

confesses and is saved. ¹¹For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.” ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. ¹³For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

i Sequence Hymn On MyHeart Imprint Your Image

Choir:

Put on the whole armor of God,

that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.

**C. On my heart imprint Your image, Blessed Jesus, King of grace,
That life’s riches, cares, and pleasures Never may Your work erase;
Let the clear inscription be: Jesus, crucified for me,
Is my life, my hope’s foundation, And my glory and salvation!**

Holy Gospel

Luke : -

ESV

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness ²for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And he ate nothing during those days. And when they were ended, he was hungry. ³The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of

God, command this stone to become bread.” ⁴And Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone.’” ⁵And the devil took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, ⁶and said to him, “To you I will give all this authority and their

glory, for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will. ⁷If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” ⁸And Jesus answered him, “It is written, “You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve.” ⁹And he took him to Jerusalem and set him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here,

¹⁰for it is written, “He will command his angels concerning you, to guard you,” ¹¹and “On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.” ¹²And Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.’” ¹³And when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from him until an opportune time.

Creed

Hymn **A Mighty Fortress Is Our God**

℣ Sermon

Offering : Lift Thine Eyes F. Mendelssohn
: Jesus Sat with His Disciples M. Haugen

℣ Offertory **Create in Me**

Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

Sanctus

Lord's Prayer

The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini

Agnus Dei

℣ Hymns **O Lord, throughout These Forty Days
O Christ, You Walked the Road**

Anthem : Grant Us Thy Peace F. Mendelssohn
: Your Heart, O God, is Grieved setting: M. Kútsky

℣ Nunc Dimittis

Thanksgiving and Collect

Salutation and Benedicamus

Benediction

Hymn **Mark How the Lamb of God's Self-Offering**

Postlude *Ein feste Burg* H. Walcha

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Servants of the Word

Presiding Minister	Rev. Charles P. St-Onge
Preacher	Rev. J. Bart Day
Organist	Cantor Janet Muth
Choir	(:) MLC Adult Choir
	(:) MLS Kindergarten, Tiffany Engler, soloist
Trumpet	Joshua Saenz, Chris Clark

Sunday (February ,)

Genesis : -
Mark : -
Psalm



Friday

Genesis : -
Mark : -
Psalm

Monday

Genesis : - :
Mark : -
Psalm : -

Wednesday

Genesis : - :
Mark : -
Psalm

Saturday

Genesis : -
Mark : -
Psalm

Tuesday

Genesis : - :
Mark : -
Psalm

Thursday

Genesis : - :
Mark : -
Psalm

Sunday (February ,)

Genesis : - , - :
Mark : -
Psalm

IN THE NAME OF OUR REDEEMER, 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 prior to leaving this morning so we may acknowledge your presence. Please pick up one of our visitor information packets on the east narthex wall table.

THE BEAUTIFUL FLOWERS that grace our chancel are given to the glory of God by Kevin and Heather Faske in thanksgiving to the Lord for their four year anniversary and for their healthy boys, Brian and Russell.

SUNDAY SCHOOL meets from : a.m. to : a.m. Preschool and kindergarten aged children have an 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 will study the temptation of Jesus (Luke : -). Like us, Jesus was tempted by Satan to sin. Yet, for us, He overcame all temptation because we cannot. In your family discussions, consider how we are tempted to rely on ourselves and trust in our powers. Provide examples. Assure your children that God lovingly provides all that we need for this life and eternity, doing all things for us and ordering our days and life in His peace.

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. 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.

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASSES: Pastor Murray is teaching the Gospel of 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 meets 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.

BAGELS AND BIBLE STUDY meets on Tuesday morning at 8:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The class is studying the Gospel of Matthew.

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE class meets at 9:00 a.m. in the church library. The class is studying 1st and 2nd Peter.

HANDBELL AND ADULT CHOIRS: This week, handbells will meet on Wednesday at 7:00 p.m., and the Adult Choir will meet on Wednesday evening immediately following the Lent service. Call Cantor Muth, 281.463.1234, if you are interested in joining.

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 107.5 FM at 8:00 p.m. Programs are available on demand at www.mlchouston.org and by podcast at iTunes.

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

JUNIOR CONFIRMATION meets today from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the church library.

THE LUTHERAN STUDY BIBLE: The new Lutheran Study Bibles are available in the church office at a cost of \$15 each. Please contact Brenda Stancik, 281.463.1234, if you would like one.

DREAMING OF BEING A BARISTA? MLC needs a few good folks to help set-up coffee service Sunday mornings. The required tasks will take about 15 minutes out of your Sunday morning, but would be much appreciated by our coffee consumers! If you are interested in volunteering to fill this important need, please contact Jason Afinowicz at afinowicz@gmail.com or 281.463.1234.

CHURCH OFFICE NEEDS: The church office reception area is very sparsely furnished. We are in need of some nice, presentable furniture to make the room a bit more inviting. If you have a coffee table, some end tables, a side board, or perhaps a few lamps that you are willing to donate to help brighten-up this area, please contact Brenda in the church office (281.463.1234). As these items are for the reception area of our church offices, any donated items must be of good quality and in excellent condition.

VOTER REGISTRATION IN THE COMMONS! Update or register to vote in the upcoming primary run-off and the November elections. According to the Harris County Voter Registration Office, the U.S. Postal Service does NOT share address change information with

them. If you have not registered to vote or you are two months away from your th birthday, please consider filling out a voter registration card.

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.

ME, A PASTOR? ME, A DEACONESS? Rev. Steve Wagner of Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana, is going to be at Living Word Lutheran Church in The Woodlands, today, February st from to p.m. Men and women of all ages are invited, as are their spouses, fiancées, and parents. Conferences are individual and informal. Reservations are not required; however, if you are able, please leave a message with Living Word Lutheran Church at . . . or contact Rev. Wagner at wagnerse@ctsfw.edu or . . . to alert him that you are coming.

ALTAR GUILD LUNCH: The Altar Guild will have a lunch meeting on Sunday, March th at : p.m. All members are encouraged to attend to discuss current issues and procedures. Contact Janet Taylor if you are interested in helping provide lunch at . . . or rntjbt@sbcglobal.net.

LWIM MEETING TODAY: All the ladies of Memorial are invited to today's LWIM meeting in the Church Library. The meeting will begin at : p.m. Cantor Janet Muth will be speaking about her role as cantor. We will also be selecting our mission projects for the year. Hope to see you there!

HOUSTON LUTHERANS FOR LIFE is proud to support The Houston Coalition for Life in another International Days for Life peaceful prayer vigil, in front of the state's largest abortion facility – Planned Parenthood at Fannin. Houston Lutherans For Life has agreed to staff the vigil between : a.m. and : p.m. on Monday, March , . We are looking for a minimum of three volunteers for each two-hour shift. To sign up for your time to peacefully stand or sit and pray, please contact Gary Schmidt at . . . or for more information visit www.HoustonCoalition.com.

LUTHERAN HIGH NORTH CELEBRATES

YEARS on March , , and . You are invited to help Lutheran High North celebrate years of quality academics and meaningful ministry in the Northwest Houston area. A semi-formal dinner at the Crowne Plaze Hotel, a family fun day, and a city-wide celebration worship are planned for the three day celebration. Complete details for all three events are available online at www.lutheranhighnorth.org.

FIND HEALING AND HOPE IN AT INTERFACE-SAMARITAN COUNSELING CENTER

Interface-Samaritan counselors can help you start your new year by facing life's challenges in a healthy and Christ-centered way. To help get your year off to a healthy start, please call . . Evening and weekend hours are available, and many insurance plans are accepted. As a non-profit organization, we also serve people who qualify at a reduced rate. For more information, contact MLC member, Diane Lamberson.

LADIES RETREAT

Please mark your calendars for April - and plan to join us at the Memorial Ladies Retreat. Our retreat will be held in side-by-side beach homes at Surfside Beach, approximately miles south of Houston. Our speaker will be Mollie Hemingway, a writer in Washington D.C. She is a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Alexandria, Virginia, served on the LCMS Board for Communication Services, and served on the board of Higher Things. She writes about the unique perspective of Lutheranism and how it shapes our view of the world. Cost will be (of which is non-refundable). Registration deadline is Sunday, March . Full payment upon registration would be greatly appreciated so that we can meet the due date for the beach house rental. If you have special circumstances and would like to make payment arrangements, please feel free to bring that to our attention. (Saturday only attendance is .) Please register early as space is limited. To register, please contact Claudine Bhandari at claudine.brazee@yahoo.com or . , or Noreen Linke at noreen@linkes.net or . or look for our table in the commons between services. Hope to see you there!

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.

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 :



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CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY - FEBRUARY

TODAY:

- : Divine Service
- : Adult Bible Class, Sunday School
- : Divine Service
- : Adult Instruction
- : LWIM Meeting
- : 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
- : MLS Winter Music Concert

WEDNESDAY:

- : MLS National Latin Exam
- : English for Beginners
- : Lent Service

- : Lenten Lunch
- : Adult Handbell Choir
- : Lent Service
- : Adult Choir

THURSDAY:

- : English Conv. & Pronunciation

FRIDAY:

- : English for Beginners

SATURDAY:

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

SUNDAY:

- : Divine Service
- : Adult Bible Class and Sunday School
- : Divine Service
- : Adult Instruction
- : Youth Group
- : Junior Confirmation

Attendance: Feb. :	Through February :
Tuesday Eucharist:	Year-to-date Budgeted Offerings: ,
Offering February : ,	Year-to-date Actual Offerings: ,
	Amount above/(below) Budget: (,)

ELDERS ON DUTY

Early: Paul Lodholz **Late:** Brian Guske
 John Threet Gerald Tackett

ALTAR GUILD

Early: Janet Taylor **Late:** Nikki Leech
 Hilary Murray Sylvia Atsinger

USHERS ON DUTY

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

ACOLYTES ON DUTY

Early: Nathan Hunt **Late:** Jack Ogden