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O Jerusalem,  
Jerusalem, the city that  
kills the prophets...

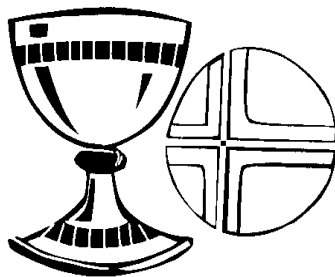
## The Word of the Lord Endures

Satan indeed tempts all the children of God, even as he tempted Christ. Our obedience to God's Word finds opposition from those who do not know God; sometimes we are even confronted by those that claim to love Him. Jeremiah, in harmony with God's will, rebuked Israel's leaders for their faithlessness. His proclamation angered them; they would silence the Word spoken against them by killing him. Jesus will go up to Jerusalem even though He knows the rulers seek His life. They also cannot bear the Word of God, although they claim their authority comes from Him. Lent is the time of our own pilgrimage to Jerusalem. If we live faithfully with God, we too face animosity and a kind of dying—the drowning of self, sin, and Satan. The

catechumens who will confess Christ at the Vigil may well find conflict with those who claim a part of their lives but do not discern God's will. Living by God's grace leads to only two choices—faithfulness to God in the face of rejection, or betrayal of our dignity as sons and daughters of God. Baptism compels such decisions. Sadly enough, there are those who have bound unto themselves the strong name of the Trinity but live as enemies of the cross of Christ. Without repentance, their destiny is destruction. We must stand firm in Christ. Our Savior comes down from heaven. Christ, the first fruits of the faithful dead, now controls all things. His power can transform our lowly bodies to be like His own glorious body.

## 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



( Corinthians 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 SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

February ,

Lutheran Service Book, -

Preservice Music *O Buen Jesús* arr. J. Muth

Prelude Improvisation on "Wojtkiewicz" D. Wood

**Hymn** Rise, Shine, You People

Confession and Absolution

Catechism The Seventh Petition of the Lord's Prayer

P. The Seventh Petition

C. **But deliver us from evil.**

P. What does this mean?

C. **We pray in this petition, in summary, that our Father in heaven would rescue us from every evil of body and soul, possessions and reputation, and finally, when our last hour comes, give us a blessed end, and graciously take us from this valley of sorrow to Himself in heaven.**

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

From evil, Lord, deliver us;  
The times and days are perilous.  
Redeem us from eternal death,  
And, when we yield our dying breath,  
Console us, grant us calm release,  
And take our souls to You in peace.

### Service of the Word

Introit *Psalm : - ; antiphon: Psalm :*

P. For zeal for your house has con- | sumed me,\*  
and the reproaches of those who reproach you have fall- | en on me.

C. **O God, why do you cast us off for- | ever?\***  
**Why does your anger smoke against the sheep of your | pasture?**

P. Remember your congregation, which you have purchased of old,  
which you have redeemed to be the tribe of your | heritage!\*

Remember Mount Zion, where | you have dwelt.

C. **Direct your steps to the perpetual | ruins;\***  
**the enemy has destroyed everything in the sanctu- | ary!**

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. For zeal for your house has con- | sumed me,\*  
and the reproaches of those who reproach you have fall- | en on me.

Kyrie

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P. O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; 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          Jeremiah    : -          ESV

When Jeremiah had finished speaking all that the LORD had commanded him to speak to all the people, then the priests and the prophets and all the people laid hold of him, saying, "You shall die! <sup>9</sup>Why have you prophesied in the name of the LORD, saying, "This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be desolate, without inhabitant?" And all the people gathered around Jeremiah in the house of the LORD. <sup>10</sup>When the officials of Judah heard these things, they came up from the king's house to the house of the LORD and took their seat in the entry of the New Gate of the house of the LORD. <sup>11</sup>Then the priests and the prophets said to the officials and to all the people, "This man deserves the sentence of death, because he

has prophesied against this city, as you have heard with your own ears." <sup>12</sup>Then Jeremiah spoke to all the officials and all the people, saying, "The LORD sent me to prophesy against this house and this city all the words you have heard. <sup>13</sup>Now therefore mend your ways and your deeds, and obey the voice of the LORD your God, and the LORD will relent of the disaster that he has pronounced against you. <sup>14</sup>But as for me, behold, I am in your hands. Do with me as seems good and right to you. <sup>15</sup>Only know for certain that if you put me to death, you will bring innocent blood upon yourselves and upon this city and its inhabitants, for in truth the LORD sent me to you to speak all these words in your ears."

Psalm (*sung by the choir*)

Psalm

H. Gerike

Epistle Reading

Philippians : - :

ESV

Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. <sup>18</sup>For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. <sup>19</sup>Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. <sup>20</sup>But

our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>21</sup>who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself. <sup>4:1</sup>Therefore, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved.

**i** Sequence Hymn    On My Heart Imprint Your Image

Choir:    Behold, your house is forsaken. And I tell you, you will not see me until you say,  
          “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”

**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

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus], “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” <sup>32</sup>And he said to them, “Go and tell that fox, ‘Behold, I cast out demons and perform cures today and tomorrow, and the third day I finish my course. <sup>33</sup>Nevertheless, I must go on my way today and tomorrow and the day following, for it cannot be that a prophet should per-

ish away from Jerusalem.’ <sup>34</sup>O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you would not! <sup>35</sup>Behold, your house is forsaken. And I tell you, you will not see me until you say, ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!’”

Creed

**h** Hymn

Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart

Sermon

**i** Offertory

Create in Me

Offering : God, Give Us Grace These Lenten Days  
: Lord, For Thy Tender Mercy's Sake

J. Thompson  
R. Farrant

Prayer of the Church

## Service of the Sacrament

Preface

Sanctus

Lord's Prayer

The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini

Agnus Dei

**h** Hymns

**The Day Is Surely Drawing Near  
O Little Flock, Fear Not the Foe**

Anthem

*O Buen Jesús*  
*(sung first in Spanish, then in English)*

H. León

**i** Nunc Dimittis

Thanksgiving and Collect

Salutation and Benedicamus

Benediction

Hymn

**How Firm a Foundation**

Postlude

*Herzlich lieb*

J. Walther

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## Servants of the Word

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Rev. Charles P. St-Onge

Preacher

Rev. Dr. Scott R. Murray

Organist

Cantor Janet Muth

Choir

( : ) MLS th- th Grades

( : ) MLC Adult Choir

## Daily Devotional



Sunday (February , )

Genesis : - , - :  
 Mark : -  
 Psalm

Monday

Genesis : -  
 Mark : -  
 Psalm

Tuesday

Genesis : -  
 Mark : -  
 Psalm

Wednesday

Genesis : -  
 Mark : -  
 Psalm

Thursday

Genesis : -  
 Mark : -  
 Psalm

Friday

Genesis : - , -  
 Mark : -  
 Psalm

Saturday

Genesis : -  
 Mark : -  
 Psalm

Sunday (March , )

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 in loving memory of Norma Paton who was laid to rest yesterday at a service of Christian Burial at Memorial. *Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord from now on.* Revelation :

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:** In Sunday School today, the children learned that as Jesus healed the ten men with leprosy, Jesus forgives and heals us from the sickness of sin and death (Luke : - ). Discuss with your children how in faith we respond with thankful hearts, praising Him for His love for us. Talk about what it means to be healed of our sin-sickness. How do we thank God for His grace? As a family, consider the words of the Second Article of the Apostles' Creed.

**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](mailto:smurray@mlchouston.org), for questions regarding the class or to register.

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

**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 on Wednesday at : p.m., and the Adult Choir will meet on Wednesday evening immediately following the Lent service. Call Cantor Muth, . , 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](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** meets today from : p.m. until : p.m. in the church library.

**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 <sup>th</sup> 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.

**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 [tntjbt@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tntjbt@sbcglobal.net).

**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](http://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](http://www.lutheranhighnorth.org).

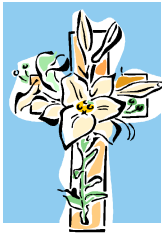
**TH ANNUAL MEMORIAL LUTHERAN MEN'S RETREAT:** Mark your calendars now, the th annual Men's Retreat is scheduled for October - , at Camp Lone Star in Lagrange, TX. The Rev. Dr. Lawrence Rast, Academic Dean of Concordia Theological Seminary in Ft. Wayne, Indiana will present on The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod from the 1970's to the present. More information to be published in the newsletter.

**LUNCHES NEEDED:** If you are able to help prepare lunches for Wednesday Lenten lunches or for Pastor Murray's Adult Instruction Class on Sunday afternoons, please contact Brenda in the church office at . . .

## LWIM and The Widow's Mite

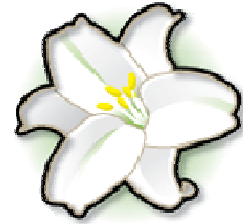
*Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a fraction of a penny. Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, "I tell you the truth, this poor widow has put in more into the treasury than all the others. They all gave out of their wealth, but she, out of her poverty, put in everything - all she had to live on." (Mark 12:41-44)*

Texas District retains 10% of mite offerings for mission work. National mites (remaining 90%) funds over \$ 1 million in mission grants every two years. We are asking members of Memorial to join us in our mission work by leaving your spare change each week in the mite box located in the narthex. You may, also, take a small mite box to collect your change throughout the week.



## EASTER LILIES

Please sign up to purchase lilies for the Easter season. The single lilies are \$1.00 each. Triplets are purchased each year and are \$3.00 each. Call the church office at 781-865-1234 to reserve yours.



## DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

The clocks will change on March 11th. With the beginning of daylight savings time, clocks will spring ahead one hour at 2:00 a.m. on March 11th. Mark your calendars now so that you will not be late.



## 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.

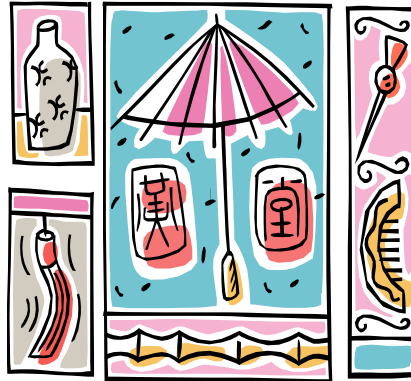
*Whoever shall receive one of such children in my name, receiveth me: and whosoever shall receive me, receiveth not me, but him that sent me. Mark 9:12*

**FIND HEALING AND HOPE IN [REDACTED] 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. Our licensed clinicians work with people experiencing a variety of struggles. We provide services to children (ages [REDACTED] and up), individuals of all ages, couples, and families. To contact Interface-Samaritan to help get your new year off to a healthy start, please call [REDACTED]. 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 fee. For more information, contact MLC member Diane Lamberson, Acting Clinical Director and Staff Therapist.

**LADIES RETREAT**

Please mark your calendars for April [REDACTED] - [REDACTED] and plan to join us at the [REDACTED] Memorial Ladies Retreat. Our retreat will be held in side-by-side beach homes at Surfside Beach, approximately [REDACTED] 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 [REDACTED] ( [REDACTED] of which is non-refundable). Registration deadline is Sunday, March [REDACTED]. 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 [REDACTED].) Please register early as space is limited. To register, please contact Claudine Bhandari at [claudine.brazee@yahoo.com](mailto:claudine.brazee@yahoo.com) or [REDACTED], or Noreen Linke at [noreen@linkes.net](mailto:noreen@linkes.net) or [REDACTED], or look for our table in the Commons between services. Hope to see you there!



**LENTEN WEDNESDAYS**

Join us each Wednesday for Lenten service at noon and enjoy fellowship and lunch immediately following in the Fellowship Hall. Lenten mid-week services are also held on Wednesday evenings at [REDACTED]. If you would like to help with our Lenten lunches, please contact Brenda in the church office at [REDACTED].



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## CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY - MARCH

### TODAY:

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

### MONDAY:

- : English for Beginners

### TUESDAY:

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

### WEDNESDAY:

- : English for Beginners
- : Lent Service and MLS Chapel
- : Lenten Lunch
- : Adult Handbell Choir
- : Lent Service
- : Adult Choir

### THURSDAY:

- : English Conv. & Pronunciation

### FRIDAY:

- : MLS Rodeo Day
- : 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
- : Altar Guild Luncheon
- : Young Adult Lunch
- : Junior Confirmation
- : Junior Youth Group

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: Shirley Ford      Late: Dorothy Williamson  
 Martha Fredenburg      Carolyn Curry

#### USHERS ON DUTY

Early: Jim Hunt              Late: David Wuthrich  
 David Kunz                  Chris Benton  
 Wayne Kieschnick          Jason Afinowicz  
 Robert Kieschnick          Simon Makangula  
 Eric Nixdorf

#### ACOLYTES ON DUTY

Early: Andrew Coulter      Late: Nicolas Amenedo