



## Memorial Lutheran Church and School

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If it does not bear good  
fruit You can cut it down

## The Lord Who Calls Us Is Faithful

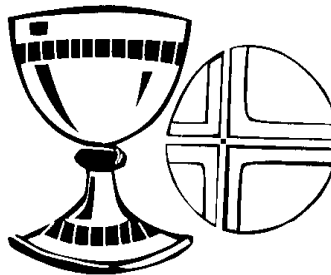
Moses took off his shoes and dared enter holy ground that he might draw closer to God. So those who approach the holy font would have the stain of sin removed that they might have fellowship with the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. They seek entry into the people of God so they can be rescued from their spiritual enemies and led into the land flowing with milk and honey. Participation in the sacraments of the new covenant should not lull any into a false sense of security. Let the person who thinks he or she stands firmly be careful not to fall. The Israelites passed through the sea and were baptized into



Moses; all ate at the wilderness table set by God, yet they succumbed to the temptation and left their bones in the desert. Their fate is an admonition to all who seek to draw closer to God during Lent. God will settle for nothing less than repentance, that is, acceptance of Christ's teaching concerning the grace of God revealed through the Son. God plants the fig tree; He seeks fruit from it. He may patiently care for it, yet if it will not bear fruit, it finally must be cut down. But even fasts, prayers, and works of love are acceptable only if our hearts have been converted by the love of God.

## 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 tenets. 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 with us. 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 these teachings of the church, please speak with one of the pastors.

## THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

March ,

Lutheran Service Book, -

Preservice Music *Es Wolle Gott uns Gnädig Sein* J. Maunteht

Prelude St. Luke J. Clarke

**i** Hymn "As Surely as I Live," God Said

Confession and Absolution

Catechism The Conclusion of the Lord's Prayer

P. The Conclusion

C. **For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

P. What does this mean?

C. **This means that I should be certain that these petitions are pleasing to our Father in heaven, and are heard by Him; for He Himself has commanded us to pray in this way and has promised to hear us. Amen, amen means "yes, yes, it shall be so."**

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

Amen, that is, so shall it be.  
Make strong our faith in You, that we  
May doubt not but with trust believe  
That what we ask we shall receive.  
Thus in Your name and at Your Word  
We say, "Amen, O hear us, Lord!"

### Service of the Word

Introit *Psalm : - ; antiphon: Psalm :*

P. For the LORD knows the way of the | righteous,\*  
but the way of the wicked will | perish.

C. **For you are not a God who delights in | wickedness;\*  
evil may not | dwell with you.**

P. The boastful shall not stand be- | fore your eyes;\*  
you hate all evil- | doers.

C. **You destroy those | who speak lies;\*  
the LORD abhors the bloodthirsty and de- | ceitful man.**

P. But I, through the abundance of your steadfast love, will en- | ter your  
house.\*

I will bow down toward your holy temple in the | fear of you.

C. Lead me, O LORD, in your righteousness because of my | enemies;\*  
make your way straight be- | fore me.  
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 the LORD knows the way of the | righteous,\*  
but the way of the wicked will | perish.

Kyrie

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P. O God whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; 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 Ezekiel : - ESV (Pew Bible p. )

“So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. <sup>8</sup>If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. <sup>9</sup>But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul. <sup>10</sup>“And you, son of man, say to the house of Israel, Thus have you said: ‘Surely our transgressions and our sins are upon us, and we rot away

because of them. How then can we live?’ <sup>11</sup>Say to them, As I live, declares the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel? <sup>12</sup>“And you, son of man, say to your people, The righteousness of the righteous shall not deliver him when he transgresses, and as for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall by it when he turns from his wickedness, and the righteous shall not be able to live by his righteousness when he sins. <sup>13</sup>Though I say to the righteous that he shall surely live, yet if he trusts in his righteousness and does

injustice, none of his righteous deeds shall be remembered, but in his injustice that he has done he shall die. <sup>14</sup>Again, though I say to the wicked, 'You shall surely die,' yet if he turns from his sin and does what is just and right, <sup>15</sup>if the wicked restores the pledge, gives back what he has taken by robbery, and walks in the statutes of life, not doing injustice, he shall surely live; he shall not die. <sup>16</sup>None of the sins that he has committed shall be remembered against him. He has done

what is just and right; he shall surely live. <sup>17</sup>"Yet your people say, 'The way of the Lord is not just,' when it is their own way that is not just. <sup>18</sup>When the righteous turns from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it. <sup>19</sup>And when the wicked turns from his wickedness and does what is just and right, he shall live by them. <sup>20</sup>Yet you say, 'The way of the Lord is not just.' O house of Israel, I will judge each of you according to his ways."

Gradual [O Come, let us fix our eyes on] | Jesus,\*  
The founder and perfecter | of our faith.  
Who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross,  
despis- | ing the shame,\*  
And is seated at the right hand of the | throne of God.

Epistle Reading Corinthians : - ESV (Pew Bible p. )  
I want you to know, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, <sup>2</sup>and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, <sup>3</sup>and all ate the same spiritual food, <sup>4</sup>and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. <sup>5</sup>Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness. <sup>6</sup>Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. <sup>7</sup>Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play." <sup>8</sup>We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. <sup>9</sup>We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, <sup>10</sup>nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. <sup>11</sup>Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. <sup>12</sup>Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. <sup>13</sup>No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is







Sunday (March , )  
 Genesis : - ; : -  
 Mark : -  
 Psalm

Monday  
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Wednesday  
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Saturday  
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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.

**OUR GUEST PREACHER:** We welcome Pastor Matthew Harrison to our pulpit today. Pastor Harrison is the Executive Director for LCMS World Relief and Human Care. He will also be teaching Adult Bible study during the Sunday School hour. Please greet Pastor Harrison and welcome him to Memorial.

THE BEAUTIFUL FLOWERS that grace our chancel are given to the glory of God by David and Betty Browne in celebration of Garrett's th birthday and in thankfulness for their many blessings.

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, the Sunday School classes learned about Jesus' miracle of feeding , hungry people (John : - ). They learned that in His love, God promises to care for all our physical and spiritual needs and gives us the greatest treasure—His Son and the gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation. As a family, talk about the many ways that God has provided for both your physical and spiritual needs. In the catechism, look at the explanation to the First 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 CLASS:** Pastor Matthew Harrison of LCMS World Relief and Human Care is teaching in the Fellowship Hall this morning. Normal Adult Bible Studies will resume next week.

**HELPING OUR FRIENDS IN CHILE:** LCMS World Relief and Human Care is walking with our brothers and sisters in Christ as they reach out in Word and deed. This most recent disaster in Chile is another opportunity to share Christ's mercy with Chileans who lost loved ones and homes. God's timing is not ours. But all trials and struggles happen that He may conform us to the image of His Son. The need in Chile is enormous. Your gift of any size will help meet the urgent needs through our work with the Confessional Lutheran Church of Chile, our LCMS partner church. Visit [www.LCMS.org](http://www.LCMS.org) to donate.

**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 Lenten 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.

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 today, March th at : p.m. in the Church Library. All members are encouraged to attend to discuss current issues and procedures.

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: You are invited to help Lutheran High North celebrate years of quality academics and meaningful ministry in the Northwest Houston area. A city-wide celebration worship will take place today at : p.m. at Our Savior Lutheran Church on Tidwell. Complete details 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, Texas. More information to be published in the newsletter.

### 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](mailto:claudine.brazee@yahoo.com) or . . . , or Noreen Linke at [noreen@linkes.net](mailto:noreen@linkes.net) or . . . , or look for our table in the Commons between services. Hope to see you there!



### 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 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 : - )

Texas District retains % of mite offerings for mission work. National mites (remaining %) funds over \$ 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 each. Call the church office at . . . to reserve yours.



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## CALENDAR FOR MARCH - MARCH

### TODAY:

:	Divine Service	:	Lenten Lunch
:	Adult Bible Class, Sunday School	:	Adult Handbell Choir
:	Divine Service	:	Lent Service
:	Adult Instruction	:	Adult Choir
:	Altar Guild Lunch Meeting		
:	Young Adult Lunch		
:	Junior Confirmation		
:	Junior Youth Group		

### MONDAY:

:	English for Beginners
:	Board of Elders
:	Boards and Committees
:	Parish Planning Council

### TUESDAY:

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

### WEDNESDAY:

:	English for Beginners
:	Lent Service and MLS Chapel

### THURSDAY:

:	English Conv. & Pronunciation
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### FRIDAY:

:	English for Beginners
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### SATURDAY:

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

### SUNDAY:

:	Daylight Savings Begins
:	Divine Service
:	Adult Bible Class, 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

<b>Early:</b> Terry Bomar	<b>Late:</b> Robert Burmeister
Fred Hoffman	Greg Koch

### ALTAR GUILD

<b>Early:</b> Mary Beth Ehrke	<b>Late:</b> Sara Payne
	Mary Lewis

### USHERS ON DUTY

<b>Early:</b> Michael Albert	<b>Late:</b> C.D. Stenberg
Ken Zimmerman	Ross Bartley
Jim Keller	Steve Reavis
David Moeller	
David Browne	

### ACOLYTES ON DUTY

<b>Early:</b> Andrew Coulter	<b>Late:</b> Nicolas Amenedo
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