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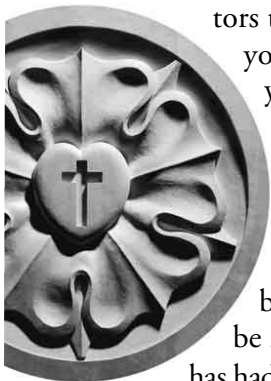
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Let us kill him, so that the  
inheritance may be ours.

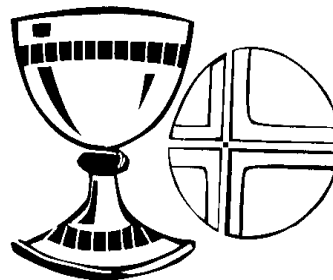


IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST, WE WELCOME YOU. We encourage our visitors to worship with us often and to let us know if we can be of service. If you do not have a church home, the pastors will be happy to talk with you about membership here at Memorial. Please sign our Rite of Friendship booklet this morning so we may acknowledge your presence. Please pick up one of our visitor information packets from an usher in the narthex.

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 UNKNOWN...We are exiles in a world turned against God. In Lent we seek to make our own exodus with Christ. His exodus is made at Jerusalem. This is the new work God is doing; the Paschal Lamb is sacrificed so His people may be set free from their sin. We seek the waters God has provided in the desert of our world so we may be washed in Baptism and refreshed in the Eucharist. The community strives for the perfection that is Christ because it is the fellowship of those who share in the sufferings of Christ. We would become like Him in His death so that we may attain to the resurrection from the dead. The teachers of the law and the chief priests rejected Him. But we believe that everything is rubbish compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ. We praise Him. Our hearts trust in Him, for He has heard our cry for mercy. In the midst of our Lenten struggle with unbelief and sin, He is our strength. He is the Shepherd who will lead us through the waters of death to life, freedom and light.

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 IN LENT

March ,

Lutheran Service Book, -

Preservice Music      Concerto in d minor BWV      J. S. Bach  
*Largo ma non tanto*

Prelude      *Kirken den er et gammelt Hus*      L. V. Lindeman

### **i** Hymn      **Built on the Rock**

Confession and Absolution ( : a.m.)

Catechism      The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

P. What benefits does Baptism give?

C. **It works forgiveness of sins, rescues from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this, as the words and promises of God declare.**

P. Which are these words and promises of God?

C. **Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Mark: “Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.”**

### Hymn      To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord

To Jordan came the Christ, our Lord, To do His Father's pleasure; Baptized by John, the Father's Word Was given us to treasure.	O hear and mark the message well, For God Himself has spoken. Let faith, not doubt, among us dwell And so receive this token.
This heav'nly washing now shall be A cleansing from transgression And by His blood and agony Release from death's oppression. A new life now awaits us.	Our Lord here with His Word endows Pure water, freely flowing. God's Holy Spirit here avows Our kinship while bestowing The Baptism of His blessing.

All that the mortal eye beholds  
Is water as we pour it.  
Before the eye of faith unfolds  
The pow'r of Jesus' merit.  
For here it sees the crimson flood  
To all our ills bring healing;  
The wonders of His precious blood  
The love of God revealing,  
Assuring His own pardon.

Sacrament of Baptism ( : a.m.)

*Londyn Elyse Emswiler, daughter of Matthew and Meghan Emswiler, is receiving the washing of rebirth and renewal in the Holy Spirit in Holy Baptism.*

## Service of the Word

Introit

*Psalm : - ; antiphon: Psalm :*

P. Salvation belongs | to the LORD;\*  
your blessing be on your | people!

C. **But you, O LORD, are a shield a- | bout me,\*  
my glory, and the lifter | of my head.**

P. I cried aloud | to the LORD,\*  
and he answered me from his | holy hill.

C. **I lay | down and slept;\*  
I woke again, for the LORD sus- | tained me.**

P. I will not be afraid of many thousands of | people\*  
who have set themselves against me | all around.

C. **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. Salvation belongs | to the LORD;\*  
your blessing be on your | people!

Kyrie

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P. Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and 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      Isaiah : -      ESV (Pew Bible p. )

Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, <sup>17</sup>who brings forth chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: <sup>18</sup>“Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. <sup>19</sup>Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. <sup>20</sup>The

wild beasts will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches, for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen peo-

ple, <sup>21</sup>the people whom I formed for myself that they might declare my praise.”

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 Philipians : - ESV (Pew Bible p. )

Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup>and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— <sup>10</sup>that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming

like him in his death, <sup>11</sup>that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead. <sup>12</sup>Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. <sup>13</sup>Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup>I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

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

Choir: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

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 (Pew Bible p. )

[Jesus] began to tell the people this parable: “A man planted a vineyard and let it out to tenants and went into another country for a long while. <sup>10</sup>When the time came, he

sent a servant to the tenants, so that they would give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the tenants beat him and sent him away empty-handed. <sup>11</sup>And he sent another

servant. But they also beat and treated him shamefully, and sent him away empty-handed. <sup>12</sup>And he sent yet a third. This one also they wounded and cast out. <sup>13</sup>Then the owner of the vineyard said, ‘What shall I do? I will send my beloved son; perhaps they will respect him.’ <sup>14</sup>But when the tenants saw him, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir. Let us kill him, so that the inheritance may be ours.’ <sup>15</sup>And they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them? <sup>16</sup>He will come and destroy those tenants and give the vineyard to others.” When they heard this, they said, “Surely not!” <sup>17</sup>But he looked

directly at them and said, “What then is this that is written: ‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone’? Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces, and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him.” <sup>19</sup>The scribes and the chief priests sought to lay hands on him at that very hour, for they perceived that he had told this parable against them, but they feared the people. <sup>20</sup>So they watched him and sent spies, who pretended to be sincere, that they might catch him in something he said, so as to deliver him up to the authority and jurisdiction of the governor.

Creed



Hymn

My Song Is Love Unknown

Sermon



Offertory

Create in Me



Offering

Jesus, Priceless Treasure

J. S. Bach



Prayer of the Church

## Service of the Sacrament

Preface

Sanctus

Lord's Prayer

The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini

Agnus Dei



Hymns

Lord Jesus Christ, the Church's Head  
Christ Is Our Cornerstone

Anthem ( : a.m.) Call to Remembrance R. Farrant

**i** Nunc Dimittis

Thanksgiving and Collect

Salutation and Benedicamus

Benediction

**Hymn Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation**

Postlude *Jesu, meine Freude* BWV J.S. Bach

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### Servants of the Word

Presiding Minister Rev. Charles P. St-Onge  
Preacher Rev. Dr. Scott R. Murray  
Assisting Minister Rev. P. A. Wokoma  
Organist Cantor Janet Muth  
Choir ( : a.m.) MLC Adult Choir  
Instrumentalists Kristin Coyle, Clare Staub

Sunday (March , )

Exodus : -

Mark : -

Psalm

Monday

Exodus : -

Mark : -

Psalm

Tuesday

Exodus : - :

Mark : -

Psalm



Friday

Exodus : - :

Mark : -

Psalm

Saturday

Exodus : -

Mark : -

Psalm

Palm Sunday (March , )

Exodus : -

Hebrews : -

Psalm

Wednesday

Exodus : -

Mark : -

Psalm

Thursday

Exodus : -

Mark : -

Psalm

**THE BEAUTIFUL FLOWERS** that grace our chancel are given to the glory of God by Rob and LouAnn Webber in celebration of Matthew's 10th birthday on March 10 and for thanksgiving to God for continued safety in his military service.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** meets from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Preschool and kindergarten aged children have opening with Mrs. Lamberson in Sunday School room 101. Children follow their teachers to class and are dismissed in the Sunday School hallway at 10:30 a.m. Two year old children are accompanied by a parent and join Miss Patti in Sunday School room 101. The elementary aged children (1st-5th grades) have an opening in the Music Suite with Cantor Muth. Students are then picked up by their teachers and are dismissed at 11:00 a.m. in the Commons. Middle School class meets in room 101 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.

**BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST:** We welcome Londyn Elyse Emswiler to our Christian family today. Londyn is the infant daughter of Matthew and Meghan Emswiler. Her godparents are Christopher Dickey and Stacey Willeford. Meghan Emswiler is her sponsor.

**GROWING IN CHRIST:** In today's Sunday School lesson the children learned how in faith, a sinful woman lovingly anointed Jesus' feet. They also learned how in faith we grasp God's free mercy, receive the forgiveness of sins, and respond with acts of love and praise. As a family, consider ways that you might respond to God's mercy. Ask your children what sins God will forgive (all of them!), and in your catechism review, look at the section about the Confession of Sins.

**SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASSES:** Pastor Murray is teaching the Gospel of Mark in the Fellowship Hall. Paul Broughton's class, Christ in Today's Culture, in Meeting Room 101, will be taught by John Threet today. John and Kim Bohot and Mark and Ruth Hanson are teaching Growing a Godly Family in an Ungodly World in the Church Library.

**LUTHERAN WOMEN IN MISSION:** Please join the LWIM for a luncheon meeting today after the late service. They will be taking donations for the Family Fun basket for the MLS auction, and will be finalizing mission projects. Hope to see you there.

**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. The need in Chile is enormous. Your gift of any size will help meet the needs through our work with the Con-

fessional 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 for the fall class.

**BAGELS AND BIBLE STUDY** meets on Tuesday morning at : a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

**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 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](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.

**MLC BLOOD DRIVE:** The MLC Blood drive is scheduled for April th, between : a.m. and : p.m. To schedule an appointment visit [www.giveblood.org](http://www.giveblood.org) and login to Digital Donor. Enter sponsor code or contact Brenda in the church office at . . . .

**MEMORIAL MEMBERS NOMINATED FOR SYNOD-WIDE OFFICES:** Noreen Linke was nominated to serve on the Board for District and Congregational Services. Albert Allen was nominated to serve on the Board of Regents of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. Both of these members will be up for election at the Synodical Convention to be held at the George R. Brown Convention Center in Houston, July - th. Congratulations Noreen and Albert!

## MLC VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

LCMS World Relief and Human Care  
Disaster Response Team

Have you wanted to have a part in 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 most likely be done on a Friday evening and Saturday (date TBD).

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 as 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](mailto:revday@mlchouston.org)).

## EASTER EGG HUNT AND FAMILY GATHERING

Saturday - April at : a.m.







: a.m. Pitman Park (NW corner of Evergreen St. & Newcastle Blvd. in Bellaire)  
: a.m. Egg Hunt  
: a.m. Family Photos


In preparation for the big event, please leave donations of treat filled plastic eggs in the boxes located in the Sunday School hallway or Commons by March \_\_\_\_\_ st or \_\_\_\_\_ th. Before the hunt, discuss how Easter eggs remind us of the new life Jesus won for us on the cross.

*Youth Group and Junior Youth Group members:*


Please meet at : a.m. at Pitman Park to hide eggs and help with the hunt.

If necessary, check weather on Saturday morning by calling Lara Ogden at . . . .

		Holy Week	Schedule
<b>HOLY WEEK</b>    	<b>WORSHIP SCHEDULE</b>	Palm Sunday	March : & : a.m.
	Holy Monday	March : p.m.	
	Holy Tuesday	March : p.m.	
	Holy Wednesday	March : p.m.	
	Maundy Thursday	April : p.m.	
	Good Friday—The Chief Service	April : p.m.	
	Saturday—Easter Vigil	April : p.m.	
	Easter Sunday	April : & : a.m.	
Easter Breakfast	April : a.m.– : a.m.		



**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, an LCMS writer in Washington, D.C. 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.braze@yaho.com](mailto:claudine.braze@yaho.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!



**NOCHE DE FIESTA!**  
The Memorial Lutheran School Auction is April th in the gymnasium.  
If you have not yet returned your reply card, please do so by April . Stop by the auction table in the Commons to drop off your reply card (or pick up an invitation if you did not receive one). The evening includes a great buffet dinner catered by Chuy's, Mariachis for your entertainment, beverage bar, silent and live auction and great fun. Tickets are each. Babysitting is available on site for only per family (pizza and movies/games). All proceeds from the auction benefit Memorial Lutheran School and student programs. For more information contact LouAnn Webber in the school office or at [lwebber@mlchouston.org](mailto:lwebber@mlchouston.org) or Tiffany Engler at [tengler@mlchouston.org](mailto:tengler@mlchouston.org).



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## CALENDAR FOR MARCH - MARCH

<b>TODAY:</b>	:	Divine Service	:	Adult Handbell Choir
:	:	Adult Bible Class, Sunday School	:	Lent Service
:	:	Divine Service	:	Adult Choir
:	:	Adult Instruction		
:	:	LWIM	<b>THURSDAY:</b>	MLS Book Fair
:	:	Junior Confirmation	:	English Conv. & Pronunciation
:	:	Junior Youth Group		
<b>MONDAY:</b>	:	MLS Book Fair	<b>FRIDAY:</b>	MLS Book Fair
:	:	English for Beginners	:	English for Beginners
	:		:	Junior Youth Lock-in
<b>TUESDAY:</b>	:	MLS Book Fair	<b>SATURDAY:</b>	
:	:	Bagels & Bible Study	:	Men's Bible Study Breakfast
:	:	Tuesday Eucharist Service	:	Men's Bible Study Class
:	:	English Conv. & Pronunciation	<b>SUNDAY:</b>	
:	:	Bible Study	:	Palm Sunday
:	:	Young Adult Bible Study	:	Divine Service
	:		:	Adult Bible Class, Sunday School
<b>WEDNESDAY:</b>	:	MLS Book Fair	:	Divine Service
:	:	English for Beginners	:	Adult Instruction
:	:	Lent Service and MLS Chapel	:	Youth Group
:	:	Lenten Lunch	:	Junior Confirmation

Attendance: March :	Through March :
Offering March : ,	Year-to-date Budgeted Offerings: ,
	Year-to-date Actual Offerings: ,
	Amount above/(below) Budget: ( , )

### ELDERS ON DUTY

**Early:** Terry Bomar      **Late:** Robert Burmeister  
 Fred Hoffman              Greg Koch

### ALTAR GUILD

**Early:** Hilary Murray      **Late:** Sylvia Atsinger  
 Janet Taylor                Carolyn Curry

### USHERS ON DUTY

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

### ACOLYTES ON DUTY

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

### SPONSOR AN EASTER LILY

Sign-up by calling Brenda or Mary Ann at . . .