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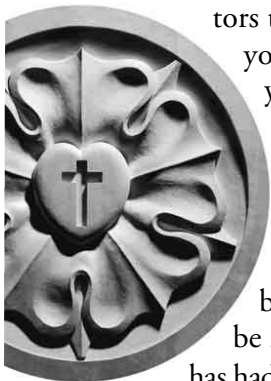
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HOSANNA! BLESSED IS
HE WHO COMES IN THE
NAME OF THE LORD

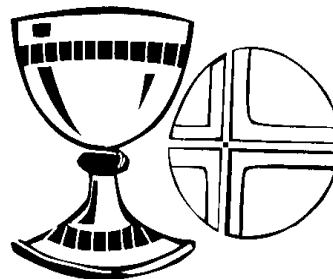


IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST, WE WELCOME YOU. We encourage our visitors to worship with us often and to let us know if we can be of service. If you do not have a church home, the pastors will be happy to talk with you about membership here at Memorial. Please sign our Rite of Friendship booklet this morning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

OBEDIENT UNTO DEATH... Shouts of triumph draw us to the streets of Jerusalem today. "Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!" The crowds are not yet able to understand that the gift of life they await must come at the cost of death. God's wrath, however, will not fall upon His people even though they have followed strange gods. To show compassion to them means withholding compassion from His Servant, even though He who serves will be the greatest in the kingdom of God. But if God wounds, He will also heal, both the Servant Himself and, through Him, also the people He gathers to Himself. Christ did not grasp "equality with God," but "humbled Himself and became obedient to death--even death on a cross!" The Passion according to St. Luke reveals the profundity of His self-giving. He "made Himself nothing" for God's wayward people, a people who at the end rejected Him, preferring Barabbas, and so revealed how far they had strayed. Yet as the Passion traces the final hours from the Passover, through the betrayal, arrest, trials, torture, crucifixion, death and burial, we hear the healing Word of God--a Word of forgiveness, promise, and hope.

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.



servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name

that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

i Verse (*Proper Verse sung by the choir*)

**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

John : -

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The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written, "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!" His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when

Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him. The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign.

So the Pharisees said to one another, "You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him."

Creed

Hymn

The Royal Banners Forward Go

Stanza : Choir

Stanzas - : Congregation

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Stanzas - : Congregation

Sermon

Misleading Miracles, Reliable Revelation John : -

i Offertory Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God
h Offering Hosanna, Loud Hosanna D. Wagner
i Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

Sanctus

Lord's Prayer (*spoken*)

The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini

Agnus Dei

h Hymns **Prepare the Royal Highway**
Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus

i Anthem Hosanna, Loud Hosanna E. Daley

i Nunc Dimittis

Thanksgiving

Salutation and Benedicamus

Benediction

Hymn Ride On, Ride On in Majesty

Postlude Winchester New J. Maunteht

Announcements

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Servants of the Word

Presiding Minister	Rev. Dr. Scott R. Murray
Preacher	Rev. Charles P. St-Onge
Assisting Minister	Rev. P. A. Wokoma
Organist	Cantor Janet Muth
Choirs	MLC Adult Choir
	MLC Handbell Choir
Instrumentalists	Joshua Saenz, Chris Clark

Daily Sectionary



Palm Sunday (March ,)

Exodus : -
Hebrews :- -
Psalm

Holy Monday

Exodus : -
Hebrews : -
Psalm

Holy Tuesday

Exodus : - :
Hebrews : -
Psalm

Holy Wednesday

Exodus : - :
Hebrews : -
Psalm

Maundy Thursday

Exodus : -
Hebrews : -
Psalm

Good Friday

Exodus : - ; : -
Hebrew : -
Psalm

Holy Saturday

Exodus : - :
Hebrews : -
Psalm

Easter Sunday (April ,)

Exodus : -
Hebrews : - :
Psalm

THE BEAUTIFUL FLOWERS that grace our chancel are given to the glory of God by John and Christy Guess in celebration of Courtney's th birthday, her confirmation, and in thankfulness to God for watching over her. Flowers are given to the glory of God by Jim and Krista Hunt in celebration of Charlotte's th birthday.

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 Sunday School today is that Jesus is our Passover Lamb, who with His very body and blood grants us forgiveness, life, and salvation. The children learn about the Last Supper, the Lord's Supper (Luke : -). In your family discussions, talk about the benefits and blessings that we receive in the Lord's Supper. Talk about and remind the children that such benefits are theirs

through their Baptism, in Holy Absolution (the forgiveness of God spoken by the Pastor), and through God's Word, which is preached and taught to them. In the catechism, review the Lord's Supper.

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.

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 Confessional Lutheran Church of Chile, our LCMS partner church. Visit 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, 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. 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 Thursday 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 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 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 : 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 10th, between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. To schedule an appointment visit www.giveblood.org and login to Digital Donor. Enter sponsor code 123456 or contact Brenda in the church office at 281.291.1234.

LUTHERAN HIGH NORTH CHORAL VESPER: The music department at Lutheran High North presents its third annual Choral Vespers on Sunday, April 10th, at 7:00 p.m. The service will take place at Our Savior Lutheran Church in north Houston. The service features the Lutheran High North Concert Choir, Glory Givers, and professional soloists all accompanied by a string orchestra and the organ at Our Savior. This year's work featured in the service will be J.S. Bach's Easter cantata, *Christ Lag in Todesbanden* (Christ Jesus Laid in Death's Dark Bands). The service is free and open to the public. Following the service there will be a dinner that is open to all. A free will offering will be taken. For more information, please contact JD Struckmann at jdstruckmann@lea-hou.org.

ENGAGING TRUTH: This week's program asks the question, "Is intelligent design real science or pretend?" Tune in to 107.5 FM, The Word, KKHT at 7:00 p.m. or stream the program live at www.kkht.com.

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 2017 Synodical Convention to be held at the George R. Brown Convention Center in Houston, July 15-18th. Congratulations Noreen and Albert!

PEOPLE ENJOYING PEOPLE: The PEP club is planning an outing to see the Little Foxes at the AD Players at 7:00 p.m. Sunday, April 10th. Tickets are \$10. Contact Sylvia Atsinger for more information.

10TH ANNUAL MEMORIAL LUTHERAN MEN'S RETREAT: Mark your calendars now, the 10th annual Men's Retreat is scheduled for October 15-17, 2017, at Camp Lone Star in LaGrange, Texas. This year's speaker will be Rev. Dr. Lawrence Rast. Dr. Rast serves as the Academic Dean at Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Dr. Rast's topic will be: The LCMS from the 1800s to the present. More information to be published in the newsletter.

SPRING CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NIGHT

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: To be announced

Cantor Muth: Bach's B Minor Mass

LouAnn Webber: CEN for the Children

: p.m. **Vespers**

More information coming soon. If you would like to volunteer to help prepare light dinners, please contact Brenda Stancik in the church office at . . . or Brenda@mlchouston.org.



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 :

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 take place on April _____th and May _____st.

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).

EASTER EGG HUNT AND FAMILY GATHERING

This Week - 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
 		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). 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 .) **A few spaces still remain. Please register soon to reserve your space!** 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!

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 or Tiffany Engler at tengler@mlchouston.org.



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CALENDAR FOR MARCH - APRIL

TODAY:

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

MONDAY:

- : English for Beginners
- : Holy Monday Service

TUESDAY:

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

WEDNESDAY:

- : English for Beginners
- : Holy Wednesday Service
- : Adult Choir

THURSDAY:

- : Maundy Thursday
- : No School or Childcare
- : Adult Handbell Choir
- : Foot Washing Service
- : Divine Service

FRIDAY:

- : Good Friday
- : MLC&S Closed; No Childcare
- : The Chief Service with Tenebrae

SATURDAY:

- : Holy Saturday
- : Men's Bible Study Breakfast
- : Men's Bible Study Class
- : Easter Egg Hunt at Pitman Park
- : The Great Vigil of Easter

SUNDAY:

- : Easter Sunday
- : Divine Service
- : Easter Breakfast
- : Divine Service

Attendance: March :

Tuesday Eucharist:

Offering March : ,

Through 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

USHERS ON DUTY

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

ALTAR GUILD

Early: Shirley Ford **Late:** France Stenberg
Hilary Murray Carolyn Curry

ACOLYTES ON DUTY

Early: Andrew Coulter **Late:** Nicolas Amenedo