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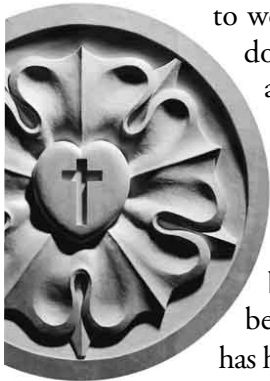
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But God said
to him, 'Fool!'

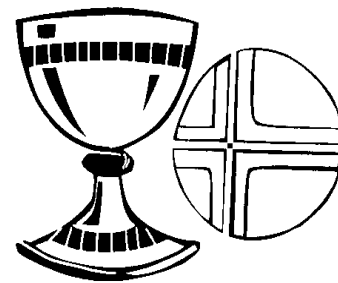


IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST, WE WELCOME YOU. We encourage our visitors to worship with us often and to let us know if we can be of service. If you do not have a church home, the pastors will be happy to talk with you about membership here at Memorial. Please sign our Rite of Friendship booklet this morning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

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 24 hours, has a cough or might be contagious.

FOR MANY WHO LIVE IN A LAND THAT HONORS THE RICH MORE THAN THE POOR, in which people seek earthly treasures first and leave the divine gifts for a more convenient hour, today's liturgy will be hard to bear. Christians, unfortunately, are not immune to the temptation to worship the creation rather than the Creator whose gift all things are. The Lord looked over His creation and declared it good. But we heeded the serpent's voice and choose the creation above the Creator in our quest for security and autonomy. The rich fool lives his life without recognizing that the Lord who gives also takes away. Those who follow the path of the Son of Man, who surrendered all the earthly securities in which we too often put our trust, must be wise enough to shun "the wickedness of those who put their trust in their goods, and boast of their great riches.... We can never ransom ourselves, or deliver to God the price of our life" (Psalm 49:5,7). Life is a gift from God and must be received as such.

OUR CONGREGATION IS A MEMBER OF THE LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSOURI SYNOD, a family of congregations who pledge themselves to teach and to believe the same teachings. We believe that we are given a great responsibility to commune only those persons who are members of our confessional fellowship. We want to express our sincere welcome to our guests and assure them that for their spiritual welfare we practice closed communion. Guests desiring to learn more about our beliefs are asked to speak with our pastor.



TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 1, 2010

(*Lutheran Service Book*, - -)

Preservice Music	<i>Jesu, meine Freunde</i>	J. S. Bach
Prelude	<i>Jesu, meine Freunde</i>	J. G. Walther
i Hymn	Jesus, Priceless Treasure	
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Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 49:7-8, 13-14a; antiphon: Psalm 49:1-2

- P. Hear this, all | peoples!*
- Give ear, all inhabitants | of the world,
both | low and high,*
rich and poor to- | gether!
- C. **Truly no man can ransom an- | other,***
or give to God the price | of his life,
- P. for the ransom of their life is | costly*
and can nev- | er suffice,
- C. **This is the path of those who have foolish | confidence;***
yet after them people approve | of their boasts.
- P. Like sheep they are appointed | for Sheol;*
- death shall be their | shepherd,
- C. **But God will ransom my soul from the power | of Sheol,***
for he will re- | ceive 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. Hear this, all | peoples!*
- Give ear, all inhabitants | of the world,
both | low and high,*
rich and poor to- | gether!

Kyrie 186

Hymn of Praise Gloria in Excelsis 187

P. O Lord, grant us wisdom to recognize the treasures You have stored up for us in heaven, that we may never despair but always rejoice and be thankful for the riches of Your grace; 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 Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14, 2:18-26 ESV p. 703

Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. ¹²I the Preacher have been king over Israel in Jerusalem. ¹³And I applied my heart to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven. It is an unhappy business that God has given to the children of man to be busy with. ¹⁴I have seen everything that is done under the sun, and behold, all is vanity and a striving after wind. ¹⁸I hated all my toil in which I toil under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to the man who will come after me, ¹⁹and who knows whether he will be wise or a fool? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. ²⁰So I turned about and gave my heart up to despair over all the toil of my labors under the sun, ²¹because sometimes a person who has toiled with wisdom and knowl-

edge and skill must leave everything to be enjoyed by someone who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. ²²What has a man from all the toil and striving of heart with which he toils beneath the sun? ²³For all his days are full of sorrow, and his work is a vexation. Even in the night his heart does not rest. This also is vanity. ²⁴There is nothing better for a person than that he should eat and drink and find enjoyment in his toil. This also, I saw, is from the hand of God, ²⁵for apart from him who can eat or who can have enjoyment? ²⁶For to the one who pleases him God has given wisdom and knowledge and joy, but to the sinner he has given the business of gathering and collecting, only to give to one who pleases God. This also is vanity and a striving after wind.

Gradual

How Beautiful Are the Feet of Them
That Preach the Gospel of Peace
(Romans 10:15b)

G. F. Handel

Epistle Reading

Colossians 3:1-11

ESV p. 1253

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. ³For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

⁵Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. ⁶On account of these the wrath of God is

coming. ⁷In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. ⁸But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. ⁹Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices ¹⁰and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. ¹¹Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

i Alleluia and Verse

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Holy Gospel

Luke 12:13-21

ESV p. 1108

Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus], "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me."

¹⁴But he said to him, "Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?" ¹⁵And he said to them, "Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions." ¹⁶And he told them a parable, saying, "The land of a rich man produced plentifully, ¹⁷and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my

crops?' ¹⁸And he said, 'I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' ²⁰But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' ²¹So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God."

Creed

The Nicene Creed

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h Hymn

Forgive Us, Lord, for Shallow Thankfulness

Sermon

People, Not Possessions

Luke 12:13-21

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Servants of the Word

Presiding Minister	Rev. Dr. Scott Murray
Preacher.....	Rev. Charles St-Onge
Lector	Rev. Charles P. Wokoma
Organist.....	Cantor Janet J. Muth
Vocalists	(8:15) Rehema Kavugha (11:00) Susan Hyder
Instrumentalists	Joshua Saenz, Chris Clark, Charlotte Hunt, Rachael Hunt

<p>Sunday (August 1, 2010) 1 Sam. 17:1-19 Acts 26:1-23 Psalm 93</p> <p>Monday 1 Sam. 17:20-47 Acts 26:24—27:8 Psalm 47</p> <p>Tuesday 1 Sam. 17:48—18:9 Acts 27:9-26 Psalm 99</p>	 <p>Daily Sectionary</p>	<p>Friday 1 Sam. 20:1-23 Acts 28:16-31 Psalm 19</p> <p>Saturday 1 Sam. 20:24-42 1 Cor. 1:1-25 Psalm 90</p> <p>Sunday (August 8, 2010) 1 Sam. 24:1-22 1 Cor. 1:26—2:16 Psalm 23</p>
<p>Wednesday 1 Sam. 18:10-30 Acts 27:27-44 Psalm 91</p> <p>Thursday 1 Sam. 19:1-24 Acts 28:1-15 Psalm 116</p>		


English as a Second Language Classes


Begin: Tuesday, August 17 in Room 165



Beginning English
 8:30 - 10:00 a.m.
 Monday and Wednesday

Intermediate English
 8:30 - 10:00 a.m.
 Tuesday and Thursday

Advanced Conversation
 8:30 - 10:00 a.m.
 Friday



For additional information, contact Traci Pastrana at 713-782-6079

VOLUNTEERS, GET INVOLVED!

MLC is asking individuals who would like to get involved with the church and school as a volunteer to add their name to the volunteer pool. Volunteer help will be needed for events such as Lutheran Blind Mission, workdays on campus, extra help around the church workroom (copies, etc.) and other various duties. *Please note: this would be a great opportunity for high school or college students who need confirmed*



volunteer hours for school. Contact Traci Pastrana at 713-782-6079 if you would like to add your name to the volunteer pool. Your time and efforts are greatly appreciated - no one is more cherished in this world than someone who lightens the burden of another. Thank you.

MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH PARTNERING WITH THRIVENT CHOICE

Both Memorial Lutheran Church and Memorial Lutheran School are registered participants in the new THRIVENT CHOICE program. Within the next few weeks, those of you with currently active Thrivent products, will receive a letter from Thrivent explaining this new program.



Basically, under the terms of this program, Thrivent will provide its active customers “Thrivent Choice Dollars” that may be “donated” to any of Thrivent’s participating organizations. When you get this letter, we would pray that you would consider directing your “Choice Dollars” to either our church or school. Additional information about this new program will be provided in upcoming Sunday bulletins.

THE BEAUTIFUL FLOWERS that grace our chancel are given to the glory of Almighty God.

SUNDAY SCHOOL meets from 9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. Two-year old children are accompanied by a parent and join Miss Patti in room 116 for singing, praying, and Bible lessons. ***Over the summer Preschool through 5th grade rotate through their classes, including Story with Mrs. Bohot and Mr. Tackett, Music with Cantor Muth, and Art with Mrs. Kuhlmann.*** Preschool (including Kindergarten) begins in room 104 and may be picked up in room 102 (these classrooms are across the hall from the school library). The elementary aged children (1st-5th grades) begin in the Music Suite and will be dismissed to the Commons at the end of Sunday School. The Middle School meets in the church library with Mr. Poffenberger. The High School class meets in the Youth Room with Pastor St-Onge and Pastor Day. 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: As they continue their studies of how God used the elements of nature to help His people, students in Sunday School explore "Jesus Calms a Storm" (Luke 8:22-25). Students learn how Jesus showed His care for His disciples. Discuss the wonderful ways God cares for us also. Parents might ask, "How did Jesus show

His care and concern for His disciples? How does God show His care for us as His children?"

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS: Pastor Murray is teaching the Gospel of St. Mark in the Fellowship Hall. Paul Broughton's Bible study will be held in meeting room 165.

FIND US ON THE WEB: Memorial Moments is a daily devotion written and distributed by Pastor Murray (www.memorialmoments.org). Pastor St-Onge's blog can be found at houstonbelief.com/lutherant. Dying to Live, Memorial's radio ministry, airs on KKHT 100.7 FM Sundays at 7:00 p.m. and is available on demand at www.mlchouston.org and by podcast.

SERVICE FOR THE INSTALLATION of the President, Vice Presidents, Officers, etc., of the LCMS will take place Saturday, September 11, at 10:00 a.m. at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. Come!

"LIFE QUOTE" FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE: "The Good News of a crucified and living Savior does not trivialize human struggles - the struggles of women, of problem pregnancies, of difficult situations. It speaks to them! The Good News defeated death and brings real love and compassion and neighborliness to bear in dealing with human struggles in very personal and practical ways. Life, not death, is our source of help and hope." *Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, Executive Director of Lutherans for Life.*
www.lutheransforlife.org

SUPPORT OUR SOLDIERS

MLC member Matthew Webber is currently stationed in Iraq for several months. He would love to receive cards and personal items such as: toothpaste, disposable razors, wet wipes/baby wipes, deodorant, shaving cream, foot powder and gel shower soap. If you would like to write or send Matthew any items, please mail to:



PFC Webber, Matthew
Alpha 1/27 Infantry
Alpha Troop 2-14 CAV
APO, AE 09391

Your prayers and blessings are greatly appreciated. God bless.



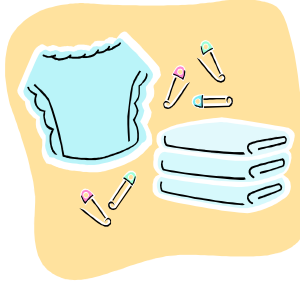
COME ONE, COME ALL!

Trinity Lutheran Church in Sealy is hosting a barbeque on Sunday, August 8th. For additional information, please contact Bob Schreiner at 713-783-1173.



SEND A STUDENT BACK TO SCHOOL DRIVE

LINC Houston is kicking off their "Send a Student Back to School Drive." Please help us meet our goal of sending 200 students back to school with a new backpack and school supplies. You can donate online by accessing the LINC Houston Web site at linchouston.org. We are also accepting donations of gently used school uniforms and shoes for Elementary and Middle school students and regular clothing donations for high school students. Please contact Isela at 713-426-2451 to schedule a pick-up or for more information.



Diapers and Formula are Needed! Mothers need your help!

What if you could not feed your baby? What if you could not afford diapers? Where would you go for help? Many new mothers are in this situation. It is a hard place to be in. Asking for help is never easy. And these are basic needs.

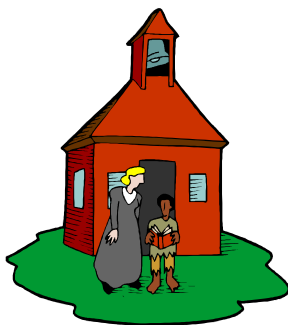
LINC Houston serves a population that often times cannot afford to meet daily basic needs for living. They desperately want to rise above their current situation of poverty, but there are many barriers to doing this. When these families feel they are meeting basic needs, it affords them the ability to find education and employment so that they can make a better life for their families.

We see many mothers who are in need. They come in crying, feeling as if they have failed because they have no way to feed and diaper their infants. We strive to help them meet these very basic needs. Food and clothing are often hard to come by when they must use what little income they have to pay for rent, utilities, and the many other items that require money in a family.

We need your donations of diapers and formula! Please help us meet these needs and give these families some hope. Our main location is 161 West Road, Houston, Texas 77037. You can drop items off there or call 713.517.4901 to organize a pick-up of the donations.

There is no reason any child should suffer in this country.

LINC Houston is a non profit organization formed in 2002 with the mission of planting churches and equipping groups of new believers among our culturally unique communities. LINC CSI was formed in 2009 for the purpose of meeting community needs in the Greater Houston area. For more information please visit our website at www.linchouston.org.



SUPPORT LUTHERAN EDUCATION

If you are a supporter of Lutheran education and of Memorial Lutheran School, we would ask that you prayerfully consider a special gift to the school. A generous donor has put forward a \$25,000 matching challenge gift for all gifts received before the end of July. Please help us in our shared ministry of spreading the gospel to the very ends of the earth and providing the very best in parochial education.



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CALENDAR FOR AUG -

TODAY:

8:15 AM Divine Service
9:45 AM Adult Bible Study; Sunday School
11:00 AM Divine Service

THURSDAY:

FRIDAY:

MONDAY:

SATURDAY:

7:30 AM Men's Bible Study

TUESDAY:

6:30 AM Bagels & Bible Study
We will be starting the Epistles to Timothy and Titus
10:00 AM Bible Class
7:00 PM Young Adult Bible Study

SUNDAY:

8:15 AM Divine Service
9:45 AM Adult Bible Study; Sunday School
11:00 AM Divine Service

WEDNESDAY:

Attendance July 25: 2010/343 2009/310 2008/277
Offering received July 25: \$17,804

Through July 25:

Year-to-date Budgeted Offerings: \$556,044
Year-to-date Actual Offerings: \$531,857
Amount above/(below) Budget: (\$24,187)

ELDERS ON DUTY

Early: Joel Kuhlmann
Mark Porter
Late: Robert Burmeister
Mark Tackett

ALTAR GUILD

Early: Shirley Ford
Janet Taylor
Late: Sylvia Atsinger
Dorothy Williamson

USHERS ON DUTY

Early: Michael Albert
Ken Zimmerman
David Browne
Jim Keller
David Moeller
Late: C.D. Stenberg
Ross Bartley
Steve Narr
Steve Meyer

ACOLYTES ON DUTY

Early: Tom Harvey
Late: