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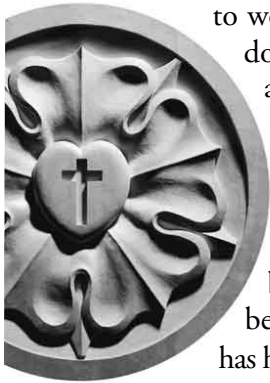
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# I Will Follow You

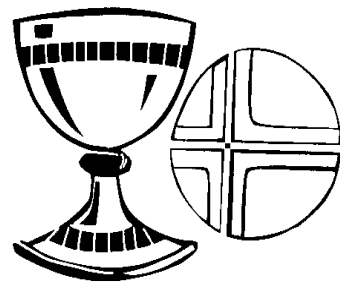


IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST, WE WELCOME YOU. We encourage our visitors to worship with us often and to let us know if we can be of service. If you do not have a church home, the pastors will be happy to talk with you about membership here at Memorial. Please sign our Rite of Friendship booklet this morning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

CHRIST'S MESSENGERS PROCLAIM HIS KINGDOM. When the prophet Elijah became discouraged and despaired of his life, “the word of the LORD came to him” ( Kings : b) and stood him “on the mount before the LORD” ( Kings : ). The Lord made Himself known to the prophet not in the impressive power of gale force winds, nor in an earthquake, nor in the fire, but in “the sound of a low whisper” ( Kings : ). Today God reveals Himself among us through the frail preaching of the Gospel. The Son of Man sends “messengers ahead of him . . . to make preparations for him” (Luke : - ). Putting their hand to that plow of preaching, they “go and proclaim the kingdom of God,” and they do not look back (Luke : , ). What they preach is not the power of the Law with its “yoke of slavery” (Gal. : ), but the power of God unto salvation through the Gospel of forgiveness, by which “Christ has set us free” (Gal. : ).

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.



## FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June ,

(*Lutheran Service Book*, - - )

Preservice Music	<i>Lasset uns mit Jesu Ziehen</i>	P. Manz
Prelude	<i>Lobt Gott den Herren, ihr</i>	M. Vulpius
<b>!</b> Hymn	<b>Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good</b>	
Confession and Absolution		

### Service of the Word

Introit *Psalm* : - , ; antiphon: *Psalm* :

- P. Show us your steadfast love, | O LORD,\*  
and grant us your sal- | vation.
- C. **Let me hear what God the | LORD will speak,\***  
**for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints; but let them not**  
**turn back to | folly.**
- P. Surely his salvation is near to those who | fear him,\*  
that glory may dwell | in our land.
- C. **Steadfast love and faith- | fulness meet;\***  
**righteousness and peace kiss each | other.**
- P. Righteousness will go be- | fore him\*  
and make his foot- | steps a way.
- 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. Show us your steadfast love, | O LORD,\*  
and grant us your sal- | vation.

Kyrie

Hymn of Praise                      Gloria in Excelsis

Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P. Lord of all power and might, author and giver of all good things, graft  
into our hearts the love of Your name and nourish us with all goodness  
that we may love and serve our neighbor; through Jesus Christ, Your  
Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one  
God, now and forever.
- C. **Amen.**

There he came to a cave and lodged in it. And behold, the word of the LORD came to him, and he said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" <sup>10</sup>He said, "I have been very jealous for the LORD, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away." <sup>11</sup>And he said, "Go out and stand on the mount before the LORD." And behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind tore the mountains and broke in pieces the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. And after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. <sup>12</sup>And after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire the sound of a low whisper. <sup>13</sup>And when Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. And behold, there came a voice to him and said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" <sup>14</sup>He said, "I have been very jealous for the LORD, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my

life, to take it away." <sup>15</sup>And the LORD said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus. And when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael to be king over Syria. <sup>16</sup>And Jehu the son of Nimshi you shall anoint to be king over Israel, and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah you shall anoint to be prophet in your place. <sup>17</sup>And the one who escapes from the sword of Hazael shall Jehu put to death, and the one who escapes from the sword of Jehu shall Elisha put to death. <sup>18</sup>Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him." <sup>19</sup>So he departed from there and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen in front of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and cast his cloak upon him. <sup>20</sup>And he left the oxen and ran after Elijah and said, "Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you." And he said to him, "Go back again, for what have I done to you?" <sup>21</sup>And he returned from following him and took the yoke of oxen and sacrificed them and boiled their flesh with the yokes of the oxen and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he arose and went after Elijah and assisted him.



another village. <sup>57</sup>As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." <sup>58</sup>And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." <sup>59</sup>To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, let me first go and bury my father." <sup>60</sup>And Jesus said to

him, "Leave the dead to bury their own dead. But as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." <sup>61</sup>Yet another said, "I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home." <sup>62</sup>Jesus said to him, "No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

Creed	The Nicene Creed	
<b>℣</b> Hymn	<b>"Come, Follow Me," the Savior Spake</b>	
Sermon	No Looking Back	Luke : -
<b>℣</b> Offertory	Create In Me a Clean Heart	
<b>℣</b> Offering	All For Christ I Have Forsaken	text: C. Chao, tr. S. Starke
Marriage Thanksgiving		<i>Hendrick and Lilian Mushi</i>
<b>℣</b> Prayer of the Church		

## Service of the Sacrament

Preface		
Sanctus		
Lord's Prayer ( <i>spoken by congregation</i> )		
The Words of Our Lord		
Pax Domini		
Agnus Dei		
<b>℣</b> Hymns	<b>Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart Fruitful Trees, the Spirit's Sowing</b>	
Anthem	Dear Lord, and Father of Mankind	C. H. H. Parry
<b>℣</b> Nunc Dimittis		
Thanksgiving		
Benediction		

Hymn

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

Postlude


*Herzlich Lieb*

J. Walther

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Servants of the Word

Presiding Minister and Preacher..... Rev. Charles P. St-Onge  
Lector ( : a.m.)..... Rev. J. Bart Day  
Lector (both services) ..... Rev. Charles P. Wokoma  
Organist..... Cantor Janet J. Muth  
Vocalist..... Mark Porter

<p>Sunday (June , ) Joshua : - Acts : - Psalm</p>	 <p>Daily Lectionary</p>	<p>Friday Joshua : - Acts : - Psalm</p>
<p>Monday Joshua : - Acts : - Psalm</p>	<p>Wednesday Joshua : : Acts : - Psalm</p>	<p>Saturday Joshua : - Acts : - Psalm</p>
<p>Tuesday Joshua : - Acts : - Psalm</p>	<p>Thursday Joshua : - Acts : - Psalm</p>	<p>Sunday (July , ) Joshua : - Acts : - Psalm</p>

THE BEAUTIFUL FLOWERS that grace our chancel are given to the glory of God by John and Kay Threet for their 10<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on June 15. Also, flowers are given by Robert and Sarah Martin in thanksgiving for the gift of baptism on Ruth's and Daniel's baptismal birthdays today and for niece Hannah Grace Pitney who is receiving the gift of baptism today.

SUNDAY SCHOOL meets from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Two-year old children are accompanied by a parent and join Miss Patti in room 101 for singing, praying, and Bible lessons. *\*\*Over the summer Preschool through 4<sup>th</sup> grade rotate through their classes, including Story with Mrs. Bobot and Mr. Tackett, Music with Cantor Muth, and Art with Mrs. Kuhlmann.\*\** Preschool (including Kindergarten) begins in room 101 and may be picked up in room 102 (these classrooms are across the hall from the school library). The elementary aged children (5<sup>th</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> grades) begin in the Music Suite and will be dismissed to the Commons at the end of Sunday School. The Middle School class will join the High School class this week. 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: In Sunday School today, students study "God Answers Gideon's Prayer with Dew" (Judges 6:11-24). Share with our Sunday School students how God used Gideon to fight for His people. Parents might ask, "How did God reassure Gideon of His care for him? How does God reassure us about His care for us?"

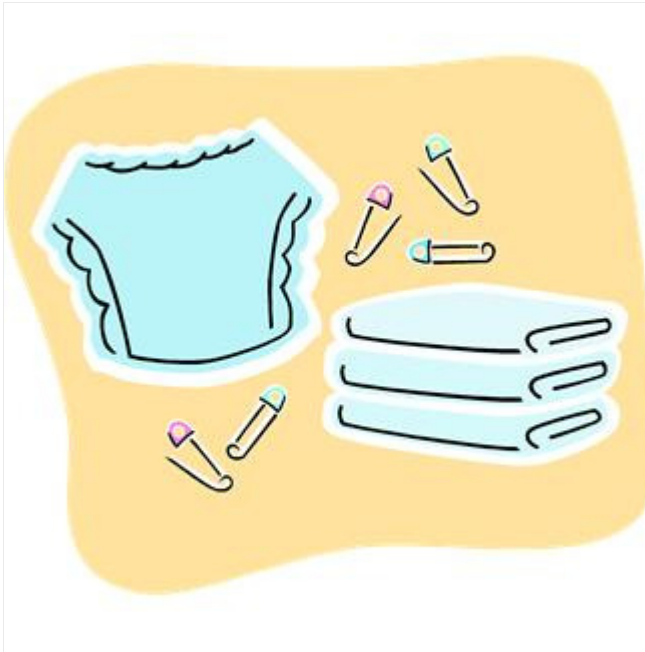
SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASSES: Pastor Murray is teaching the Gospel of St. Mark in the Fellowship Hall. Paul K. Broughton is teaching Christ in Today's Culture in Meeting Room 101.

HANDBELL AND ADULT CHOIRS MEET THURSDAY: This week handbells will meet at 7:00 p.m. and adult choir at 7:30 p.m. Please call Cantor Muth, 713.462.1234, if you are interested in joining either group.

FIND US ON THE WEB: Memorial Moments is a daily devotion written and distributed by Pastor Murray ([www.memorialmoments.org](http://www.memorialmoments.org)). Pastor St-Onge's blog can be found at [houstonbelief.com/lutheran](http://houstonbelief.com/lutheran). Dying to Live, Memorial's radio ministry, airs on KKHT 101.1 FM at 10:00 p.m. and is available on demand at [www.mlchouston.org](http://www.mlchouston.org) and by podcast.

MLC BOOK CLUB will meet on Saturday July 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. in the Youth Room. We will be talking about *City of Glory* by Beverly Swerling.

*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.

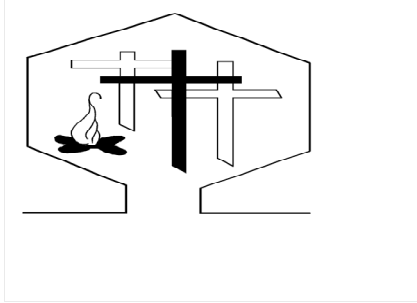
We see many mothers who are in need. They come in crying, feeling as if they have failed because they have no way to feed and diaper their infants. We strive to help them meet these very basic needs. Food and clothing are often hard to come by when they must use what little income they have to pay for 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 located at West Road, Houston, Texas . You can drop items off there are call . to organize 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 with the mission of planting churches and equipping groups of new believers among our culturally unique communities. LINC CSI was formed in for the purpose of meeting community needs in the Greater Houston area. For more information please visit our website at [www.linchouston.org](http://www.linchouston.org)



**Lutheran Outdoors Ministry of Texas**

*Sunday, July 14<sup>th</sup>*  
**Camp Lone Star -- La Grange**  
**Annual Barbecue, Benefit Auction, and**  
**Worship Service**

8:00 **a.m.** Outdoor Worship Service under tree canopy  
message also broadcast in several a/c buildings  
Guest worship leader will be  
*Rev. Michael Meissner*  
Pastor of Life Bridge Church, Cypress

11:00 **a.m.** Barbecue Served~camp swimming and toddler pools will be open

1:00 **p.m.** - 4:00 **p.m.** Live Benefit Auction~held in a/c Koop Center

You are Invited\*\*Fun for All Ages

Camp Lone Star, Camp Lone Star Road in La Grange, is on Highway 181, 100 miles east of Austin and 100 miles west of Houston. Driving directions may be found at [www. LOMT.com](http://www.LOMT.com) or by calling 512.471.1111.

## DID YOU KNOW??

### Memorial Lutheran Church is a Sponsor for West Houston Assistance Ministries

You can help the homeless and needy of Houston by donating dry goods and other non-perishable items. All donations go directly to West Houston Assistance Ministries (WHAM). **The pantry is in need of the following items:** small cans of tuna, canned meat (spaghetti, ravioli, chicken, etc.), boxes or bags of cereal, spaghetti sauce (small cans or jars), boxes of mashed potatoes, cans of fruit, pound bags of sugar and flour and bottles of cooking oil.

WHAM's offices, food bank and second hand store are located on Rogerdale just south of Westheimer and west of Beltway  
A special box has been placed in the Commons for your donations.

Questions? Please contact Traci Pastrana in the MLC office . . .

## BLIND OUTREACH AT MEMORIAL

Memorial Lutheran Church has been working for over a year with Lutheran Blind Mission to begin an outreach center at our church. LBM, led by LCMS Pastor David Andrus, has been starting outreach centers across the country for almost two decades. These centers are designed:



Rev. David Andrus

- ) to encourage fellowship between those partially and fully blind,
- ) to provide food for those who find it difficult to eat well, and
- ) to proclaim the Good News that God has shown us His love in Jesus Christ

This July Memorial will host the first of what we hope will be many monthly luncheons for vision impaired people in our church and community. News about this luncheon will be broadcast throughout Houston.

Do you or someone you know have difficulty seeing who might benefit from this fellowship? Would you like to help with the luncheons, or would you be willing to pick up and drop people off? Please let Pastor St-Onge know by calling the church office or emailing him at [cstonge@mlchouston.org](mailto:cstonge@mlchouston.org).



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## CALENDAR FOR JUNE -JULY

### TODAY:

- : Divine Service
- : Adult Bible Study; Sunday School
- : Divine Service

### MONDAY:

### TUESDAY:

- : Bagels & Bible Study
- : Bible Class
- : Young Adult Bible Study

### WEDNESDAY:

### THURSDAY:

### FRIDAY:

### SATURDAY:

- : Men's Bible Study

### SUNDAY:

- : Divine Service
- : Adult Bible Study; Sunday School
- : Divine Service

### Coming Up:

July :  
Synod Convention Opening Worship  
-George R. Brown Convention Center

July :  
Houston Lutheran Blind Mission (HLBM)  
Monthly Meeting and Luncheon  
: -MLC Fellowship Hall

August - :  
Westfield House Mission Trip  
Cambridge, England

Attendance June : / / /

Offering received June :

to be included next Sunday

### ELDERS ON DUTY

**Early:** Fred Hoffman    **Late:** Gerald Tackett  
John Threet                 Steve Tackett

### ALTAR GUILD

**Early:** Martha Fredenburg    **Late:** Betsy Goff  
Ruth Kamba                         Laura Goff

### USHERS ON DUTY

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

### ACOLYTES ON DUTY

**Early:** Isobo Amaso                 **Late:**