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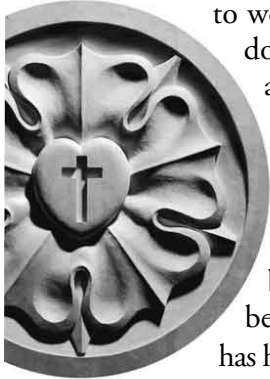
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to you.

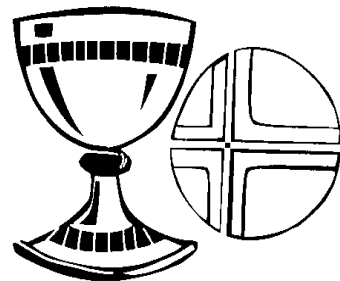


IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST, WE WELCOME YOU. We encourage our visitors to worship with us often and to let us know if we can be of service. If you do not have a church home, the pastors will be happy to talk with you about membership here at Memorial. Please sign our Rite of Friendship booklet this morning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

TODAY IS THE FEAST OF PENTECOST. The fellowship of believers in whom the Spirit lives gives expression to the new life in its devotion to the “apostles’ teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers” (Acts :). Here is the fruit of the Spirit at work. The disciples had all things in common. This surely ran counter to the arrogance and pride typical of humans and the cause of the breakdown of relations reflected in the story of the tower of Babel. The confusion of languages is but one result of humanity’s attempt to storm heaven to relate to God on its own terms. The hostility and alienation that are the result of human sin are overcome by Christ. The Spirit enables the apostles to bridge the barriers of language so they may proclaim the Christ. Christ, by His death, broke down the barriers between God and man thus, God begins to create a new humanity and a new community. “Repent and be baptized,” Peter charged his hearers, “... in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit” (Acts :). The shape of the new humanity is revealed in the common life of that small gathering of believers in Jerusalem. Cleansed and renewed by the Spirit, thousands of communities become a part of the Bread which they eat at the table with the Lamb.

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.



Kyrie

Hymn of Praise

Gloria in Excelsis

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P. O God, on this day You once taught the hearts of Your faithful people by sending them the light of Your Holy Spirit. Grant us in our day by the same Spirit to have a right understanding in all things and evermore to rejoice in His holy consolation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C. Amen.

⌋ The Old Testament Lesson Genesis : - ESV p.

Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. ²And as people migrated from the east, they found a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. ³And they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly." And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. ⁴Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be dispersed over the face of the whole earth." ⁵And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of man had built. ⁶And the LORD said,

"Behold, they are one people, and they have all one language, and this is only the beginning of what they will do. And nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. ⁷Come, let us go down and there confuse their language, so that they may not understand one another's speech." ⁸So the LORD dispersed them from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. ⁹Therefore its name was called Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of all the earth. And from there the LORD dispersed them over the face of all the earth.

Gradual Anthem

Come, Holy Ghost

H. Willan

The Second Lesson

Acts : -

ESV p.

When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire

house where they were sitting. ³And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. ⁴And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak

in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. ⁵Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. ⁶And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. ⁷And they were amazed and astonished, saying, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? ⁹Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, ¹¹both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.” ¹²And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³But others mocking said, “They are filled with new wine.” ¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice

and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. ¹⁵For these men are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. ¹⁶But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel: ¹⁷And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams; ¹⁸even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke; ²⁰the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day. ²¹And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

i Alleluia and Verse

Choir: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful, and kindle in them the fire of your love.

C. Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

Holy Gospel

John : -

ESV p.

Jesus answered him, “If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home

with him. ²⁴Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father’s who sent me.

²⁵“These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. ²⁶But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. ²⁷Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. ²⁸You heard me say to you, ‘I am going away, and I will come to you.’ If you loved me, you would have rejoiced, because I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. ²⁹And now I have told you before it takes place, so that when it does take place you may believe. ³⁰I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming. He has no claim on me, ³¹but I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father. Rise, let us go from here.”

🔪 Hymn **Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest**

Sermon

🔪 Nicene Creed

🔪 Reception of Adults into Membership (: a.m.)

Rite of Confirmation (: a.m.)

🔪 Prayer of the Church

🔪 Offering *Komm, Gott Schöpfer* J. S. Bach

🔪 Offertory What Shall I Render to the Lord

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

Sanctus

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord's Prayer

The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini

Agnus Dei

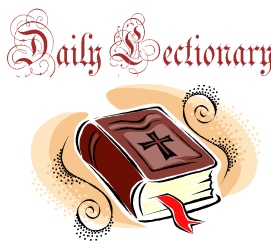
🔪 Hymns **Come Down, O Love Divine
Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid**

Anthem	Voices Raised	C. Jennings
i Canticle	O Lord, We Praise Thee	
Collect		
Benediction		
Hymn	O Day Full of Grace	
Postlude	<i>Den Signede Dag</i>	C. Weyse

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Servants of the Word

Preacher	Rev. Dr. Scott R. Murray
Presiding Minister	Rev. Charles P. St-Onge
Lector	Rev. Charles P. Wokoma
Organist	Cantor Janet J. Muth
Choir	MLC Adult Choir
Instrumentalists	Trumpet: Joshua Saenz, Christopher Clark MLC Adult Handbell Choir

Sunday (May ,) Numbers : - Luke : - Psalm		Friday Numbers : - Luke : - Psalm
Monday Numbers : - Luke : - Psalm		Saturday Numbers : - , - Luke : - Psalm
Tuesday Numbers : - : Luke : - Psalm	Wednesday Numbers : - Luke : - Psalm	Sunday (May ,) Numbers : - Luke : - Psalm
	Thursday Numbers : - Luke : - Psalm	

THE BEAUTIFUL FLOWERS that grace our chancel are given to the glory of God by Charles and Pam Jeske in celebration of their st wedding anniversary on May th. Flowers are given to the glory of God by Nikki Leech.

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: Today's Sunday School lesson teaches the children that at Pentecost, God sent the Holy Spirit to His Church (Acts : -). Now, through Word and Sacrament, God gives us His Holy Spirit to create and sustain saving faith in Jesus. Ask the children to tell you about what happened at Pentecost. Ask them what happened when they received the Holy Spirit (in Baptism). Review the Third Article of the Apostles' Creed from the Small Catechism in your family discussions.

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 . John and Kim Bohot and Mark and Ruth Hanson are starting a new segment of their class, entitled, "The Battle for your Child."

BAGELS AND BIBLE STUDY meets Tuesday mornings at : a.m. in the Fellowship Hall, completing a study of the Gospel of Matthew. Tuesday Eucharist follows in the church at : a.m.

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE class will not meet again until June th.

HANDBELL AND ADULT CHOIRS MEET THURSDAY: This week handbells will meet at : p.m. and adult choir at : p.m. Please call Cantor Muth, . . . , 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). Pastor St-Onge's blog can be found at houstonbelief.com/lutherant. Dying to Live, Memorial's radio ministry, airs on KKHT . FM at : p.m. and is available on demand at www.mlchouston.org and by podcast.

HEALTH KITS NEEDED: Lutheran Women in Mission (LWIM) is collecting the following items to create health kits for their upcoming trip to Nicaragua.

We are looking for donations of the following items: travel size lotion, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, soap, toothbrush, dental floss and wash clothes. If you would like to donate any of these items please bring them to either Holly Smith or Kim Bohot. If you have questions, please contact Holly Smith at Holly.D.Smith@uth.tmc.edu.

CHILDREN'S CLOTHES NEEDED: The Nicaragua Mission Group will be collecting and packing children's clothes and shoes to take with them to Nicaragua in June. We are looking for clothes that would fit children from infants through late teens. Children's shoes are also very needed. If you have any children's clothes you would like to donate, please bring them to John Coulter at the church any Sunday in May. If you have questions, please contact John at John.S.Coulter@gmail.com.

POWERFUL TOOLS FOR CAREGIVERS: Interface-Samaritan Counseling Center has designed an educational program to help family caregivers take care of themselves while caring for a relative or friend. Learn to handle stress and your emotions, and to improve your communication with the care receiver. You will benefit from this class whether you are helping a parent, spouse, or friend who lives at home, in a nursing home, or across the country. Classes meet once a week for six weeks starting June st. Class size is limited, so register early by contacting Mark Herranen at - - , extension .

Vacation Bible School

This year's Vacation Bible School will be held June - from : a.m. - : p.m.!



Kids ages years - th grade meet friends, explore Bible stories, do fun activities, sing great songs, make crafts, play games, and eat snacks. We expect a great response so enroll your child today. To register, fill out a registration form and place it in the box in the commons area or turn it into the school office during the month of May.

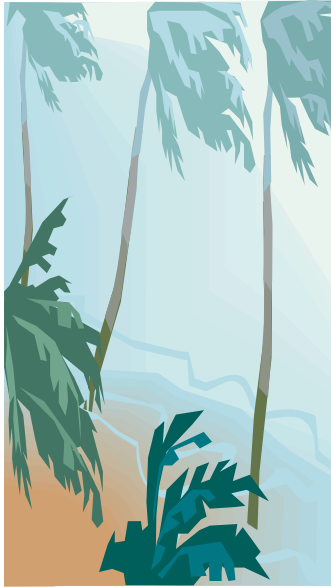
We need volunteers! We have a wide range of responsibilities. Including teachers, group leaders, helpers, snack coordinators, and more. If you can help some days, just one day, every day, or in advance, we have many levels of involvement to suit your schedule and interests.

Decorating for VBS will take place on June th after late service. Pizza lunch provided.

We are taking donations (baked goods) for breakfast.

Feel free to call Kim Bohot with any questions or to volunteer: . . . or
kim.bohot@sbcglobal.net.

Please prayerfully consider being a part of the VBS team!



P.E.P. (People Enjoying People)

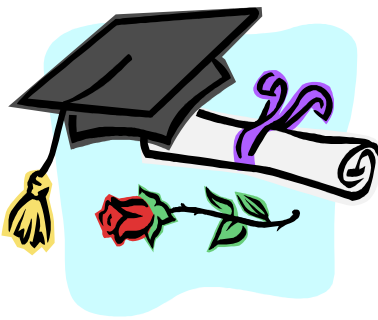
The PEP Club, Memorial's Seniors (+) group, is planning a bus trip to Galveston on **Friday, May 11th**. The group will visit the site of twenty tree sculptures commissioned by the citizens to remember the destruction of hundreds of the island's trees in Hurricane Ike. Out of the destruction has come unexpected beauty and hope, most of which will be visible from the bus.

The bus, provided by the county at no charge, will depart at 8:00 a.m. from the church's Westheimer parking lot. After seeing the sculptures, the group will have lunch at a restaurant yet to be decided. The group should return to Memorial by 4:00 p.m. Please RSVP by May 10th by calling Florence Brimberry, 281.463.1234, Carol Mitschke, 281.463.1234, or Sylvia Atsinger, 281.463.1234.

God's Blessings to our Students and Faculty for a safe and happy summer! Congratulations on a wonderful year.

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Join the Memorial Lutheran Students for graduation exercises in the Church Fellowship Hall:



Eighth Grade, Tuesday, 8:00 p.m.

Early Childhood, Wednesday, 8:00 p.m.
(in the Gym)

Kindergarten, Wednesday, 8:00 p.m.

Go Mustangs!!!!!!



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CALENDAR FOR MAY -

TODAY:

- Confirmation & New Member Sunday
- : Divine Service
- : Adult Bible Study; Sunday School
- : Divine Service
- : Youth Group

MONDAY:

- : MLS Chapel
- : English for Beginners
- : Voters' Meeting

TUESDAY:

- : Bagels & Bible Study
- : Tuesday Morning Eucharist
- : English Conv. & Pronunciation
- : Eighth Grade Graduation
- : Young Adult Bible Study

WEDNESDAY:

- : English for Beginners
- : Early Childhood Closing Program
- : Kindergarten Graduation

THURSDAY:

- : English Conv. & Pronunciation
- : Handbells
- : Adult Choir

FRIDAY:

- : MLS Last Day of School
- : English for Beginners

SATURDAY:

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

SUNDAY:

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

Congregational VOTERS' Meeting

Tomorrow, May , at : p.m.
The meeting will take place in the
Fellowship Hall.

Attendance May :

Tuesday Morning Service:

Offering received May : ,

Through May :

Year-to-date Budgeted Offerings: ,

Year-to-date Actual Offerings: ,

Amount above/(below) Budget: (,)

ELDERS ON DUTY

Early: Paul Lodholz **Late:** Greg Koch
Tim Taylor Mark Tackett

ALTAR GUILD

Early: Martha Fredenburg **Late:** Mary Lewis
Shirley Ford Sara Payne

USHERS ON DUTY

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

ACOLYTES ON DUTY

Early: Garrett Browne **Late:** Brian Trieglaff