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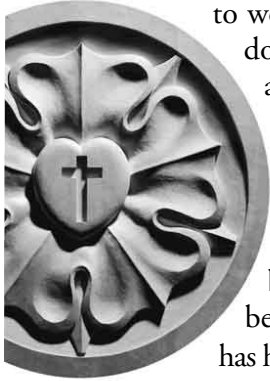
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Truly, Truly
I Say To you, before
Abraham was, I Am.

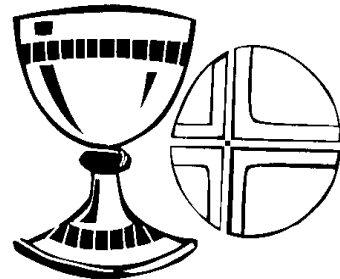


IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST, WE WELCOME YOU. We encourage our visitors to worship with us often and to let us know if we can be of service. If you do not have a church home, the pastors will be happy to talk with you about membership here at Memorial. Please sign our Rite of Friendship booklet this morning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

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY! “O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!” (Psalm :) We are astonished by the wonder of His workings and by the honor He has given our race that He has made but “a little lower than the angels” (Psalm :). We are moved to glorify the God who taught Moses to proclaim to Israel, “Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord” (Deuteronomy :). Now in these latter days He has revealed Himself as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Though our minds may be dazzled by this revelation, in the liturgy on this day it is our faith that is addressed and it is our faith that responds with praise. Paul provides the focus for us. It is the working out of our salvation that clarifies the wonder of the God who is One and yet Three. Peace is ours through our *Lord Jesus Christ*, “through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand” (Romans :). For the *Father* “has poured out his love into our hearts by the *Holy Spirit*, whom he has given us” (Romans :).

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.



HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY

May ,

(*Lutheran Service Book, Divine Service, Setting One, - -*)

Preservice Music	<i>Gott der Vater, wohn uns bei</i>	D. Buxtehude
i Prelude	<i>O heilige Dreifaltigkeit</i>	N. Herman
Hymn	O Blessed, Holy Trinity	
Confession and Absolution		

Service of the Word

Introit *Psalm : - ; antiphon: Liturgical Text*

P. Blessed be the Holy Trinity and the undivided | Unity.*

Let us give glory to him because he has shown his mer- | cy to us.

C. **I have set the LORD always be- | fore me;***

because he is at my right hand, I shall not be | shaken.

P. Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being re- | joices;*

my flesh also | dwells secure.

C. **For you will not abandon my soul | to Sheol,***

or let your holy one see cor- | ruption.

P. You make known to me the | path of life;*

in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are
pleasures for- | evermore.

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. Blessed be the Holy Trinity and the undivided | Unity.*

Let us give glory to him because he has shown his mer- | cy to us.

Kyrie

Hymn of Praise *Gloria in Excelsis*

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P. Almighty and everlasting God, You have given us grace to acknowledge
the glory of the eternal Trinity by the confession of a true faith and to
worship the Unity in the power of the Divine Majesty. Keep us stead-
fast in this faith and defend us from all adversities; for You, O Father,
Son, and Holy Spirit, live and reign, one God, now and forever.

C. **Amen.**

2 The Old Testament Lesson Proverbs : - , - ESV p.

Does not wisdom call? Does not understanding raise her voice? ²On the heights beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand; ³beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries aloud: ⁴“To you, O men, I call, and my cry is to the children of man. . . . ²²“The LORD possessed me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of old. ²³Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. ²⁴When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. ²⁵Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth, ²⁶be-

fore he had made the earth with its fields, or the first of the dust of the world. ²⁷When he established the heavens, I was there; when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, ²⁸when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep, ²⁹when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth, ³⁰then I was beside him, like a master workman, and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always, ³¹rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the children of man.”

Gradual The word is near you, in your mouth and | in your heart,*
The word of faith that | we proclaim.
For with the heart one believes and is | justified,*
And with the mouth one confesses | and is saved.

The Second Lesson Acts : a, - ESV p.

Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, . . . ²²“Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know— ²³this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. ²⁴God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because

it was not possible for him to be held by it. ²⁵For David says concerning him, “I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken; ²⁶therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope. ²⁷For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption. ²⁸You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’ ²⁹“Brothers, I may say to you with

confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, ³¹he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. ³²This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. ³³Being therefore exalted at the right

hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. ³⁴For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says, “The Lord said to my Lord, Sit at my right hand, ³⁵until I make your enemies your footstool.’ ³⁶Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

i Alleluia and Verse

Choir: Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of host; the whole earth is full of his glory!

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


Holy Gospel

John : -

ESV p.

The Jews answered [Jesus], “Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?” ⁴⁹Jesus answered, “I do not have a demon, but I honor my Father, and you dishonor me. ⁵⁰Yet I do not seek my own glory; there is One who seeks it, and he is the judge. ⁵¹Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death.” ⁵²The Jews said to him, “Now we know that you have a demon! Abraham died, as did the prophets, yet you say, ‘If anyone keeps my word, he will never taste death.’ ⁵³Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do you make yourself out to

be?” ⁵⁴Jesus answered, “If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say, ‘He is our God.’ ⁵⁵But you have not known him. I know him. If I were to say that I do not know him, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and I keep his word. ⁵⁶Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad.” ⁵⁷So the Jews said to him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?” ⁵⁸Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I Am.” ⁵⁹So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.

<p>Sunday (May ,) Numbers : - Luke : - Psalm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Daily Lectionary</i></p> 	<p>Friday Ecclesiastes : - John : - Psalm</p>
<p>Monday Ecclesiastes : - John : - Psalm</p>		<p>Saturday Proverbs : - John : - Psalm</p>
<p>Tuesday Ecclesiastes : - John : - Psalm</p>	<p>Wednesday Ecclesiastes : - John : - Psalm</p>	<p>Sunday (June ,) Proverbs : - John : - Psalm</p>
	<p>Thursday Ecclesiastes : - John : - Psalm</p>	

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

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 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 Beatitudes from Jesus' Sermon on the Mount (Matthew : -) is today's Sunday School lesson. Here Jesus explains in His Word that He was poor, hungry, sorrowful, hated, and rejected for our sake so that God would grant us His gifts and blessings. As you discuss this passage with your children, talk about how sin blinds us to trust in our own ways, riches, confidence, and influence, but that Jesus offers us all things through faith in Him. He alone grants us eternal riches and blessings. Point out that the Beatitudes are statements of fact, already true for us in Jesus, who in His love took our sorrow, trouble, and sin upon Himself that we might have a heavenly reward.

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 AND TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY 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 .

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Supporting children, families, and homeless in crisis.

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).

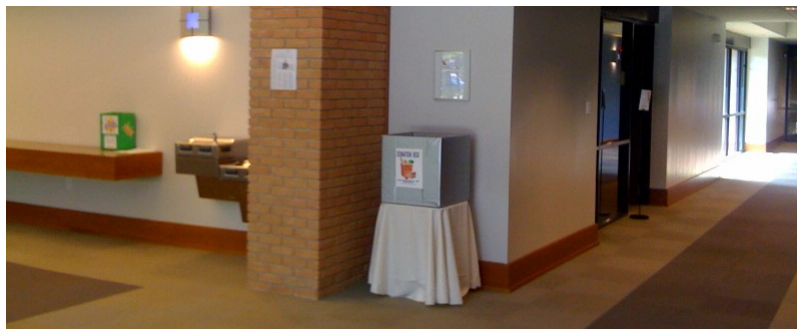
WHAM is located near Beltway and Westheimer. They also operate a second hand store on Rodgerdale.

A special box has been placed in the Commons for your donations.

THANK YOU!!!

Questions?

Please contact Traci Pastrana in the MLC office . . .



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)

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**Door of Hope
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The PEP Club, Memorial's Seniors (+) group, is planning a tour of West Houston Association of Ministries (MLC is a member) on Friday, June , followed by lunch at Cantina Laredo.

We will meet at the church at : a.m. The bus will depart at : a.m. and we will tour WHAM and Second Blessing. Please rsvp to any of the below contacts.

Robert or Florence Brimberry . . .

Sylvia Atsinger . . .

Carol Mitschke . . .

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

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

This June 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 and 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.

