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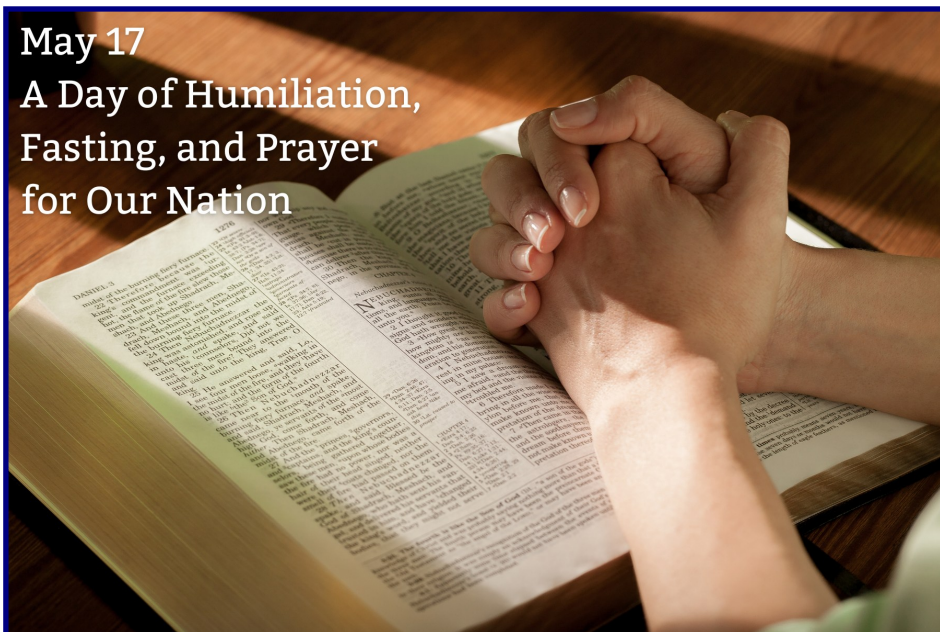
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Sunday service @ 9am
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May 17

A Day of Humiliation,
Fasting, and Prayer
for Our Nation



“Seek the welfare of the city
where I have sent you ...
and pray to the Lord on its
behalf, for in its welfare you
will find your welfare.”

Jeremiah 29:7

Messiah Lutheran Church
develops disciples who are:



*United
with Christ*

*Transformed
by Christ*

*Obedient
to Christ*

We are in the business of
making disciples...
who make disciples.

Daily – Doggedly – Daringly

Embracing Our Neighbors with Jesus' Unconditional Love



Gabriel's Glad Tidings



Hey friends,

I have always enjoyed going to see my friends at Memorial Elementary School.

I greet them when they arrive in the morning and get lots of pets.

This past school year was really special for me, because we started a Crossroads Kids Club at the school.

Every Monday afternoon, when school dismissed, a group of 20 or so kids would join me and the Team to learn about my Jesus!

What a great time it was, to share God's Word with public school kids!

We had our last session of the year at the end of April, but we will be back in the fall for another year of fun, friends, and faith.

My Jesus told us, ***"Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God"*** (Mark 10:14).

That's why Kids Club is so important. My Jesus wants little kids to come to Him to be a part of His kingdom.

Isn't that PAWSOME?
Your friend,
Gabriel



From the Pastor



I'm But a Stranger Here

*I'm but a stranger here,
Heav'n is my home;
Earth is a desert drear,
Heav'n is my home.
Danger and sorrow stand
Round me on ev'ry hand;
Heav'n is my fatherland,
Heav'n is my home.*

*What though the tempest
rage,
Heav'n is my home;
Short is my pilgrimage,
Heav'n is my home;
And time's wild wintry blast
Soon shall be overpast;
I shall reach home at last,
Heav'n is my home.*

- Thomas R. Taylor

Dear friends in Christ,

The people of God were taken into exile in Babylon in 605 B.C. The Babylonian empire was a pagan empire that worshipped false gods and engaged in all manner of wickedness, hardly a place where a faithful Israelite would feel at home. It is during this time that men such as Daniel and his three compatriots, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, were forced into service in the court of the emperor, King Nebuchadnezzar.

Despite the pagan environment

that God's people were subjected to, Jeremiah wrote a letter to the exiles through which the Lord commanded them to "seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare" (Jeremiah 29:7).

My friends, we live in exile. We are strangers and foreigners in this world because, as the hymnist wrote, heaven is our home.

Nevertheless, we are commanded to pray for where God has placed us, our city of Houston, our state of Texas, and our country, the United States of America.

Just as the Second Continental Congress in 1776 declared May 17 to be a day of "Humiliation, Fasting, and Prayer," in obedience to God's command we will, along with tens of thousands of believers throughout the country, observe Sunday, May 17, as a day to pray for the welfare of our nation, for as Jeremiah told the exiles of his day, "in its welfare you will find your welfare."

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Engel

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