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Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast Synod  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

*A Network of Christ-Centered, Outwardly-Focused, Faith-Growing  
Communities for the Sake of the World*

# Weekly News & Announcements

March 30, 2026

*Chrism  
Mass*

**March 31, 2026  
10:30 AM**

**Christ the Servant  
Lutheran Church**  
2400 Wilcrest Drive  
Houston, TX 77042

ALL ARE INVITED to join for prayer, reflection, anointing, Eucharist, and the reaffirmation of vows for clergy and all the baptized.

BLESSING THE OIL  
We will bless and distribute the oils used for baptism, the sick, and the dying. Bring your congregation's cruet to receive oil.

*Light refreshments to follow*

ALL ARE INVITED to Christ the Servant Lutheran Church in Houston on **March 31 at 10:30am** to join for prayer, reflection, anointing, Eucharist, and the reaffirmation of vows for clergy and all the baptized.

We will bless and distribute the oils used for baptism, the sick, and the dying.  
Bring your congregation's cruet to receive oil.

*Light refreshments to follow.*

## *Synod Assembly Deadlines*

**Synod Council Nominations - April 15**

**Consultation Committee Nominations - April 15**

**Discipline Committee Nominations - April 15**

**Regular Registration - April 26**

**Hotel Reservations (if needed) - May 1**

**Late Registration - May 9**



# The CaSTLE Project

## **The CaSTLE Project Pre-activity Survey**

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The Gulf Coast Synod received a CASTLE grant to support lay formation in our synod. We are currently excited about work we are we will be sharing at synod assembly. Would you please take a minute to take this quick survey? We will have the link open until April 10.

Thanks for taking time to help us assess this project!

Take the Survey



*By the Grace of God and the  
Metropolitan Chicago Synod  
and the Texas-Louisiana  
Gulf Coast Synod of the  
Evangelical Lutheran Church  
in America*

**LINDA JO DAVIES**

*Will be Ordained to the Ministry of  
Word and Sacrament*

**APRIL 18, 2026**

**Saturday at 2pm**  
**Lord of Life Lutheran Church**  
**3801 S Panther Creek Drive**  
**The Woodlands, TX 77381**  
**A Live Stream will be available**



### **Ordination of Linda Davies**

By the grace of God and by the call  
of the Church,

**Linda Davies**

will be ordained to the

Ministry of Word and Sacrament

on

**Saturday, April 18, 2026**

at 2:00 p.m.

at

Lord of Life Lutheran Church  
3801 S. Panter Creek Dr.  
The Woodlands, TX 77381

*Linda has been called as Pastor of All  
Saints Lutheran Church in Palatine,  
IL, in the Metropolitan Chicago  
Synod.*

Your prayers and presence are  
requested.

Clergy are invited to vest and  
process. The liturgical color of the  
day is red.



58th Anniversary  
of the MLK Jr.  
Assassination  
Candlelight Vigil &  
Festival April 4, 2026

2:00-6:00 pm  
MLK Plaza at MacGregor Park  
5225 Calhoun Road  
Houston, Texas 77021

ROTC SHOWCASE\* TRIBUTE TO DR.  
KING AND CIVIL RIGHTS LEADER\*  
COMMUNITY STORYTELLING\* VENDORS\*  
PRAYING \* CANDLELIGHTING CEREMONY\*

WWW:BLACKHERITAGESOCIETY.NET  
281-405-0006



Pathways  
to Unity



The Black Heritage Society Inc. invites you to the 58th Anniversary of the MLK Jr. Assassination Candlelight Vigil & Festival. This event will take place on **Saturday, April 4, 2026, from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.** at Martin Luther King Jr. Plaza in MacGregor Park, Houston, Texas. This year's theme is: "Build connections and pathways toward unity while safeguarding Dr. King's Legacy and Dream in a challenging and hostile environment."

[More Info](#)



**2026 Easter Vigil  
Overnighter  
Saturday April 4th  
for  
Ages 10-15  
5 PM Supper  
6 PM Easter Vigil**

You and your friends are invited to Christ the King Lutheran Church, Kenner, for an Easter Vigil overnight. We'll start off the night with dinner on **April 4 at 5 PM**, join the congregation for Easter Vigil worship, bake bread for Sunday services, play games, and enjoy our time together. In the morning, **April 5**, we will make our way to the Laketown Fishing Pier where we will hold sunrise Easter Service starting at 6 AM and ending at 7 AM. Folks 10-15 years old are invited to join in the fun. Additional information can be found on our website. To register, please send us an email [ctkpastork@gmail.com](mailto:ctkpastork@gmail.com).

[More Info](#)



# Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast Synod

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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[Registration](#) for Synod Assembly 2026 is open! Join us on **May 15-16, 2026** at St. Martin's Lutheran Church, 1123 Burney Rd, Sugar Land, TX 77498.

Register for a room at Hilton Garden Inn Houston/Sugar Land [online](#) or call the hotel for reservations at 281-491-7777 or 1-866-577-1278 and mention the group name or group code TXLA26.

*All reservations must be completed by May 01, 2026.*

[Register](#)

[Book a Room](#)

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## Upcoming Events

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March 30  
[Internet Safety Class](#)

March 31

April 18-19  
[Christ Lutheran Church 75th Anniversary](#)

Chrism Mass

**April 4**

MLK Jr. Assassination Candlelight  
Vigil & Festival

**April 4-5**

Easter Vigil Overnight

**April 9**

Youth Ministry Network Meeting

**April 17-19**

Spring Family Retreat at Lutherhill

**April 18**

Ordination of Linda Davies

**April 19**

Installation of Deacon Michelle  
Mote

**April 25**

St. James Houston Silent Auction

**May 1-3**

Explore Retreat at Lutherhill

**May 7**

Youth Ministry Network Meeting

**May 15-16**

Synod Assembly.

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## Synod Partners

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LEAD: Living Every Day As Disciples  
LEAD is a Christian leadership development organization that is nurtured by this synod to be a gift to the whole church.



Lutheran Men In Mission  
Opportunities  
For more information on LMM,  
contact Randy Bratsven,  
Ambassador-Grams (right side)



Lutherans Restoring Creation  
For more information on [LRC](#),  
contact the [Lisa Brenskelle](#). The  
team is seeking additional  
members.

Creation Care  
For more information on [Creation  
Care](#), contact [Lisa Brenskelle](#).



Lutherhill Ministries  
Lutherhill Ministries is a Summer  
Camp and year-round Retreat  
Center at two locations – [Lutherhill  
in La Grange, TX](#) and [Lutherhill in  
Galveston, TX](#).



Live On  
[Live On](#) is the endowment fund of  
the Gulf Coast Synod. Together with  
the synod, we are developing  
Lutheran leadership through a  
culture of generosity.

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