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Come,
I will show you the bride,
the wife of the Lamb

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

November ,

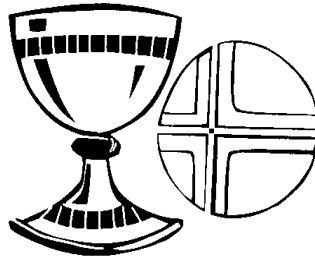
For All the Saints

The word “saint” comes from the Latin word that means holy, *sanctus*. These saints are the holy ones. The Bible consistently ascribes holiness to those who have been washed by the blood of the Lamb (Revelation :), and calls them saints. The Bible’s view of what makes a saint runs completely counter to the world’s view. To the worldly-minded saintliness is a personal attribute displayed by external works or words. But often saintliness is hidden under suffering and the cross; seen only by God.

Ultimately, saints are not self-generated. Saints are regenerated by God. Only He has ultimate holiness. In fact, Martin Luther calls Christ “the saint of saints” (AE :). If we are to be in that number when the saints go marching in, we will need to be in the number of those who have been set by God under those things that make holy, His Word and Sacraments. These are the very things ordained by God to bring us into Christ, the Saint of saints. The saints have no consciousness of a holiness of their own, but only of the gift of holiness that comes from Christ Himself. God makes saints.

Communion Information

Memorial Lutheran Church is a member of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, a family of congregations who pledge themselves to teach and confess the same teachings. Members in good standing of Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (LCMS) congregations and those who belong to congregations that are in altar and pulpit fellowship with the LCMS are welcome to commune.



We believe that we are given a great responsibility to distribute the holy body and blood of Christ only to those persons who are members of this confes-

sional fellowship (Corinthians and) lest the sacrament be taken for harm. We want to express our sincere welcome to our guests and assure them that for their spiritual welfare we practice closed communion. For those who do not receive the sacrament this day we ask that you continue to pray that through the power of the Holy Spirit our Lord would through the truth of his Word destroy the walls that yet divide us. If you desire to learn more about this teaching of the church, please speak with one of the pastors.

DIVINE SERVICE

(*Lutheran Service Book*, -)

Preservice Music The Church's One Foundation arr. McChesney

Prelude *Sine Nomine* R. Vaughan Williams

i Hymn **For All the Saints**
Stanzas - : All
Stanza : Choir
Stanza : All

Confession and Absolution

Catechism Lesson The First Article of the Creed

P. The First Article of the Creed.

C. **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.**

P. What does this mean?

C. **I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them.**

He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil.

All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.

This is most certainly true.

Service of the Word

Introit (*sung responsively*) Ps : , , ; antiphon Rev :

Choir: These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.*

They washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

P. In You, O Lord, do I take refuge; let me never be | put to shame;*
in your righteousness de- | liver me.

C. **For you are my rock and my | fortress;***
and for your name's sake you lead me and | guide me.

P. Into your hand I commit my | spirit;*
you have redeemed me, O Lord, | faithful God.

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.

Choir: These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.*
They washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

Kyrie

This Is the Feast

Salutation and Collect

P. Almighty and everlasting God, You knit together Your faithful people of all times and places into one holy communion, the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant us so to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that, together with them, we may come to the unspeakable joys You have prepared for those who love you; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit one God, now and forever.

C. **Amen.**

First Reading

Revelation : -

ESV

¶ After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰ and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹ And all the angels

were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."
¹³ Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed

in white robes, and from where have they come?" ¹⁴ I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵ "Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them

with his presence. ¹⁶ They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. ¹⁷ For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Gradual Hymn By All Your Saints in Warfare

Stanzas , ,

Epistle Reading

John : -

ESV

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ² Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has

not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. ³ And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

i Alleluia and Verse

Holy Gospel

Matthew : -

ESV

Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. ² And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: ³ "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ⁴ "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. ⁵ "Blessed are the meek,

for they shall inherit the earth. ⁶ "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. ⁷ "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. ⁸ "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. ⁹ "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be

called sons of God. ¹⁰ “Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹ “Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil

against you falsely on my account. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

📖 Hymn	Jerusalem the Golden	
Sermon	Blessings Amid Curses	Matthew : -
📖 Creed	We All Believe in One True God	
Prayer of the Church		
📖 Offering	Children of the Heavenly Father	arr. Moglebust
📖 Offertory	What Shall I Render to the Lord	
Commemoration of the Faithful Departed		

✠ JERRY PETERSON ✠

- P. I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies;
C. **and whoever lives and believes in Me will never die.**

✠ BARBARA AYRES BAEDER ✠

- P. Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.
C. **Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.**

✠ JACK OVERTON COLLE ✠

- P. I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end He will stand upon the earth.
C. **And after my skin has been destroyed, in my flesh I will see God.**

✠ SAMUEL BENJAMIN JEFFERS ✠

- P. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.
C. **For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.**

✠ BORGHILD IRENE DEMMERS ✠

- P. Since we believe that Jesus died and rose again,
C. **even so, through Jesus, God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep.**

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

Sanctus

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord's Prayer (*spoken*)

The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini

Agnus Dei

Hymns

The Church's One Foundation

Behold a Host

Stanza : Choir

Stanzas - : Congregation

Anthem (:) All His Mercies Shall Endure G. F. Handel

Voluntary (:) *Bist du bei mir* J. S. Bach

i Nunc Dimittis

Post-Communion Collect

Benediction

Hymn

For All the Saints

Stanza : Choir

Stanzas - : All

Postlude

Sine Nomine

J. Maunteht

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with Pastor St-Onge. Middle School Class meets in the church library with Mr. Jeffers. Elementary School Classes (1st-5th grades) meet in the Music Suite with Cantor Muth for Sunday School Choir which lasts fifteen minutes. Students are then picked up by their teacher and will be dismissed at 7:30 a.m. to the Commons. NOTE: Arrive no later than 7:15 a.m. so not to miss or interrupt choir practice. Preschool age children (and Kindergartners) meet in room 101 in the Sunday School hallway for opening with Mrs. Lamberson. Children follow their teachers to class and are picked up in the Sunday School hallway promptly at 7:30 a.m. NOTE: Arrive on time so teachers attending late service may arrive on time for church. Two year olds, bring a parent and join Ms. Patti in Room 101.

GROWING IN CHRIST: On this All Saints' Day, the story of "Jonah" serves as the focus of our Sunday School lesson. Just as Jonah was swallowed up in the belly of the fish for three days, so Jesus, in His crucifixion, was baptized into the sea of death, drowned in our depravities, devoured by the grave, and spewed forth alive again after three days and nights that He might save us, the Assyrians, the Ninevites, and Jonah. *Questions for discussion include, "Why did Jonah try to run away from God? What does God do when sinful people repent?"*

JR. CONFIRMATION meets today from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the church library.

THE CHURCH NURSERY is available for children up to three years. It is located in the blue nursery room in the building north of the sanctuary. Do not bring your child to the nursery if he/she has had a fever within the last 24 hours, has a cough or might be contagious.

ADULT INSTRUCTION meets today at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Contact Pastor Murray by email at smurray@mlchouston.org, for questions regarding the class or to register for the next class beginning January 10.

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS meets at 9:00 a.m. in the church library. The class is studying 1st and 2nd Peter.

BAGELS AND BIBLE STUDY meets Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

HANDBELL AND ADULT CHOIRS: Handbell Choir meets on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. and the Adult Choir meets on Thursdays at 8:00 p.m. Call Cantor Muth, 713.463.1234, if you are interested in joining.

MEMORIAL MOMENTS is a daily devotion written and distributed by Pr. Murray. To join the mailing list, log on to www.memorialmoments.org and put your email address in the sign-up box provided.

DYING TO LIVE: Join Pr. Murray Sundays on KKHT 1370 FM at 7:00 p.m. Programs are available on demand at: www.mlchouston.org and by podcast at iTunes.

WORSHIP TIPS: The church's service of word and sacraments is an experience that is radically different from every other communal experience. The church service is not (and should not be) entertainment, like the "Tonight Show." It will not (and should not) reinforce our cultural prejudices. So the habits we gain from our entertainment culture should not be imported into the church's activity and life, but be resisted. We also need to be concerned about our fellow worshippers and their ability to concentrate on the Word of the Lord. A suggestion to what our demeanor should be during church

services is listed below. The ushers, elders, pastors, and all your fellow believers appreciate your longstanding commitment for dignified and faithful services here at Memorial Lutheran Church and School.


You may stand or sit whenever the icons in the bulletins give you the sign to do so. You should look to the presiding ministers, too, for the cue to stand or sit. Those who are unwell, infirm, or caring for children are always welcome to remain seated.

TRUTH ALIVE! RADIO: Sunday nights at : p.m. on . FM (The Word-KKHT). Join Pastor Dave Schultz and his guest, as they take your calls to discuss the biblical truth. Call . . . with your comments or questions.

YOUNG ADULTS BIBLE STUDY - "JESUS WILL BE THERE, WILL YOU?" Tuesdays from : p.m. to : p.m. at Empire Café (Westheimer at Elmen St.) hosted by Kristin Coyle with Pastor St-Onge. For information email Pastor St-Onge at cstonge@mlchouston.org.

BIBLES FOR OUR PEWS - Notice that there is something missing in the pews? The Bible. The board of elders would like to have a set of Bibles put into our church pews for people to use for their devotions. We will be purchasing the large-print Concordia Pew Edition of the Bible. This is a hardcover ESV bound to match the Lutheran Service Book.

A complete set of Bibles () will cost about , . Each Bible will cost a little more than each. Every Bible will have a book plate in it indicating that it is from Memorial Lutheran Church. If you would like to fund any or all of this worthwhile project, please put a check in an envelope marked Bible project and drop it in the offering basket. VDMA: The Word of God Endures Forever.



GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE!

IN THE GYMNASIUM
TODAY BETWEEN
A.M. AND P.M.

PEW CUSHIONS

This will be last Sunday that cushions will be in our pews. Our cushions have reached the end of their practical life.

If you have a need to sit on a cushion, please feel free to bring one with you on Sundays.

Lutheran High North's Music Department
LESSONS AND CAROLS SERVICE

Sunday, December at : p.m. in Memorial Lutheran Church Sanctuary. Bring a friend for this afternoon of service and music.

THE PEP CLUB
(PEP IS People Enjoying People)

The PEP Club is taking The Woodlands Water Taxi just for the fun of it! The Water Taxi is enclosed and has handicap features so it is safe and accessible for all of our seniors.

November , with Departure at : a.m.
Cost for Water Taxi: . per person
Lunch: Lupe Tortilla's Mexican Restaurant
Cost for Lunch: varies

Your R.S.V.P. to Florence Brimberry, . . or Charlie & Carol Mitschke, . . is very important for scheduling our outing, so please respond today.

NEW SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE CLASSES November – January

The Proverbs Of Solomon

Paul Lodholz & Al Allen in the Church Library

The third poetical book of the Old Testament is that of the Proverbs of Solomon, not a collection of popular sayings or a product of human speculation and observation, but a book setting forth the principles of true wisdom and making the divine truths the object of believing contemplation. The scope of the wise sayings in this book is to direct all men, but especially the believers, so to order their life and conduct as to please God and promote their welfare here on earth. And there is one outstanding feature in this book, namely, the revelation of the true Source and Fountain of wisdom, the Son of God. He who knows and accepts the Son of God, Jesus Christ, by faith, will bring his entire conduct in life in agreement with the true reverence and fear of the Lord over against the foolishness and blindness of such as despise this true wisdom, the sum of all instruction in the Word of God.

Weekly topics will include such topics as: industry and laziness, friendship, generosity and greed, husbands and wives, parents and children, pride, and anger.

The Hard Words

Pastors Cholak & Day in Meeting Room #

While all Scripture is God breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, and training . . . there are many passages, in both the Old and New Testaments that are very difficult for us to understand. This class will focus on those “hard words” and will attempt to find meaning and application of them for our daily lives. Join Pastors Cholak and Day as they wrestle with the Word of God and cover topics such as: birth control, murder and mutilation, abortion, the wrath of God, tattoos, soul sleep, hell, predestination, the end times, and other delights.



ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE JANE OBERSAT IN THE SCHOOL LIBRARY

In this class we will talk about the church bulletin, the readings, the worship service, the church year and any other questions you may have. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Jane Obersat at . . . , ext. . .

2009 THANKSGIVING FOR THE LESS FORTUNATE

Our plans are coming together as we quickly approach the Thanksgiving Day celebration. We have many volunteers that have come forward, but still have room for more. Lots of food has been offered up, but we still have need for hams, mashed potatoes, and casseroles. If you wish to volunteer, make a donation or want more information please see Wayne Murray at the table in the commons between worship services or contact him at home, . . . , or by email at wamurray9@hotmail.com.

We at Memorial have been abundantly blessed.

This is one small way of sharing God's many blessings with others.





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CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER – NOVEMBER

TODAY:	:	CEN Classes
:	:	Vespers
:	THURSDAY:	English Conv. & Pronunciation
:	:	Adult Handbell Practice
:	:	Adult Choir Practice
:	FRIDAY:	English for Beginners
:	9:	School's Fall Festival
MONDAY:	:	SATURDAY:
:	:	Men's Bible Study Breakfast
:	:	Men's Bible Study Class
:	:	MLC Kitchen Training
TUESDAY:	:	SUNDAY:
:	:	Divine Service
:	:	Adult Bible Class, Sunday School,
:	:	Adult Instruction
:	:	Divine Service
:	:	Jr. Confirmation
WEDNESDAY:	:	MLC Basketball
:	:	
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Attendance: Oct. :	Through Oct. :
Tuesday Eucharist:	Year-to-date Budgeted Offerings: ,
Offering Oct : ,	Year-to-date Actual Offerings: ,
	Amount above/(below) Budget: (,)

<u>ELDERS ON DUTY</u>		<u>ALTAR GUILD</u>	
Early: Fred Hoffman	Late: Jim Hill	Early: Martha Fredenburg	Late: Sylvia Atsinger
Paul Lodholz	Gerald Tackett	Vicki Harvey	Nikki Leech
<u>USHERS ON DUTY</u>		<u>ACOLYTES ON DUTY</u>	
Early: Michael Albert	Late: C.D. Stenberg	Early: Tom Harvey	Late: Brian Trieglaff
Ken Zimmerman	Adam Helleck		
Jim Keller	Ross Bartley		
David Moeller	Steve Reavis		
David Browne			