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My Hour has not yet
Come

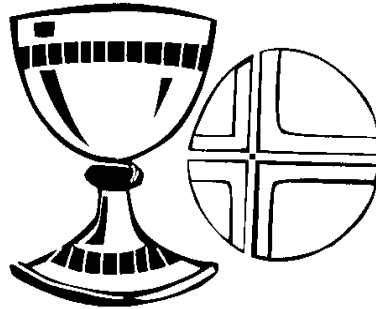
JESUS MANIFESTED HIS GLORY

God's love persists for His people and moves Him to shower them with gifts. This Sunday continues the theme of the royal nuptials of Christ and his people. This is not the location to celebrate human marriage, however. The story of Christ's first miraculous sign at Cana points us to the greater glory revealed in His death and resurrection. Jesus' hour had not yet come. When that hour came, He would buy the sacrifice of His blood effect purification for all people. "On the third day" He rose from the dead and was revealed in His full glory, a

glory prefigured in the great sign given at Cana. Today we are cleansed by the water of baptism and Jesus' choicest wine enables us to celebrate God's persistent love for us. The church is no longer abandoned, but God's delight. We are no longer desolate and childless, but made fruitful by the King's marriage. Yet another Epiphany theme is continued today. The everlasting Bridegroom showers His friends with the Spirit's gifts. These gifts are intended to enable us to serve one another as we gather to affirm that "Jesus is Lord."

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 our



confessional fellowship (1 Corinthians 10:16-17 and 11:27-29) 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 all 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.

THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January ,
Lutheran Service Book, -

Preservice Music *Vater Unser* G. P. Telemann

Prelude St. George's Windsor G. J. Elvey

Hymn **Songs of Thankfulness and Praise**

Confession and Absolution

Catechism The First Petition of the Lord's Prayer

P. The First Petition

C. **Hallowed by Thy name.**

P. What does this mean?

C. **God's name is certainly holy in itself, but we pray in this petition that it may be kept holy among us also.**

Hymn **Our Father, Who from Heaven Above**

Stanza

Service of the Word

Introit *Psalm* : - ; *antiphon: Song* :

P. [The Lord] brought me to the ban- | queting house,*
and his banner over | me was love.

C. **Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the | heavens,*
your faithfulness | to the clouds.**

P. Your righteousness is like the moun- | tains of God;*
your judgments are like the great deep; man and
beast you save, | O LORD.

C. **How precious is your steadfast love, | O God!***
**The children of mankind take refuge in the
shadow | of your wings.**

P. They feast on the abundance | of your house,*
and you give them drink from the river of | your delights.

C. **For with you is the foun- | tain of life;***
in your light do | we see light.

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. [The Lord] brought me to the ban- | queting house,*
and his banner over | me was love.

Kyrie

Hymn of Praise

Gloria in Excelsis

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P. Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C. Amen.

🔪 Old Testament Lesson Isaiah : - ESV

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet, until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, and her salvation as a burning torch. ²The nations shall see your righteousness, and all the kings your glory, and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. ³You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

⁴You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate, but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the LORD delights in you, and your land shall be married. ⁵For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your sons marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

Gradual

Psalm

: Setting by H. Schütz
: Setting by W. A. Mozart

Epistle Reading

Corinthians -

ESV

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be uninformed. ²You know that when you were pagans you were led astray to mute idols, however you were led. ³Therefore I want you to under-

stand that no one speaking in the Spirit of God ever says "Jesus is accursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except in the Holy Spirit. ⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varie-

ties of service, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of

healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.

i Alleluia and Verse

Holy Gospel

John : -

ESV

i On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ²Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. ³When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." ⁴And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come." ⁵His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." ⁶Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim.

⁸And he said to them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast." So they took it. ⁹When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom ¹⁰and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now." ¹¹This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him.

i Hymn

The Only Son from Heaven

Sermon

Free from Abortion

John : -

i	Creed		
	Prayer of the Church		
h	Offering	<i>Vater unser</i>	J. S. Bach
i	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		
h	Hymns	Come, Join in Cana's Feast	
		Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling	
	Anthem	Lord, When You Came as Welcome Guest	Traditional
i	Canticle	Nunc Dimittis	
	Collect		
	Benediction		
	Hymn	Jesus Has Come and Brings Pleasure	
	Postlude	<i>Jesus ist kommen, grund ewiger Freude</i>	J. Maunteht

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Servants of the Word

Preacher
Presiding Minister
Organist
Choir (:)

Rev. Dr. Scott R. Murray
Rev. Charles P. St-Onge
Cantor Janet Muth
MLC Adult Choir



Sunday (January ,)
Ezekiel ; - , -
Romans : - :
Psalm

Monday
Ezekiel : - ; : -
Romans : -
Psalm

Tuesday
Ezekiel : - , -
Romans : -
Psalm

Wednesday
Ezekiel : - , -
Romans : -
Psalm

Thursday
Joel : -
Romans : -
Psalm

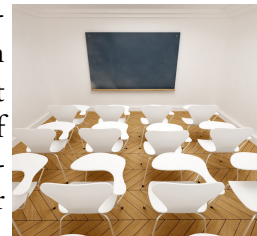
Friday
Joel : -
Romans : -
Psalm

Saturday
Joel : -
Romans : - :
Psalm

Sunday (January ,)
Joel : -
Romans : - :
Psalm

NEW ADULT INSTRUCTION CLASS

Pastor Murray will be teaching a new adult instruction class starting January st. The class will meet after late service in the fellowship hall from : - : (after a light lunch). Contact Pastor Murray by email at smurray@mlchouston.org for questions regarding the class to register. If you would like to help prepare lunch for any of these classes, please contact Brenda Stancik in the church office at brenda@mlchouston.org or



IN THE NAME OF OUR REDEEMER, 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 prior to leaving this morning so we may acknowledge your presence and also pick up one of our visitor information packets on the east narthex wall table.

THE BEAUTIFUL FLOWERS that grace our chancel are given to the glory of God by Rob and Louann Webber in celebration of their 25th wedding anniversary and in thankfulness of their many blessings.

SUNDAY SCHOOL meets from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. High School Class meets in the youth room with Pastor St-Onge. Middle School Class meets in the school building, room 101, with Mr. Jeffers. Elementary School Classes (1st-5th grades) meet in the Music Suite with Cantor Muth for Sunday School opening which lasts fifteen minutes. Students are then picked up by their teacher and will be dismissed at 10:00 a.m. to the Commons. Arrive no later than 9:30 a.m. so not to miss or interrupt opening. Preschool age children (and Kindergarten) meet in room 102 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 10:00 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: Today in Sunday School the children learn the story of Jesus' first miracle, the changing of water into wine at the wedding in Cana (John 4:46-54). Through His first miracle, Jesus revealed Himself to be true God. God uses His Word and physical means—water, bread, and wine—to reveal to us that Jesus is our Savior. Discuss the story with your children and talk about how we are like the disciples, not sure just who Jesus is. At times, we also doubt Him and His Word. Emphasize that in His Word and Sacraments, Jesus shows us that He is the Savior, conquering our doubts with these visible means. We hear Jesus in His Word and see Him in His Sacraments.

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. 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 BIBLE STUDY: Hard Words with Pastors Cholak and Day meets in meeting room 101; The Proverbs of Solomon

with Paul Lodholz and Albert Allen meets in the Church Library; and English as a Second Language with Jane Obersat meets in the School Library at : a.m. today.

ADULT INSTRUCTION meets today at : 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 .

BAGELS AND BIBLE STUDY meets on Tuesday morning at : a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

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

HANDBELL AND ADULT CHOIRS: Hand bells will meet this week on Thursday at : p.m., and the Adult Choir will meet this week on Thursday at : p.m. Call Cantor Muth, . . . , 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 . FM at : p.m. Programs are available on demand at: www.mlchouston.org and by podcast at iTunes.

STEWARDSHIP EVERY SUNDAY: As God's stewards we are not all the same with the same gifts. Rather, each of us has been blessed with different gifts so that we may work together as parts of one body—the body of Christ. Our stewardship involves using our time, spiritual gifts and financial resources to make a difference in the lives of those around us.

PASTOR ST-ONGE'S BLOG can be found at houstonbelief.com. Click on blogs and look for Lutherant and his picture. Or go to www.chron.com/channel/houstonbelief/commons/lutherant.html.

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

THE LUTHERAN STUDY BIBLES: If you ordered a TLSB and have not yet picked it up, please come by the church office and retrieve it. The Bible covers are due to arrive on the th of January.

PEW BIBLES: The Board of Elders has recommended the purchase of large print, pew Bibles to be placed in the church for use by our members and visitors. Due to the financial help of our congregation *all the funds* needed to purchase the Bibles has been raised. *Thank you to everyone that contributed towards this cause.* Look for the new, burgundy pew Bibles in the coming weeks.

LWIM TEA LUNCHEON

We invite all ladies of Memorial to join us for a tea luncheon after late service *today* at : p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet other ladies in the congregation and find out more about LWIM. We look forward to seeing you there!

YOUNG ADULTS BIBLE STUDY THE BOOK OF ACTS

TUESDAYS - : p.m.

The meeting place is the
MLC YOUTH ROOM

For information email Pastor St-Onge at
cstonge@mlchouston.org

MEMORIAL TEXAS STYLE BBQ

On New Member Sunday, January st, we will be having a BBQ after late service in the fellowship hall. Mark your calendars and spread the word. Welcome our new members in good Texas fashion!

NICARAGUA CHILD SPONSORSHIPS

With God's help, Memorial Lutheran Church will once again be able to sponsor children in the refugee village of Santa Patricia, Nicaragua. These children would not be able to attend school without the assistance of your generous donations. In order to attend the local public school, the children and their family must pay a registration fee, buy school shoes, a school uniform, school books, a backpack and all their school supplies. The cost is well beyond the means of these families whose children typically sleep on dirt floors in makeshift houses. For only . a year the children will receive all of the above, plus two hours of Lutheran Catechism instruction and two hours of daily math instruction. In addition, through donations from the Orphan Grain Train, the children also receive nutritious lunches.

Through your gift, God is making great changes in the lives of these children and their families who are among the least members of society.

If you would like to sponsor a child, please make your check payable to Memorial Lutheran Church and write Nicaragua Child Sponsorship in the memo field of your check. If you would like to talk to someone about Nicaragua, John Coulter will be at the Nicaragua table in the Fellowship Hall each Sunday in between services.

Whoever shall receive one of such children in my name, receiveth me: and whosoever shall receive me, receiveth not me, but him that sent me. Mark :

NICARAGUA MISSION TRIP - DATE SET

Mark you calendars for June through July for the next mission trip to Nicaragua. The cost per person for this year's trip is . See John Coulter to sign up. Let John know if you need scholarship assistance to join the group on this mission trip.

WINTER CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NIGHT
JANUARY -FEBRUARY



**See
You
There!**

Evening Schedule:

: - :

Private Confession
& Absolution
Sanctuary

: - : Dinner & Fellowship

: - : Classes

: Vespers
Sanctuary

The winter term of CEN begins Wednesday, January and will end February (the week before the start of Lent), lasting five weeks. This is the perfect length of time for you to commit yourself to a special study of God's Word or theological topic. A number of children have been coming with their parents and doing special activities with school teachers. If you have a good suggestion for a potential class, please let the church office know, and we will consider your suggestion.

Pastor Murray will be continuing his class on the Formula of Concord. The class will concentrate on Articles - (including Christ's descent into hell, election, church rites, and heresies against the church).

Pastor St-Onge will teach a class on the Qur'an and the New Testament. The class will read through passages from the Qur'an using a couple of different translations, looking at how Muslim scholars interpret them, comparing them with teachings on similar issues in the New Testament.

Pastor Cholak and Cantor Muth will teach, "Theology and Music of J. S. Bach." The class will explore Bach's life, his upbringing, his theological training, and his different jobs around Germany. The class will take a look at some of his great cantatas and other works and his use of theology in the writing of such.

If you would like to sign up to provide a dinner for your fellow students, let the church office know, and we will put you on the schedule.



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CALENDAR FOR JANUARY - JANUARY

TODAY:

- : Divine Service
- : Adult Instruction, Adult Bible Study, & Sunday School
- : Divine Service
- : Youth Group
- : American Heritage Girls
- : Junior Confirmation
- : Junior Youth Group

MONDAY:

- : School Closed; Daycare Open
- : English for Beginners

TUESDAY:

- : Bagels & Bible Study
- : Tuesday Eucharist Service
- : English Conv. & Pronunciation
- : Bible Study
- : Young Adult Bible Study

WEDNESDAY:

- : English for Beginners
- : Confession and Absolution
- : CEN Dinner and Fellowship
- : CEN Classes
- : Vespers

THURSDAY:

- : English Conv. & Pronunciation
- : Adult Handbell practice
- : Adult Choir practice

FRIDAY:

- : English for Beginners
- : Girls Basketball Game
- : JV Boys Basketball Game
- : Varsity Boys Basketball Game

SATURDAY:

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

SUNDAY:

- : Divine Service
- : Adult Bible Class, Sunday School
- : Adult Instruction
- : Divine Service
- : Youth Group
- : MLS Open House
- : Jr. Confirmation

The next **Congregational Voters' Meeting** will be on Monday, January , , in the Fellowship Hall. Mark your calendars.

Attendance: Jan. :

Tuesday Eucharist:

Offering Jan. : ,

Through Jan. :

Year-to-date Budgeted Offerings: ,

Year-to-date Actual Offerings: ,

Amount above/(below) Budget: (,)

ELDERS ON DUTY

Early: Joel Kuhlmann **Late:** Albert Allen
 Timothy Taylor Mark Tackett

USHERS ON DUTY

Early: Charles Corbin **Late:** Jason Ogden
 Steve Emshoff David Payne
 Greg Renzelman David Dasari
 Neil Matthys Jonathan Bahr
 Bill Bahr

ALTAR GUILD

Early: Mary Beth Ehrke **Late:** Betsy Goff
 Laura Goff

ACOLYTES ON DUTY

Early: John Albert **Late:** Isobo Amaso