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See I place my  
words in your mouth

## The Greatest of These Is Love

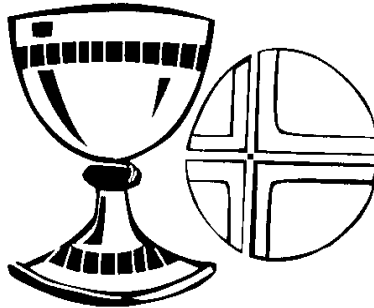
The gifts of the Spirit to the church are all to be treasured, both the more common and the more spectacular ones. Each gift is given so we may build up our sisters and brothers in the body. But of all the gifts three should be regarded as the highest: faith, hope, and love. Love is the greatest of all. By it our relationships with others may reflect the unquenchable and patient love with which Christ loves us.

## Pre-Service Prayer

O Lord, my creator, redeemer, and comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for the sake of His name. Amen.

## Communion Information

Memorial Lutheran Church is a member of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS), a family of congregations who pledge themselves to teach and confess the same teachings. Members in good standing of 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 ( Corin-



thians 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 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 FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January ,

Lutheran Service Book, -

Preservice Music *Vater Unser* arr. B. Ingram

Prelude *O dass ich tausend Zungen hätte* C. H. Dretzel

**i** Hymn **Baptized into Your Name Most Holy**

Confession and Absolution ( : )

Catechism ( : ) The Third Petition of the Lord's Prayer

P. The Third Petition

C. **Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

P. What does this mean?

C. **The good and gracious will of God is done even without our prayer,  
but we pray in this petition that it may be done among us also.**

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

Your gracious will on earth be done  
As it is done before Your throne,  
That patiently we may obey  
Through-out our lives all that You say.  
Curb flesh and blood and every ill  
That sets itself against Your will

Sacrament of Baptism ( : )

*Please see the insert for the names of those receiving the washing of rebirth and  
renewal in the Holy Spirit in Holy Baptism.*

### Service of the Word

Introit *Psalm : - ; antiphon: Psalm :*

P. Arise, O Lord; O God, lift | up your hand;\*  
forget not the af- | flicted.

C. **The LORD is king forever and | ever;\***  
**the nations perish | from his land.**

P. O Lord, you hear the desire of the af- | flicted;\*  
you will strength- | en their heart;

C. **you will incline your ear to do justice to the**  
**fatherless and | the oppressed,\***  
**so that man who is of the earth may**  
**strike ter- | ror no more.**



Epistle Reading

Corinthians : b- :

ESV

But earnestly desire the higher gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way. <sup>13:1</sup> If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup> And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. <sup>3</sup> If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing. <sup>4</sup> Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant <sup>5</sup> or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; <sup>6</sup> it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. <sup>7</sup> Love bears all things, be-

lieves all things, hopes all things, endures all things. <sup>8</sup> Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. <sup>9</sup> For we know in part and we prophesy in part, <sup>10</sup> but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. <sup>11</sup> When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. <sup>12</sup> For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known. <sup>13</sup> So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

## **i** Alleluia and Verse

Holy Gospel

Luke : -

ESV

And [Jesus] went down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee. And he was teaching them on the Sabbath, <sup>32</sup> and they were astonished at his teaching, for his word possessed authority. <sup>33</sup> And in the synagogue there was a man who had the spirit of an unclean demon, and he cried out with a loud voice, <sup>34</sup> “Ha! What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the

Holy One of God.” <sup>35</sup> But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent and come out of him!” And when the demon had thrown him down in their midst, he came out of him, having done him no harm. <sup>36</sup> And they were all amazed and said to one another, “What is this word? For with authority and power he commands the unclean spirits, and they come out!” <sup>37</sup> And reports about him went out into every place in the sur-

rounding region. <sup>38</sup>And he arose and left the synagogue and entered Simon's house. Now Simon's mother-in-law was ill with a high fever, and they appealed to him on her behalf. <sup>39</sup>And he stood over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her, and immediately she rose and began to serve them. <sup>40</sup>Now when the sun was setting, all those who had any who were sick with various diseases brought them to him, and he laid his hands on every one of them and healed them. <sup>41</sup>And demons also came out of many, cry-

ing, "You are the Son of God!" But he rebuked them and would not allow them to speak, because they knew that he was the Christ. <sup>42</sup>And when it was day, he departed and went into a desolate place. And the people sought him and came to him, and would have kept him from leaving them, <sup>43</sup>but he said to them, "I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns as well; for I was sent for this purpose." <sup>44</sup>And he was preaching in the synagogues of Judea.

⌋ Hymn

Son of God, Eternal Savior

Sermon

One Who Has Authority

Luke : -

⌋ Creed

⌋ Reception into Membership ( : )

⌋ Prayer of the Church

⌋ Offering : Not For Tongues of Heaven's Angels  
: Arise, Shine

P. W. Cutts

K. Jennings

⌋ 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

**Hymns**                      **Love in Christ Is Strong and Living**  
    **Christ, Our Human Likeness Sharing**  
 Anthem                      :        God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It                      J. Bachofen  
    :        Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face                      E. Daley  
**i** Canticle                      Nunc Dimittis  
 Collect  
 Benediction  
**Hymn**                              **From God the Father, Virgin-Born**  
 Postlude                              *Es ist das Heil*                              J. S. Bach

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### Servants of the Word

Presiding Minister                      Rev. Charles P. St-Onge  
 Preacher                                      Rev. Dr. Scott R. Murray  
 Organist                                      Cantor Janet Muth  
 Choir ( : )                                      MLS rd & th Grades  
    ( : )                                      MLC Adult Choir

Sunday (January , )  
     Zechariah : - :  
     Timothy : -  
     Psalm

Monday  
     Zechariah : -  
     Timothy : -  
     Psalm

Tuesday  
     Zechariah : - :  
     Titus : - :  
     Psalm

Wednesday  
     Zechariah : -  
     Titus : - :  
     Psalm

Thursday  
     Job : -  
     John : -  
     Psalm

Friday  
     Job : - :  
     John : -  
     Psalm

Saturday  
     Job : -  
     John : -  
     Psalm

Sunday (February , )  
     Job : -  
     John : -  
     Psalm



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 Timothy and Janet Taylor in celebration of Everett's birthday on January 10th and by Claudine Bhandari in celebration of her birthday on January 15th and Ravi's birthday on February 12nd. The flowers are also given by both families in celebration of Dorothy Williamson's 100th birthday and the joy that she brings to others.

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 Kindergartners) 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 102.

GROWING IN CHRIST: Today in Sunday School, the lesson was about Jesus healing many people (Luke 11:14-20). Through many miracles, Jesus shows us His power over sin. Ask your children to tell you who Jesus healed. What were some of the sicknesses the people had? Talk about sin—yours, theirs, the world's and how Satan holds the world in bondage, causing sickness and death. Assure them that Jesus is the Holy One of God, who defeats Satan and frees us from his hold, granting us eternal life in paradise. Emphasize that Jesus has power over sin and sickness, saving the lost by His death and resurrection.

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.

**NEW SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASSES START TODAY:** Three new Adult Bible Studies will be offered on Sunday mornings. Pastor Murray will teach the Gospel of Mark in the Church Fellowship Hall. Paul Broughton will teach Christ in Today's Culture in the Church Library. John and Kim Bohot and Mark and Ruth Hansen will teach Growing a Godly Family in an Ungodly World in Meeting Room .

**ADULT INSTRUCTION** meets today at : p.m. in the Church Library. Contact Pastor Murray by email at [smurray@mlchouston.org](mailto:smurray@mlchouston.org), for questions regarding the class.

**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](http://www.memorialmoments.org) and put your email address in the sign-up box.

**DYING TO LIVE:** Join Pr. Murray Sundays on KKHT . FM at : p.m. Programs are available on demand at: [www.mlchouston.org](http://www.mlchouston.org) and by podcast at iTunes.

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

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

**GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH IN ELGIN, TEXAS** announces the installation of Rev. Carl Roth as their new pastor. Pastor Roth, a former vicar of Memorial Lutheran Church, will be installed TODAY, January , at : p.m. with a barbeque to follow at the Elgin VFW. You are all invited to attend.

**ENGAGING TRUTH: End-of-Life Care** What are your options? The focus on person-centered care is the belief that each one of us has the right to end-of-life care that is pain-free and provides the necessary support and dignity to the person and their loved ones. Tune in Sundays at : p.m. . FM, The Word, KKHT. Or stream the program live at [www.kkht.com](http://www.kkht.com).

### TUESDAY MORNING DIVINE SERVICE

The Sacrament of the Altar is offered every Tuesday morning at : a.m. in the sanctuary. The brief service only lasts a half an hour.



**ME, A PASTOR? ME A DEACONESS?** If you have found yourself asking this question, now is the time to do something about it! Rev. Steve Wagner of Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana, is going to be at Living Word Lutheran Church in The Woodlands, on Sunday, February 1st from 10:00 to 11:00 p.m. Come and explore the possibilities! Men of all ages are invited, as are their wives, fiancées, and parents. Women interested in the deaconess program are also invited, along with their families. Conferences are individual and informal. Reservations are not required; however, if you are able, please phone Living Word Lutheran Church at 281.288.1111 or email Rev. Wagner at [wagnerse@ctsfw.edu](mailto:wagnerse@ctsfw.edu) to alert him that you are coming. Feel free to call him on his cell at 281.288.1111 if you are having trouble locating him.

### YOUNG ADULTS BIBLE STUDY THE BOOK OF ACTS

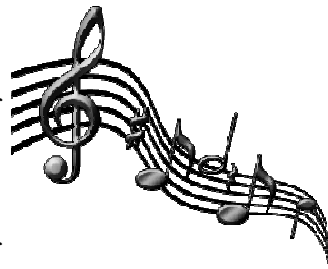
TUESDAYS - 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

The meeting place is the MLC YOUTH ROOM

For information email Pastor St-Onge at [cstonge@mlchouston.org](mailto:cstonge@mlchouston.org)



**Christian Education Night continues this Wednesday night.** Join us for dinner and fellowship at 6:00 p.m. Classes start at 7:00 p.m. Pastor Murray is teaching on the Formula of Concord, Pastor St-Onge is teaching on the Qur'an, and Pastor Cholak and Cantor Muth are teaching on Bach. The day is concluded with a brief service of the Word! See you on Wednesday.



### NEW ADULT INSTRUCTION CLASS

Pastor Murray will be teaching a new adult instruction class starting today. The class will meet after late service in the fellowship hall from : - : (after barbecue today). Contact Pastor Murray by email at [smurray@mlchouston.org](mailto: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](mailto:brenda@mlchouston.org) or . . .

### 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 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 :*

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### 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.



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## CALENDAR FOR JANUARY - FEBRUARY

### TODAY:

- : Divine Service
- : Adult Bible Class, Sunday School
- : Divine Service
- : New Member Reception and BBQ
- : Adult Instruction
- : American Heritage Girls
- : Jr. Confirmation

### MONDAY:

- : 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

### SATURDAY:

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

### SUNDAY:

- : Divine Service
- : Adult Bible Class and Sunday School
- : Divine Service
- : Adult Instruction
- : Young Adults Brunch
- : Jr. Confirmation

### \*\*\* MEMORIAL TEXAS STYLE BBQ TODAY \*\*\*

Today is New Member Sunday. We will be having a BBQ after late service in the fellowship hall. Welcome to our Memorial Family everyone!

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:** Mike Albert              **Late:** Ross Bartley  
 David Browne                  Adam Helleck  
 Jim Keller                          Steve Reavis  
 David Moeller                  C.D. Stenberg  
 Ken Zimmerman

### ALTAR GUILD

**Early:** Hilary Murray      **Late:** Nikki Leech  
 Vicki Harvey                  Claudine Bhandari

### ACOLYTES ON DUTY

**Early:** Isobo Amaso      **Late:** Nicolas Amenedo