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If you show partiality, you
are committing sin

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September ,
(*Lutheran Service Book*, -)

Preservice Music *Lobe den Herren, o meine Seele* J. Bender

Prelude *O Jesu Christe, Wahres Licht* J. Bender

Hymn **O Christ, Our True and Only Light** 839

Confession and Absolution

Catechism The Third Commandment

P. The Third Commandment

C. **Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.**

P. What does this mean?

C. **We should fear and love God so that we do not despise preaching and His word, but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it.**

Hymn **These Are the Holy Ten Commands** 581

These are the holy Ten Commands	“You shall observe the worship day
God gave to us by Moses’ hands	That peace may fill your home, and
When high on Sinai’s mount he	pray,
stood	And put aside the work you do,
Receiving them for our good.	So that God may work in you.”
Have mercy, Lord!	Have mercy, Lord!

You have this Law to see therein	Our works cannot salvation gain;
That you have not been free from sin	They merit only endless pain.
But also that you clearly see	Forgive us, Lord! To Christ we flee,
How pure toward God life should be.	Who pleads for us endlessly.
Have mercy, Lord!	Have mercy, Lord!

Service of the Word

Introit *Ps. : , - ; antiphon: Ps. :*

P. The LORD is the strength of his | people;*
he is the saving refuge of his a- | nointed.

C. **To you, O LORD, I call; my rock, be not | deaf to me,***
lest, if you be silent to me, I become like those who go down | to
the pit.

P. Hear the voice of my pleas for mercy, when I cry to | you for help,*
when I lift up my hands toward your most holy sanctu- | ary.

C. **Blessèd | be the LORD!***
for he has heard the voice of my pleas for | mercy.

P. The LORD is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and | I
am helped;*
my heart exults, and with my song I give | thanks to him.

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.

P. The LORD is the strength of his | people;*
he is the saving refuge of his a- | nointed.

Kyrie

Hymn of Praise Gloria in Excelsis

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P. O Lord, let Your merciful ears be open to our prayers of Your humble
servants and grant that what they ask may be in accord with Your gra-
cious will; 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 Isaiah : - a ESV

Say to those who have an anxious heart, "Be strong; fear not! Behold,
your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He
will come and save you." ⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped; ⁶then shall the lame man leap like a
deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy. For waters break forth
in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; ⁷the burning sand shall be-
come a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water.

Gradual Ps. : , , alt. .

Epistle Reading James : - , - ESV

My brothers, show no partiality as clothing comes into your assembly,
you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus and a poor man in shabby clothing
Christ, the Lord of glory. ²For if a also comes in, ³and if you pay atten-
man wearing a gold ring and fine tion to the one who wears the fine

clothing and say, "You sit here in a good place," while you say to the poor man, "You stand over there," or, "Sit down at my feet," ⁴have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which he has promised to those who love him? ⁶But you have dishonored the poor man. Are not the rich the ones who oppress you, and the ones who drag you into court? ⁷Are they not the ones who blaspheme the honorable name by which you were called? ⁸If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing well. ⁹But if you show

partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it....¹⁴What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? ¹⁵If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, ¹⁶and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? ¹⁷So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. ¹⁸But someone will say, "You have faith and I have works." Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.

i Alleluia and Verse

Holy Gospel

Mark : -

ESV

Then [Jesus] returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³²And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³And taking him aside from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. ³⁴And looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to

him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." ³⁵And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more he charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, "He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

Creed

The Nicene Creed

🔪 Hymn	Praise the Almighty	797
Sermon	We Don't Get To Be Partial Mark : - , James :	
! Offertory	Create In Me a Clean Heart	
🔪 Offering	What God Ordains is Always Good	J. S. Bach
! Prayer of the Church		

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

Sanctus

Lord's Prayer (*spoken by congregation*)

The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini

Agnus Dei

🔪 Hymns	O Son of God, in Galilee	841
	Son of God, Eternal Savior	842
Anthem (:)	He Hath Done All Things Well	J. Bender
(:)	Be Strong, Fear Not	J. Keeseker

! Nunc Dimittis

Thanksgiving

Benediction

Hymn **Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service** **848**

Postlude *Was Gott tut* J. S. Bach

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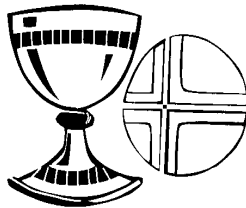
Servants of the Word

Presiding Minister (:)
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 Preacher
 Organist
 Choir (:)
 Soloist (:)
 French Horn
 Flute
 Violin

Rev. J. Bart Day
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 Rev. Charles P. St-Onge
 Cantor Janet Muth
 MLC Adult Choir
 Ms. Susan Hyder
 Mr. Nathan Hunt
 Ms. Rachael Hunt
 Ms. Kristin Coyle

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.



are members of our confessional 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 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.

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

Christian Education Night: September 9 to November 18

: p.m.- : p.m. Dinner & Fellowship
 : p.m. - : p.m. Classes
 Formula of Concord led by Pastor Murray
 Defending the Faith led by Pastor St-Onge
 : p.m. Vespers



To volunteer to provide a meal, please contact Brenda at the church office, . . .

Monday
Kings : - :
Eph. : -

Tuesday
Kings : -
Phil. : -

Wednesday
Kings : -
Phil. : - :

Daily Lectionary



Thursday
Kings : - ; : -
Phil. : -

Friday
Chron. :- -
Phil. : -

Saturday
Chron. : -
Phil. : -

Sunday
Chron. : -
Col. : -

Search the Scriptures

THE LUTHERAN STUDY BIBLE



You may pre-order the NEW “The Lutheran Study Bible” at a substantially discounted price. Your order will be discounted - %, depending on the edition being purchased. This “Pre-Publication” pricing is only valid for orders placed before October , . For more information on the Bible and available accessories, please visit the CHP website at cph.org/lutheranbible. To place an order for your preferred edition, you may come to our information booth between Sunday Worship services and sign-up. At our booth, you will find knowledgeable people to answer your questions and assist you with your selection.

MINI “HIGHER THINGS” CONFERENCE

Living Word Lutheran Church, The Woodlands, Tx

Saturday, September ,

: a.m.— : p.m. (Lunch provided—free will offering)

This “Higher Things for a Day” will feature catechesis from local pastors, including Pastor Day and Pastor St-Onge, teaching on subjects they taught at past Higher Things conferences. And you’ll worship using services from the *Lutheran Service Book*, just like you would at a Higher Things conference. Bring your youth, parents, elders, youth leaders and pastors and find out what Higher Things is all about! Pastor Murray is preaching the opening service.

RSVP: Lynea Sander - . . r lynealeia@higherthings.org

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT MEMORIAL LUTHERAN

WELCOME - 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 to 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 by Lynda Koopman in honor of her birthday on September and in thankfulness for her many blessings. Flowers are also given to the glory of God by Pin Huang and in thankfulness for his many blessings.

SUNDAY SCHOOL meets from : a.m. to : a.m. High School Class meets in the youth room with Pastor St-Onge. Middle School Class meets in room with Mr. Jeffers. Elementary School Classes (st- th grades) meet in the Music Suite with Cantor Muth for Sunday School Choir. Parents may join their children for minutes of choir practice. Students will be picked up by their teacher and, after lessons, will be dismissed at : a.m. to the Commons. **NOTE:** Please arrive before or promptly at : a.m. to not miss or

interrupt choir practice. Preschool age children (and Kindergartners) meet in room in the Sunday School hallway for opening with Mrs. Lamberson. Children follow their teachers to class and may be picked up in the Sunday School hallway promptly at : a.m. **NOTE:** Please arrive on time so teachers attending late service may clean up and arrive on time for church. Two year olds, bring a parent and join Ms. Patti in Room to learn all the wonderful truths about Jesus and His love for you.

GROWING IN CHRIST: Today in Sunday School, we studied the account "David Becomes King". Just as David reigned over Israel so the God-man, Jesus, our David, reigns over the kingdom of grace, of which we are citizens. *Consider asking, "How was King David different from King Saul?" How does Jesus serve as our King?*

JR. CONFIRMATION meets today from : p.m. to : p.m. in the church library. This class is for th and th grade children, who are not students in Memorial Lutheran School. For more information, contact Pastor Murray at smurray@mlchouston.org

THE CHURCH NURSERY is located in the blue nursery room in the building north of the sanctuary.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY: Life Renewed is

taught by Pastor Day, Paul Lodholz and Albert Allen and meets in the school gym at : a.m. today.

ADULT INSTRUCTION meets today at : a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. This is an opportunity to renew your Lutheran faith and knowledge if you are a member, and it is a wonderful opportunity for non-members to learn about the Christian faith, the Lutheran church and the community this knowledge builds. Contact Pastor Murray by email at smurray@mlchouston.org, for questions regarding the class or to register for the class.

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

BAGELS AND BIBLE STUDY meets Tuesdays at : a.m. in the church library. Join us for breakfast treats, coffee and Bible study.

HANDBELL AND ADULT CHOIRS.: Handbell Choir meets on Thursdays at : p.m. and the Adult Choir meets on Thursdays 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.

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 import 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.

Infants and small children should be given only toys that will not make any noise. Please don't give them keys or other hard objects with which to play during the service.

STEWARDSHIP EVERY SUNDAY: Computer compression files are amazing.

One little word can be the key to open compressed files that contain text, pictures, animation and other wonders. But our computers cannot hold a candle to what can be compressed into one Word of God. One Word of God spoken or remembered can unlock the entire counsel of the Holy Spirit. God's Word sustains life. There are no frivolous words of God—each is life giving and life sustaining. There's extraordinary power in each Word of God. God has provide you with His Word so that your spirit and life may be sustained. Just the one word, "Jesus!" unlocks the file of all He has done for you. A holy birth, a perfect life, undeserved death on the cross for your sake—all wrapped up in a word—a name. As God's stewards it is important that we make the best use of this wonderful gift: the Word of God. Hear it, be in it, use it, proclaim it often. John : -

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

LIFE QUOTES: "Opportunities are challenging, because opportunities require that you make decisions. As a Christian, you seek to use your opportunities to do good (Galatians : ,; Ephesians : ; Colossians :). The Bible gives Christians two commands: 'love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and love your neighbor as yourself' (Luke :). These principles shape your values, and your values guide your actions when faced with opportunities. *Paul Snamiska, of Christian Life Resources* This "Life Quote" is from Lutherans For Life at lutheransforlife.org

TRUTH ALIVE! RADIO: Sunday nights at : p.m. on . FM (The Word-KKHT). Join Pr. Dave Schultz and his

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE CLASSES LED BY JANE OBERSAT IN ROOM 165

English for Beginners meets on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at : a.m. English Conversation & Pronunciation meet on Tuesdays and Thursday at : a.m.

LIFE RENEWED—SUNDAYS @ 9:45 A.M.

Pastor Day, Paul Lodholz & Albert Allen are teaching a class on stewardship in the school gym. Although our time, talents, and treasures will be discussed, the sanctified life in general, as developed in scripture, will be the emphasis of the class. St. Paul says in Romans : ... "Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is...His good, pleasing and perfect will." Please join us as we explore the transformed life.



Young Adults
BIBLE STUDY

Young Adults Bible Study Rally - “Jesus will be there, will you?”

Young Adults with MLC Houston

Tuesday, September from : p.m. to : p.m.

at Brasil’s Café (Westheimer & Dunlavy)

Hosted by Kristin Coyle with Pastor St-Onge

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

Men’s Retreat: October 16-18 - Camp Lone Star in La Grange, Tx

Speaker: Dr. Hal Senkbeil on “Equipped to Serve”

See September newsletter for more information. Pick-up a brochure today
in the narthex.

HBU presents: Soli Deo Gloria

Special exhibit featuring the personal, hand-annotated Bible of Johann Sebastian Bach, August - October . Monday-Saturday from : a.m. to : p.m., Fondren, . .



BAGELS & BIBLE STUDY

Bagels & Bible Study class meets Tuesday at : a.m. The class meets in the Fellowship Hall. Afterwards, you can go to the sanctuary for the Tuesday Eucharist service.

7:15 A.M. TUESDAY EUCHARIST

Please join the faculty and staff of MLCS Tuesdays as we gather for Divine Service at : a.m. in the sanctuary. The service lasts minutes. Please join us in receiving the true bread from heaven.



NEW MLC MEN’S BIBLE STUDY Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions

We gather every Saturday for breakfast at : a.m. followed by study from : a.m. to : a.m. Breakfast and study will be held in the MLC youth room. For more information, please contact Pastor Day in the school office at revday@mlchouston.org.



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CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER 6 - 13

TODAY:

- : Divine Service
- : Adult Bible Class, Sunday School
- : Adult Instruction
- : Divine Service
- : YAMS Brunch
- : Jr. Confirmation
- : MLC Basketball

MONDAY:

- : English for Beginners

TUESDAY:

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

WEDNESDAY:

- : English for Beginners
- : CEN Dinner & Fellowship
- : 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
- : Youth Sabbath

SUNDAY:

- : Divine Service
- : Adult Bible Class, Sunday School, Adult Instruction
- : Divine Service
- : JYF Lunch
- : Nicaragua Picture Party
- : Jr. Confirmation
- : MLC Basketball

Attendance: August :



Tithes and Offering

Through August :

Offering received August :

Year-to-date Budgeted Offerings: ,

Year-to-date Actual Offerings: ,

Amount above/(below) Budget: (,)

ELDERS ON DUTY

Early: Tim Taylor **Late:** Robert Burmeister
 John Threet Greg Renzelman

USHERS ON DUTY

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

ALTAR GUILD

Early: Janet Taylor **Late:** Sylvia Atsinger
 Ruth Kamba Carolyn Curry

ACOLYTES ON DUTY

Early: John Albert **Late:** Joshua Cadungog