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I gave my back to
those who strike

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September ,
(*Lutheran Service Book*, -)

Preservice Music Canonic Sonata #2 G. F. Handel

Prelude Azmon arr. J. Maunteht

i Hymn **Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing** 528

Confession and Absolution

Catechism The Fourth Commandment

P. The Fourth Commandment

C. **Honor your father and your mother.**

P. What does this mean?

C. **We should fear and love God so that we do not despise or anger our parents and other authorities, but honor them, serve and obey them, love and cherish them.**

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

These are the holy Ten Commands	You are to honor and obey
God gave to us by Moses' hands	Your father, mother, ev'ry day.
When high on Sinai's mount he stood	Serve them each way that comes to
Receiving them for our good.	hand;
Have mercy, Lord!	You'll then live long in the land."
	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. Be strong, and let your heart take | courage,*
all you who wait | for the LORD!

C. **But I trust in you, | O LORD;***
I say, "You | are my God."

P. My times are | in your hand;*
rescue me from the hand of my enemies and from
my perse- | cutors!

C. **Make your face shine on your | servant;***
save me in your | steadfast love!

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. Be strong, and let your heart take | courage,*
all you who wait | for the LORD!

Kyrie

Hymn of Praise

Gloria in Excelsis

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P. Lord Jesus Christ, our support and defense in every need, continue to
preserve Your Church in safety, govern her by Your goodness, and bless
her with Your peace; for You live and reign with the Father and the
Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C. **Amen.**

<p>🔗 Old Testament</p> <p>The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary. Morning by morning he awakens; he awakens my ear to hear as those who are taught. ⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I turned not backward. ⁶I gave my back to those who strike, and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard; I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting. ⁷But the Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set</p>	<p>Isaiah : -</p>	<p>ESV</p> <p>my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame. ⁸He who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who is my adversary? Let him come near to me. ⁹Behold, the Lord GOD helps me; who will declare me guilty? Behold, all of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up. ¹⁰Who among you fears the LORD and obeys the voice of his servant? Let him who walks in darkness and has no light trust in the name of the LORD and rely on his God.</p>
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Gradual

Ps. : , , alt.

Epistle Reading

James : -

ESV

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ²For we all stumble in many ways, and if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body. ³If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well. ⁴Look at the ships also: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things. How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire! ⁶And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members,

staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell. ⁷For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind, ⁸but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so. ¹¹Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and salt water? ¹²Can a fig tree, my brothers, bear olives, or a grapevine produce figs? Neither can a salt pond yield fresh water.

i Alleluia and Verse

Holy Gospel

Mark : -

ESV

¹⁴When they came to the disciples, they saw a great crowd around them, and scribes arguing with them. ¹⁵And immediately all the crowd, when they saw him, were greatly amazed and ran up to [Jesus] and greeted him. ¹⁶And he asked them, "What are you arguing about with them?" ¹⁷And someone from the crowd answered him, "Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has

a spirit that makes him mute. ¹⁸And whenever it seizes him, it throws him down, and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid. So I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able." ¹⁹And he answered them, "O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to me." ²⁰And they brought the boy to him. And when

the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. ²¹And Jesus asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood. ²²And it has often cast him into fire and into water, to destroy him. But if you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us." ²³And Jesus said to him, "If you can! All things are possible for one who believes." ²⁴Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, "I believe; help my unbelief!" ²⁵And when Jesus saw that a crowd

came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You mute and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him and never enter him again." ²⁶And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse, so that most of them said, "He is dead." ²⁷But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. ²⁸And when he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" ²⁹And he said to them, "This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer."

Creed

The Nicene Creed

🔪 Hymn Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness 849

Sermon

! Offertory Create In Me a Clean Heart

🔪 Offering If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee J. 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	Your Hand, O Lord, in Days of Old	846
	When to Our World the Savior Came	551
Anthem	Silence, Frenzied, Unclean Spirit	text: T. Troeger
(:)	He Has Done All Things Well	J. Bender

Nunc Dimittis

Thanksgiving

Benediction

Hymn **Thy Strong Word** **578**

Postlude *Wer nur den Lieben Gott* J. S. Bach

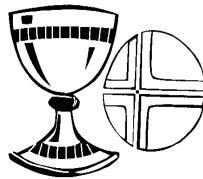
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Servants of the Word

Presiding Minister	Rev. Charles St-Onge
Preacher	Rev. Dr. Scott Murray
Organist	Cantor Janet Muth
Soloist	Mr. Myron Karner
Choir (:)	MLC Adult Choir
Flute	Mrs. Mary Swanson, Ms. Hilary Murray
Violin	Ms. Kristin Coyle
Trumpet	Mr. Joshua Saenz, Mr. Chris Clark, Mr. Michael Staub

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 (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.

Monday
Chron. :-
Col. :-

Tuesday
Chron. :-, -, -
Col. :-

Wednesday
Chron. :-, -
Col. :-

**Daily
Lectioary**



Thursday
Chron. :-
Col. :-

Friday
Neh. :-
Tim. :-

Saturday
Neh. :-, :-
Tim. :-

Sunday
Neh. :-
Tim. :-

Search the Scriptures

Christian Education Night: Wednesdays until 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, . . .

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 Carolyn Curry in thankfulness for her many blessings. Flowers are also given to the glory of God by Ken and Julie Zimmerman in celebration of their daughter Katie's birthday on September and in thankfulness for their 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: Students in Sunday School explored the story "Nathan Rebukes David." Just as God accepted and forgave King David and other great saints who committed grave sins, so He accepts and forgives us, all for the sake of Christ. *Parents could ask, "Who reminds you of your sins?" Who tells you about forgiveness?"*

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

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 9:00 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 9:00 a.m. in the church library. The class is studying 1st and 2nd Peter.

BAGELS AND BIBLE STUDY meets Tuesdays at 8:00 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 7:00 p.m. and the Adult Choir meets on Thursdays at 8:00 p.m. Call Cantor Muth, 713.281.1234, 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 100.5 FM at 10:00 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 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.

If you need help finding the child nursery during service, an usher would be glad to show you its location.

STEWARDSHIP EVERY SUNDAY: "Tradition, tradition..." sings Tevye in "Fiddler on the Roof." Giving traditions abound in congregations everywhere. Some seek member pledges. Some always conduct a fall stewardship campaign. Some require tithing. Even the way we take the offering in church can be a tradition no one had better

mess with. Our reading warns us that traditions need to be periodically evaluated to see whether they still get the results that please God and serve the church. Tradition for tradition's sake can send us in a wrong direction when it comes to understanding or teaching truths of Scripture. Churches surely want to do things decently and in order. Conversely, traditions that bring honor and give a witness to Christ are to be retained. The question to ask is whether the tradition is one proclaimed or prescribed by Scripture, or whether it is a human invention for purely human purposes. And sometimes Scripture commands that we abandon rules or traditions that outlive their purpose, or clash with a new command of God. The change in dietary habits for the Jews that Jesus suggests in our text was hard to swallow. We know from the book of Acts that Peter had the hardest time in giving up this tradition, but finally obeyed God's command. As God's stewards we want to be sure that our way of managing all of life is in harmony with God's directives. Mark : -

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: "So we live in the Post-Christian age. Does that mean we should quit telling others about Jesus? No, of course not. The exciting note in this age is that many people long for the faith of their parents and grandparents. They want a faith that gives them a clear understanding of right and wrong. They want the security of the Gospel assuring them that, when these few years spent on earth are over, a heavenly home awaits them. Many of them remember grandma talking about going to her heavenly home. It might be the Post-Christian age, but the fields are still white unto harvest. *Rev. Homer Larson, speaker on the Christian Crusaders radio program* 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 guest as they discuss the biblical truth. Call . . . with your comments or questions.

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. Please join us as we explore the transformed life.

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.

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 13 - 20

TODAY:	:	Classes
:	:	Vespers
:	:	THURSDAY:
:	:	English Conv. & Pronunciation
:	:	Adult Handbell practice
:	:	Adult Choir practice
:	:	FRIDAY:
:	:	English for Beginners
MONDAY:	:	SATURDAY:
:	:	Men's Bible Study Breakfast
:	:	Men's Bible Study Class
TUESDAY:	:	Little Lambs Dinner
:	:	Youth Sabbath
:	:	SUNDAY:
:	:	Divine Service
:	:	Adult Bible Class, Sunday School,
:	:	Adult Instruction
:	:	Divine Service
WEDNESDAY:	:	LWIM Luncheon
:	:	Jr. Confirmation
:	:	MLC Basketball

Attendance: September :		Through September :
Offering received September :		Year-to-date Budgeted Offerings: ,
,		Year-to-date Actual Offerings: ,
		Amount above/(below) Budget: (,)

ELDERS ON DUTY		ALTAR GUILD	
Early: Tim Taylor	Late: Robert Burmeister	Early: Shirley Ford	Late: Nadine Braun
John Threet	Greg Renzelman	Hilary Murray	Katherine Roth
USHERS ON DUTY		ACOLYTES ON DUTY	
Early: Alberto Salazar	Late: John Wagner	Early: Michael Harvey	Late: Brian Trieglaff
Jan Morley	Scott George		
Clarence Kamba	Brian Guske		
Robert Kline	Greg Koch		
	Richard Oechslin		