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Would that all the
LORD'S people
were prophets.

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September ,

(*Lutheran Service Book*, - -)

Preservice Music *Gott der Vater, wohn uns bei* D. Buxtehude

Prelude Down Ampney R. Vaughan Williams

Hymn **Come Down, O Love Divine** 501

Confession and Absolution

Catechism The Sixth Commandment

P. The Sixth Commandment

C. **You shall not commit adultery.**

P. What does this mean?

C. **We should fear and love God so that we lead a sexually pure and decent life in what we say and do, and husband and wife love and honor each other.**

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

These are the holy Ten Commands	“Be faithful to your marriage vow;
God gave to us by Moses’ hands	No lust or impure thoughts allow.
When high on Sinai’s mount he stood	Keep all your conduct free from sin
Receiving them for our good.	By self-controlled discipline.”
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. Your name, O LORD, endures for- | ever,*
your renown, O LORD, throughout all | ages.

C. **Praise the LORD! Praise the name | of the LORD,***
give praise, O servants | of the LORD,

P. who stand in the house | of the LORD,*
in the courts of the house | of our God!

- C. Praise the LORD, for the | LORD is good;*
sing to his name, for it is | pleasant!
- P. Your name, O LORD, endures for- | ever,*
your renown, O LORD, throughout all | ages.
- C. For the LORD will vindicate his | people*
and have compassion on his | servants.
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. Your name, O LORD, endures for- | ever,*
your renown, O LORD, throughout all | ages.

Kyrie

Hymn of Praise

Gloria in Excelsis

Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P. Everlasting Father, source of every blessing, mercifully direct and govern us by Your Holy Spirit that we may complete the works You have prepared for us to do; 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 Numbers : - , - , - ESV

Now the rabble that was among [the children of Israel] had a strong craving. And the people of Israel also wept again and said, “Oh that we had meat to eat! ⁵We remember the fish we ate in Egypt that cost nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic. ⁶But now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at. . .” ¹⁰Moses heard the people weeping throughout their clans, everyone at the door of his tent. And the anger of the LORD blazed hotly, and Moses was displeased. ¹¹Moses said to the LORD, “Why have you dealt ill with your servant? And why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? ¹²Did I conceive all this people? Did I give them birth, that you should say to me, ‘Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a nursing child,’ to the land that you swore to give their fathers? ¹³Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they weep before me and say,

‘Give us meat, that we may eat.’ ¹⁴I am not able to carry all this people alone; the burden is too heavy for me. ¹⁵If you will treat me like this, kill me at once, if I find favor in your sight, that I may not see my wretchedness.” ¹⁶Then the LORD said to Moses, “Gather for me seventy men of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them, and bring them to the tent of meeting, and let them take their stand there with you...” ²⁴So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD. And he gathered seventy men of the elders of the people and placed them around the tent. ²⁵Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the Spirit that was on him and put it

on the seventy elders. And as soon as the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied. But they did not continue doing it. ²⁶Now two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the Spirit rested on them. They were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. ²⁷And a young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” ²⁸And Joshua the son of Nun, the assistant of Moses from his youth, said, “My lord Moses, stop them.” ²⁹But Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD’s people were prophets, that the LORD would put his Spirit on them!”

Gradual

Ps. : , : alt.

Epistle Reading

James : -

ESV

Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. ¹⁴Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. ¹⁶Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous

person has great power as it is working. ¹⁷Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. ¹⁸Then he prayed again, and heaven gave rain, and the earth bore its fruit. ¹⁹My brothers, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and someone brings him back, ²⁰let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from his wandering will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

i Alleluia and Verse

Holy Gospel

Mark : -

ESV

John said to [Jesus], “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.”³⁹ But Jesus said, “Do not stop him, for no one who does a mighty work in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me.”⁴⁰ For the one who is not against us is for us.⁴¹ For truly, I say to you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ will by no means lose his reward.

⁴²“Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were hung around his neck and he were thrown into the sea.”⁴³ And if your hand causes you

to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than with two hands to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire.⁴⁵ And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life lame than with two feet to be thrown into hell.⁴⁷ And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into hell,⁴⁸ where their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched.’⁴⁹ For everyone will be salted with fire.⁵⁰ Salt is good, but if the salt has lost its saltiness, how will you make it salty again? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

Creed

The Nicene Creed

i Hymn

Triune God, Be Thou Our Stay

505

Sung three times, using the text in italic type

Sermon

i Offertory

Create In Me a Clean Heart

i Offering

: *Non nobis Domine*

W. Byrd

Translation:

Not to us, O Lord, not to us,
but to your name give glory. (Psalm : a)

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Os Justi

E. Daley

Translation:

The mouth of the righteous utters wisdom,
and his tongue speaks justice.
The law of his God is in his heart;
his steps do not slip. (Psalm : -)

i 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

i Hymns	Jesus, Lead Thou On	718
	Hope of the World	690
Anthem :	Now That the Daylight Fills the Sky	D. Wood
:	Jesus, Sun of Life, My Splendor	G. F. Handel

i Nunc Dimittis

Thanksgiving

Benediction

Hymn	“Come, Follow Me,” the Savior Spake	688
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Postlude	<i>Gott der Vater, wohn uns bei</i>	S. Scheidt
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Servants of the Word

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

Monday

Deut. : -

Matt. : -

Tuesday

Deut. : -

Matt. : -

Wednesday

Deut. : - :

Matt. : -

Daily Lectionary



Thursday

Deut. : -

Matt. : -

Friday

Deut. : -

Matt. : -

Saturday

Deut. : -

Matt. : -

Sunday

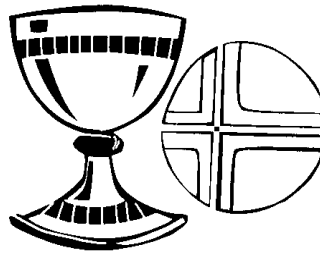
Deut. : -

Matt. : -

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 con-



fessional 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.

Upcoming Memorial Lutheran Mom & Tots Field Trip!!

Please join us for fun at the Oil Ranch October 9th! Lots to do: pony rides, dairy barn, milk a cow, train rides, baby animal farm, Indian village, pumpkin patch & more! Dads are welcome too!! \$ /person. Free under months. For more information, please contact Olivia (rihatopia@hotmail.com) or call . . . Hope you can come!

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 to the glory of God by Ross and Jessica Bartley in celebration of their sixth wedding anniversary on September . Flowers are also given to the glory of God by Jane Tweitmeyer in memory of Herman J. Tweitmeyer. John : "Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day."

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 the church library 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: The Sunday School lesson today focuses on "Solomon Builds the Temple." Though He was hidden, God resided within the Old Testament temple; Jesus is the unveiled, human Most Holy Place and is truly accessible to all, enfolding believers in the arms of His Word and Sacraments. *Parents might ask, "What kind of things would you have seen in Solomon's temple? Where do we see Jesus today?"*

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. 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: Life Renewed is taught by Pastor Day, Paul Lodholz and Albert Allen and meets in the school gym at 9:00 a.m. today.

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, 281.463.1234, 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 Sun-

days on KKHT 107.5 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 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.

Unless it is an absolute emergency do not leave the nave during prayers or the communion liturgy (especially the words of the Lord).

STEWARDSHIP EVERY SUNDAY: What can you give in exchange for your soul? How much would you be willing to pay to get to heaven? That is, if it could be attained by purchase. "Someone might

be willing to die for a good man,” Jesus once said, “but who would die for a bad man?” Then Scripture turns right around and tells us “While we were yet sinners Christ died for us.” How much is that worth? It should demand all our attention. There should never be a question of how much we owe God for His grace. So when Scripture suggests that we return to God a portion of what we have been given, it is not a burden, but a blessing.
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: “Your loved ones who died trusting Christ are at home with the Lord.

They have been moved from poverty-stricken lives to be possessors of a wealth that cannot be measured. We too can know that, as the years fly by, we have an eternity before us that knows no end. *Rev. Homer Larson, speaker on the Christian Crusaders radio program* This “Life Quote” is from Lutherans for Life-
www.lutheransforlife.org.

TRUTH ALIVE! RADIO: Sunday nights at : p.m. on . FM (The Word-KKHT). Gay Relationships among the Nation’s Clergy! Is that what the Bible means by love and tolerance? Have we abandoned the belief that God created man in His image, male and female? Join Pastor Dave Schultz and his guest, Pastor Dave Bahn as they take your calls to discuss the biblical truth. Call . . . with your comments or questions.

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 pick or order the NEW “The Lutheran Study Bible” at a substantially discounted price. Your order will be discounted - %, depending on the edition being purchased. This 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.



**2ND ANNUAL MLC THANKSGIVING
DINNER FOR THE HOMELESS
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

Today at : p.m.

There will be a brief meeting held in the church library to discuss the Thanksgiving Dinner for the homeless. Anyone interested in serving on this committee is encouraged to join us. If you have any questions you may call Arlene or Wayne Murray at . . .

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.

YOUNG ADULTS BIBLE STUDY - "JESUS WILL BE THERE, WILL YOU?"
Young Adults with MLC Houston—Tuesdays 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

**ON THE ROAD AGAIN WITH THE PEP CLUB!
(THOSE 50+)**

Please join us for a wonderful dinner at the Monument Inn Restaurant on Monday, October , . The bus departs the church at : p.m. Please contact Robert & Florence Brimberry at . - or Carol & Charlie Mitschke at . . for further information.

AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS—TROOP TX5800

Troop TX chartered by Memorial Lutheran Church and School, is accepting new members (grades -), in addition to volunteers willing to serve. The next meeting is today at : p.m. in Room . If you are interested in joining or need additional information, contact Vonda Tackett at . - , email at vonda.t@riteresponse.com or visit the website: www.ahgtx5800.com



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CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER 27 - OCTOBER 4

TODAY:	:	Confession & Absolution	
:	Divine Service	:	CEN Dinner & Fellowship
:	Adult Bible Class, Sunday School	:	Classes
:	Adult Instruction	:	Vespers
:	Divine Service	THURSDAY:	
:	Nicaragua Picture Party	:	English Conv. & Pronunciation
:	American Heritage Girls Meeting	:	Adult Handbell practice
:	Jr. Confirmation trip to HBU	:	Adult Choir practice
:	Dunham Museum	FRIDAY:	
:	MLC Basketball	:	English for Beginners
MONDAY:		SATURDAY:	
:	MLS Chapel	:	Men's Bible Study Breakfast
:	English for Beginners	:	Men's Bible Study Class
TUESDAY:		:	Youth Sabbath
:	Bagels & Bible Study	SUNDAY:	
:	Tuesday Eucharist Service	:	Divine Service
:	English Conv. & Pronunciation	:	Adult Bible Class, Sunday School, Adult Instruction
:	Bible Study	:	Divine Service
:	Young Adult Bible Study	:	Jr. Confirmation
WEDNESDAY:		:	MLC Basketball
:	English for Beginners		

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

ELDERS ON DUTY		ALTAR GUILD	
Early: Tim Taylor	Late: Robert Burmeister	Early: Janet Taylor	Late: France Stenberg
John Threet	Greg Renzelman	Martha Fredenburg	Debbie Allen
USHERS ON DUTY		ACOLYTES ON DUTY	
Early: Jim Hunt	Late: Kevin Begnaud	Early: Nathan Hunt	Late: Jack Ogden
David Kunz	David Wuthrich		
Wayne Kieschnick	Chris Benton		
Robert Kieschnick	Jason Afinowicz		
Eric Nixdorf	Simon Makangula		