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From the beginning of
creation, God made them
male and female

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October ,

(*Lutheran Service Book*, -)

Preservice Music Children of the Heavenly Father C. Moglebust

Prelude Engelberg C. V. Stanford

i Hymn All Praise to Thee, for Thou, O King Divine 815

Confession and Absolution

Catechism The Seventh Commandment

P. The Seventh Commandment

C. **You shall not steal.**

P. What does this mean?

C. **We should fear and love God so that we do not take our neighbor's money or possessions, or get them in any dishonest way, but help him to improve and protect his possessions and income.**

Hymn These Are the Holy Ten Commands 581

These are the holy Ten Commands God gave to us by Moses' hands When high on Sinai's mount he stood Receiving them for our good. Have mercy, Lord!	"You shall not steal or take away What others worked for night and day. But open wide a gen'rous hand And help the poor in the land." Have mercy, Lord!
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You have this Law to see therein That you have not been free from sin But also that you clearly see How pure toward God life should be. Have mercy, Lord!	Our works cannot salvation gain; They merit only endless pain. Forgive us, Lord! To Christ we flee, Who pleads for us endlessly. Have mercy, Lord!
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Service of the Word

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

P. Unless the LORD | builds the house,*
those who build it la- | bor in vain.

C. **Behold, children are a heritage | from the LORD,*
the fruit of the womb | a reward.**

P. Like arrows in the hand of a | warrior*
are the children | of one's youth.

C. Blessed is the man who fills his quiver | with them!*

He shall not be put to shame when he speaks with his
enemies | in the gate.

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. Unless the LORD | builds the house,*
those who build it la- | bor in vain.

Kyrie

Hymn of Praise

Gloria in Excelsis

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P. Merciful Father, Your patience and loving-kindness toward us have no end. Grant that by Your Holy Spirit we may always think and do those things that are pleasing in Your sight; 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

Genesis : -

ESV

Then the LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him." ¹⁹So out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. ²⁰The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him. ²¹So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the

man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. ²²And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. ²³Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man." ²⁴Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. ²⁵And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

Psalm

Psalm

: setting by D. McAfee

11:00 setting by A. Fedak

Epistle Reading

Hebrews :-

ESV

Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. ²For since the message declared by angels proved to be reliable and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, ³how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard, ⁴while God also bore witness by signs and wonders and various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will. ⁵Now it was not to angels that God subjected the world to come, of which we are speaking. ⁶It has been testified somewhere, "What is man, that you are mindful of him, or the son of man, that you care for him? ⁷You made him for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned him with glory and honor, ⁸putting everything in subjection under his feet." Now in putting everything in subjection to him, he left nothing outside his control. At present, we do not yet see everything in subjection to him. ⁹But we see him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might

taste death for everyone. ¹⁰For it was fitting that he, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the founder of their salvation perfect through suffering. ¹¹For he who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one origin. That is why he is not ashamed to call them brothers, ¹²saying, "I will tell of your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will sing your praise." ¹³And again, "I will put my trust in him." And again, "Behold, I and the children God has given me." ¹⁴Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, ¹⁵and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. ¹⁶For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham. ¹⁷Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. ¹⁸For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

i Alleluia and Verse

Holy Gospel

Mark : -

ESV

²Pharisees came up and in order to test [Jesus] asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" ³He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" ⁴They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of divorce and to send her away."
⁵And Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote you this commandment. ⁶But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.'
⁷"Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, ⁸and they shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two but one flesh.
⁹What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate."
¹⁰And in the house the disciples

asked him again about this matter. ¹¹And he said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her, ¹²and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."
¹³And they were bringing children to him that he might touch them, and the disciples rebuked them. ¹⁴But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. ¹⁵Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it."
¹⁶And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them.

Creed

The Nicene Creed

i Hymn

Our Father, by Whose Name

863

Sermon

Creation, Procreation, and Re-Creation

Mark : -

i Offertory

Create In Me a Clean Heart

i Offering

Rhosymedre

R. Vaughan Williams

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

Hymns	Oh, Blest the House	862
	Children of the Heavenly Father	725
Anthem :	Jesus, Sun of Life, My Splendor	G. F. Handel
:	Let Children Hear the Mighty Deeds	I. Watts/J. Crüger

i Nunc Dimittis

Thanksgiving

Benediction

Hymn	Since Our Great High Priest, Christ Jesus	529
Postlude	All Saints	J. Maunteht

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Servants of the Word

Presiding Minister	Rev. Dr. Scott Murray
Preacher	Rev. Charles St-Onge
Lector	Rev. Charles Wokoma
Organist	Cantor Janet Muth
Choir (:)	MLC Adult Choir
(:)	MLS 1 st & 2 nd Grades
Soloist (:)	Ms. Susan Hyder
(:)	Ms. Rehema Kavugha
Instrumentalists (:)	Ms. Hilary Murray, flute Ms. Kristen Coyle, violin

Monday

Deut. : -
Matt. : -

Tuesday

Deut. : - :
Matt. : -

Wednesday

Deut. : -
Matt. : -

Daily Lectionary



Thursday

Deut. : -
Matt. : -

Friday

Deut. : -
Matt. : -

Saturday

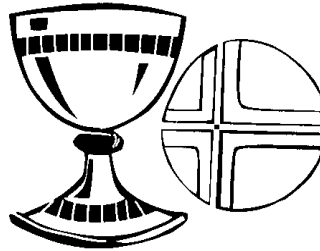
Deut. : -
Matt. : -

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 9, 2009!** 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 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 Cindy Rigoni in thankfulness for her 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 the church library with Mr. Jeffers. Elementary School Classes (st- th grades) meet in the Music Suite with Cantor Muth for Sunday School Choir which lasts fifteen minutes. Students will then 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. Pre-school 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: This Sunday, the Sunday School lesson studies "God Provides for Elijah." Just as God provided food and life for Elijah, the widow, and her son, so He provides food, forgiveness, and life eternal for us in Christ. *Consider asking, "How did God provide for Elijah? In what ways does God provide for us 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 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 : a.m. today.

ADULT INSTRUCTION meets today at : a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Con-

tact Pastor Murray by email at smurray@mlchouston.org, for questions regarding the class or to register for the next class beginning January .

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

BAGELS AND BIBLE STUDY meets Tuesdays at : a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

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) re-

inforce 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.

Do not talk during the service, unless it is absolutely necessary to direct a child or help a guest. God is speaking and fellow worshippers want to hear what He is saying.

STEWARDSHIP EVERY SUNDAY: Welcome the children! What a stewardship motivation! In Acts, Peter recalled this teaching when he told the crowds that salvation "is for you and for your children." The church exists not only for those who partake of its message, services and blessings now, but for your children and grandchildren. If someone had not been faithful generations ago and provided for the continuation of the preaching of the gospel message, you may not have heard it. If families had not banded together and, as good stewards, supported the ministry of your congregation in the past, where

would you be today? Future generations yet unborn are relying on you to be faithful with the gifts and resources God gives. Can you do otherwise? 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: "Look at your hands. They are now Christ's hands of blessing in this world. Use them to be a blessing because there are so many who are treated as insignificant,

of no value, and are in danger of being trampled upon. Yes, Christ's big hands of blessing are right here in His Church and in this world. *Rev. Dr. Glenn A Nielsen, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri* This "Life Quote" is from Lutherans for Life-www.lutheransforlife.org.

TRUTH ALIVE! RADIO: Sunday nights at : p.m. on . FM (The Word-KKHT). Join Pastor Dave Schultz and his guest, 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 order the NEW "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 CPH 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.



Memorial Lutheran Church
Blood Drive—Sunday, November
Plan to give the gift of life. You'll be glad you did.

DINNER FOR THE HOMELESS

We are asking for your help in serving our less fortunate brothers and sisters in our Houston community at Memorial Lutheran Church this Thanksgiving Day. To make this a success, we need the help of the entire congregation. We, at Memorial, are abundantly blessed and this is a small way of sharing God's many blessings. To volunteer, make a donation, or for more information, see Wayne Murray at the table in the Commons between worship services or contact him at home, . . . , or by email at wamurray9@hotmail.com.

Prime Timers (30's to 50's somethings) - Oktoberfest

October , at : p.m. in the Fellowship Hall
The main dish is Bratwurst, sauerkraut and mustard. Please bring a side dish or dessert (German if you have a good recipe). This is a BYOB event. Call Julie Zimmerman at . . . or Jo Lodholz at . . . for more info.

October 25 is Reformation Sunday and Congregational Barbeque

The congregation will bring sides and everything else will be provided. Side dishes will be divided by categories and split alphabetically by members. More details soon.

MEN'S RETREAT: OCTOBER 16-18 - Camp Lone Star in La Grange, Tx

Speaker: Dr. Hal Senkbeil on "Equipped to Serve"
See newsletter for more information. Pick-up a brochure in the narthex.

YOUNG ADULTS BIBLE STUDY - "JESUS WILL BE THERE, WILL YOU?"

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.



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CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER 4 - 11

TODAY:	:	Vespers
:	Divine Service	
:	Adult Bible Class, Sunday School	THURSDAY:
:	Adult Instruction	:
:	Divine Service	:
:	MLC Basketball	:
		English Conv. & Pronunciation
		Adult Handbell practice
		Adult Choir practice
MONDAY:		FRIDAY:
:	MLS Chapel	:
:	English for Beginners	:
:	PEP Club dinner	English for Beginners
		SATURDAY:
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TUESDAY:	:	Men's Bible Study Breakfast
:	Bagels & Bible Study	:
:	Tuesday Eucharist Service	:
:	English Conv. & Pronunciation	:
:	Bible Study	:
:	Young Adult Bible Study	SUNDAY:
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		:
WEDNESDAY:	:	Divine Service
:	English for Beginners	:
:	Confession & Absolution	:
:	CEN Dinner & Fellowship	:
:	CEN Classes	:
		Adult Bible Class, Sunday School,
		Adult Instruction
		Divine Service
		YAMS Brunch
		Jr. Confirmation
		MLC Basketball

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: Joel Kuhlmann	Late: Brian Guske	Early: Vicki Harvey	Late: Sylvia Atsinger
David Smith	Mark Tackett		France Stenberg
USHERS ON DUTY		ACOLYTES ON DUTY	
Early: Michael Albert	Late: C.D. Stenberg	Early: John Albert	Late: Joshua Cadungog
Ken Zimmerman	Adam Helleck		
Jim Keller	Ross Bartley		
David Browne	Steve Reavis		
David Moeller			