



St. Timothy Lutheran Church
Houston, Texas



Epiphany Sunday

January 7th, 2018

Steve Henze, Brad Jurischk, Pastors

Order of Worship

~ 8:00 A.M. ~

Welcome

"As With Gladness Men Of Old" #397

Invocation and Confession Assurance of Forgiveness

"I Want to Walk As A Child Of The Light" #411

A Time of Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Old Testament Reading ~ Psalm 39:4-7

New Testament Reading ~ Colossians 3:1-4

Gospel Reading ~ John 14:1-6

Apostles' Creed

The Offering

"I Want to Walk As A Child Of The Light"

Viola Solo by Kate Birch

Children's Church

The Message

"Heaven... Beyond Spectacular!"

Pastor Steve Henze

Hymn of Preparation

"I Come O Savior To Your Table" #618

Words of Jesus Concerning Holy Communion

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"We Three Kings Of Orient Are"

"Songs Of Thankfulness And Praise" #394

"The People That In Darkness Sat" #412

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Blessing

Closing Hymn

"Shine Jesus Shine"

~ 10:45 A.M. ~

"Old Church Choir"

Welcome

Call to Worship

"Unstoppable God"

"Open Up The Heavens"

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Apostles' Creed

The Offering

"Crown Him (Majesty)"

Children's Church

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"Heaven... Beyond Spectacular!"

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Words of Jesus Concerning Holy Communion

"Come Lord Jesus"

"Indescribable"

"From The Inside Out"

"There Will Be A Day"

The Blessing and Closing Song

Current Message Series: "Heaven" ~ Today, we begin to answer questions about heaven. What will we look like? What will our lives and relationships be like? What will it be like to see God and be in His presence? What about animals? What will we do in heaven?

What did Jesus say about heaven and hell? These are all vital questions, yet the average person makes more plans for a 10 day vacation than we do for our "eternal destination." And the next time you hear someone say, "I can't imagine what Heaven will be like," you'll be able to say, "I can!"



Welcome

Welcome in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We pray this service will be a joyful, uplifting celebration of faith for you as you are strengthened through His Holy Word and Sacraments.



Our Guests: Welcome! We are so glad you have come! Please register your visit with us on a Welcome card. To learn more about St. Timothy, go to our website at STLHouston.org or join us for the Discover St. Timothy class. *You are always welcome here!*

Nursery: Nursery Care is available directly across from the Sanctuary for infants and toddlers up to 3 yrs old anytime before or during the services. There is a special time of play and learning for children 2 1/2 through Pre-K in Kid's Spot or Children's Ministry Building during our church services where you may bring your child instead of the nursery.



Public WiFi access Password: **Jesuslovesme**

Hearing devices are available at the Welcome Desk every Sunday.



Holy Communion

As Lutheran Christians, we practice "close communion" which means as you come to the Lord's Supper you affirm that Jesus is your Savior and Lord, and with Lutheran Christians you believe His Body and Blood are truly present "in, with, and under" the bread and wine and you desire to serve Him faithfully in the fellowship of the church.



1. I believe that Jesus Christ is God's Son and my personal Savior, and I am baptized.
2. I believe that I am a sinful human being who needs God's mercy in Jesus Christ.
3. I personally confess my sins to God and ask for His forgiveness.
4. I believe that Christ is present in this Sacrament and through His Body and Blood, He forgives all my sins and remembers them no more.
5. I ask for the power of the Holy Spirit to live a God-pleasing life

Weekly Prayer Prompt

Our Mission to Follow Jesus, and Make a Difference begins with each of us devoted to prayer.

This week's prayer prompt:

Heavenly Father, this is a New Year, new beginning, and new opportunities.

*Lord, help me follow Your Spirit this new year to know You more fully,
love You more deeply, and serve You completely.*

Families! Be on the lookout for a prayer prompt to arrive in your mailbox. Each month you will receive a new prompt with ideas to help you can pray as a family.



Senior Ministry



JOY Trip to Lone Star Flight Museum
at Ellington Airfield in Houston with docent and display interactive. See the most wonderful planes of all



time! Bring a friend! **Thursday, January 11, 2018** - bus leaves church at 10am and returns at 4pm. First, lunch at Kelley's Country Cookin' at 11am (your expense). Must be age 50+ to ride bus, handi-capped friendly. Flyers are at the Welcome Desk. Museum cost \$12 (age 65+), \$16 (64 and under).

RSVP deadline TOMORROW, January 8. Contact Georgia Phillips 281-397-6545 for questions.

Pit Stop

On Wednesday evenings during the school year, join the St. Timothy family for **PIT STOP!** Come for a home-cooked meal in the Life Center, and then stay for Jr. High Confirmation, Adult Bible Class, music rehearsals, & activities for youth and children.

RE-ZOOMS

Wednesday, January 10th!

5:45 - 6:30: Meal in the Life Center (free will offering)

6:45 - 7:45:

- **"Philippians"** - Led by Pastor Steve and Gloria Ruppel in Rm 103
- **Jr. High Confirmation** (6:45-8 PM)
- **High School Bible Study** in room 104
- **Zone 45** - 4th and 5th grade youth group - activities and lessons
- **Activities for children 1st - 3rd grade**
- **Childcare for children through Kindergarten**



6:45 - 8:00: Voices In Bronze / The Gospel Lights rehearsals

8:00 - 9:00: St. Timothy Choir rehearsal

"Philippians" Bible Study
Followers of Jesus are able to live out their faith with lives that are not defined by their circumstances. Come to dig deeply into this short, but powerful letter from the apostle Paul as he encourages believers of all ages to be filled with joy and purpose.

Thrivent Financial

On January 14, our new Thrivent Representative, Steve Emmons, is hosting a celebration and information-sharing luncheon in the Life Center. You will learn about funds available through Action Teams which can help support many efforts St. Timothy is already doing.

RSVP at www.STLHouston.org/Thrivent-lunch

Identity Theft Workshop with Steve Emmons
Wednesday, January 17 at 6:45pm.



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Children's Ministry

Children's Church 8:00 AM Service: Children 2 ½ years old through 1st grade will participate in a time of learning especially for them during the pastors Message, and will return after the Message.

Children's Church 10:45 AM Service: Children ages 2 ½ to 4 yrs old are invited to Room 7 in the Children's Ministry Building anytime during the service. Please sign them in and pick them up at the end of the service. Children of parents who wish to keep them at the beginning of the service are dismissed for Children's Church during the Message.

Children in Pre-K though 1st grade attend Children's Church in the Children's Ministry "Big Room" during the 10:45 service. These children will return after the Message.

SUNDAY SCHOOL in the Children's Ministry Building at 9:30 AM



Sundays in January will focus on the **baptism of Jesus**. Look for us in the Children's Ministry building!

The Great Family Devotion Challenge!

Do you have a child in Kindergarten? Then you are invited to our Milestone Ministry Event: The Great Family Devotion Challenge! It's a great way to begin the new year—digging into God's Word—as a family.

Next Sunday, January 14th at 9:30 AM in the Children's Ministry Building we will eat breakfast and get devoted! Devotions are worth the effort and you *can* be successful! RSVP to Caroline@STLHouston.org

Blessing Shower

If you've had a precious little one added to your family in 2017, you and your family are invited to a lunch in your honor! Come to the Big Room in the Children's Ministry Building and meet other families, our nursery care givers, staff and volunteers in Children's Ministry. **Join us on Sunday, January 28th from 12:30-1:30pm.** RSVP with number eating to Caroline@STLHouston.org



For more information on Children's Ministry events contact Caroline Gray at Caroline@STLHouston.org

Care Net Pregnancy Center

January is Right To Life month. Donate to Care Net pregnancy center

Care Net Pregnancy Center is on the forefront of promoting life and providing resources and information, specifically for those who are experiencing unplanned pregnancies. We are collecting new and gently used baby items and maternity clothes, as well as diapers, formula, and baby food all during January to help Care Net in its mission to share the good news of Jesus and the life He brings. Your gifts will be collected in the crib in the gathering area.



In addition to donating, you can also volunteer your time at Care Net by serving as care staff who meets with clients, office volunteer, or skills teacher. For more information on how to get involved, speak to Gloria Ruppel. Go to www.care-net.org for more info.

Sunday Bible Classes

New Bible Classes begin today at 9:30 AM

“Walk the Talk” 1 Peter

As followers of Jesus we face challenging decisions in our life every day. The book of first Peter shows us how we can be obedient followers of Jesus Christ walking the walk in the footsteps of our Savior. Join us each Sunday as we dig into God's Word and learn how to live lives that follow Jesus. Led by Pastor Steve & Pastor Brad in 201.



Faith Lessons on Jesus' Death & Resurrection

Filmed on location in Israel, this in-depth video taught by Ray Vander Laan shares a cultural perspective of Biblical accounts of the final weeks of Jesus' life, applying faith lessons important to believers today. Led by Bruce & Carol Erickson in 202.



Great Encouragers of the Bible

To love the Lord with all their heart and love others as themselves...These are the Great Encouragers of the Bible; ordinary people, through whom God has done extraordinary things to achieve His purposes. This class will explore what the Lord says about how each of us can use our own lives to encourage others. Led by Bob & Nancy Hartman in 102/103.



The Ten Commandments - Part I

The Ten Commandments were given so we would know how to live lives that glorify God. Dr. Tony Evans leads the teaching on the commandments. Led by David & Leah Smith in 203.



Discovery

If you have been worshipping at St. Timothy and are interested in making this your church home, you are invited to take part in this class which explores the values and beliefs of St. Timothy, as well as shares how you can partner with us using your specific gifts and interests to tell the good news of Jesus with others in our community. At the end of this class, you can decide if you wish to become a member. Led by Gloria Ruppel in Room 104.



Marriage Class

This class is for anyone who want to improve their marriage relationship by addressing the joys and any family encounters. Led by discussion and video, you will gain practical skills and a healthy attitude in any stage of your marriage. Led by Michael & Denise Lovelace in 101.



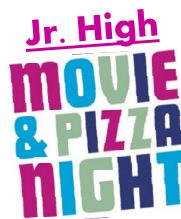
Student Ministry



Saturday, February 17th 8:00am-3:00pm. The Youth Garage Sale: **NOW ACCEPTING DONATIONS** - A storage POD is available for donations in the small parking lot behind the gym/adult education building.

2018 Sr. High Mission Trip REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

St. Timothy high schoolers will go to **Troy, Missouri** to help restore and remodel homes for the elderly, disabled, and those in need. This is a week long summer trip from **July 16 to July 20**. The cost is \$700, before fundraising, with a \$50 deposit (payable now) and the spots will be filled on a first come basis. If you are interested in going, contact Dan Parker at Dan@STLHouston.org



**Saturday
Jan. 20th
6-9pm**

Sr. High (FUEL) **BOWLING NIGHT**

Sunday, January 14th
Meet at Bowling alley
(AMF Willow Lanes)
at 6pm, bring \$5

For more information on Youth Ministry events contact Dan Parker at Dan@STLHouston.org

Weekly Calendar of Events



Today, Jan. 7	8:00 & 10:45 AM 9:30 AM 6:00 PM 6:00 PM	Worship Services with Holy Communion New Adult Bible Classes begin / Sunday School Manantiales de Vida Worship Service in the Sanctuary Sr. High FUEL
Mon, Jan. 8	9:30 AM 6:30 PM	Mom's Bible Study in Rm 104 Boy Scouts Meeting
Tues, Jan. 9	8:00 AM 9:30 AM 6:45 PM	Prayer Team Meeting in the Sanctuary Women's Bible study in Rm 101 Men's Ministry group meets at Willie's Icehouse
Wed, Jan. 10	9:30 AM 5:45 PM 6:45 PM 6:45 PM 8:00 PM 8:30 PM	Parent & Child Music Time in Rm 104 Pit Stop dinner Adult Bible Class; Jr. High Confirmation; Zone 45; childcare Gospel Lights / Voices In Bronze rehearsal St. Timothy Choir rehearsal Manantiales de Vida Adult Bible Study
Thurs, Jan. 11	10:00 AM - 4:00 PM 7:00 PM 7:30 PM	Senior Ministry: JOY Trip to Lone Star Flight Museum Service of Prayer and Healing Men's (30+) pick-up basketball in Life Center
Fri, Jan. 12	7:00 PM	Manantiales de Vida Youth Worship
Sat, Jan. 13	7:00 AM	Men's Bible Study in the Church office conference room
Sun, Jan. 14	8:00 & 10:45 AM 8:00 AM - 1:30 PM 9:30 AM 12:00 PM 12:00 PM 6:00 PM 6:00 PM	Worship Services Blood Drive Adult Bible Classes / Sunday School Thrivent Luncheon The Great Family Devotion Challenge in the CM building Manantiales de Vida Worship Service in the Sanctuary FUEL - Sr. High Bowling at AMF Willow Lanes

Save the Date for these Upcoming Events:
January 15 - Board of Directors Meeting
January 17 - Rewired for Christ Bible study / Thrivent Workshop: Identity Theft
January 18 - Board of Elders Meeting
January 21 - Right to Life Sunday
January 28 - Blessing Shower / Target Shooting at Mike Steele's

Contact Us

To reach any of the staff members, please call the church office at 281-469-2457
 Email addresses are available on our website at www.STLHouston.org/staff

Those Who Serve

Today, January 7, 2018

	Sunday ~ 8:00 AM	Sunday ~ 10:45 AM
Acolytes	Will Hansen / Jamie Kirsch	Jacob Lovelace / TBD
Elders/Deacons	Mike Benton / Steve Rasmussen / Bob Hartman / Leigh McAuliffe	
Reader	David Smith	Gary Schmeling
Prayer Partner	Dorothy Adams	Carol Olejnik
Ushers	Steve Rasmussen / Ken Schramm / Rick Friedrichs / Hilton Weider / Jan Schramm / Carol Friedrichs	Gary Naylor / Leigh McAuliffe / Karen Busse / Chrisanne McAuliffe / Marshall Preslar / Dave Baden / Tim Schneck / Steve Ilten
Greeters	Desk: Bev Londergan Lobby: Rick and Carol Friedrichs	Desk: Gattin Gold Lobby: Cathy Spangler / Lorryne Winoske
Tech Team	Clint Noack / Roger Gautt	Laura Shivok

Next Weekend, January 14, 2018

	Sunday ~ 8:00 AM	Sunday ~ 10:45 AM
Acolytes	Corey Reinhardt	Annaliese Palm
Elders/Deacons	Mike Benton / Steve Rasmussen / Bob Hartman / Leigh McAuliffe	
Reader	Judy Cordes	Donna Sumner-O'Neill
Prayer Partner	Dianne Kingsley	Kathy Horst
Ushers	Neil Bamsch / Richard Drews / David Nahirny / Gerard Ker / Glenn Laqua / Max Hengst / Wayne Huebner	Butch Bradt / John Ullrich / Marshall Wickman / Don Sanderson / Steve Bachmeier / Patrick Matthews / Marcos Candanedo
Greeters	Desk: Dianne Kingsley Lobby: Richard and Irene Drews	Desk: Kathy Horst Lobby: Tim Schneck / Josh Scott
Tech Team	Marcelle Martin / Clint Noack	Craig Harmann



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