



**St. Timothy Lutheran Church**  
Houston, Texas



**First Sunday in Advent**

**December 1, 2019**

*Steve Henze, Brad Jurischk, Pastors*

## Order of Worship

### ~ 8:00 A.M. TRADITIONS ~

#### Welcome

#### Call to Worship

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

#### Invocation and Confession Assurance of Forgiveness

"All Hail The Power Of Jesus' Name"

#### A Time of Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Old Testament ~ **Isaiah 9:6-7**  
New Testament ~ **Romans 13:8-12**  
Gospel ~ **Mark 13:34-37**

#### Apostles' Creed

#### We Bring our Tithes and Offerings

"What Child Is This"

#### Children's Church

#### The Message

"The Call To Be Ready"  
Pastor Steve Henze

#### Hymn of Preparation

"There Is A Redeemer"

#### Words of Jesus Concerning Holy Communion

"There Is A Redeemer"  
"O Jesus King Most Wonderful"  
"O Savior Precious Savior"  
"Blessed Assurance"

#### Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Blessing

#### Closing Hymn

"Rejoice The Lord Is King"

### ~ 10:45 A.M. CELEBRATIONS ~

#### Call To Worship

"Yes I Will"

#### Welcome

"Only King Forever"

#### A Time of Confession Assurance of Forgiveness

"Crown Him"

#### A Time of Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Old Testament ~ **Isaiah 9:6-7**  
New Testament ~ **Romans 13:8-12**  
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#### We Bring our Tithes and Offerings

"Here Is Our King"

#### Children's Church

#### The Message

"The Call To Be Ready"  
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#### Words of Jesus Concerning Holy Communion

"O Worship The King"  
"Jesus Messiah"  
"Enough"  
Revelation Song"

#### Prayer of Thanksgiving

#### The Blessing and Closing Song

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by:

*Alex and Ann Dulevitz in celebration of grandchildren, Aidan, Sara, and Katie's birthdays!  
Also by, Dorcus Coulter in celebration of Waylon Grooms' baptismal birthday!*

## Welcome

**Welcome** in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We pray this service will be a joyful and 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, visit [STLHouston.org](http://STLHouston.org) or ask about our next Discovery 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 any time before or during the services. There is a special time of play and learning for children 2½ 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.

### **Children's Church 8:00am Service:**

**Children 2½ yrs old - 1 grade** participate in learning just for them during the Message, and return after the Message.

### **Children's Church 10:45am Service:**

**Children 2½ - 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 before the Pastor's Message.

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

Public WIFI Password: [Jesuslovesme](#)

Hearing devices are available at the Welcome Desk 

## Advent Sunday Message Series

### **December 1, 8, 15, and 22 at 8 and 10:45 AM**

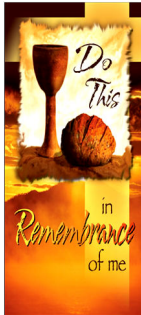
Advent is about looking back and forward. We look back to remember that Jesus came as God's gift at Christmas as our Savior. His plan involved calling real people to be part of His divine plan of salvation. Each Sunday in Advent we will see God's call to Zechariah, Mary, and Joseph. God's call to them was life-changing! The call of Jesus today is also life changing! Please join us each week as we respond together to follow Jesus until He comes again in glory!



## Holy Communion

**If you agree with these statements, you are welcome to attend communion.**

**Children may be brought to communion for a blessing.**



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.

## Advent Worship

### **Wednesdays, December 4, 11 and 18th at 11:30 AM, 6:15 PM and 7 PM**

The theme for our Wednesday Advent Services this year is **#PicChristmas**. This year, in addition to our traditional services at 11:30 am and 7:00 pm, we are adding a Family Advent worship service at 6:15 pm. It is a 30-minute worship service that allows families with young children to have an opportunity to worship TOGETHER (and get home early). This service will provide a meaningful worship experience *for all*.

**Family Advent Worship** ~ Each week we will look at the “pictures” of Christmas we have in our mind and discuss how they relate to the reality of Christmas that the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ creates. Families will receive a special gift to take home and enjoy through the season. In addition, we will post pictures daily that tie into the theme of the week including a devotional thought that you can discuss together as a family.

December 4 – HOME  
December 11 – CHRISTMAS TREE  
December 18 — LIGHTS

Follow us on Instagram  
**@sttimothyicms**



*We hope that you will join us in worship this Advent season!*

Sunday, Dec. 1	8 and 10:45 AM	Worship with Holy Communion
Wednesday, Dec. 4	11:30 AM 6:15 PM 7:00 PM	Mid-day Advent Service, meal served at 12:15 PM Family Advent Service Evening Advent Service, meal served at 5:30 PM
Sunday, Dec. 8	8 and 10:45 AM	Worship
Wednesday, Dec. 11	11:30 AM 6:15 PM 7:00 PM	Mid-day Advent Service, meal served at 12:15 PM Family Advent Service Evening Advent Service, meal served at 5:30 PM
Sunday, Dec. 15	8 and 10:45 AM 10:45 AM	Cantata Presentation in the Sanctuary Contemporary Worship with Holy Communion in the Life Center
Wednesday, Dec. 18	11:30 AM 6:15 PM 7:00 PM	Mid-day Advent Service, meal served at 12:15 PM Family Advent Service Evening Advent Service, meal served at 5:30 PM
Sunday, Dec. 22	8 and 10:45 AM	Worship
Tuesday, Dec. 24	10:00 AM 3:00 PM 5:00 PM	Classic Christmas Eve Candlelight Service in the Sanctuary Christmas Eve Candlelight Service in the Life Center Christmas Eve Candlelight Service in the Life Center
Wednesday, Dec. 25	10:00 AM	Christmas Day Worship with Holy Communion in the Sanctuary

### **2019 Advent Devotional - “CALL HIS NAME JESUS”**

In *Call His Name Jesus*, Lutheran Hour Ministries' Advent devotions for 2019, we encounter an oft-told story in fresh, new ways. During the Christmas season, we focus our thoughts on that moment in time when God became one of us. This miracle of miracles—this most unlikely story—begins with the Christ Child—God in the flesh—who was born poorly, humbly, vulnerably into this world of sin and darkness.

**There are a limited number of printed devotional booklets available at the Welcome Desk** or you can visit [www.lhm.org/advent](http://www.lhm.org/advent) to download your copy.



## Children's Ministry



**Children's Sunday School is at 9:30 AM**  
in the Children's Ministry Building

Follow us on Instagram  
@sttimothylcms for daily updates  
about our **Family Advent Services**  
#PicChristmas



## All aboard for Christmas Fun!

### Saturday, December 7th 9-11 AM

Come ride a train around St. Timothy! Stops will include  
Hot Cocoa, Popcorn, Crafts and the Christmas Story!

**ADMISSION: Canned Food that will go to local food pantries.**

*Sponsored by St. Timothy Student Ministry*

For more information on Children's Ministry events contact Caroline Gray at [Caroline@STLHouston.org](mailto:Caroline@STLHouston.org)

## This December

### ANNUAL VOTERS' ASSEMBLY MEETING

next Sunday, Dec. 8th immediately  
following the 10:45 service

We will vote for our 2020 Board of Directors,  
approve the 2020 budget and vote to approve  
the Building Plan. Lunch will be served.  
Packets with a complete agenda and all  
information will be available Dec. 1st.

### TREE OF REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

The Tree of Remembrance service will be  
next Sunday, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM in RM  
102/103. If you purchased an ornament  
in 2015, you may pick it up after  
Dec. 8. **Purchase ornaments in the  
Gathering Area today for \$15/each.**



## Toys for Joy Drive - *Tis' the Season to Give!!*

St. Timothy is collecting gifts for Manantiales and the churches of LINC. Your  
gifts will be distributed as a way to help these church communities tell of God's  
extravagant grace and love for us. **You may pick out gift tags from the tree in  
the Gathering Area beginning Dec. 1st. Gifts are due by Sunday, Dec. 15th.**

### Donation Guidelines:

- donate toys that are new and cost \$15-\$20
- wrap toy
- label toy with **gender** and **age range** age groupings: infant - 1, 2-4, 5-7, 8-10, 11-12, 13+ (gift cards preferred)
- tape a sticky note on the back of the package with info about the toy
- no bows (please)
- pray for the recipient of the toy...that they may know JESUS, the greatest gift!

Cash, checks, gift cards and online donations accepted and appreciated.

Donate here: <http://weblink.donorperfect.com/toysforjoyhouston>

Feel free to contact Dorinda Werner at [dorinda@linchouston.org](mailto:dorinda@linchouston.org) with any questions!





## Announcements



Thank you to all who supported Samaritans Purse "Operation Shoebox" this year! We collected 233 boxes to send overseas to foreign countries. The children made 87 boxes in just one Wednesday evening! Thank you again for your boxes filled with toys and donating money to ship the boxes!

"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine you did for me." Matthew 25:40  
Serving Him, Susan Benton



*We pray you enjoy Advent by Candlelight tomorrow at 5:30 PM.*

Interested in connecting with a small group and build relationships? Contact Elizabeth Leitko in church office 281-469-2457 ext. 245 or email [Elizabeth@STLHouston.org](mailto:Elizabeth@STLHouston.org)

## WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 11<sup>TH</sup>

For more information, email Pat Neal  
[pneal36313@comcast.net](mailto:pneal36313@comcast.net)

Current Sunday and weekday Bible studies are listed at  
[www.STLHouston.org/adult-bible-classes](http://www.STLHouston.org/adult-bible-classes)

## Student Ministry

### Youth TAMALE Sales

Order now - December 8<sup>th</sup>  
Delivery: Dec. 15

### FUEL meets Tonight

Sr. High gathering Sundays at 6-8pm



Join us for Family Advent Worship in December! Confirmation resumes for 6th-8th graders January 8th at 6:45 PM.

Jr. High Saturday Dec. 14 at 4:30-7 pm  
STUDENT CHRISTMAS PARTY  
Sr. High Sunday, Dec. 15 at 5:30-8pm

### Jr. High and Sr. High Christmas Parties

Jr. and Sr. High students are invited to celebrate our Savior at the Youth Christmas Parties!

- Meet in the High School Youth Room
- White Elephant Gift exchange (\$10 max)
- Friends welcome!

For more information on Student Ministry events contact Dan Parker at [Dan@STLHouston.org](mailto:Dan@STLHouston.org) or 940-357-9309

## Weekly Calendar of Events

<b>Today, Dec. 1</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b> <b>9:30-10:30 AM</b> <b>10:45 AM</b> <b>1:00 PM</b> <b>6:00-8:00 PM</b>	Worship with Holy Communion in the Sanctuary Children's Sunday School / Adult Bible Classes Worship with Holy Communion in the Life Center Manantiales de Vida Worship Service Sr. High <b>FUEL</b>
<b>Mon, Dec. 2</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b> <b>12:30 PM</b> <b>5:30 PM</b> <b>6:30 PM</b>	Mom's Bible Study in RM 104 Women's Bible Study in RM 101 Advent By Candlelight Cub and Boy Scouts Meeting in Adult Ed
<b>Tues, Dec. 3</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> <b>7:00 PM</b>	Prayer Team Meeting in the Sanctuary Quilters for Christ in the Annex Women's Bible Study in RM 101 Voices In Bronze rehearsal in RM 202 Adult Bible Study in Church Office Conference Room
<b>Wed, Dec. 4</b>	<b>11:30 AM</b> <b>12:15 PM</b> <b>5:30 PM</b> <b>6:15 PM</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> <b>7:45 PM</b> <b>8:30 PM</b>	Advent Worship in the Sanctuary Advent Meal in the Life Center Advent Meal in the Life Center Family Advent Service in the Sanctuary Advent Worship in the Sanctuary St. Timothy Festival Choir Rehearsal in RM 201 Manantiales de Vida Adult Bible Study
<b>Thurs, Dec. 5</b>	<b>7:30 PM</b>	Men's Pick-Up Basketball game in the Life Center
<b>Fri, Dec. 6</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	Manantiales de Vida Youth Worship
<b>Sat, Dec. 7</b>	<b>7:00 AM</b> <b>9:00-11:00 AM</b>	Men's Bible Study in the Church office conference room All Aboard! Children's Christmas Train Ride Event
<b>Sun, Dec. 8</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b> <b>9:30-10:30 AM</b> <b>10:45 AM</b> <b>12:00 PM</b> <b>1:00 PM</b> <b>2:00 PM</b> <b>6:00-8:00 PM</b>	Worship in the Sanctuary Children's Sunday School / Adult Bible Classes Worship in the Life Center Annual Voters' Assembly in the Life Center Manantiales de Vida Worship Service Tree of Remembrance Service in RM 102/103 Sr. High <b>FUEL</b>

### Save the Date for these Upcoming Events:

**December 10** - Men's Ministry meets at Willie's Icehouse

**December 11** - Mid-week Advent Worship / Women's Book Club Christmas Party

**December 12** - Service of Prayer and Healing

**December 14** - Jr. High Christmas Party

**December 15** - Cantata Presentation / LINC Toys due / Sr. High Christmas Party / Tamale Delivery

**December 18** - Mid-week Advent Worship

## Contact Us

To reach any of the staff members, please call the church office at 281-469-2457.  
Staff email addresses are available on our website at [STLHouston.org/staff](http://STLHouston.org/staff)

**Our Mission:** *Follow Jesus.* [Make a Difference.](#)

## Those Who Serve

### Today, December 1, 2019

	8:00 AM	10:45 AM
<b>Acolytes</b>	Michael Szalkowski / Alyssa Scoble	Noah Jurischk / Leah Jurischk
<b>Elders/Deacons</b>	Phil Cordes / David Smith / Dave Baden	
<b>Reader</b>	Larry Bathe	John Green
<b>Prayer Partner</b>	Dorothy Adams / Dianne Kingsley	Carol Olejnik / Kathy Horst
<b>Ushers</b>	Steve Rasmussen / Ken Schramm / Rick Friedrichs / Hilton Weider / Jan Schramm / Larry Wunderlich / Zander Morris / Carl Caldwell	Gary Naylor / Marshall Preslar / Dave Baden / Chrisanne McAuliffe / Tim Schneck / Chad Scott / Steve Ilten / Marcos Candanedo
<b>Desk Host</b>	TBD	TBD
<b>Tech Team</b>	Marcelle Martin / Roger Gautt	Patrick Blake

### Next Sunday, December 8, 2019

	8:00 AM	10:45 AM
<b>Acolytes</b>	Harper Noe	n/a
<b>Elders/Deacons</b>	Phil Cordes / David Smith / Dave Baden	
<b>Reader</b>	Travis Albers	Jason/Shawna Honeycutt
<b>Prayer Partner</b>	Dianne Kingsley / Dorothy Adams	Tiffany Gilley / Nancy Hartman
<b>Ushers</b>	Neil Bamsch / Richard Drews / David Nahirny / Wayne Huebner / Blake Schmeling / Daniel Waggoner	Steve Bachmeier / Butch Bradt / John Ullrich / Marshall Wickman / David McManners / Patrick Matthews / Don Sanderson / Eddie Payne
<b>Desk Host</b>	Dianne Kingsley	Cathy Spangler
<b>Tech Team</b>	Clint Noack / Clay Currin	Patrick Blake



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