



## Memorial Lutheran Church and School

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Today this Scripture has  
been fulfilled in your hearing

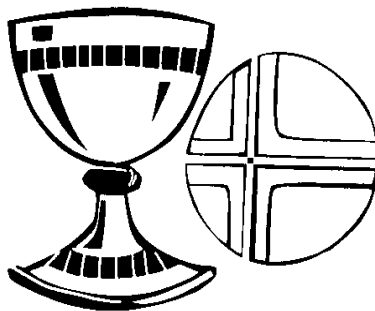
## Fulfilled In Your Hearing

Jesus rose from the waters of baptism anointed by the Spirit. He was led by the same Spirit into the wilderness. Then He launched His ministry of preaching. In the liturgy of the synagogue, as in our own liturgy, the reading of Scripture was of central importance. When Jesus was asked to read from the prophets, He claimed for Himself the words of Isaiah. He had been anointed to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim freedom and the recovery of sight and the coming of the time of God's salvation. This word of God is fulfilled also in our assemblies. When we gather around the Word of God, our eyes are opened, our lives liberated from the slavery of sin, and

God's salvation becomes the possession of the humble who wait on God. We put no trust in our own efforts or in the power of any mortal. God alone is our help; He alone fulfills our hope. In the waters of baptism we are united by the one Spirit into one body. The gifts of the Spirit which God gives the church through its individual members must be used to unify the body. None of us may glorify himself or herself at the expense of the other members. The same Spirit in which Christ subordinated Himself to the will of the Father also leads us to become the servant of our fellow baptized members who make up the body with us.

## 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.

## THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January ,  
Lutheran Service Book, -

Preservice Music                      *Herr Jesu Christ*                      J. S. Bach

Prelude                                      *O Durchbrecher*                      J. Freylinghausen

**i** Hymn                                      **Hail, O Source of Every Blessing**

Confession and Absolution

Catechism                      The Second Petition of the Lord's Prayer

P. The Second Petition

C. **Thy kingdom come.**

P. What does this mean?

C. **The kingdom of God certainly comes by itself without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may come to us also.**

Hymn                                      **Our Father, Who from Heaven Above**                      , *stanza*

Your kingdom come,

Guard Your domain

And Your eternal righteous reign

The Holy Ghost enrich our day

With gifts attendant on our way.

Break Satan's power, defeat his rage;

Preserve Your Church from age to age.

### Service of the Word

Introit                                      *Psalm* : - ; *antiphon: Psalm* :

P. You will arise and have pity on | Zion;\*

it is the time to favor her; the appointed | time has come.

C. **Let this be recorded for a genera | tion to come,\***

**so that a people yet to be created may | praise the LORD:**

P. that he looked down from his | holy height;\*

from heaven the LORD looked | at the earth,

C. **to hear the groans of the | prisoners,\***

**to set free those who were | doomed to die,**

P. that they may declare in Zion the name | of the LORD,\*

and in Jerusa- | lem his praise,

C. **when peoples gather to- | gether,\***

**and kingdoms, to wor- | ship the LORD.**

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. You will arise and have pity on | Zion;\*  
it is the time to favor her; the appointed | time has come.

Kyrie

Hymn of Praise

Gloria in Excelsis

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P. Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us; 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 Lesson Nehemiah : - , - , - ESV

All the people gathered as one man into the square before the Water Gate. And they told Ezra the scribe to bring the Book of the Law of Moses that the LORD had commanded Israel. <sup>2</sup>So Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could understand what they heard, on the first day of the seventh month. <sup>3</sup>And he read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand. And the ears of all the people were attentive to the Book of the Law. . . . <sup>5</sup>And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people,

for he was above all the people, and as he opened it all the people stood. <sup>6</sup>And Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. And they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. . . . <sup>8</sup>They read from the book, from the Law of God, clearly, and they gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. <sup>9</sup>And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept as they heard the words of the Law.



the body of Christ and individually members of it. <sup>28</sup>And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, helping, administrating, and various

kinds of tongues. <sup>29</sup>Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? <sup>30</sup>Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? <sup>31</sup>But earnestly desire the higher gifts.

## **i** Alleluia and Verse





Holy Gospel

Luke : -

ESV

[Jesus] came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read. <sup>17</sup>And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." <sup>20</sup>And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. <sup>21</sup>And he began to say to them, "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." <sup>22</sup>And all spoke well of him and marveled at the gracious words that were coming from his mouth. And they said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" <sup>23</sup>And he said to them, "Doubtless

you will quote to me this proverb, 'Physician, heal yourself.' What we have heard you did at Capernaum, do here in your hometown as well." <sup>24</sup>And he said, "Truly, I say to you, no prophet is acceptable in his hometown. <sup>25</sup>But in truth, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heavens were shut up three years and six months, and a great famine came over all the land, <sup>26</sup>and Elijah was sent to none of them but only to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow. <sup>27</sup>And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian." <sup>28</sup>When they heard these things, all in the synagogue were filled with wrath. <sup>29</sup>And they rose up and drove him out of the town and brought him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they could throw him down the cliff. <sup>30</sup>But passing through their midst, he went away.

-  Hymn            **God of the Prophets, Bless the Prophets' Sons**  
 Sermon                            The Greatest of these is Love            Corinthians :  
 Creed  
 Prayer of the Church  
 Offering                            Arise, Shine                            K. Jennings  
 Offertory                            What Shall I Render to the Lord

## Service of the Sacrament

Preface

Sanctus



Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord's Prayer

The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini

Agnus Dei

-  Hymns                            **Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray**  
    **I Know My Faith Is Founded**  
 Anthem                            Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face            E. Daley  
 Canticle                            Nunc Dimittis  
 Collect  
 Benediction  
 Hymn                            **Fight the Good Fight**  
 Postlude                            *Jesus ist kommen, grund ewiger Freude*            J. Maunteht

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## Servants of the Word

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Cantor Janet Muth  
MLC Adult Choir

Sunday (January , )

Joel : -  
Romans : - :  
Psalm

Monday

Zechariah : -  
Romans : -  
Psalm

Tuesday

Zechariah : - :  
Romans : -  
Psalm



Wednesday

Zechariah : - :  
Romans : -  
Psalm

Thursday

Zechariah : - :  
Romans : -  
Psalm

Friday

Zechariah : -  
Timothy : -  
Psalm

Saturday

Zechariah : -  
Timothy : -  
Psalm

Sunday (January , )

Zechariah : - :  
Timothy : -  
Psalm

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.

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 school building, room , with Mr. Jeffers. Elementary School Classes ( st- th grades) meet in the Music Suite with Cantor Muth for Sunday School opening which lasts fifteen minutes. Students are then picked up by their teacher and will be dismissed at : a.m. to the Commons. Arrive no later than : a.m. so not to miss or interrupt opening. 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 are picked up in the Sunday School hallway promptly at : a.m. NOTE: Arrive on time so teachers attending late service may arrive on time for church. Two year olds, bring a parent and join Ms. Patti in Room .

**GROWING IN CHRIST:** The account of Jesus' rejection in Nazareth (Luke : - ) is the Sunday School lesson today. In Nazareth, throughout His ministry, and even today, Jesus is rejected by people who do not have faith in Him. God's Word clearly shows that Jesus is God's Son, and in faith, we believe. With your family, discuss how sin blinds our eyes to the Savior and causes us to suffer from sin's effects with sickness, trouble, and even physical death.

Emphasize that through God's Word and Sacraments we can see and believe in Jesus, who releases us from the bondage of sin. He restores us with forgiveness, life, and salvation .

**THE CHURCH NURSERY** is located in the blue nursery room in the building north of the sanctuary. Children up to three years of age may be left in the nursery. 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:** Hard Words with Pastors Cholak and Day meets in meeting room ; The Proverbs of Solomon with Paul Lodholz and Albert Allen meets in the Church Library; and English as a Second Language with Jane Obersat meets in the School Library at : a.m. today.

**NEW SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASSES:** Starting January st three new Adult Bible Studies will be offered on Sunday mornings. Pastor Murray will teach the Gospel of Mark in the Church Fellowship Hall. Paul Broughton will teach Christ in Today's Culture. John and Kim Bohot and Mark and Ruth Hansen will teach Growing a Godly Family in an Ungodly World.

**ADULT INSTRUCTION** meets today at : a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Contact Pastor Murray by email at

[smurray@mlchouston.org](mailto:smurray@mlchouston.org), for questions regarding the class or to register for the next class beginning January .

**BAGELS AND BIBLE STUDY** meets on Tuesday morning at : a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

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

**HANDBELL AND ADULT CHOIRS:** Hand bells will meet this week on Thursday at : p.m., and the Adult Choir will meet this week on Thursday 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](http://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](http://www.mlchouston.org) and by podcast at iTunes.

**PASTOR ST-ONGE'S BLOG** can be found at [houstonbelief.com](http://houstonbelief.com). Click on blogs and look for Lutherant and his picture. Or go to [www.chron.com/channel/houstonbelief/commons/lutherant.html](http://www.chron.com/channel/houstonbelief/commons/lutherant.html).

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

**MEMORIAL LUTHERAN SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE:** From to p.m. today, Memorial Lutheran School invites everyone to meet our teachers and learn about the curriculum. Take a tour of the school led by our students. If you do not know about our great school, this is the perfect chance to see what MLS has to offer. Please spread the word. See you in the fellowship hall!

**GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH IN ELGIN, TEXAS** announces the installation of Rev. Carl Roth as their new pastor. Pastor Roth, a former vicar of Memorial Lutheran Church, will be installed on January , at : p.m. with a barbeque to follow at the Elgin VFW. You are all invited to attend.

### VOTERS' ASSEMBLY

The next **Congregational Voters' Meeting** will be on Monday, January , , in the Fellowship Hall. Mark your calendars.

### YOUNG ADULTS BIBLE STUDY THE BOOK OF ACTS

TUESDAYS - : p.m.

The meeting place is the  
MLC YOUTH ROOM

For information email Pastor St-Onge at [cstonge@mlchouston.org](mailto:cstonge@mlchouston.org)

### NEW ADULT INSTRUCTION CLASS

Pastor Murray will be teaching a new adult instruction class starting January 1st. The class will meet after late service in the fellowship hall from 7:00 - 8:00 (after a light lunch). Contact Pastor Murray by email at [smurray@mlchouston.org](mailto:smurray@mlchouston.org) for questions regarding the class to register. If you would like to help prepare lunch for any of these classes, please contact Brenda Stancik in the church office at [brenda@mlchouston.org](mailto:brenda@mlchouston.org) or

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### MEMORIAL TEXAS STYLE BBQ

On New Member Sunday, January 1st, we will be having a BBQ after late service in the fellowship hall. Mark your calendars and spread the word. Welcome our new members in good Texas fashion!

### NICARAGUA CHILD SPONSORSHIPS

With God's help, Memorial Lutheran Church will once again be able to sponsor children in the refugee village of Santa Patricia, Nicaragua. These children would not be able to attend school without the assistance of your generous donations. In order to attend the local public school, the children and their family must pay a registration fee, buy school shoes, a school uniform, school books, a backpack and all their school supplies. The cost is well beyond the means of these families whose children typically sleep on dirt floors in makeshift houses. For only \$100 a year the children will receive all of the above, plus two hours of Lutheran Catechism instruction and two hours of daily math instruction. In addition, through donations from the Orphan Grain Train, the children also receive nutritious lunches.

Through your gift, God is making great changes in the lives of these children and their families who are among the least members of society.

If you would like to sponsor a child, please make your check payable to Memorial Lutheran Church and write Nicaragua Child Sponsorship in the memo field of your check. If you would like to talk to someone about Nicaragua, John Coulter will be at the Nicaragua table in the Fellowship Hall each Sunday between services.

*Whoever shall receive one of such children in my name, receiveth me: and whosoever shall receive me, receiveth not me, but him that sent me. Mark 9:37*

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### NICARAGUA MISSION TRIP - DATE SET

Mark you calendars for June 1st through July 1st for the next mission trip to Nicaragua. The cost per person for this year's trip is \$1,000. See John Coulter to sign up. Let John know if you need scholarship assistance to join the group on this mission trip.



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## CALENDAR FOR JANUARY - JANUARY

### TODAY:

- : Divine Service
- : Adult Bible Class, Sunday School
- : Adult Instruction
- : Divine Service
- : Youth Group Ice Skating
- : MLS Open House
- : Jr. Confirmation

### MONDAY:

- : English for Beginners

### TUESDAY:

- : Bagels & Bible Study
- : Tuesday Eucharist Service
- : English Conv. & Pronunciation
- : Bible Study
- : Young Adult Bible Study

### WEDNESDAY:

- : English for Beginners
- : Confession and Absolution
- : CEN Dinner and Fellowship
- : CEN Classes
- : Vespers

### THURSDAY:

- : English Conv. & Pronunciation
- : Adult Handbell practice
- : Adult Choir practice

### FRIDAY:

- : Early Childhood Conference
- : No School; Childcare Open
- : English for Beginners
- : Girls Basketball Game
- : JV Boys Basketball Game
- : Varsity Boys Basketball Game

### SATURDAY:

- : Men's Bible Study Breakfast
- : Men's Bible Study Class

### SUNDAY:

- : Divine Service
- : Adult Bible Class and Sunday School
- : Divine Service / Reception of New Members
- : Congregational BBQ
- : Adult Instruction
- : Jr. Confirmation

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

### ELDERS ON DUTY

**Early:** Joel Kuhlmann      **Late:** Albert Allen  
 Timothy Taylor              Mark Tackett

### USHERS ON DUTY

**Early:** Jim Hunt              **Late:** David Wuthrich  
 David Kunz                    Chris Benton  
 Wayne Kieschnick          Jason Afinowicz  
 Robert Kieschnick          Simon Makangula  
 Eric Nixdorf

### ALTAR GUILD

**Early:** Janet Taylor          **Late:** Betsy Goff  
 Vicki Harvey                  Laura Goff

### ACOLYTES ON DUTY

**Early:** Nathan Hunt          **Late:** Mark Trieglaff