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Beware of the Scribes

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November ,

(*Lutheran Service Book*, -)

Preservice Music	Divine Service, Setting (<i>selection</i>)	R. Nelson
i Prelude	Kirkwood	J. Herl
Hymn	No Temple Now, No Gift of Price	530

Confession and Absolution

Catechism The First Article of the Creed

P. The First Article

C. I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

P. What does this mean?

C. I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them.

He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life.

He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.

This is most certainly true.

Service of the Word

Introit (*sung responsively*) Ps. : - , - ; antiphon: Ps. :

P. Let them thank the LORD for his | steadfast love,*
for his wondrous works to the chil- | dren of men!

C. Oh give thanks to the LORD, for | he is good,*
for his steadfast love endures for- | ever!

P. Let the redeemed of the LORD | say so,*
whom he has redeemed from | trouble.

C. He raises up the needy out of af- | fliction*
and makes their families | like flocks.

P. The upright see it | and are glad,*
and all wickedness | shuts its mouth.

C. 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. Let them thank the LORD for his | steadfast love,*
for his wondrous works to the chil- | dren of men!

Kyrie

Hymn of Praise This is the Feast

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P. Almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Grant us so firmly to believe in Your Son Jesus that our faith may never be found wanting; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C. Amen.

🔗 Old Testament Kings : - ESV

⁸Then the word of the LORD came to [Elijah], ⁹“Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. Behold, I have commanded a widow there to feed you.” ¹⁰So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, a widow was there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, “Bring me a little water in a vessel, that I may drink.” ¹¹And as she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” ¹²And she said, “As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. And now I am gathering a couple of sticks that I

may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die.” ¹³And Elijah said to her, “Do not fear; go and do as you have said. But first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make something for yourself and your son. ¹⁴For thus says the LORD the God of Israel, ‘The jar of flour shall not be spent, and the jug of oil shall not be empty, until the day that the LORD sends rain upon the earth.’” ¹⁵And she went and did as Elijah said. And she and he and her household ate for many days. ¹⁶The jar of flour was not spent, neither did the jug of oil become empty, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

Gradual (*sung by the choir*) Rev. : b; Ps. :

i Offertory

What Shall I Render

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

Sanctus

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord's Prayer (*spoken by congregation*)

The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini

Agnus Dei

i Hymns	Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord	637
	The Temple Rang with Golden Coins	787

Anthem	:	Praise the Almighty	J. Henschmidt, tr. A. Brauer
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Solo	:	The Eyes of All	R. Proulx
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i Nunc Dimittis

Post-Communion Collect

Benediction

Hymn	Splendor and Honor	950
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Postlude	Shades Mountain	K. Lee Scott
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Servants of the Word

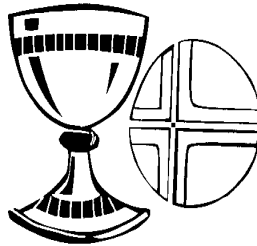
Presiding Minister
Preacher
Organist
Choir (:)
(:)

Rev. Charles St-Onge
Rev. Dr. Scott Murray
Cantor Janet Muth
MLS & Grades
MLC Adult Choir

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.

Thanks
for your
participation

Our Blood Drive was a great success. Nineteen people came forward to donate blood last Sunday. That was just two donors short of our goal.

The next Blood Drive will be this spring.

Monday

Jer. :-
Matt. :-

Tuesday

Jer. :-
Matt. :-

Wednesday

Jer. :-
Matt. :-

Daily Sectionary



Thursday

Jer. :-
Matt. :-

Friday

Jer. :-
Rev. :-
Matt. :-

Saturday

Jer. :-
Rev. :-
Matt. :-

Sunday

Jer. :-
Rev. :-
Matt. :-

Search the Scriptures

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 Albert and Debbie Allen in thankfulness and celebration of years of marriage, Debbie's mom's th birthday on November th, and for all the wonderful blessings in their life. Flowers are given to the glory of God by Roy and Catherine Wilty in celebration of Power's third birthday on November

th and in remembrance of his baptism on the rd.

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 Choir which lasts fifteen minutes. Students are then picked up by their teacher and will be dismissed at : a.m. to the Commons. NOTE: Arrive no later than : a.m. so not to 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 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: “Hezekiah Prays” serves as the lesson focus for Sunday School. A great king began to reign in Judah that followed the ways of the Lord. The Lord was with His people just as the Lord Jesus promises to be with us.

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. 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 room ; The Proverbs of Solomon with Paul Lodholz and Albert Allen meets in the Church Library; and English as a Second Language meets in the School Library at : a.m. today.

ADULT INSTRUCTION meets today at : 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 .

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) 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 wor-

shippers 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 permit children to deface hymnbooks in any way, whether by writing on them, creasing or ripping the pages, or ripping the ribbons. They are not inexpensive to replace.

STEWARDSHIP EVERY SUNDAY: "It's not the size of your gift, but what you have in your heart as you give that's important," a Christian was heard to say. What we read in our lesson for today seems to verify that statement. Many who came to the treasury that day in the temple gave from their leftovers. They calculated what they needed to live and set that aside and then brought an offering from what was left. Perhaps a majority of congregation members figure their giving in this same way. Perhaps you are among them. The example of the widow teaches us that, even though a gift may be large in amount, it may be lacking in commitment. Because our offerings are an act of worship, they should honor the Lord. May we, too, come into God's presence with an offering that truly expresses our thanks to Christ for His commitment in love for us on the cross.

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

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.

**Lutheran High North's
Music Department
LESSONS AND CAROLS SERVICE**

Sunday, December at : p.m.
Memorial Lutheran Church's Sanctuary

Bring a friend for this afternoon of service and music.

**YOUNG ADULTS BIBLE STUDY
THE BOOK OF ACTS**

Beginning November ,
TUESDAYS 7-8:30 p.m.

The new meeting place is the
MLC YOUTH ROOM

For information email Pastor St-Onge at cstonge@mlchouston.org

THE BLOOD OF CHRIST

Our Lord graciously gives us His body to eat and His blood to drink. This sacramental gift comes with the promise of sins forgiven and the sustenance needed to keep us in our earthly pilgrimage to heaven. Body and soul fed by the Lord.

MLC offers the blood of Christ in both the chalice and individual cup. Over the past few months the altar guild has been making preparations to use glass individual cups rather than plastic disposable cups. With a generous gift, the church has been able to purchase glass cups as well as special washing racks that work in our new professional grade dishwasher.

The change, while minor, is significant because it offers the blood of Christ in a vessel more fitting of the reverence and respect it is due. Rather than disposing of the vessels they can be cleaned and kept for future use.

We rejoice that our Lord gives us such gifts and we rejoice that we are able to receive them by grace.

ALTAR FLOWERS

To sign up for altar flowers, please use the Flower Chart is in the narthex. The cost is for one arrangement of flowers and for two.

Do not forget to remit your payment in the weekly collection plate and please indicate flowers in the memo section of your check. Payment envelopes are available with the Flower Calendar.

2009 THANKSGIVING FOR THE LESS FORTUNATE

Our plans are coming together as we quickly approach the Thanksgiving Day celebration. We have many volunteers that have come forward, but still have room for more. Lots of food has been offered up, but we still have need for hams, mashed potatoes, and casseroles. If you wish to volunteer, make a donation or want more information please see Wayne Murray at the table in the commons between worship services or contact him at home, . . . , or by email at wamurray9@hotmail.com.

*We at Memorial have been abundantly blessed.
This is one small way of sharing God's many blessings with others.*



WELCOME NEW STAFF MEMBERS

You may have noticed the new voices on the phone or faces in the church office. We are pleased to announce that we have hired two new employees to fill the recently vacated office position.

Mary Ann Blair is getting to know people here serving as our new Membership Secretary. Mary Ann will be in the office between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Please send and request all membership/visitor information, updates, etc. to Mary Ann. You may email her at MABlair@mlchouston.org.



Our afternoon position is being filled temporarily by Rev. Steven Cholak as he awaits a call to serve God's people in ministry. Rev. Cholak comes to the church office with lots of *Memorial experiences*. He will be working in our office each weekday afternoon from 1:30 p.m. through 4:30 p.m. Any bulletin notes and announcements, prayer list requests, etc. should be sent to Rev. Cholak at Revcholak@mlchouston.org.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Join us Sunday, December 17th at 9 a.m. during the Sunday School time between services for our annual Sunday School Christmas Program. Please verify your holiday plans to let us know if your child will be participating. We will have one required **practice on Saturday, December 19th at 10 a.m.** concluding with a pizza lunch. The remaining practices will be included during regular Sunday School class time. Please let your child's Sunday School teacher know if they will be available by November 15th or email Janet Taylor at tntjbt@sbcglobal.net. Look for further information in the coming weeks.

LWIM Monthly Meeting

We have another great meeting planned for November 15th, starting at 7:30 p.m. Our speaker is **Courtney Abernethy from Young Lives**. She will be speaking to us about their outreach program for teen mothers at our local schools. We will also be electing new officers for 2011. This month we are going to have lunch catered with a free will donation. (Suggested donation is \$5.) *We always have such delicious lunches.* Please remember your mite box donations and any stamps you have collected for the Texas District LWML. There are many new faces in the church, so we hope you will invite a new friend to our group! A Christian friend is priceless.



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CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER 8 - 15

TODAY:	:	CEN Classes
:	:	Vespers
:	:	Divine Service
:	:	Adult Bible Class, Sunday School
:	:	Adult Instruction
THURSDAY:	:	English Conv. & Pronunciation
:	:	Adult Handbell practice
:	:	Adult Choir practice
MONDAY:	:	MLS Chapel
:	:	MLS Picture Retakes
:	:	English for Beginners
:	:	Elders Meeting
:	:	Board Meetings
:	:	Parish Planning Council
FRIDAY:	:	English for Beginners
:	:	Triumphal Visual Gospel
:	:	Art and Dinner
SATURDAY:	:	Men's Bible Study Breakfast
:	:	Men's Bible Study Class
TUESDAY:	:	Bagels & Bible Study
:	:	Tuesday Eucharist Service
:	:	English Conv. & Pronunciation
:	:	Bible Study
:	:	Young Adult Bible Study
SUNDAY:	:	Divine Service
:	:	Adult Bible Class, Sunday School,
:	:	Adult Instruction
:	:	Divine Service
:	:	MLS Open House
WEDNESDAY:	:	Jr. Confirmation
:	:	English for Beginners
:	:	Confession & Absolution
:	:	CEN Dinner & Fellowship

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

ELDERS ON DUTY

Early: Fred Hoffman **Late:** Jim Hill
 Paul Lodholz Gerald Tackett

ALTAR GUILD

Early: Ruth Kamba **Late:** Betsy Goff
 Vicki Harvey Laura Goff

USHERS ON DUTY

Early: Alberto Salazar **Late:** John Wagner
 Jan Morley Scott George
 Clarence Kamba Brian Guske
 Robert Klein Greg Koch
 Richard Oechslein

ACOLYTES ON DUTY

Early: Yassin Sotelo **Late:** Tom Harvey