

KOUNTZE MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

A CITY-WIDE CHURCH WITH A WORLD-WIDE MINISTRY

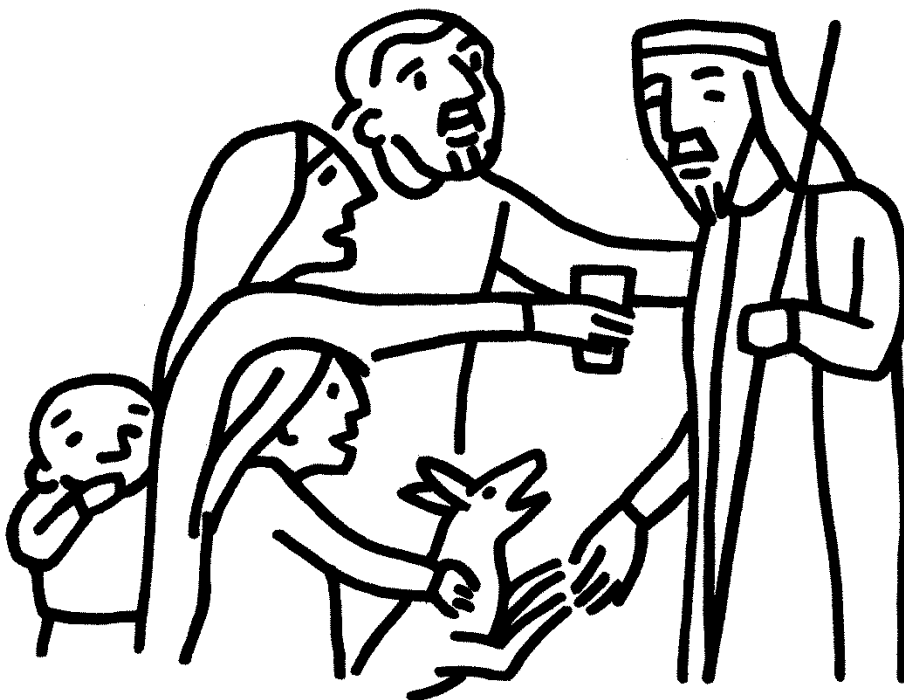
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9:00 & 11:00 AM

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Someone is casting out demons in Jesus' name who isn't part of Jesus' own circle, and the disciples want him stopped. They appeal to Jesus, as Joshua did to Moses about the elders who prophesied without official authorization. Like Moses, Jesus refuses to see this as a threat. Jesus welcomes good being done in his name, even when it is not under his control. The circle we form around Jesus' word must be able to value good being done in ways we wouldn't do it, by people we can't keep tabs on.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(stand)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the ☩ holy Trinity, the one who fashions us, the one who heals us, the one who reforms us again and again.

G Amen.

P Let us confess our sin, calling for God's transforming power.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.

P Source of all life,

G we confess that we have not allowed your grace to set us free.

We fear that we are not good enough.

We hear your word of love freely given to us, yet we expect others to earn it.

We turn the church inward, rather than moving it outward.

Forgive us. Stir us. Reform us to be a church powered by love,

willing to speak for what is right, act for what is just,

and seek the healing of your whole creation. Amen.

P God hears our cry and sends the Spirit to change us and to empower our lives in the world. Our sins are forgiven, ☩ God's love is unconditional, and we are raised up as God's people who will always be made new, in the name of Jesus Christ.

G Amen.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

ELW 858

APOSTOLIC GREETING

- P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C** And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** Generous God,
- C** your Son gave his life that we might come to peace with you. Give us a share of your Spirit, and in all we do empower us to bear the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

(sit)

FIRST READING

Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

What constitutes legitimate need and legitimate leadership is the focus of this reading. God provides manna in the wilderness, yet the people crave meat. What is truly needful? God bestows the spirit on seventy elders, yet two men not designated as leaders prophesy in the power of God's spirit. What constitutes real leadership?

The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, “If only we had meat to eat! ⁵We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; ⁶but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at.”

¹⁰Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the Lord became very angry, and Moses was displeased. ¹¹So Moses said to the Lord, “Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? ¹²Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, ‘Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child, to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors’? ¹³Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, ‘Give us meat to eat!’ ¹⁴I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. ¹⁵If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery.” ¹⁶So the Lord said to Moses, “Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you.”

²⁴So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. ²⁵Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

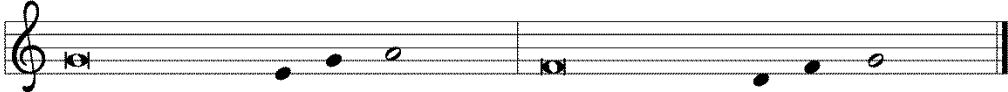
²⁶Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. ²⁷And a young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” ²⁸And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, “My lord Moses, stop them!” ²⁹But Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord’s people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his spirit on them!”

📖 The word of the Lord.

🙏 Thanks be to God.

PSALM 19:7-14

(Choir sings lines in regular print, All may sing lines in **bold** print)



⁷The teaching of the Lord is perfect and re- | vives the soul;
the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to | the simple.

⁸**The statutes of the Lord are just and re- | jice the heart;**
the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light | to the eyes.

⁹The fear of the Lord is clean and en- | dures forever;
the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous | altogether.

¹⁰**More to be desired are they than gold, more than | much fine gold,**
sweeter far than honey, than honey | in the comb. R

¹¹By them also is your ser- | vant enlightened,
and in keeping them there is | great reward.

¹²**Who can detect one’s | own offenses?**
Cleanse me from my | secret faults.

¹³Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion | over me;
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a | great offense.

¹⁴**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable | in your sight,**
O Lord, my strength and | my redeemer. R

SECOND READING

James 5:13-20

Marks of the Christian community include praying for those who are sick and in need, celebrating with those in good health, restoring those who have strayed, confessing sins to one another, and offering forgiveness to each other.

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. ¹⁴Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. ¹⁶Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. ¹⁷Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. ¹⁸Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest. ¹⁹My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, ²⁰you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

L The word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

(stand)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

G Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

G Glory to you, O Lord.


THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 9:38-50

On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus teaches his disciples about ministry that involves service and sacrifice. His disciples are slow to realize that these words apply to them as well as to others.

John said to [Jesus,] “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.” ³⁹But Jesus said, “Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. ⁴⁰Whoever is not against us is for us. ⁴¹For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward. ⁴²“If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. ⁴³If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. ⁴⁵And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. ⁴⁷And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, ⁴⁸where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched. ⁴⁹“For everyone will be salted with fire. ⁵⁰Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

 The Gospel of the Lord.

 Praise to you, O Christ.

(sit)

CHILDREN’S BLESSING *(9:00 AM)*

Children (aged 3 years through 5th grade) are invited to come forward for a blessing. Then, they may either follow the teacher upstairs for an extended children’s sermon (joining us again later in time for Communion) or they may return to their seat and use the Spark Bible and/or activity bags during the regular sermon.

SERMON

Pastor Inbarasu

(stand)

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Shine, Jesus, Shine”

ELW 671

THE APOSTLES' CREED

P With the whole church, let us confess our faith:

C I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS(9:00am)

Bently Baker, Nakoma Baker, Olivia Baker, Linda Chapman, Debra Kelly, Lynn McKeeman,
William McKeeman, Patricia Ranney, Robert Ranney

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Response: **P** Lord, in your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

(In our prayers today, during a time of silence, pray for those listed below and for others according to their needs)

Illness: Jack Duffield, Emalee Gardels, Jr. Green, Peggy Johnson, Doris Kusch, Mary Olson, Ellen Pesavento, Susan Ray, Gary Rodene, Grant Searcey, Vinn Stephens

Other Prayers: *Those serving in the military* – Amy Dyer, Brennan Hron, Michael McNeill, Daniel Milstead, Cody Ray, Sheldon Skovgaard, Michael Vutov, and Joel Woosley

Other Prayers: *Those serving in mission* – Rev. Chandran Paul Martin, India; Dr. Stephen & Jodi Swanson, Tanzania; Krystle Moraska & Ignacio Madrussan, Argentina; Meghan Brown Saavedra, Mexico; Our sister congregation, the American Church in Berlin

WE SHARE GOD'S PEACE

- P** The peace of Christ be with you always.
- C** And also with you.

MEAL

(sit)

THE OFFERING IS RECEIVED

We glorify God in our giving. Our offering is an act of worship that makes the ministries of this church possible. We encourage everyone to give. If you are visiting with us today, please do not feel obligated to participate in this portion of worship. If you would like, use the QR code scanner on your smart phone to give online or use the giving kiosk in the Fellowship Hall.



MUSICAL OFFERING

“For a Closer Walk With God”

arr. Daniel Grassi
Flute: Jean Johnson

THE TABLE IS PREPARED

(stand)

OFFERTORY HYMN

“God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”

ELW 678

- P** God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store:
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door,
gifted by you, we turn to you, off'ring up ourselves in praise;
thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.

Treasure, too, you have entrusted, gain through pow'rs your grace conferred;
ours to use for home and kindred, and to spread the gospel word.
Open wide our hands in sharing, as we heed Christ's ageless call,
healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving you by loving all.

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OFFERING PRAYER

- P** God of life,
- C** you give us these gifts of the earth, these resources of our life and our labor. Take them, offered in great thanksgiving, and use them to set a table that will heal the whole creation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Light. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THE PREFACE FOR SUNDAYS

SANCTUS

☐ Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD’S PRAYER

☞ Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

☞ Speak to us, O Lord, in the breaking of bread, and make us one with you.

THE DISTRIBUTION

*All baptized Christians who confess Jesus Christ as Lord and his Real Presence in, with and under the bread and wine, are welcome to the Lord’s Supper. We believe that this is the Lord’s table and is he who invites you. So you who are strong in faith, come with gratitude. You who feel weak in faith, come to be strengthened. And you who feel you have no faith, come so that the God of steadfast love will touch your heart with hope and joy. The form of distribution is **intinction**, you will receive the consecrated bread and you may then dip it in the wine. Gluten free bread is available; simply request it.*

(sit)

HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

“Let Us Break Bread”	ELW 471
“Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love”	ELW 708
“Blessed Assurance”	ELW 638

(stand)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

☞ Holy and compassionate God,
☞ in bread and wine you give us gifts that form us to be humble and courageous. May your words come to life in our serving and in our witness, that we might speak a living voice of healing and justice to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our rock and redeemer. Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

- ☞ The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the name of the Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit.

THREE-FOLD AMEN

HYMN

"We Are Called"

ELW 720

DISMISSAL

- ☞ Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve. We go remembering our mission:
☛ **We are disciples of Jesus, worshipping our God, growing in faith and serving our community. Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

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KOUNTZE STAFF

Pr. Olaf Roynesdal	Senior Pastor
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Lauri Askew	Staff Treasurer
Judi Boe	Financial Secretary
Jim Smejkal	Bldg. Super./Dir. of Cong. Activities
Søren Johnson	Custodian
Barbara Carlsen	Dir. of Music & Fine Arts
Donna Moessner	Dir. of Children's Music
Danny Bos	Custodian
Mark Jones	Organist
David Gerard	Saturday Accompanist
Sheri Lynn Tipton	Night Security Manager
Norma Pafford	Nursery Superintendent
Joyce Palmer	Urban Ministries Coordinator

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

SATURDAY, 5:00 PM

Lector	Ellen Pesavento
Ushers	Jim Smejkal
	Jason Klonglan

SUNDAY, 9:00 AM

Comm. Asst.	Tarna Kidder
	Steve Jacobson
	Kevin Larkowski
Lector	Don Darst
Ushers	Glenn Anderson
	Dan Collett
	Ted Kaasch
	Mark Mahaffey
	Gary Westerman
	Bob Woodworth
	Marcy Madison
Greeters	Lois Sorensen
	Karen Wolf
	Sharon Anderson
Crucifer	Clara Kidder
Acolytes	Anna Kidder
	Kaitlyn Munguia

SUNDAY, 11:00 AM

Comm. Asst.	Ashley Sum
	Norm Sack
Lector	Ashley Sum
Ushers	Adam Klinker
	Linda Hoagland
	Julie O'Doherty
Greeters	Julie King
	Rosemary Tessin
Crucifer	Keelan Edwards
Acolytes	Torin Edwards
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*Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church is a vibrant, historic faith community that welcomes all and provides ministries for all ages and walks of life. We are a **"City-wide Church with a World-wide Ministry"** and have been worshiping, growing, and serving in downtown Omaha for nearly 160 years. If you are new to Kountze Memorial, we invite you to visit the Welcome Desk in Fellowship Hall for more information about who we are and what we do.*

TODAY AT KOUNTZE

KOUNTZE CAFÉ Join us Sunday mornings for a hot breakfast buffet served from 8:00—11:00 AM prepared by Jim West and the kitchen crew. The suggested donation for the hot breakfast is \$5 adults, \$2.50 children 12 and younger.

ADULT FORUM Join us on Sunday mornings in the Fellowship Hall from 10:10-10:50 AM. **THIS WEEK:** Stephen Ministers (Pr. Inbarasu) **NEXT WEEK:** We Welcome Children to First Communion

NEW MEMBERS We welcome new members at 9:00 AM this Sunday. Please be sure to introduce yourself to them.

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God by in honor of the marriage of Drue Councill and Kathy Benak; in memory of Joe and Thelma Councill and Ed and Marie Debus; in loving memory of husband, Arnie Steffen by LeClare Steffen on their 70th wedding anniversary

CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES TODAY

SUNDAY SCHOOL Join us each Sunday on the 2nd floor for Sunday School. Preschool 1 (2-4 yrs) meets from 9:00—10:00 AM (child care for those too old for the nursery). Sunday School (2 yrs—8th grade) is held from 10:10—10:50 AM.

JOYFUL SOUNDS CHILDREN'S CHOIR Join us each Sunday from 9-9:30 AM. All children (K— 5th grade) who want to praise our Lord by singing, meet in the Joyful Sounds Studio on the 2nd floor.

HIGH SCHOOL FORUM Join us each Sunday in the Youth Center at 10:10 AM.

September 30 Sunday

7:45 AM & 10:00 AM Adult Choir Rehearsal
 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM Breakfast
 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Worship
 9:00 AM Nursery (0-2 yrs)
 9:00 AM Receive New Members
 9:00 AM Joyful Sounds Children's Choir (gr K-5)
 10:10 AM Adult Forum
 10:10 AM Youth Forum (gr 9-12)
 10:10 AM Sunday School (2yr-8th gr)
 7:00 PM LCM Worship @ CU (Halley Chapel)

October 1 Monday

10:00 AM Pantry

October 2 Tuesday

9:00 AM Staff Meeting
 12:00 PM Yesterday's Youth
 6:30 PM Stewardship Committee

October 3 Wednesday

10:30 AM Bible Study - The Parables of Jesus
 12:15 PM Worship
 6:00 PM Bible Study - The Parables of Jesus
 7:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal

October 4 Thursday

4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic

October 5 Friday

6:00 PM Wedding Rehearsal

October 6 Saturday

Homebound Communion
 3:00 PM Strauss & Capellupo Wedding
 10:30 AM Blessing of Animals @ St Cecilia Cathedral
 4:30 PM Blood Pressure Checks
 5:00 PM Worship

October 7 Sunday

Homebound Communion
 7:45 AM & 10:00 AM Adult Choir Rehearsal
 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM Breakfast
 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Worship
 9:00 AM Nursery (0-2 yrs)
 9:00 AM Joyful Sounds Children's Choir (gr K-5)
 10:10 AM Adult Forum
 10:10 AM Youth Forum (gr 9-12)
 10:10 AM Sunday School (2yr-8th gr)
 12:15 PM 1st Communion Class
 7:00 PM LCM Worship @ CU (Halley Chapel)

HOLY COMMUNION All who are baptized and trust in Christ's presence in Holy Communion are invited to commune at the Lord's Table. Children not yet communing will receive a blessing. Instructions will be provided during worship. It is the understanding of the universal Church that those who wish to commune with bread only (especially for health reasons) have communed fully.

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP We believe that all are welcome in worship and encourage families to worship together. Quiet activity bags, children's bibles, and bulletins are available, as well as a Quiet Room, just off the west side of the main sanctuary, that includes a TV and a variety of toys, games, and books for young children.

ATTENDANCE CARDS All those attending worship are encouraged to fill out the card included in your bulletin and place in the offering plate.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS AND LISTENING DEVICES Please speak to an usher if you would like a large print bulletin or an assisted listening device.

E-NEWS & SOCIAL MEDIA If you would like to receive our weekly e-news and monthly e-newsletter, add your e-mail address to the card in your bulletin or text your e-mail address to 22828.

BOOK DRIVE Our children in grades Kindergarten through 5th grade are having a Children's Book Drive. Please bring your gently used books, for children ages 0 – 18 years, to church September 9 through October 14. Bins will be provided. The Book Drive is in cooperation with the Junior League of Omaha and their "A Book of My Own" initiative, which provides books for at risk youth in the Omaha area. They distribute about 20,000 books each year! Thank you for helping our children serve others in the community.

FALL BIBLE STUDY—The Parables of Jesus continues on Wednesdays at 10:30 AM or 6:00 PM. Dr. Richard Sieling is leading a six-week study on the Parables of Jesus. We will look at the setting, meaning, and relevance of selected stories. The class is offered two times on Wednesdays. Bring a Bible (NRSV is recommended).

YESTERDAY'S YOUTH It's here! One of our favorite programs of all! The Kountze version of "Antiques Roadshow!!" Our longtime member, Shayne Fili, President & Owner CAI Auction Solutions Inc., will be here, for a very exciting presentation! You may bring an item or two, to find out a bit more about it. If you don't wish to bring anything, please still come and join us for a delicious lunch, and many interesting stories! Be here on Tuesday, October 2. Lunch will be served at noon. The cost is \$4.00. Please RSVP to the church office by Friday, September 28. ALL ages are more than welcome!! If you have any questions, please call Sheri Tipton at 402-415-6033. Looking forward to seeing you there! Let's all come together, and show support, for these wonderful programs at Kountze!!

BLESSING OF PETS Blessing of the Animals to be held at St. Cecilia Cathedral (701 N 40th St). Saturday, October 6, 10:30 AM. We hope you will join us as we partner with St. Cecilia Cathedral through the Cathedral Arts Project as well as with Trinity Episcopal Cathedral for a Blessing of the Pets service. The service, traditionally held on or near at the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi, will feature the mounted police, the Nebraska Humane Society, and the Archdiocesan Youth Choir and Brass. All pets great and small (with dogs on leashes, please!) are welcome.

FIRST COMMUNION CLASS will be held on Sundays, October 7 & 14, 12:15-1:00 PM. This year, an introduction to Holy Communion for those children and youth receiving their First Communion on Reformation Sunday, will be held in a two-part session, on Sundays, October 7 & 14 from 12:15-1:00 PM. More details to follow. Please register with the church office. For more information, contact Pr. Hall or Kristin Boe.

FRIENDS & FAMILY LUNCHEON Sunday, October 21, 12:30 PM to be held in Kountze Meeting Rooms A and B (Just north of Fellowship Hall). The Social Ministry Committee is hosting a luncheon followed by holy Communion for all homebound members and friends of Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church. We also invite our Eucharistic Ministers to participate. To let us know you plan to come, and if you need a ride, please contact the church office at 402-341-7761 or info@kmlchurch.org.

BELLEVUE BERRY FARM (11001 South 48th Street, Papillion), October 21, 2:00 - 6:00 PM. All members of Kountze are invited to the Bellevue Berry Farm for a cookout and to explore their pumpkin patch. Hot dogs, chips, drinks, and s'mores provided.

OMAHA COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES CAMPUS MINISTRY NEWS! Omaha metro Lutheran campus ministry has 3 groups that do ministry with young adults in Omaha. God & Grads is for people in their 20's who are working or in grad school. This group loves to play trivia or table games every month. NeMO (Nebraska Ministry Omaha) is our normal group for people 18-24 who are out of high school and/or working on their undergraduate degree. This group meets every Thursday from 7:00 - 8:30 PM at St. Timothy Lutheran Church on 93rd and Dodge for sharing, snacks, building community, and Bible study. Our newest group is NeMONORTH (Nebraska Ministry Outreach North Omaha) which is a multicultural group for young adults 18-30 who live or work or attend Fort Omaha MCC in north Omaha. This new group will be part of "Halloween on the BOOlevard", sponsored by the MinneLusa neighborhood association. All 3 of these groups can be found on Facebook with more detailed information. You may also contact Pastor Jim Holthus, the metro campus pastor, at lootr@hotmail.com with questions or referrals which he will follow up on.

ATTENDANCE & GIVING

Saturday Attendance: 46

Sunday Attendance: 9:00: 253 11:00: 96

Midweek - Noon: 8 Evening: 19

Total: 422

Pantry Guests Served: 436

Medical Clinic Guests Served: 36

Offering:

\$19,934.81 (Regular) \$565.00 (Specials)

\$10,254.00 (In the City for Good)



Important Dates for the Upcoming Sunday School Year

Oct 21 Bible Sunday

Dec 2 Advent Fair

Dec 16 Christmas Program

Confession, forgiveness, and prayer heals a community.

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	Mark 9:38-50	Avoiding sin
Monday	Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29	Moses and the seventy elders
Tuesday	James 5:13-20	The power of prayer
Wednesday	Luke 24:36-49	Repentance and forgiveness
Thursday	Micah 7:18-20	God's steadfast love
Friday	Acts 3:17-26	Repent for times of refreshment
Saturday	Psalm 19:7-14	The wonders of God
Sunday	Mark 10:2-16	Jesus blesses the children



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Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer
A Prayer for the Week:

Loving God, help us to live together in peace as a witness to your power of forgiveness and healing. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Lord, thanks we say for night and day, food and shelter, rest and play. Be our guest and with us stay. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the word of the Lord restore your soul, give joy to your heart and light to your eyes. (Psalm 19:7-8)

Discuss in your home or small group:

- When is it easy to ask for forgiveness? When is it hard?
- Being part of a family or a congregation involves challenge and conflict as well as joy and gladness. What makes life together with others difficult at times?
- The healing addressed in James 5:16 is about the community (the “you” is plural). How do you offer confession and forgiveness to one another in your home and community of faith?

Read: Numbers 55:8-29, James 5:13-20, and Mark 9:38-50.

These texts all address the challenges of life in a faith community. The early church and the church today faced and continue to face difficulties. There are and always have been hurts and differences of opinion that beset our life together. Mark lifts up the power of Jesus’ name for unity (vv. 39-40) as well as the importance of hospitality (v. 41) and gentleness (v. 42). James reminds people of the power of prayer (vv. 13-18), personal confession and forgiveness (v. 16) and the shepherding of a soul back into the community of faith (vv.19-20). Reflect on how you can be a supportive member of your family, small groups, and other communities of faith.

Pray: Dear God, help us to live together in peace. Give us hearts open to the needs of others, ready to forgive and be forgiven, and able to support those who feel alone and separated from the healing power of community. In the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Caring for our life in community, whether it be a family, support group, or congregation is of vital importance to the integrity of the witness of the church. Reach out to someone who may feel alone or estranged from one’s family, small group, or congregation. Express your care for them and for being a valued community member.

In your home make a sign that reads “Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another” (Mark 9:50). Put the message next to a salt shaker and place the sign and the salt on a table in your home. Salt makes a difference. Reflect on how your life in Christ has made you like salt and a powerful gift of peace to others.

NEXT WEEK’S READINGS: Genesis 2:18-24; Psalm 8
Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12; Mark 10:2-16