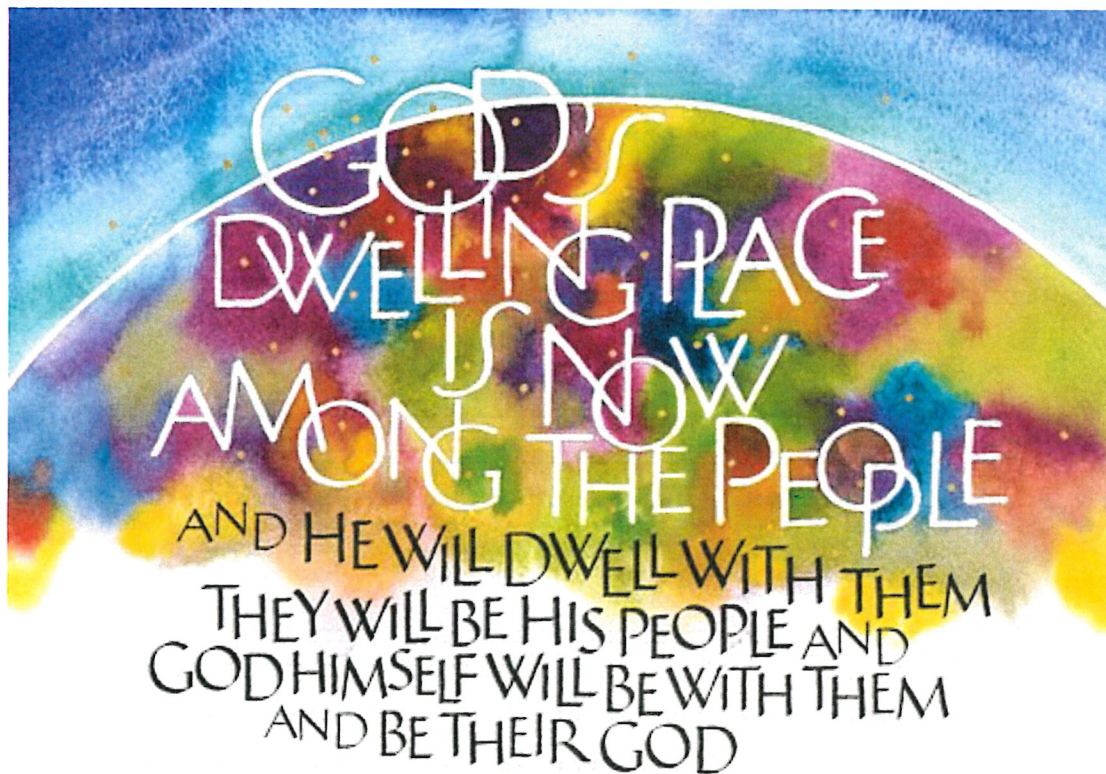


# KOUNTZE

Memorial Lutheran Church

2650 Farnam Street Omaha, NE 68131  
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**All Saints Sunday      November 4, 2018**  
*9:00 am & 11:00 am*



from REVELATION 21:3

*"Air and Largo"*

Handel

Mary Bircher, Harp

Craig Bircher, Trumpet

## WELCOME - ANNOUNCEMENTS

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*"For All the Saints"*

ELW 422

vs 1-4

## THE 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.

## Litany of the Saints

Leader Assembly

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

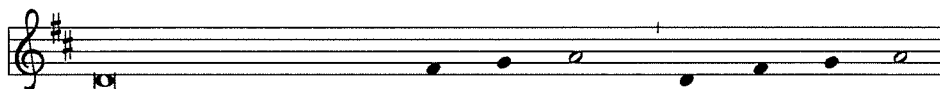
Be gra - cious to us; Hear us, O God.  
De - liv - er your people: Hear us, O God.

You loved us before the world was made: Hear us, O God.  
You rescued the people of your promise: Hear us, O God.  
You spoke through your prophets: Hear us, O God.  
You gave your only Son for the life of the world: Hear us, O God.

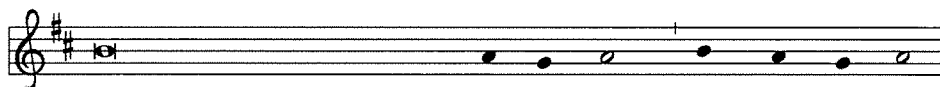
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: Great is your love.  
and was born of the vir - gin Mary: Great is your love.  
who by his cross and suffering re - deemed the world: Great is your love.  
and has washed us from our sins: Great is your love.  
who on the third day rose from the dead: Great is your love.  
and has given us the vic - to - ry: Great is your love.  
who ascend - ed on high: Great is your love.  
and intercedes for us at the right hand of God: Great is your love.



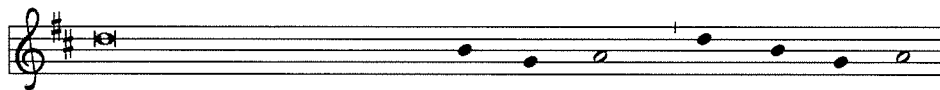
For the gift of the                      Ho - ly Spirit: **Thanks be to God.**  
For the one holy catholic and apos - tol - ic church: **Thanks be to God.**  
For the great cloud of witnesses  
   into which we are bap - tized: **Thanks be to God.**



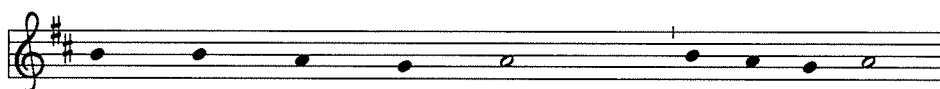
For Sarah and Abraham, Isaac and Re - bekah: **Thanks be to God.**  
For Gideon and Deborah, Da - vid and Esther: **Thanks be to God.**  
For Moses and Isaiah, Jeremi - ah and Daniel: **Thanks be to God.**  
For Miriam and Rahab, Abi - gail and Ruth: **Thanks be to God.**



For Mary, mother                      of our Lord: **Thanks be to God.**  
For John, who baptized                      in the Jordan: **Thanks be to God.**  
For Mary Magdalene and Joanna, Ma - ry and Martha: **Thanks be to God.**  
For James and John, Pe - ter and Andrew: **Thanks be to God.**  
For Paul and Apollos, Ste - phen and Phoebe: **Thanks be to God.**



For all holy men and women,  
   our mothers and fa - thers in faith: **Thanks be to God.**  
For the noble band                      of the prophets: **Thanks be to God.**  
For the glorious company of                      the a - postles: **Thanks be to God.**  
For the white-robed ar - my of martyrs: **Thanks be to God.**  
For cherubim and seraphim,  
   Michael and the ho - ly angels: **Thanks be to God.**



Be gra - cious to us: **Hear us, O God.**  
De - liv - er your people: **Hear us, O God.**

Give new life to your servants by the grace of baptism: **Hear us, O God.**  
 Strengthen all who bear the sign of the cross: **Hear us, O God.**  
 Clothe us in compassion and love: **Hear us, O God.**  
 Bring us with all your saints to the river of life: **Hear us, O God.**

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.  
 Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.  
 Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

## THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**A** Amen.

**JOYFUL SOUNDS CHOIR**

*"God Made Me"*

by: Ruth Elaine Schram

## WORD

### FIRST READING

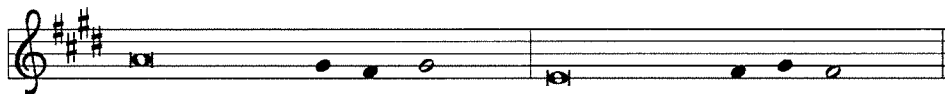
**Isaiah 25:6-9**

**O**n this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. <sup>7</sup>And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; <sup>8</sup>he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. <sup>9</sup>It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

**L** The Word of the Lord!

**G** Thanks be to God!

## PSALM 24



<sup>1</sup>The earth is the LORD's and all | that is in it,  
the world and those who | dwell therein.

<sup>2</sup>**For the LORD has founded it up- | on the seas  
and established it up- | on the rivers.**

<sup>3</sup>Who may ascend the mountain | of the LORD,  
and who may stand in God's | holy place?

<sup>4</sup>**Those of innocent hands and puri- | ty of heart,  
who do not swear on God's being, nor do they pledge by | what is false.**

<sup>5</sup>They shall receive blessing | from the LORD  
and righteousness from the God of | their salvation.

<sup>6</sup>**Such is the generation of those who seek | you, O LORD,  
of those who seek your face, O | God of Jacob.**

<sup>7</sup>Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O ever- | lasting doors.  
that the King of glory | may come in.

<sup>8</sup>**Who is this | King of glory?**

**The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, might- | y in battle!**

<sup>9</sup>Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O ever- | lasting doors.  
that the King of glory | may come in.

<sup>10</sup>**Who is this | King of glory?**

**Truly, the LORD of hosts is the | King of glory.**

## SECOND READING

## Revelation 21:1-6a

**I** saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup>And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup>And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; <sup>4</sup>he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." <sup>5</sup>And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." <sup>6a</sup>Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end."

☐ The Word of the Lord!

☒ Thanks be to God!

## THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



**P** The Holy Gospel according to Saint John.

**G** Glory to you, O Lord.

### HOLY GOSPEL

**John 11:32-44**

**W**hen Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.”<sup>33</sup> When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved.<sup>34</sup> He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.”<sup>35</sup> Jesus began to weep.<sup>36</sup> So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!”<sup>37</sup> But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”<sup>38</sup> Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it.<sup>39</sup> Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.”<sup>40</sup> Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?”<sup>41</sup> So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me.<sup>42</sup> I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.”<sup>43</sup> When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!”<sup>44</sup> The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

**G** Praise to you, O Christ.

(sit)

### CHILDREN'S BLESSING (9:00am)

*Children (aged 3 years through 5<sup>th</sup> 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 Hall

**HYMN OF THE DAY**      *"Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"*

**ELW 886**

**THE NICENE CREED**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven;  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen

# WE CELEBRATE THE NEW SAINTS OF GOD, JOINED TO CHRIST THROUGH THE GIFT OF BAPTISM

"Upon the Willows"

Brook Boddie  
Mary Bircher, Harp

*We give thanks for those who have been welcomed in the Body of Christ and into the mission we share since All Saints' Day last year.*

Emily Marie Jensen	Belle Rose Clanton	Sloan Elizabeth Danenhauer
Milo Joseph Sedlack	Corey Kenneth Wagg	Caden Merl Schjodt
Oscar Stuart Sedlack	Winston Jack Hadfield	Theo Olaf Pignatore
Nicholas Alejandro Valquier	Ozzie Theo Omar	Emory William Anderson
Lila Stone Fogleman	Foster William Bottolfsson	Brooks Keith Riesenberg
Emma Rae Garday	Eleanor Mae Hinrichs	Oscar Keith Riesneberg

## REMEMBERING THE SAINTS OF GOD

*We give thanks for the life and witness of those saints who have gone before us and now rest with God. Today we remember those saints of our own faith community who entered the church triumphant since All Saint's Day last year.*

***Rest eternal grant them, O Lord; and let perpetual light shine upon them.***

Barbara Zarp	Vernon Ward	Robert Olson	Pauline Brager
Beverly Bauermeister	Betty Pohl	Norma Fornoff	
Evelyn Christensen	Susan Muchmore	Renee Kovar	
Paul Lindhal	Peter Jacobson	Janice Nelson	

## THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Response: **☞** Lord, in your mercy,  
**☞** 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:** Don Burton, Francine Comenzind, Emalee Gardels, Jr. Green, Lisa Hanson, daughter of Sharon Miley, Doris Kusch, Tina Larsen, Sharon Miley, Mary Olson, Ellen Pesavento, Susan Ray, Gary Rodene, Vinn Stephens, Marlys Thomas, Marilyn Van Bibber

**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**

## **MEAL**

### **THANKOFFERING**

*“And so, with all the saints, with the choirs of angels and the hosts of heaven ...”* When we gather around the altar of the Lord in His House we pray and praise God with *“all the company of heaven.”* Those we have lost in the Lord are not truly lost to us – they have simply entered their rest with the Lord. As we gather to worship our Lord, we gather along with them. On the Last Day everything that God has given into the care of our stewardship will fade away – everything except our brothers and sisters in Christ. Caring for one another in love and grace is our highest calling.

*If you would like, use the QR code scanner on your smart phone to give online*



### **CHOIR ANTHEM**

*“Fly Away Home”*

Pepper Choplin

### **OFFERTORY HYMN      “God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”      ELW 678**

**☞ 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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## THE OFFERING PRAYER

- ☐ Creator God,  
☑ you made everything, and you provide for every need. The bread we break and the wine we pour come from you. As we eat and drink with thanksgiving, fill us with your love; let that love flow through us to others; and join us to the saints before us in a holy and boundless communion; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## HOLY COMMUNION

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

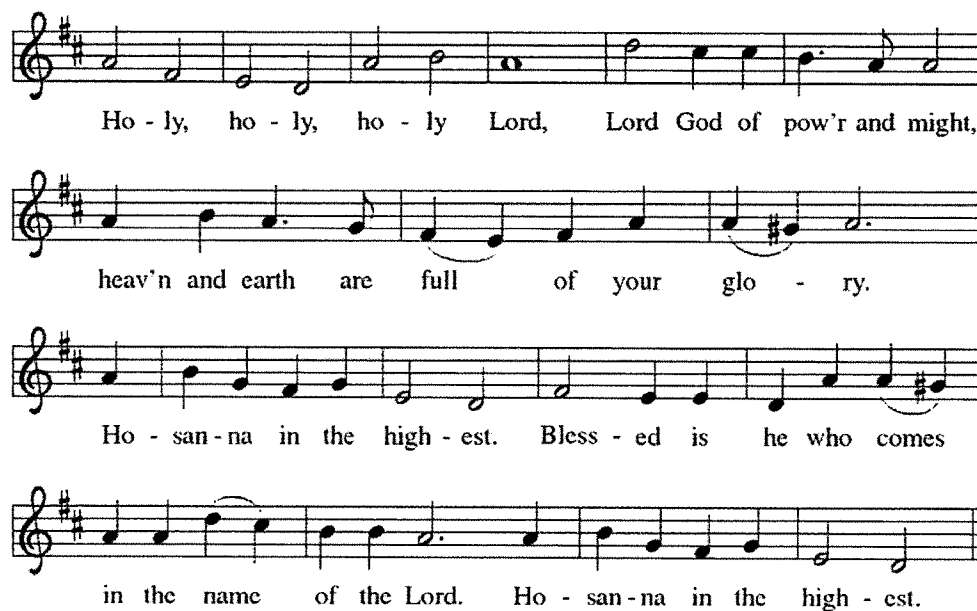
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## THE PREFACE FOR ALL SAINTS' DAY

## THE SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san-na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the high - est.

## THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

- ☐ Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us all to pray:
- ☑ **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

- ☐ Hunger no more. Thirst no more.
- ☑ **Come to the banquet of life.**

## THE DISTRIBUTION

*"Watching the Wheat"*

*"Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones"*  
*"Sing With All the Saints in Glory"*

John Thomas  
Mary Bircher, Harp  
**ELW 424**  
**ELW 426**

## THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**P** Sovereign God,

**C** in this meal you give us a foretaste of the great feast to come. Keep us faithful to you, that we, with all your saints, may at length celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## THE BLESSING

**P** The love of God surround you; the grace of ✠ Christ release you; and the Holy Spirit be your guide and strength, now and forevermore.

**C** Amen.

## SENDING

## DISMISSAL OF EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

## THE BENEDICTION

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face to shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## RECESSIONAL HYMN

*"For All the Saints"*

**ELW 422**  
**vs 5-7**

## THE DISMISSAL

**P** Led on by the saints before us, go in peace to serve the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God!

## POSTLUDE

*"On Wings of Song"*

Felix Mendelssohn  
Mary Bircher, Harp  
Craig Bircher, Trumpet

## KOUNTZE STAFF

Pr. Olaf Roynesdal	Senior Pastor
Pr. Ashley Hall	Associate Pastor
Pr. Inba Inbarasu	Visitation Pastor
Kristin Boe	Christian Ed Coordinator
Debbie Bogue	Office Manager
Sarah Jewell	Administrative Assistant
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	Kathy Englert
Ushers	Kathy Englert Theresa Gruber

### SUNDAY, 9:00 AM

Comm. Asst.	Steve Jacobson Scott Henneman Liz Pemberton
Lector	Kevin Larkowski
Ushers	Dick Nelson Donna Crouse Ralph Diggins Brad Madison Rodney Nord Dan Troxel Sharon West Dean Winther Bob Johnson
Greeters	Colleen Lenners Sharon Nelson Bev Troxel
Crucifer	Britten Johnson
Acolytes	Rahn Johnson Clara Kidder

### SUNDAY, 11:00 AM

Comm. Asst.	Deb Hinrichs Lowell Harms
Lector	Steve Hinrichs
Ushers	Linda Hoagland Adam Klinker Julie O'Doherty
Greeters	Barb Chrisman Jo Kayton
Crucifer	Torin Edwards
Acolytes	Anna Kotula Rachel Stouffer



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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 each Sunday morning for a hot breakfast buffet served from 8:00—11:00 AM prepared by our 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:** Experience of the Church in Africa: Jonna Holland and Carol Stoltenberg **NEXT WEEK:** Stewardship Kick-Off, Pt. 1

**GRIEF SEMINAR** Sunday, November 4, 2018, 12:00 – 2:00 PM. Grief is difficult and especially during the holidays. If you have lost a relative or close friend, this would be an opportunity to share that grief with others and share how we can move through that grief. A light lunch will be served. Please call the church office at 402-341-7761 to make a reservation.

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God in honor of Melissa Osentowski's birthday; in honor of Jane Kidder's 13<sup>th</sup> birthday

## CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES TODAY

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** Join us each Sunday on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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—8<sup>th</sup> 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— 5<sup>th</sup> grade) who want to praise our Lord by singing, meet in the Joyful Sounds Studio on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.

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

**November 4 Sunday**

All Saints Sunday  
 Homebound Communion  
 Daylight Savings--fall back 1 hour  
 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)  
 12:00 PM Grief Seminar  
 7:00 PM LCM Worship @ CU (Halley Chapel)

**November 5 Monday**

10:00 AM Pantry

**November 6 Tuesday**

9:00 AM Staff Meeting  
 12:00 PM Yesterday's Youth

**November 7 Wednesday**

12:15 PM Worship  
 6:00 PM Confirmation Dinner

6:30 PM Confirmation  
 7:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal  
 7:40 PM Worship

**November 8 Thursday**

9:30 AM WELCA Board Meeting  
 11:30 AM Property Committee  
 4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic  
 8:15 PM Taizé Service at Creighton

**November 10 Saturday**

5:00 PM Worship

**November 11 Sunday**

7:45 AM & 10:00 AM Adult Choir Rehearsal  
 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM Breakfast  
 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Worship  
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 12:00 PM Book Group  
 12:15 PM Worship Leader Training  
 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.

**NEW MEMBER CLASS** If you are interested in joining our congregation, the next class will be held September January 13 & 20 from 12:15—2:00 PM. Plan to attend both sessions. Lunch will be served and childcare is provided. Please indicate your attendance plans on your attendance card or call the church office and let us know if you will need childcare when you register.

**YESTERDAY'S YOUTH** Join us on Tuesday, November 6 at 12:00 PM. We will be relaxing and watching a Rick Steves video. You won't want to miss out on the delicious lunch being served at noon! We are having one of our most popular dishes! Hot Chicken Salad casserole. It is definitely a Lutheran favorite!! Also on the menu, is tasty Pumpkin Pie, and homemade, mulled hot apple cider. Just what we need to warm our bodies and souls. Please RSVP to the church office by Friday, November 2. Any questions, please call Sheri Tipton (402-415-6033). The cost for lunch is \$4.00. All ages are welcome! We are looking forward to seeing you there!

**HERITAGE SERIES IN NOVEMBER: THE GOOD LIFE**—Wednesdays in November, 6:00 PM (November 7, 14, and 28—skipping November 21). Nebraskans claim to live the "good life." Let's explore more of what constitutes a good life from one Christian perspective. Pr. Hall will lead a discussion of Herbert McCabe's, The

Good Life: Ethics and the Pursuit of Happiness. All are welcome. The book is available for purchase through Amazon or AbeBooks. Copies of chapters will be available (starting the last week of October) for those who request them. Please register at the church office so that we have enough copies. There are six chapters in the book, so after discussing the first three chapters ("The Study of Ethics," "The Good Life," and "Politics and Virtue") we will pause for Advent dinners and Vespers and then resume the final three chapters in the new year.

**WORSHIP & MUSIC COMMITTEE MEETING** We will meet on Thursday, November 8 at 6:00 PM.

**TAIZÉ SERVICE AT CREIGHTON** Thursday, November 8, 8:15 PM .It can be difficult to set aside time to be quiet and present to the Lord with our busy schedules. We invite you to spend 30-40 minutes in meditative prayer, in which Christians of many denominations come together to pray. Everyone in the Creighton community and greater Omaha community is welcome.

**WORSHIP LEADER TRAINING: A TRAINING FOR WORSHIP LEADERS** (esp. Communion Assistants and Lectors). Sunday, November 11, 12:15 PM This training will focus on new volunteers. The liturgy of the Church belongs to all the baptized. While pastors are called to lead worship, preach, and administer the sacraments, the laity are called and encouraged to take part in all aspects of worship, whether that is before and after worship (as led by the Altar Guild) or during the liturgy as Communion Assistants and Lectors. If you have any questions, please contact Pr. Hall. To register for the training, please call the church office.

**THANKSGIVING POTLUCK DINNER** Friday, November 16, at 6:00 PM. Save the date! All members of Kountze are invited. Turkey is provided. Please bring a side dish to share. RSVP to the church office at 402-341-7761.

**INTER-FAITH THANKSGIVING DAY SERVICE** Sunday, November 18, 5:00 PM For the last several years, Jews, Christians, and Muslims have gathered for an inter-faith service of Thanksgiving in our city. This year, Kountze Memorial will host the annual city-wide event. This year's theme will focus on our common texts from our history of the United States, with each faith reflecting on the texts from their tradition and resources. All 7<sup>th</sup>—12<sup>th</sup> grade students are invited to a Pizza Party at 3:30 PM at Kountze Memorial.

**THANKSGIVING DINNER WITH ST. PETER'S** Thanksgiving Day, November 22 (11:00 AM to 1:30 PM) Co-sponsored with and held at St. Peter's Catholic parish (709 S 28<sup>th</sup> Street) Preparations are under way for our annual Thanksgiving luncheon . Volunteers are needed to a) set up the night before; b) donate pies/desserts; and c) serve food, greet, and/or clean tables during the meal. This event brings so many people in our community together in a spirit of Christian love and fellowship. Please join us, either to volunteer or as a guest; all are welcome. Please contact Pr. Hall or the church office to volunteer.

**CHRISTMAS TEA** Saturday, December 1, 12:00 PM. All women are invited. Come for festive food and fellowship! The entertainment will be Paul Siebert. He has a variety of instruments that he plays and also sings. We hope you will join us!

**ADVENT FAIR** Sunday, December 2, 10:00 AM—1:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall . Enjoy crafts, chili, cocoa, and community and more! All KMLC members, families, neighbors, and friends are invited to share in this fun Advent celebration.

### ATTENDANCE & GIVING

**Saturday Attendance:** 60

**Sunday Attendance:** 9:00: 228 11:00: 96

**Midweek - Noon:** 7    **Evening:** No Confirmation  
**Total:** 391

**Pantry Guests Served:** 422

**Medical Clinic Guests Served:** 24

**Offering:**

\$13,892.52 (Regular) \$440.00 (Specials)

\$4,492.00 (In the City for Good)

\$18,824.52 (Special Grant)



### Important Dates for the Upcoming Sunday School Year

**Dec 2**    Advent Fair

**Dec 16**    Christmas Program



*God conquers death with the promise of new life.*

Sunday	John 11:32-44	Jesus raises Lazarus
Monday	Isaiah 25:6-9	The Lord has delivered us
Tuesday	Revelation 21:1-6a	A new heaven and earth
Wednesday	1 Corinthians 15:12-38	Resurrection of the dead
Thursday	1 Corinthians 15:50-57	Death has lost its sting
Friday	Romans 8:31-39	God's love in Christ Jesus
Saturday	Psalm 24	Entrance into the temple
Sunday	Mark 12:38-44	The widow's generous offering



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[God] will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away. **Revelation 21:4 (NRSV)**

### **A Prayer for the Week:**

Everlasting God, we thank you that you have conquered death through Christ Jesus our Lord and promised that death and sadness will be no more. Amen. (Revelation 21:4)

### **Mealtime Prayer:**

Lord God, you feed the living and promise to wipe away every tear. Praise and thanks be to you forever. Amen.

### **A Blessing to Give:**

May the Lord, the Alpha and the Omega, wipe every tear from your eye and turn your mourning into dancing. (Revelation 21:4, 6a)

Discuss in your home or small group:

- What makes you sad?
- Talk about ways a death has had an impact on you.
- God's design is for joy and gladness, not sadness. How does God's promise to overcome death and sadness make a difference for you each day?

*Read:* John 11:32-44.

The Gospel of John states clearly that the Word (God) became flesh (John 1:14). It is easy to imagine the divinity of God in Jesus without the humanity. However, that would be to miss that God in Christ comes in real human flesh to save what God has created. This passage is filled with raw emotion and human senses. Jesus wept at the sight of his friends grieving (v.35). He was "greatly disturbed" (v.33). Jesus loved Lazarus (v. 36). There are real consequences to death. There is a stench from Lazarus' body (v. 39). Jesus shouts with a loud voice to Lazarus and commands that he come out (v. 43). Our God comes to a real world with real emotion and physical actions. Our God is not a distant spirit removed from real life. Reflect on what it says about God that Jesus grieved with Mary and Martha. What does it mean that God is not satisfied with death but gives new life (Revelation 21:1-6a)?

**Pray: Everlasting God, we thank you that you have conquered death through Christ Jesus our Lord and promised that death and sadness will be no more. Amen.**

Loss and grief are real experiences that we generally try to avoid. However, death is very real and not God's will. In Isaiah 25:7 God promises to swallow up death forever. Life, not death, gets the last word. Therefore, we can face loss and death with faith and courage. Think of someone who is grieving. Visit, call, text, or write a card to them and express your care and sorrow and God's promise to conquer death and sadness (Revelation 21:4).

All Saint's Day is the day after All Hallows' Eve (Halloween). It is when we remember all saints and martyrs throughout Christian history. One tradition on this day is to light a candle for those who have passed away. Take time to do this. You could also place a picture of this person next to the candle. Light the candle and read Isaiah 25:6-9 and Revelation 21:1-6a.

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:** Deuteronomy 6:1-9; Psalm 119:1-8  
Hebrews 9:11-14; Mark 12:28-34