

Special Notice

In compliance with government regulations restricting large gatherings we have canceled all worship services (Saturday, Sunday and Wednesdays), Sunday School, all meals, and other church activities until further notice. In the meantime, join us for Worship on Cox channel 13 or live streamed at <https://www.kmlchurch.org/live-streaming/>



KOUNTZE

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Kountze Food Pantry Volunteers

**Mondays, 7:30 - 9:00 AM; 9:00 - 11:00 AM;
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM**

Fridays, 5:00 - 8:00 PM—note additional day & time (Friday Pantry hours are 6:00 - 8:00 PM). The Kountze Food Pantry is operating as usual during the COVID-19 closings. We have modified our service to protect the volunteers and guests. It is important to limit the number of volunteers we have in the building at one time, so it is important you sign up at the link below, for a specific time if you plan on volunteering. We are in need of volunteers in May. You may sign up for 7:30—9:00 AM, which is specifically for unloading trucks and restocking. 9:00—11:00 AM is for filling sacks and distribution. 11:00 AM—1:00 PM is for distribution to guests. We also have a Friday evening service from 5:00—8:00 PM. We will be closed on Memorial Day. Please consider joining us!

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Attendance and Giving

Online Attendance: 214

Pantry Guests Served: 596

Medical Clinic Guests Served: 31

Offering:

\$9,567.00 (Regular) \$618.76 (Specials)

\$332.00 (Phase 2)

Today at Kountze

Sunday School

This Sunday I will post a video of the Children's sermon on this page (KMLC Parent Group). In addition, I will be providing some printable activities that relate to the lesson. Take a picture of your child's work and post it in the comments. Let's stay as connected as possible while we can't gather together. Stay tuned for more fun activities!

In Peace,
Kristin

Youth Forum will be at 10:30 AM via Zoom. Contact Mike Jensen at mwjensen@yahoo.com for details.

Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God in honor of Joel & Esther Fischer's 20th Wedding Anniversary given by Jane & Ralph Ross

Eternal Candle is given to the glory of God in honor of Joel & Esther Fischer's 20th Wedding Anniversary given by Jane & Ralph Ross



We have important work to do.



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

Sunday	Matthew 28:16-20	Sending of the disciples
Monday	Genesis 1:1-2:4a	God creates everything
Tuesday	2 Corinthians 13:11-13	Live in peace
Wednesday	Isaiah 40:27-31	The Lord gives strength
Thursday	2 Corinthians 5:16-21	Bringing people to God
Friday	Genesis 9:1-7	The covenant with Noah
Saturday	Psalms 8	Wonderful name of the Lord
Sunday	Matthew 9:35-10:23	The sending of the twelve

You have given them [human beings] dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet.
Psalm 8:6 (NRSV)

A Prayer for the Week:

Almighty and living God, we thank you that you have given us dominion over all you have made. Help us to care for creation and for all people through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, the works of your hands have placed all things under our feet. Help us remember and always give thanks for the foods we eat. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you. (2 Corinthians 13:13)

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- When have you been given responsibility to care for something very important?
- How do you care for God's creation?
- You have been created in the image of God to care for others. Tell or think about a story of how you cared for someone or someone cared for you.

Read: Genesis 1:1-2:4a.

The goodness of creation is described through the harmony of creation: there is a greater light (sun) in balance with a lesser light (moon); earth, sea, and sky work together; the earth brings forth living creatures of every kind; and, it is all good. God creates a world to enjoy and a world we are to care for (1:27-30). God's reign on earth will happen through human beings, the creatures to whom God has uniquely given God's image. The creation story gives us a dignity and an assignment to care for all creation (see Psalm 8). We celebrate the Trinity this Sunday as a reminder of our relationship to God, the one who created us in the image of God to go out and care for the world. In this same spirit, Jesus sends out his followers to serve in the image of God and do the work of Christ in the world to recreate, redeem, and sustain all that God made. Reflect on how God sends you out to care for the earth.

Pray: **Dear Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, you made us to be creatures of dignity and responsibility; bless us now to live as your chosen ones. Amen.**

God gave us "every plant yielding seed", "every tree with seed in its fruit", and "every green plant for food" (Genesis 1:29-30). Keeping soil healthy contributes to a living ecosystem and enables food production. There are ways to restore nutrient-poor fields to their natural productive abilities. Visit a local organic farm association or master gardener to learn about food conservation. How can you support their efforts?

This is Trinity Sunday. In the word Trinity, "tri" means "three" and "unity" means one. Draw a triangle on a piece of paper. Write Father, Son, and Holy Spirit in each of the corners. Think or talk about what each one means to you. In the center of the triangle draw a heart and write the word love. Pray: **Dear God, we praise you for your abundant love. Thank you for sending Jesus to teach us. Please help us to open our hearts to the work of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Exodus 19:2-8a; Psalm 100
Romans 5:1-8; Matthew 9:35--10:8 [9-23]