

# KOUNTZE MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

## A CITY-WIDE CHURCH WITH A WORLD-WIDE MINISTRY

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9:00 & 11:00 AM

TWENTIETH SUNDAY after PENTECOST



*The rich man who comes to ask Jesus what he should do to inherit eternal life is a good man, sincere in his asking. Mark's gospel is alone in saying that Jesus looked on him and loved him. Out of love, not as judgment, Jesus offers him an open door to life: sell all you own and give it to the poor. Our culture bombards us with the message that we will find life by consuming. Our assemblies counter this message with the invitation to find life by divesting for the sake of the other.*



# GATHERING

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*(stand)*

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

**P** In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**G** Amen.

**P** Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**G** Amen.

**P** Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.*

**P** Most merciful God,

**G** we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.

**We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,**

**by what we have done and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;**

**we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.**

**Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,**

**so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways,**

**to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

**P** In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**G** Amen.

- 1** The church of Christ, in ev'ry age  
beset by change, but Spirit-led,  
must claim and test its heritage  
and keep on rising from the dead.
- 2** Across the world, across the street,  
the victims of injustice cry  
for shelter and for bread to eat,  
and never live before they die.
- 3** Then let the servant church arise,  
a caring church that longs to be  
a partner in Christ's sacrifice,  
and clothed in Christ's humanity.
- 4** For he alone, whose blood was shed,  
can cure the fever in our blood,  
and teach us how to share our bread  
and feed the starving multitude.
- 5** We have no mission but to serve  
in full obedience to our Lord;  
to care for all, without reserve,  
and spread his liberating word.

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## 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** Almighty and ever-living God,
- C** increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to  
what lies ahead, we will follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown  
of everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

# WORD

(sit)

## FIRST READING

**Amos 5:6-7, 10-15**

*Amos was a herdsman by profession and a prophet by God's call. During a time of great prosperity in the northern kingdom of Israel, the prophet speaks to the wealthy upper class. He warns his listeners that fulfilling God's demand for justice brings blessing, while corruption and oppression incur God's wrath.*

**S**eek the Lord and live, or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire, and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it. <sup>7</sup>Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood, and bring righteousness to the ground! <sup>10</sup>They hate the one who reproves in the gate, and they abhor the one who speaks the truth. <sup>11</sup>Therefore because you trample on the poor and take from them levies of grain, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not live in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine. <sup>12</sup>For I know how many are your transgressions, and how great are your sins—you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and push aside the needy in the gate. <sup>13</sup>Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time; for it is an evil time. <sup>14</sup>Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and so the Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said. <sup>15</sup>Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

☐ The word of the Lord.

☑ **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 90:12-17 (read responsively)

<sup>12</sup>So teach us to number our days  
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

<sup>13</sup>**Return, O LORD; how long will you tarry?**

**Be gracious to your servants.**

<sup>14</sup>Satisfy us by your steadfast love in the morning;  
so shall we rejoice and be glad all our days.

<sup>15</sup>**Make us glad as many days as you afflicted us  
and as many years as we suffered adversity.**

<sup>16</sup>Show your servants your works,  
and your splendor to their children.

<sup>17</sup>**May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us;  
prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.**

## SECOND READING

Hebrews 4:12-16

*We cannot hide our thoughts, desires, and actions from God, to whom we are completely accountable. Nevertheless, Jesus understands our human weakness and temptations, because he also experienced them. Therefore we can approach the throne of grace to receive divine mercy from Christ.*

**I**ndeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. <sup>13</sup>And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

<sup>14</sup>Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. <sup>15</sup>For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup>Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

☐ The word of the Lord.

☑ Thanks be to God.

(stand)

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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.

☐ The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

☑ Glory to you, O Lord!

## HOLY GOSPEL

**Mark 10:17-31**

*Jesus announced and enacted in history the new reality of God's surprising activity. These two stories demonstrate this new reality: Women and children are accepted and valued, not dismissed as inferior to adult men.*

**A**s Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, “*Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?*” <sup>18</sup>Jesus said to him, “*Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone.*” <sup>19</sup>*You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.’*” <sup>20</sup>He said to him, “*Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.*” <sup>21</sup>Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “*You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.*” <sup>22</sup>When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

<sup>23</sup>Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “*How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!*” <sup>24</sup>And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “*Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God!*” <sup>25</sup>*It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.*” <sup>26</sup>They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “*Then who can be saved?*” <sup>27</sup>Jesus looked at them and said, “*For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.*”

<sup>28</sup>Peter began to say to him, “*Look, we have left everything and followed you.*” <sup>29</sup>Jesus said, “*Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news,*” <sup>30</sup>*who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life.* <sup>31</sup>*But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.*”

☞ The Gospel of the Lord.

☞ Praise to you, O Christ.

*(sit)*

**CHILDREN'S BLESSING (9:00 AM)**

**SERMON**

*Pastor Roynesdal*

*(stand)*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*“O Jesus, I Have Promised”*

**ELW 810**

- 1 O Jesus, I have promised  
to serve you to the end;  
remain forever near me,  
my master and my friend.  
I shall not fear the battle  
if you are by my side,  
nor wander from the pathway  
if you will be my guide.**
- 2 Oh, let me feel you near me;  
the world is ever near.  
I see the sights that dazzle,  
the tempting sounds I hear.  
My foes are ever near me,  
around me and within;  
but, Jesus, then draw nearer  
to shield my soul from sin.**
- 3 Oh, let me hear you speaking  
in accents clear and still  
above the storms of passion,  
the murmurs of self-will.  
Now speak to reassure me,  
to hasten or control;  
now speak and make me listen,  
O Guardian of my soul.**
- 4 O Jesus, you have promised  
to all who follow you  
that where you are in glory  
your servant shall be too.  
And Jesus, I have promised  
to serve you to the end;  
oh, give me grace to follow,  
my master and my friend.**

Text: John E. Bode, 1816-1874, alt.



## THE APOSTLES' CREED

- P** God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ.  
Living together in trust and hope, we 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.**

## 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)*

**Sympathy:** to the family and friends of Barbara Kucera, sister-in-law of Bob & Carole Woodworth

**Illness:** Anatharaj, father of Pr. Inba Inbarasu, Richard Bock, Judy Boelts, Karen Buchholz, Don Burton, Gail Durban, Mike Edris, Rodney Edwards, Mary Hilkemann, Richard Holzer, Renee Johnson, Mark Kidder, Jason Klonglan, Rosanne Klug, mother of David Klug, Marcie Lafleur, Mary Olson, John Rayno, Toby Rees, Sheri Tipton, John Waterman, Darlene White

**Other Prayers:** *Those serving in the military* – Wyatt Johnson, Josh Kropenske, Michael McNeill, Daniel Milstead, Cody Ray, Sheldon Skovgaard, Michael Vutov, Joel Woosley

**Other Prayers:** *Those serving in mission* – Rev. Chandran Paul Martin, India; Dr. Stephen & Jodi Swanson, Tanzania; Rev. Rachel Ringlaben, Argentina; Meghan Brown Saavedra, Mexico; and Dan & Ginny Rath, international translators

**Other Prayers:** *Seminarians*—Adam Klinker, Katie Larson, Giselle Loucks, Justin Perkins

## WE SHARE GOD’S PEACE

☐ The peace of Christ be with you always.

☑ **And also with you.**

## MEAL

*(sit)*

### THE OFFERING IS RECEIVED

*Please Support the overall ministry of Kountze Memorial during these difficult times. 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. If you are able, please mail in your offering or donate on-line. Thank you!*



### MUSICAL OFFERING

*“Take My Life and Let It Be”*

by Thomas Keesecker

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee;  
take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.  
Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love;  
take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King;  
take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee.  
Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold;  
take my intellect and use every power as thou shalt choose.

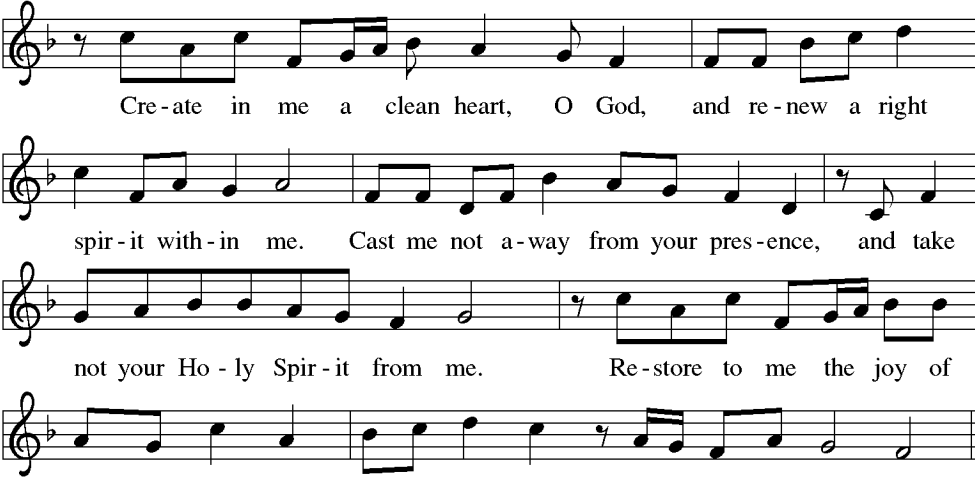
Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love, my love I pour; I pour at thy feet its treasure store;  
take myself and I will be ever, only, all for thee.  
Take myself and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

## THE TABLE IS PREPARED

(stand)

### OFFERTORY HYMN



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right  
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take  
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of  
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

### OFFERING PRAYER

- ☐ Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.
- ☑ **Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the lyrics 'The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.' The second staff contains 'Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.' The third staff contains 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.' The fourth staff contains 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.' The music consists of quarter and eighth notes with various phrasing slurs.

## PREFACE FOR SUNDAYS IN PENTECOST

### SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the lyrics 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of'. The second staff contains 'pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -'. The third staff contains 'san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the'. The fourth staff contains 'name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.' The music features a mix of quarter, eighth, and half notes with phrasing slurs.

## THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**P** Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us all to pray:

**C** **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

**P** All who hunger and thirst, come.

**C** **The table is ready.**

## 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 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.*

*Gluten free bread is available; simply request it.*

*(sit)*

## AGNUS DEI



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

- 1** Day by day, your mercies, Lord, attend me,  
bringing comfort to my anxious soul.  
Day by day, the blessings, Lord, you send me  
draw me nearer to my heav'nly goal.  
Love divine, beyond all mortal measure,  
brings to naught the burdens of my quest;  
Savior, lead me to the home I treasure,  
where at last I'll find eternal rest.
- 2** Day by day, I know you will provide me  
strength to serve and wisdom to obey;  
I will seek your loving will to guide me  
o'er the paths I struggle day by day.  
I will fear no evil of the morrow,  
I will trust in your enduring grace.  
Savior, help me bear life's pain and  
sorrow  
till in glory I behold your face.

- 3** Oh, what joy to know that you are near me  
when my burdens grow too great to bear;  
oh, what joy to know that you will hear me  
when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer.  
Day by day, no matter what betide me,  
you will hold me ever in your hand.  
Savior, with your presence here to guide me,  
I will reach at last the promised land.

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832-1903;  
tr. Robert Leaf, 1936-2005  
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*"Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways"*

ELW 772

- 1** Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways  
to keep his statutes still!  
Oh, that my God would grant me grace  
to know and do his will!
- 2** Order my footsteps by your word  
and make my heart sincere;  
let sin have no dominion, Lord,  
but keep my conscience clear.
- 3** Assist my soul, too apt to stray,  
a stricter watch to keep;  
and should I e'er forget your way,  
restore your wand'ring sheep.
- 4** Make me to walk in your commands,  
'tis a delightful road;  
nor let my head or heart or hands  
offend against my God.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt.

**1** What a friend we have in Jesus,  
all our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry  
ev'rything to God in prayer!  
Oh, what peace we often forfeit;  
oh, what needless pain we bear--  
all because we do not carry  
ev'rything to God in prayer!

**2** Have we trials and temptations?  
Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged--  
take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Can we find a friend so faithful  
who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness--  
take it to the Lord in prayer.

**3** Are we weak and heavy-laden,  
cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge--  
take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Do your friends despise, forsake you?  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
In his arms he'll take and shield you;  
you will find a solace there.

Text: Joseph Scriven, 1820-1886

*(stand)*

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

- P** We give you thanks, almighty God,  
**C** that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

# SENDING

## BLESSING

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. 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.

## THREE-FOLD AMEN

## HYMN

*“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”*

**ELW 632**

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|---|--|
| <b>1</b> O God, our help in ages past,<br>our hope for years to come,<br>our shelter from the stormy blast,<br>and our eternal home:    | <b>4</b> A thousand ages in your sight<br>are like an evening gone,<br>short as the watch that ends the night<br>before the rising sun.  |
| <b>2</b> Under the shadow of your throne<br>your saints have dwelt secure;<br>sufficient is your arm alone,<br>and our defense is sure. | <b>5</b> Time, like an ever-rolling stream,<br>bears all our years away;<br>they fly forgotten, as a dream<br>dies at the op'ning day.   |
| <b>3</b> Before the hills in order stood<br>or earth received its frame,<br>from everlasting you are God,<br>to endless years the same. | <b>6</b> O God, our help in ages past,<br>our hope for years to come,<br>still be our guard while troubles last<br>and our eternal home. |

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt.

## DISMISSAL

- P** Go in peace. Jesus Christ is with you always.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE

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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 over 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.*

### **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.

### **Nursery**

Our nursery is available from 9 AM—noon for children 0—2 years. Please ask an usher if you are unsure as to where our nursery is and would like to use it

### **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.

## **TODAY AT KOUNTZE**

### **Children's Choir**

**9:20 AM**

### **Ages K-6<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Barb Carlsen will be leading the singers during the 9:00 AM sermon. Those interested in participating in choir will attend the first part of the 9:00 service with their families, come forward for the children's blessing, and then go to the upstairs choir room for practice before returning for Communion.

### **Coffee Hour**

Please feel free to stop for coffee in the Fellowship Hall following service today. We need volunteers to help serve coffee and cookies. If you can help, please see Jim Smejkal 402-341-7761 or [jim@kmlchurch.org](mailto:jim@kmlchurch.org).

**Altar Flowers** given In memory of Jean Holcombe given by husband, Tom

**Eternal Candle** is given to the glory of God in memory of Verna Villella given by Richard Bock

**Television Broadcast** is sponsored in memory of Tim Daugherty by his family

## TODAY AT KOUNTZE, continued

### Sunday School

**Sundays, 10:10 - 10:50 AM**

Join us on Sundays 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).

### Youth Forum

**Sundays, 10:10 - 10:50 AM**

All 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Graders are invited to join us!

**This Sunday**—Checking in – What’s Happening?

## How to Use Your Bible Seminar

**This Sunday, October 10**

**12:15 PM (following 11:00 AM service)**

Parents and children are invited to a seminar on how to use your Bible. In anticipation of Bible Sunday, we will be teaching skills on how to introduce your child to the scriptures, gain confidence in using the Bible, and ways to study the stories of the Bible as a family. This seminar is geared toward elementary aged students. Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP to the church office at 402-341-7761 by Friday, October 8. Contact Kristin Boe at [Kristin@kmlchurch.org](mailto:Kristin@kmlchurch.org) with any questions.

## This Week at Kountze Memorial

### October 10 Sunday

Pentecost 20

8:00 AM & 10:00 AM Adult Choir

9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Worship

9:00 AM Nursery (0-2 yrs)

9:10 AM Children’s Choir (K-6<sup>th</sup> gr)

10:10 AM Sunday School (2yr-6<sup>th</sup> gr)

10:10 AM Youth Forum (gr 7-12)

10:10 AM Adult Forum

12:15 PM Bible Seminar

12:15 PM Book Group

### October 11 Monday

10:00 AM Pantry

### October 12 Tuesday

9:00 AM Staff Meeting

### October 13 Wednesday

9:00 AM Sewing Group

11:00 AM Devotions @ deFreese Manor

12:15 PM Worship

6:00 PM Confirmation Supper

6:30 PM Confirmation Class

### October 14 Thursday

**Council Reports Due**

9:30 AM WELCA Board

11:30 AM Property Committee

4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic

6:00 PM Worship & Music Committee

### October 15 Friday

**Good News Deadline**

5:00 PM Pantry

### October 16 Saturday

Blessing of Quilts

5:00 PM Worship

### October 17 Sunday

Pentecost 21

Blessing of Quilts

8:00 AM & 10:00 AM Adult Choir

9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Worship

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9:10 AM Children’s Choir (K-6<sup>th</sup> gr)

10:10 AM Sunday School (2yr-6<sup>th</sup> gr)

10:10 AM Youth Forum (gr 7-12)

10:10 AM Adult Forum

10:10 AM Kountze Memorial, Inc. (deFreese Manor) Meeting of Members

10:30 AM Executive Committee

12:15 PM First Communion Class

## Coat Drive

**Now through October 24**

St. Peter’s Church has asked us to collaborate with them and to collect new and gently used children’s and adult coats, hats, and gloves during the month of October. Please drop off your coat donations in the box in the Fellowship Hall no later than Sunday, October 24. Coats, hats, etc. will be distributed through Saint Vincent De Paul.

## Blessing of Quilts

**Saturday & Sunday, October 16 & 17**

Our sewing group meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 9:00 AM. The group sews quilts for Lutheran World Relief. Quilts have played a major part of Lutheran World Relief’s mission since their founding in 1945. That means, for over 70 years, quilters across the country have lovingly stitched thousands upon thousands of quilts for distribution as part of LWR’s many projects. Their quilts have traveled all over the

world, from Peru to India to Tanzania, providing warmth and comfort to millions of families. The quilts will be on display and blessed on October 16 & 17. If you would like to help with quilts, even if you can't sew, there are other ways you can help. The ladies would be glad to have you join them.

### **Kountze Memorial, Inc. Annual Meeting Sunday, October 17**

A Meeting of Members of Kountze Memorial, Inc. ("KMI") will be held at Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church at 2650 Farnam Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68131, on October 17, 2021, at 10:15 a.m. local time in the Fellowship Hall to consider the following:

1. To approve and ratify and sale of deFreese Manor to House of David Preservation, Inc. While this sale was previously approved by the members in June, the October 17 meeting will formalize such approval in a manner that complies with Nebraska law and what Nebraska Attorney General's office requires for non-profit organizations.
2. To amend the Articles of Incorporation to allow KMI to distribute upon dissolution all funds remaining after the payment of debts to Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church.
3. To dissolve KMI, contingent on the closing of the sale of deFreese Manor.

A formal notice of the Meeting has been mailed to all members. All members are cordially invited and strongly encouraged to attend the meeting. All questions may be directed to Scott Henneman, President of the Board of Kountze Memorial Inc. via email [scotthenneman@aol.com](mailto:scotthenneman@aol.com). See the September Good News for detailed information

### **First Communion Class Sunday, October 17 and 24 12:15 PM**

Communion is open to all baptized Christians. Those children who are already communing or those children interested in receiving Holy Communion, are invited to a First Communion class. We will begin with lunch in the conference room followed by instruction in the Nave with Kristin Boe and Pastor Hall. Participants will receive their First Communion on Reformation Sunday, October 31, at 9:00 AM. A good guide for determining when your children are ready to receive Communion is when they begin to ask about receiving it during the liturgy. The curriculum will be "Fed & Forgiven." All ages are welcome; the course is geared toward second graders. Please register with the church office at 402-341-7761 or [info@kmlchurch.org](mailto:info@kmlchurch.org).

### **Evensong 2021 and Chili Cookoff Rejoice! Lutheran Church 2556 S 138<sup>th</sup> Street in Omaha Sunday, October 17**

**3:00 PM – 5:00 PM**

Join in for Holden Evening Prayer worship, special music, and a chili Cookoff. Everyone is welcome.

### **Bible Sunday October 24 9:00 AM**

Each year, through generous donations, Kountze is able to provide children ages 2 and 4, and those in 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 7<sup>th</sup> grades with age-appropriate Bibles as part of their faith formation. Children are encouraged to pick up their Bibles in the Bride's room before the 9:00 AM service and then proceed into the church. Those not receiving Bibles will get a token and are welcome to join us in the procession. To ensure each child receives a Bible, please make sure your students are registered for the 2021/2022 Sunday School year. Registration can be found online at <https://www.jotform.com/Kristinboe/Registration> Please contact Kristin Boe at [Kristin@kmlchurch.org](mailto:Kristin@kmlchurch.org) with any questions.

### **Kountze Food Pantry**

The Kountze Food Pantry is once again collecting full-sized hygiene items. We compile bags including shampoo/conditioner, bar soap or body wash, razors and shaving cream, feminine hygiene products, toothbrushes, toothpaste, and floss. We will hand these out in gift bags for the upcoming holidays. Thank you for your contributions, prayers and continued support for our ministry!

### **Pantry Volunteers Needed:**

Mondays: 7:30 - 9 AM; 9 - 11 AM; 11 AM - 1 PM

Fridays: 4 - 7 PM

If you would like to help, please sign up to volunteer at the following link:

<https://form.jotform.com/200834787701155>

### **ATTENDANCE & GIVING**

**Saturday:** 27

**Sunday: 9:00:** 125 **11:00:** 40

**Wednesday: 12:15:** 16 **Confirmation:** 11

**Total:** 219

**Streaming:** 147

**Cox Cable:** 205

**Pantry Guests Served:** 703 (includes 192 children)

**Medical Clinic Guests Served:** 16

**Offering:**

\$27,464.00 (Regular)

\$11,733.27 (Specials)

\$4,057.00 (Debt Reduction)

*Jesus is a merciful high priest.*

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

Sunday	Mark 10:17-31	A rich man goes away sad
Monday	Amos 5:6-15	Seek good and not evil
Tuesday	Hebrews 4:12-16	Jesus is the great high priest
Wednesday	2 John 7-11	Those who deny Christ
Thursday	Micah 7:18-20	God's compassion and steadfast love
Friday	1 John 1:5-10	God is light
Saturday	Psalm 90:12-17	Teach us wisdom
Sunday	Mark 10:35-45	The Son of Man came to save



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*Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Hebrews 4:16 (NRSV)*

**A Prayer for the Week:**

God of justice and forgiveness, help us to see when we hurt others so that we may care for our neighbor with justice through Christ Jesus. Amen.

**Mealtime Prayer:**

Compassionate God, we receive this food with thanksgiving. Help us respond to this gift by treating others with your kindness and mercy. Amen.

**A Blessing to Give:**

May the God of justice and mercy give you a heart of wisdom to love and to serve with gladness.

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

- What do you do after you feel you have been unkind or hurt someone's feelings?
- Is it harder to forgive others or yourself? Explain.
- Jesus knows our weaknesses and failings yet shows us kindness and mercy. How can knowing this influence how you live?

*Read:* Hebrews 4:12-16.

God's word is like a sharp, two-edged sword that brings both judgment and forgiveness. The question is, which is God's final word for us? The answer Hebrews gives is through understanding Jesus in the sacrificial role of high priest, one who is like us in every way except that he is without sin. The high priest makes sacrifices on behalf of the people to receive God's forgiveness for their sins. What Jesus is able to do as our great high priest and the Son of God is to both experience and feel our weaknesses as a human being and as God. We have a God who fully understands us, sympathizes with us, and accepts us as we are. We can approach God with boldness and know that we receive mercy and grace. Jesus as the great high priest and the Son of God takes the sharp edge of the sword of God's judgment and adds to it God's love that forgives the sinner. Thanks be to God for Jesus, the great high priest, the Son of God, who comes to save, not to condemn. How does Jesus as our great high priest help you understand judgement and forgiveness?

*Pray: God of mercy and grace, free our lives to live courageously for our neighbor and with loving hearts toward you through Jesus, the great high priest. Amen.*

In Mark 10, the rich man left Jesus grieving because he was attached to his wealth. Money and having possessions can cause us to be selfish and only care for ourselves. Another way to use wealth can be to serve others and show our love for God and all humanity. How can you serve others with your wealth this week?

Hebrews 4:12 says that the word of God is "living and active". There are many Bible translations. The NRSV (New Revised Standard Version), NIV (New International Version), KJV (King James Version), and CEV (Contemporary English Version) are just a few of many others. During devotions this week, look up the *Daily Bible Readings* using different translations and note what is similar and what is different. Think or talk about how the scripture you read is alive and active in your life.

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:** Isaiah 53:4-12; Psalm 91:9-16  
Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 10:35-45