

# KOUNTZE MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

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TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY after PENTECOST



*Today's gospel starts with disciples obsessing over who will be closest to Jesus, leading to Jesus teaching his followers about God's take on importance and power. Here Jesus makes it explicit that the reversal of values in God's community is a direct challenge to the values of the dominant culture, where wielding power over others is what makes you great. When we pray "your kingdom come" we are praying for an end to tyranny and oppression. We pray this gathered around the cross, a sign of great shame transformed to be the sign of great honor and service.*



# 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 **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!**
- 2 **Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,**  
**casting down their golden crowns**  
**around the glassy sea;**  
**cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,**  
**which wert and art, and evermore shalt be.**
- 3 **Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,**  
**though the eye of sinfulness**  
**thy glory may not see,**  
**only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,**  
**perfect in pow'r, in love and purity.**
- 4 **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!**

Text: Reginald Heber, 1783-1826, alt.

### APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

- ☐ Sovereign God,
- ☑ **you turn your greatness into goodness for all the peoples on earth. Shape us into willing servants of your kingdom, and make us desire always and only your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

# WORD

(sit)

## FIRST READING

**Isaiah 53:4-12**

*This reading is from the last of four passages in Isaiah that are often called “servant songs.” Christians are probably most familiar with this servant song. In light of Christian faith, the servant’s healing ministry and redemptive suffering are understood to be fulfilled in the life and death of Christ.*

**S**urely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. <sup>5</sup>But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. <sup>6</sup>All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

<sup>7</sup>He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. <sup>8</sup>By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future? For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people. <sup>9</sup>They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.

<sup>10</sup>Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him with pain. When you make his life an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days; through him the will of the Lord shall. <sup>11</sup>Out of his anguish he shall see light; he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge. The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities.

<sup>12</sup>Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he poured out himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

**L** The word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**PSALM 91:9-16** (*read responsively*)

<sup>9</sup>Because you have made the LORD your refuge,  
and the Most High your habitation,

<sup>10</sup>**no evil will befall you,  
nor shall affliction come near your dwelling.**

<sup>11</sup>For God will give the angels charge over you,  
to guard you in all your ways.

<sup>12</sup>**Upon their hands they will bear you up,  
lest you strike your foot against a stone.**

<sup>13</sup>You will tread upon the lion cub and viper;  
you will trample down the lion and the serpent.

<sup>14</sup>**I will deliver those who cling to me;  
I will uphold them, because they know my name.**

<sup>15</sup>They will call me, and I will answer them;  
I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and honor them.

<sup>16</sup>**With long life will I satisfy them,  
and show them my salvation.**

**SECOND READING**

**Hebrews 5:1-10**

*Using imagery from scripture and from Jewish worship practices, Jesus is presented as the great high priest who was obedient to God's saving plan. Through his suffering and death he has become the source of eternal salvation.*

**E**very high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. <sup>2</sup>He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; <sup>3</sup>and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. <sup>4</sup>And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

<sup>5</sup>So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

*“You are my Son, today I have begotten you”;*

<sup>6</sup>as he says also in another place,

*“You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek.”*

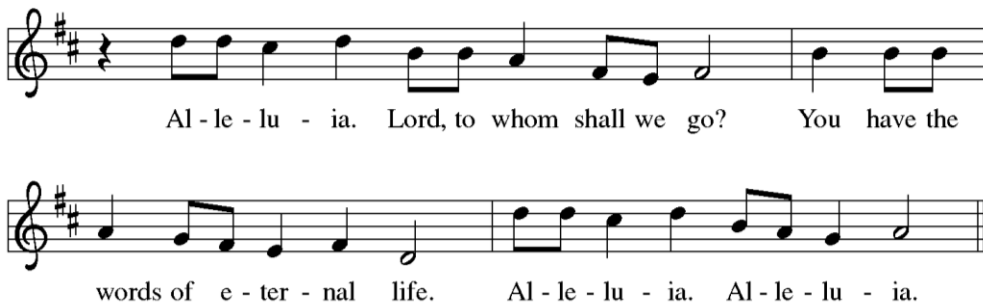
<sup>7</sup>In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. <sup>8</sup>Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; <sup>9</sup>and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, <sup>10</sup>having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

**L** The word of the Lord.

**C** 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 10:35-45**

*On the way to Jerusalem the disciples ask Jesus to grant them seats of honor. Jesus responds by announcing that he and his followers will “rule” through self-giving service.*

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.”<sup>36</sup> And he said to them, “What is it you want me to do for you?”<sup>37</sup> And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.”<sup>38</sup> But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?”<sup>39</sup> They replied, “We are able.” Then Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; <sup>40</sup>but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.”

<sup>41</sup>When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. <sup>42</sup>So Jesus called them and said to them, “You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. <sup>43</sup>But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, <sup>44</sup>and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. <sup>45</sup>For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.”

☐ The Gospel of the Lord.

☑ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

(sit)

## CHILDREN’S BLESSING (9:00 AM)

## SERMON

*Pastor Hall*

(stand)

## HYMN OF THE DAY

“You Servants of God”

ELW 825

- 1 You servants of God, your Master proclaim,  
and publish abroad his wonderful name;  
the name, all-victorious, of Jesus extol;  
his kingdom is glorious and rules over all!**
- 2 Ascended on high, almighty to save,  
yet still he is nigh, his presence we have.  
The great congregation his triumph shall sing,  
ascribing salvation to Jesus, our king!**
- 3 Salvation to God who sits on the throne!  
Let all cry aloud and honor the Son.  
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,  
fall down on their faces, and worship the Lamb.**
- 4 Then let us adore and give him his right,  
all glory and pow'r and wisdom and might,  
all honor and blessing, with angels above,  
and thanks never ceasing, and infinite love!**

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.

## BLESSING OF THE QUILTS

- P** Let us pray. O Lord our God, maker of all things, you have blessed us with so many gifts—a good eye for color, the ability to make fine stitches, the skills to develop ever-new and exciting patterns. Now we offer the fruits of our labors, the quilts and kits we have made, to you.
- C** **We dedicate these quilts to your service, trusting that your love will go wherever each quilt is sent, making it more than just a piece of material --making each piece we have created an expression of love.**
- P** There is no way for us to imagine the power and effect an act of love can have on a person's life—how you can use something as small as a quilt to radiate your love from us to the world.
- C** **May these be used in your service and become blessings for all those who receive them.**
- P** Lord, we know that all we possess comes from your loving hand. Give us grace to honor you with all of our being: draw our hearts to you, guide our minds, fill our imaginations, control our wills, so that we may be wholly yours.
- C** **Use us as you will, always to your glory and the welfare of your people. Amen.**

*Source: Lutheran World Relief; the Litany was written by Shirley Splittgerber of Omaha, Nebraska for the Nebraska Synodical Women's Organization's LWR Workday.*



## 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)*

**Illness:** Anatharaj, father of Pr. Inba Inbarasu, Richard Bock, 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, Greg Stieneke, brother-in-la of Todd Weiland, 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**

**P** The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C** **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”*

arr. Brian Hanson

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee;  
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise,  
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,  
swift and beautiful for thee.

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 will, take my heart, my life.

Take my love, my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store.  
Take myself and I will be ever, only, all for thee.  
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) and 4/4 time. Each staff contains a melody line with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: '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.', and 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.'

## 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.

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## 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.

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| <p><b>1</b> Where charity and love prevail,<br/>there God is ever found;<br/>brought here together by Christ's love,<br/>by love we thus are bound.</p> <p><b>2</b> With grateful joy and holy fear,<br/>God's charity we learn;<br/>let us with heart and mind and soul<br/>now love God in return.</p> | <p><b>3</b> Let us recall that in our midst<br/>dwells Christ, God's holy Son;<br/>as members of each body joined,<br/>in him we are made one.</p> <p><b>4</b> Let strife among us be unknown;<br/>let all contentions cease.<br/>Be God's the glory that we seek;<br/>be his our only peace.</p> |
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- 5** Let us forgive each other's faults  
as we our own confess,  
that we may love each other well  
in Christian gentleness.

Text: Latin hymn, 9th. cent.;  
tr. Omer Westendorf, 1916-1997, alt.

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*“Lord Jesus, Think on Me”*

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| <p><b>1</b> Lord Jesus, think on me,<br/>and purge away my sin;<br/>from selfish passions set me free<br/>and make me pure within.</p> <p><b>2</b> Lord Jesus, think on me,<br/>by anxious thoughts oppressed;<br/>let me your loving servant be<br/>and taste your promised rest.</p> | <p><b>3</b> Lord Jesus, think on me,<br/>nor let me go astray;<br/>through darkness and perplexity<br/>point out your chosen way.</p> <p><b>4</b> Lord Jesus, think on me,<br/>that, when the flood is past,<br/>I may the eternal brightness see<br/>and share your joy at last.</p> |
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Text: Synesius of Cyrene, 375-430;  
tr. Allen W. Chatfield, 1808-1896, alt.

- 1 **O sacred head, now wounded,  
with grief and shame weighed down,  
now scornfully surrounded  
with thorns, thine only crown;  
O sacred head, what glory,  
what bliss till now was thine!  
Yet, though despised and gory,  
I joy to call thee mine.**
- 2 **How pale thou art with anguish,  
with sore abuse and scorn;  
how does thy face now languish,  
which once was bright as morn!  
Thy grief and bitter passion  
were all for sinners' gain;  
mine, mine was the transgression,  
but thine the deadly pain.**
- 3 **What language shall I borrow  
to thank thee, dearest friend,  
for this thy dying sorrow,  
thy pity without end?  
Oh, make me thine forever,  
and should I fainting be,  
Lord, let me never, never  
outlive my love to thee.**
- 4 **Lord, be my consolation;  
shield me when I must die;  
remind me of thy passion  
when my last hour draws nigh.  
These eyes, new faith receiving,  
from thee shall never move;  
for all who die believing  
die safely in thy love.**

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–1676,  
based on Arnulf of Louvain, d. 1250; tr. composite

*(stand)*

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

- ☞** We give you thanks, almighty God,  
**☞** 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  $\dagger$  Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

## THREE-FOLD AMEN

## HYMN

*“Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good”*

ELW 871

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| <p><b>1 Sing praise to God, the highest good,<br/>the author of creation!<br/>O God of love, you understood<br/>our need for your salvation.<br/>With healing balm our souls you fill;<br/>all our lament with peace you still.<br/>To God all praise and glory!</b></p> <p><b>2 What your almighty pow'r has made,<br/>in mercy you are keeping;<br/>by morning glow or evening shade,<br/>your eye is never sleeping;<br/>in the dominion of your might<br/>all things are just and good and right.<br/>To God all praise and glory!</b></p> | <p><b>3 We sought the Lord in our distress;<br/>O God, in mercy hear us.<br/>Our Savior saw our helplessness<br/>and came with peace to cheer us.<br/>For this we thank and praise the Lord,<br/>who is by one and all adored.<br/>To God all praise and glory!</b></p> <p><b>4 All who confess Christ's holy name,<br/>give God the praise and glory!<br/>Let all God's saving pow'r proclaim;<br/>give God the praise and glory!<br/>Cast ev'ry idol from its throne;<br/>God is the Lord, and God alone.<br/>To God all praise and glory!</b></p> |
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Text: Johann J. Schütz, 1640-1690;  
tr. Frances E. Cox, 1812-1897, adapt.

## 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).

#### **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).

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### **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**—Youth Gathering Bible Study “God’s Boundless Love for Us”

### **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. There are envelopes attached to the quilts if you would like to help with shipping or donate toward materials for the quilts.

### **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).

### **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.

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### **Men’s Lunch**

**Thursday, October 21**

**11:30 AM**

Please call the Church office by Tuesday, October 19 to make your reservation. We will have a short update on the stained-glass windows and time for re-connecting. Suggested donation is \$10.00.

### **Youth Event—All 7<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> graders invited.**

**Saturday, October 23**

**6:00—9:00 PM at Kountze**

Dinner will be served.

### **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

## This Week at Kountze Memorial

### October 17 Sunday

Pentecost 21

Blessing of Quilts

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

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

10:30 AM Executive Committee

12:15 PM First Communion Class

### October 18 Monday

10:00 AM Pantry

### October 19 Tuesday

9:00 AM Staff Meeting

1:00 PM Prayer Shawl Group

6:00 PM Congregation Council

### October 20 Wednesday

12:15 PM Worship

6:00 PM Confirmation Supper

6:30 PM Confirmation Class

### October 21 Thursday

11:30 AM Men's Lunch

4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic

6:00 PM Global Missions Committee

7:00 PM Circle 5

### October 22 Friday

5:00 PM Pantry

### October 23 Saturday

5:00 PM Worship

### October 24 Sunday

Pentecost 22

Bible Sunday

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

12:00 PM Stephen Ministry

12:15 PM First Communion Class

in the Fellowship Hall no later than Sunday, October 24. Coats, hats, etc. will be distributed through Saint Vincent De Paul.

### 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:** 29

**Sunday: 9:00:** 132 **11:00:** 63

**Wednesday: 12:15:** 12 **Confirmation:** 12

**Total:** 248

**Streaming:** 75

**Cox Cable:** 224

**Pantry Guests Served:** 917 (includes 303 children)

**Medical Clinic Guests Served:** 17

**Offering:** Not available at time of printing

*Servanthood is the heart of discipleship.*

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

Sunday	Mark 10:35-45	The Son of Man came to save
Monday	Isaiah 53:4-12	Suffering servant song
Tuesday	Hebrews 5:1-10	Jesus the great high priest
Wednesday	1 Corinthians 4:1-13	The ministry of the apostles
Thursday	Joshua 22:1-6	Joshua speaks to the tribes
Friday	1 John 3:16-24	Love one another
Saturday	Psalm 91:9-16	God's protection
Sunday	Mark 10:46-52	Jesus heals blind Bartimaeus



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*"[W]hoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all."* **Mark 10:43b-44 (NRSV)**

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

God of compassion, help us to see what you see and to treasure what you treasure through Christ Jesus, the one who came to serve and set us free. Amen. (Mark 10:45)

### **Mealtime Prayer:**

Dear God, with this food you serve us each day; may we serve others in a godly way. Amen.

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

May the Lord rescue you from trouble and give you a servant's heart through our Lord Jesus Christ. (Psalm 91:15)

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

- Who do you look up to? What is it about that person that you want to imitate?
- If you asked Jesus what you needed to do to follow him, what do you think he would say?
- Jesus knows our weaknesses and failings yet shows us kindness and mercy. How can knowing this influence how you live?

*Read:* Mark 10:35-45.

We may be tempted to think that prayer puts God in our back pocket to use as we wish. Not so! As Jesus pointed out, James and John did not even know what they were really asking of Jesus. To ask the Son of Man for something is to ask the source of the universe who has a different standard of what is important and what is valued. James and John wanted glory. Jesus wants love and service; openness to suffering is the glory Jesus sees. James and John wanted power. Jesus redefines power into servanthood and bondage to the needs of others as a slave. As Jesus gets closer to Jerusalem, there exists a growing urgency about understanding what it means to be a follower of Jesus. Jesus puts it in crystal clear terms, but words that do not necessarily please our "old world" way of seeing goodness, truth, and beauty, or power and glory. You want to know what it means to follow Jesus? Pay close attention to Jesus' words: *"whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all"* (vv. 43b-44). How does being a servant—even a slave—upend your understanding of a successful life?

**Pray: God of power and glory, cleanse us of our desire for personal glory and give us hearts for love and service through Christ Jesus, the Holy One of God. Amen.**

According to Jesus, doing acts of service is not so much a list of projects as it is a way of life. How is your life a life of service? How is caring for the needs of others a life you wish to pursue with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength? Take time this week to use your gifts to serve others with a glad heart.

In Mark 10, Jesus talks about kings who like to order people around and have full power over their lives. Jesus tells us not to be like them, but to be servants of others, a much, more humble way of life. This week pray: **Dear God, give me a humble heart that I may gladly be a servant of others through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:** Jeremiah 31:7-9; Psalm 126  
Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 10:46-52