

KOUNTZE MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

A CITY-WIDE CHURCH WITH A WORLD-WIDE MINISTRY

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November 7, 2021

9:00 & 11:00 AM

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

PRELUDE

Tim Strang, *cellist*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(stand)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P In the name of the Father, and of the \dagger Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C 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.

C 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,

C 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.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“For All the Saints”

ELW 422 vs. 1, 2, 6, 7

- 1** For all the saints who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 2** Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 6** But then there breaks a yet more glorious day:
the saints triumphant rise in bright array;
the King of glory passes on his way.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 7** From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Text: William W. How, 1823-1897

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.

G And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Almighty God,

G 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. Amen.

WORD

(sit)

FIRST READING

Isaiah 25:6-9

Isaiah sees a vision of the end of days, when God will gather all people on God's holy mountain and will prepare for them a rich feast. At this banquet God will wipe the tears from all eyes. And there will be no more sorrow, for God will destroy death itself.

On 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.

⁷And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations;

⁸he 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.

⁹It 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.

☐ The word of the Lord!

☑ Thanks be to God!

PSALM 24 (read responsively)

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

**²For the LORD has founded it upon the seas
and established it upon the rivers.**

³Who may ascend the mountain of the LORD,
and who may stand in God's holy place?

**⁴Those of innocent hands and purity of heart,
who do not swear on God's being, nor do they pledge by what is false.**

⁵They shall receive blessing from the LORD
and righteousness from the God of their salvation.

**⁶Such is the generation of those who seek you, O LORD,
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.**

⁷Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O everlasting doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

⁸Who is this King of glory?

The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!

⁹Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O everlasting doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

¹⁰Who is this King of glory?

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

SECOND READING

Revelation 21:1-6a

Here is a vision of the new heaven and new earth in which God resides fully with God's people so that mourning, despair, and pain have been eradicated. These renewing words from the God who spans all of time are trustworthy and true.

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. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And 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; ⁴he 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.”

⁵And 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.”* ^{6a}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.

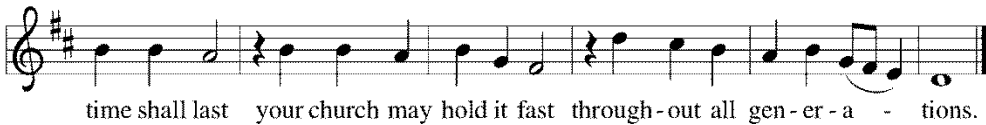
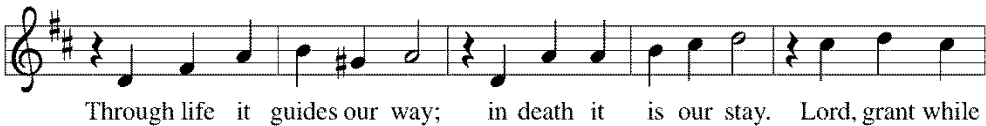
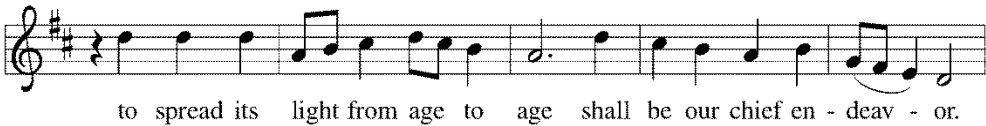
🎵 Thanks be to God.

(stand)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

“God’s Word Is Our Great Heritage”

ELW 509



📖 The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

🎵 Glory to you, O Lord!

HOLY GOSPEL

John 11:32-44

Through the raising of Lazarus, Jesus offers the world a vision of the life to come, when death and weeping will be no more.

When 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.*”³³ When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved.³⁴ He said, “*Where have you laid him?*” They said to him, “*Lord, come and see.*”³⁵ Jesus began to weep.³⁶ So the Jews said, “*See how he loved him!*”³⁷ But some of them said, “*Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?*”

³⁸ Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it.³⁹ 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.*”⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, “*Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?*”⁴¹ So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “*Father, I thank you for having heard me.*”⁴² *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.*”⁴³ When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “*Lazarus, come out!*”⁴⁴ 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 (9:00 AM)

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

SERMON

Pastor Roynesdal

(stand)

HYMN OF THE DAY

“When Peace like a River”

ELW 785

- 1** When peace like a river attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll,
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
it is well, it is well with my soul.

Refrain

**It is well (it is well)
with my soul, (with my soul,)
it is well, it is well with my soul.**

- 2** Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
let this blest assurance control,
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
and has shed his own blood for my soul. *Refrain*
- 3** He lives--oh, the bliss of this glorious thought;
my sin, not in part, but the whole,
is nailed to his cross and I bear it no more.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! *Refrain*
- 4** Lord, hasten the day when our faith shall be sight,
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
the trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend;
even so it is well with my soul. *Refrain*

Text: Horatio G. Spafford, 1828-1888

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.

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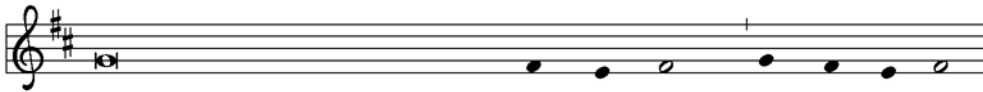
For Mary, mother of our Lord: **Thanks be to God.**
For John, who baptized in the Jordan: **Thanks be to God.**
For Mary Magdalene and Joanna, Ma-ry and Martha: **Thanks be to God.**
For James and John, Pe - ter and Andrew: **Thanks be to God.**
For Paul and Apollos, Ste - phen and Phoebe: **Thanks be 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 compas - sion and love: **Hear us, O God.**
Bring us with all your saints to the riv - er of life: **Hear us, O God.**



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

(sit)

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

Tim Strang, *cellist*

*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.*

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| <i>Gabriel Anderson</i> | <i>Jack Jensen</i> | <i>Anna Shively</i> | <i>Natalee Frerck</i> |
| <i>Katherine Hagge</i> | <i>Jameson Bruechert</i> | <i>Norah Lang</i> | <i>Watson Featherly-Lavelle</i> |
| <i>Louis Urlaub</i> | <i>Oliver Mirch</i> | <i>Zurina Lang</i> | <i>Cameron Adams</i> |
| <i>Mila Lindgren</i> | <i>Hazel Micek</i> | <i>Levi Corona</i> | <i>Cole Clanton</i> |

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
Saints' Day last year.*

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

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| <i>Edward White</i> | <i>Esther Riha</i> | <i>Helen Taylor</i> |
| <i>Diana Carrel</i> | <i>Katherine Elsasser</i> | <i>David Penning</i> |
| <i>Ronald Rasmussen</i> | <i>Robert Whitehead</i> | <i>Gary Rodene</i> |
| <i>Wayne Houston</i> | <i>Mary Pavlis</i> | <i>Bishop Dennis Anderson</i> |
| <i>Betty Bass</i> | <i>Mary Gruber</i> | <i>Lorin Swingen</i> |
| <i>Joni Larsen-Hoke</i> | <i>Thomas Jacobsen</i> | <i>Patricia Elson</i> |
| <i>Zella Duchman</i> | <i>Al Schewe</i> | <i>Robert Ringo</i> |
| <i>Joanne Worm</i> | <i>Dorothy Vancaster</i> | |

(stand)

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 Joyce Daberkow, sister of Karen & Shirley Bonneau

Illness: Anatharaj, father of Pr. Inba Inbarasu, Richard Bock, Karen Buchholz, Don Burton, Gail Durban, Mike Edris, Rodney Edwards, 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

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

MEAL

(sit)

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

“Set Me As a Seal”

Michael John Trotta

Kountze Choir with Tim Strang, cellist

Set me as a seal upon your heart, set me as a seal upon your arm;
For love is as strong as death, love’s as strong as death, set me as a seal upon your arm.

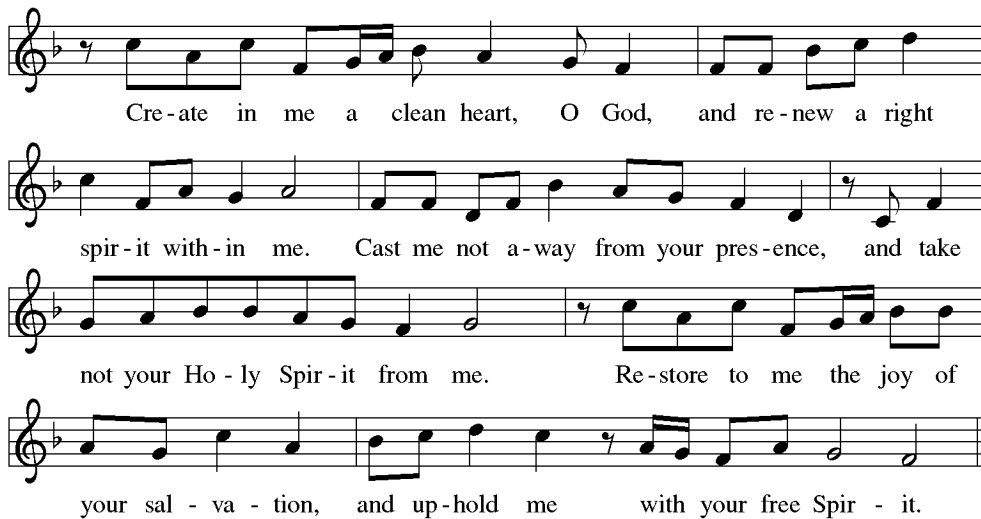
Many waters cannot quench love; Neither can floods drown it.
Many waters cannot quench love; Neither can floods drown it.

Set Me as a seal upon your heart, set me as a seal upon your arm;
For love is as strong as death, love’s as strong as death, set me as a seal upon your arm.
For love is as strong as death. Love is as strong, stronger than death, love.

THE TABLE IS PREPARED

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OFFERTORY HYMN



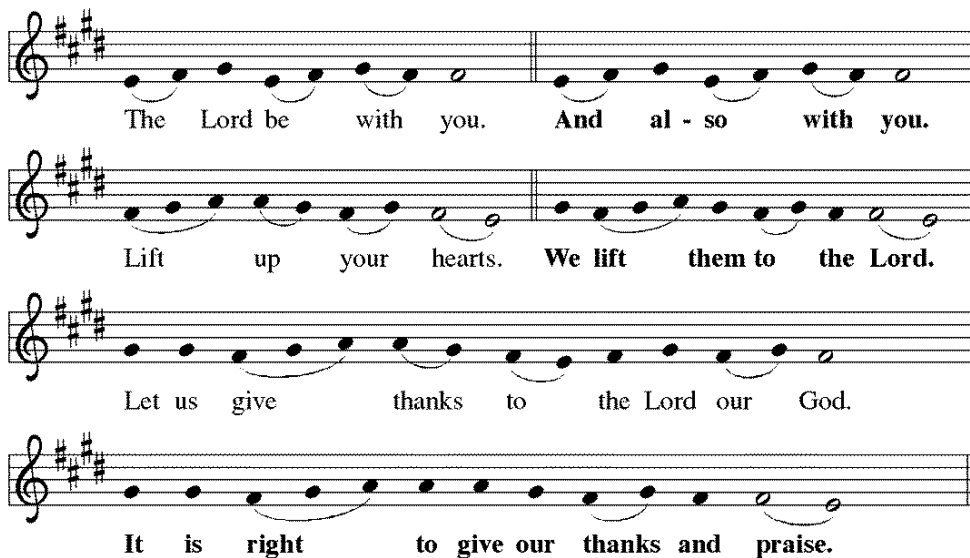
Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

OFFERING PRAYER

☐ Holy God,

☑ **the earth is yours and everything in it, yet you have chosen to dwell among us. Come among us now in these gifts of bread and wine, and strengthen us to be your body for the world 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.

PREFACE FOR ALL SAINTS' DAY

SANCTUS



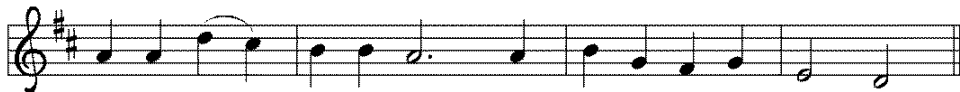
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



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

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 A feast of love is offered here

C **for me and for all the saints.**

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.

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HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

"Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones"

ELW 424

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| <p>1 Ye watchers and ye holy ones, bright seraphs, cherubim, and thrones, raise the glad strain: "Alleluia!" Cry out, dominions, principedoms, pow'rs, archangels, virtues, angel choirs: "Alleluia! Alleluia!" Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!</p> <p>2 O higher than the cherubim, more glorious than the seraphim, lead their praises: "Alleluia!" Thou bearer of the eternal Word, most gracious, magnify the Lord: "Alleluia! Alleluia!" Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!</p> | <p>3 Respond, ye souls in endless rest, ye patriarchs and prophets blest: "Alleluia! Alleluia!" Ye holy twelve, ye martyrs strong, all saints triumphant, raise the song: "Alleluia! Alleluia!" Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!</p> <p>4 O friends, in gladness let us sing, supernal anthems echoing: "Alleluia! Alleluia!" To God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit, Three in One: "Alleluia! Alleluia!" Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!</p> |
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Text: J. Athelstan Riley, 1858-1945

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- 1 **Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
cleansed by the blood of Christ our king:
heirs of salvation, trusting his promise,
faithfully now God's praise we sing.**
- 2 **Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
dead in the tomb with Christ our king:
one with his rising, freed and forgiven,
thankfully now God's praise we sing.**
- 3 **Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
marked with the sign of Christ our king:
born of the Spirit, we are God's children;
joyfully now God's praise we sing.**

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“Give Thanks for Saints”

- 1 **Give thanks for those whose faith is firm
when all around seems bleak:
on God's good promise they rely,
so while they live and when they die
how forcefully they speak—
the strong, who once were weak!**
- 2 **Give thanks for those whose hope is clear,
beyond mere mortal sight:
who seek the city God has planned,
the true, eternal promised land,
and steer on toward that light,
a beacon ever bright.**
- 3 **Give thanks for those whose love is pure,
a sparkling precious stone:
they show by what they say and do
an inward beauty, warm and true,
for God's concerns they own—
God's love through them is known.**
- 4 **Give thanks for saints of ages past
and saints alive today:
though often by this world despised,
their hearts by God are richly prized.
Give thanks that we may say
we share their pilgrim way.**

Text: Martin E. Leckebusch, b. 1962
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(stand)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- P** Blessed Jesus,
C at this table, you have been for us both host and meal. Now send us forth to extend our tables and to share your gifts until that day when all feast together at your heavenly banquet. Amen.

SENDING

DISMISSAL OF EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

BLESSING

- ☐ Almighty God, Father, † Son and Holy Spirit, the beginning and the end, who has written your name in the book of life, bless and keep you in grace and peace from this time forth and forevermore.

THREE-FOLD AMEN

HYMN

“Shall We Gather at the River”

ELW 423

1 Shall we gather at the river,
where bright angel feet have trod,
with its crystal tide forever
flowing by the throne of God?

Refrain

**Yes, we'll gather at the river,
the beautiful, the beautiful river;
gather with the saints at the river
that flows by the throne of God.**

2 On the margin of the river,
washing up its silver spray,
we will walk and worship ever,
all the happy golden day. *Refrain*

3 Ere we reach the shining river,
lay we ev'ry burden down;
grace our spirits will deliver,
and provide a robe and crown.

Refrain

4 Soon we'll reach the shining river,
soon our pilgrimage will cease;
soon our happy hearts will quiver
with the melody of peace. *Refrain*

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826-1899

DISMISSAL

- ☐ Led on by the saints before us, go in peace to serve the Lord.
☑ **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Tim Strang, *cellist*

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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

Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God in honor of Jane Kidder's 16th birthday by Mark & Tarna Kidder

Children's Choir

9:20 AM

Ages K-6th 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

10:15—11 AM

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.

Adult Forum

Sundays, 10:10

This morning, join us for "All Saints Day: A Short History".

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Sunday School

Sundays, 10:10 - 10:50 AM

Join us on Sundays on the 2nd floor for Sunday School. Preschool 1 (2-4 yrs) meets from 9:00—10:00 AM (child care for those too old for the nursery).

Youth Forum

Sundays, 10:10 - 10:50 AM

All 7th – 12th Graders are invited to join us!

This Sunday—Join Adult Forum

Grief Seminar

Sunday, November 7, 2021

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.

This Week at Kountze Memorial

November 7 Sunday

All Saints Sunday
Homebound Communion
8:00 AM & 10:00 AM Adult Choir
9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Worship
9:00 AM Nursery (0-2 yrs)
9:20 AM Children's Choir (K-6th gr)
10:10 AM Sunday School (2 yr-6th gr)
10:10 AM Youth Forum (gr 7-12)
10:10 AM Adult Forum
12:00 PM Grief Seminar

November 8 Monday

10:00 AM Pantry

November 9 Tuesday

9:00 AM Staff Meeting

November 10 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

November 11 Thursday

Veterans Day
Council Reports Due
9:30 AM WELCA Board
11:30 AM Property Committee
4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic

November 12 Friday

5:00 PM Pantry

November 13 Saturday

5:00 PM Worship

November 14 Sunday

Pentecost 25
8:00 AM & 10:00 AM Adult Choir
9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Worship
9:00 AM Nursery (0-2 yrs)
9:20 AM Children's Choir (K-6th gr)
10:10 AM Sunday School (2 yr-6th gr)
10:10 AM Youth Forum (gr 7-12)
10:10 AM Adult Forum
12:15 PM Book Group

Ongoing and Coming Soon

Kountze Commons Donor Wall

The donor wall is up in the link area between Kountze Memorial and Kountze Commons. Be sure to take some time to go see it.

2022 Summer Youth Trip Registrations

ELCA Youth Gathering in Minneapolis, MN

July 24 – July 31, 2022

Grades 8 – 12

We will extend our trip through July 31 to explore and serve in the Twin City area while possibly staying in a cabin on one of their 10,000 lakes. All 8th – 12th graders are encouraged to join in the journey. Your cost for the whole trip is \$450.00. **Registration is**

due now with a \$150.00 non-refundable deposit.

Please let Pastor Shari know your intention. Do not let finances keep you from signing up. An extended registration date is January 5 with the cost of the trip increasing by \$50.00.

SECOND Annual Men's Chili Cookoff

Thursday, November 18

11:30 AM

Call the church office or email jim@kmlchurch.org to sign up by Tuesday, November 16. Let us know if you will be entering a pot of chili or just attending. If you're entering a pot of chili, there is no cost; otherwise, suggested donation for the event will be a

Ongoing and Coming Soon *continued*

stuffed animal/ toy to be distributed by the Kountze food pantry as Christmas gifts for our young pantry guests.

Last year's winners were:

Dr. Jerry Fisher (1st place)

Chet Worm (2nd place)

Don Johnson (3rd place)

Come vote on your favorite chili. There will be prizes for the top three and a great time of fellowship for all.

Inter-Faith Thanksgiving Service

Sunday, November 21

5:00 PM

First Christian Church (6630 Dodge)

Kountze Memorial will once again be participating in the Inter-Faith Thanksgiving Prayer Service. This has been a nearly 30-year old event and it arose out of the congregations that helped give birth to the ministries of Together, Inc. (Kountze Memorial was a constitutive partner in both the foundation of Together, Inc and the Interfaith Prayer Service).

Please join us.

Thanksgiving Dinner with St. Peter's

Thanksgiving Day, November 25

(11:00 AM to 1:30 PM)

Co-sponsored with and held at

St. Peter's Catholic parish (709 S 28th 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. There will also be a sign up sheet in your bulletin beginning next week.

Advent Meal Volunteers Needed

We will need some volunteers to help prepare, serve, and clean up. We can always use volunteers to help put out placemats, pour drinks, run the dishwasher, etc. so no culinary experience is necessary. If you love to cook, we would be most happy to have you help us with one or all four meals. Please consider taking an hour or two this Advent season to volunteer before, during, or after one of the meals.

Kountze Food Pantry

Our Pantry is participating in the Thrivent's Give Thanks and Give Back Food Shelf Challenge! Our job is to collect at least 500 individual containers of non-perishable foods from November 1-30, 2021. The food drive will be supplemented with a Generosity Multiplier Gift, courtesy of the Thrivent Member Network-Nebraska Region. This means the Kountze Food Pantry will not only benefit from the food, we will receive a matching gift of \$500! If you bring your contributions in a reusable canvas shopping bag, we can pass these on to our walking pantry guests.

Thank you to all who brought hygiene products for our holiday gift bags. Your generosity, together with a very generous partnership with St. Michael Lutheran Church, will provide enough kits for 400 people!

Please note: Family Fare receipts must be complete in order to be counted. Partial receipts cannot be submitted.

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>

Successful Coat Drive

Three thousand winter coats were handed out and 1,000 of those coats were brand new kids coats. When you count the hats, gloves, scarves and socks, over 10,000 winter items were passed out. Because of your generosity, a lot of kids will be warm this winter!

Attendance & Giving

Saturday: 54

Sunday: 9:00: 181 **11:00:** 56

Wednesday: 12:15: 10 **Confirmation:** 12

Total: 313

Streaming: 68

Cox Cable: 251

Pantry Guests Served: 924 (includes 284 children)

Medical Clinic Guests Served: 20

Offering:

\$10,617.86 (Regular) \$2,174.38 (Specials)

\$26,267.00 (Debt Reduction)

We are promised a new heaven and earth.

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

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| Sunday | John 11:32-44 | Jesus raises Lazarus |
| Monday | Isaiah 25:6-9 | The Lord has delivered |
| Tuesday | Revelation 21:1-6a | A new heaven and earth |
| Wednesday | John 14:6-14 | Jesus is the way to God |
| Thursday | 1 Corinthians 15:42-58 | The resurrected body |
| Friday | 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 | The coming of our Lord |
| Saturday | Psalm 24 | Entrance into the temple |
| Sunday | Mark 12:38-44 | The widow's generous offering |



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*And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them." **Revelation 21:3 (NRSV)***

A Prayer for the Week:

Living God, we thank you for those you have given us to know and to love and for the promise of life everlasting through Christ our Savior. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, all things are yours. We thank you for the fruit of the earth that gives us our food today and your word that promises us life everlasting. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May Christ Jesus our Lord lift up your hearts for the life that knows no end.

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

- Think or talk about someone you loved who has died.
- Why do you think it is important to take time to remember loved ones?
- What special person or persons in your life do you want to remember on All Saint's Day? Explain.

Read: Revelation 21:1-6a.

We live in the era of the reality of global pandemics. Whether it is COVID-19, some other global virus, the news of natural disasters, civil wars, or other tragedies, we are faced with the reality of death in ways we often try to avoid. All Saints Day is one of those times to face death intentionally in a community of faith. The biblical promise is a new heaven and earth that is brought to us. We don't need to escape this world; God promises to join us. Verse 3 states, *"And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God.'" That promise has already begun to happen through Jesus Christ, the Word that became flesh and still dwells among us through the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Christ. Death forces us to address human limitations and what our own future holds. Our future is held by the God who comes to conquer death and give us a new heaven and earth where death and tears will be no more. This is trustworthy and true. What comfort and hope do you find in knowing this?*

Pray: **God of our present and our future, while we grieve the death of loved ones and reflect on our own mortality, help us to remember and trust that you are with us and promise new life in Christ. Amen.**

Think about someone who is grieving the loss of a loved one at this time. Are there ways you can reach out to help them as they mourn? Perhaps sending a sympathy card, delivering a meal, or including them in prayers? How will you let them know you care?

All Saints Day is a time to give thanks for those we have known and loved over the years. Take time this week to think or talk about loved ones who have died recently or long ago as you look at pictures of them (if available). Light a candle for each of the people. Then pray: **God of hope, thank you for those you have given us to know and to love. Thank you for the life of [names] and for the new life they have in you forever through Christ Jesus. Amen.**

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Daniel 12:1-3; Psalm 16
Hebrews 10:11-14 [15-18] 19-25; Mark 13:1-8