

KOUNTZE MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

A CITY-WIDE CHURCH WITH A WORLD-WIDE MINISTRY

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9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

Alleluia!



GATHERING

PRELUDE

Kountze Brass & Timpani
Dan Nesbitt, Scott Quackenbush, *trumpet*
Jason Stromquist, Jay Wise, *trombone*
Jack Rago, *timpani*

(stand)

THE EASTER ACCLAMATION!

- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen. **C** Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

- P** Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,
the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.
C Amen.

- P** Rejoicing in the resurrection of Jesus Christ,
joined to Christ and to one another in the waters our of baptism,
we yet call to mind a world so filled with suffering—
from war and violence, COVID and hunger,
homelessness and prejudice, national disaster and personal loss.

- C** **We who are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness
give thanks for the gift of baptism,
and we plead for the Spirit to strengthen us
by the mystery of Christ's resurrection.**

- P** Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the
everlasting wellspring, you are the fire of rebirth.

Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for cloud and rain,
for dew and snow. Your waters are below us, around us, above us: our life is born in you.
You are the fountain of resurrection.

Praise to you for your saving waters: Noah and the animals survive the flood, Hagar
discovers your well. The Israelites escape through the sea, and they drink from your
gushing rock. Naaman washes his leprosy away, and the Samaritan woman will never be
thirsty again.

At this font, holy God, we pray: Praise to you for the water of baptism and for your Word
that saves us in this water. Breathe your Spirit into all who are gathered here and into all
creation. Illumine our days. Enliven our bones. Dry our tears. Wash away the sin within us,
and drown the evil around us.

C Satisfy all our thirst with your living water, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

P Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

ELW 365

1 Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia!
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

3 But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!
our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
now above the sky he's king, Alleluia!
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

4 Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!
praise him, all you heav'nly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

Text: Latin carol, 14th cent., sts. 1-3;
tr. J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708, alt.; Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, st. 4


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.

HYMN OF PRAISE


“This is the Feast”

Refrain
Assisting minister




This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.

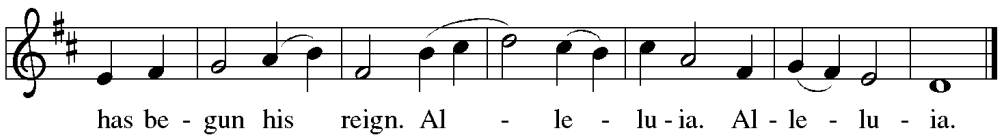
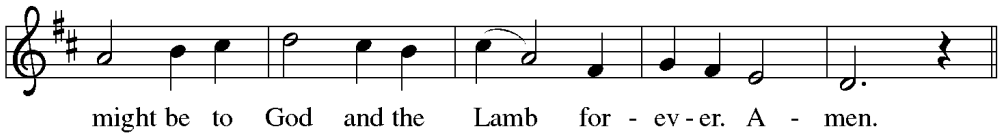
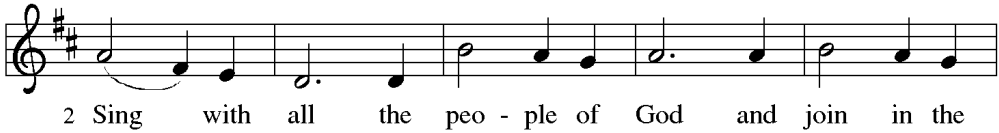
All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and



PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** God of mercy,
- C** we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with 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)

Psalms 118:14-15, 22-24 (read responsively)

¹⁴The LORD is my strength and my song,
and has become my salvation.

¹⁵**Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:**

“The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!

²²The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

²³**By the LORD has this been done;
it is marvelous in our eyes.**

²⁴This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

READING

1 Corinthians 15:19-26

Paul describes the consequences of the resurrection, including the promise of new life in Christ to a world that has been in bondage to death. He celebrates the destruction of evil and the establishment of God's victorious rule over all.

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. ²¹For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; ²²for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. ²³But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. ²⁵For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

P The word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

(stand)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

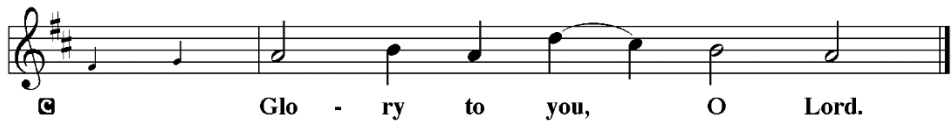


Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.



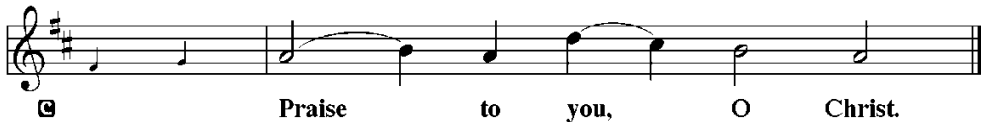
GOSPEL

Luke 24:1-12

Evidently expecting to find Jesus' corpse, some of the women among his followers go to the tomb with embalming spices. After a perplexing encounter with the empty tomb and angelic visitors, the women become the first to proclaim the amazing news of resurrection.

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. ²They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³but when they went in, they did not find the body. ⁴While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. ⁵The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “*Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen.*” ⁶Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.” ⁸Then they remembered his words, ⁹and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. ¹¹But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹²But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

P The Gospel of our Lord



(sit)

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

Children (aged 3 years through 5th grade) are invited to come forward for a blessing. Then, preschoolers may either follow, with all the other children, 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 Griffith

(stand)

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!”

ELW 377

**1 Alleluia! Jesus is risen!
Trumpets resounding in glorious light!
Splendor, the Lamb, heaven forever!
Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!**

Refrain

**Jesus is risen and we shall arise.
Give God the glory! Alleluia!**

**2 Walking the way, Christ in the center
telling the story to open our eyes;
breaking our bread, giving us glory:
Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise.**

Refrain

**3 Jesus the vine, we are the branches;
life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree;
heaven to earth, Christ to the people,
gift of the future now flowing to me.**

Refrain

**4 Weeping, be gone; sorrow, be silent:
death put asunder, and Easter is bright.
Cherubim sing: O grave, be open!
Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light.**

Refrain

**5 City of God, Easter forever,
golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb,
river of life, saints and archangels,
sing with creation to God the I AM!**

Refrain

Text: Herbert F. Brokering, b. 1926

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NICENE CREED

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

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

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

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

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Response: **☞** Merciful God,
 ☞ receive 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 Debbie Kee; to the family and friends of Barry L. Munyon, Kountze Pantry Volunteer

Illness: Kay Andersen, Richard Bock, Judy Boelts, Don Burton, Mike Edris, Rodney Edwards, Philip Frye, Richard Holzer, Renee Johnson, Jason Klonglan, Rosanne Klug, Lara McCormick, Norma Pafford, John Waterman, Darlene White

Other Prayers: *Those serving in the military* – Brenden Frerck, Wyatt Johnson, 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

THE PEACE IS SHARED

☞ The peace of Christ be with you always.
☞ And also with you.

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MEAL

THE OFFERING IS RECEIVED

We glorify God in our giving. Our offering is an act of worship that makes the ministries of this church possible. We encourage everyone to give. 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 online. Thank you!



THE TABLE IS PREPARED

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Rejoice in the Risen Christ”

Allen Pote

Kountze Choir, Brass & Timpani

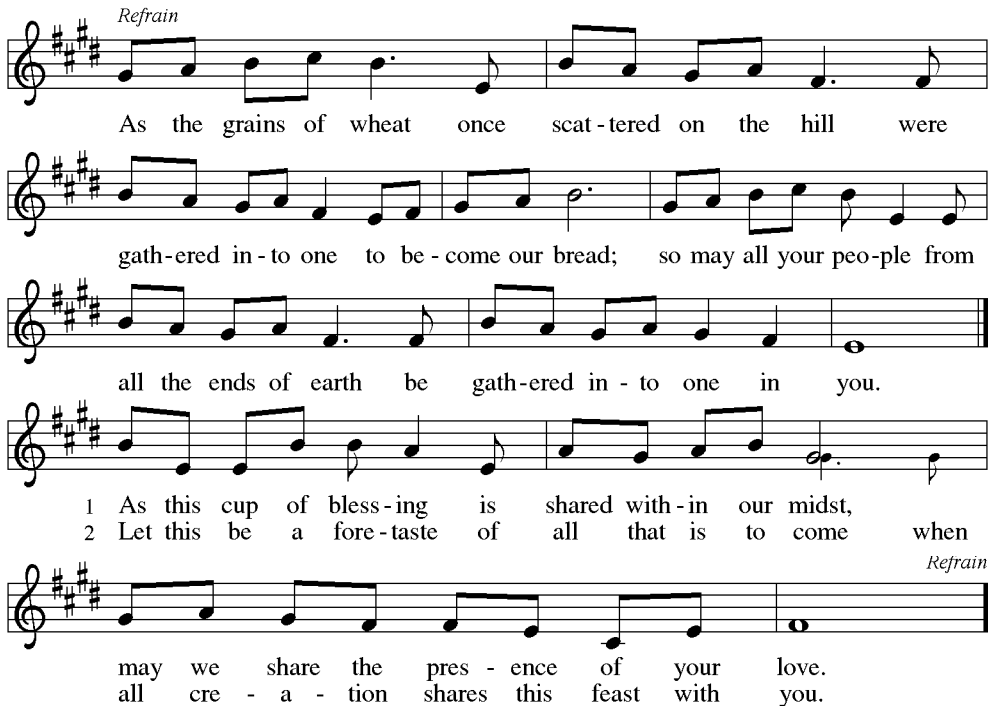
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OFFERTORY HYMN

“As the Grains of Wheat”

ELW 465

Refrain



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from
all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.
1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with - in our midst,
2 Let this be a fore - taste of all that is to come when
may we share the pres - ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

Refrain

OFFERING PRAYER

☐ Living God,

☑ you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together in your peaceable reign, and you welcome us all at your table. Reach out to us through this meal, and show us your wounded and risen body, that we may be nourished and believe in 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.

This musical score is for a hymn in G major (one sharp). It consists of four staves of music. The melody is simple and hymn-like, using a mix of quarter, eighth, and half notes. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

PREFACE FOR THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

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.

This musical score is for a hymn in G major (one sharp). It consists of four staves of music. The melody is more varied than the first hymn, featuring some eighth and sixteenth notes. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

- ☐ Blessed are you, O God of the universe.
... With this bread and cup ... we proclaim the mystery of faith



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

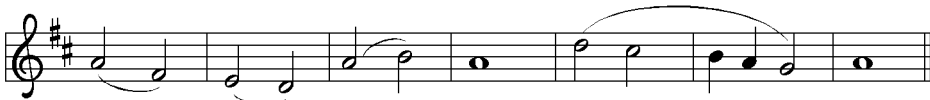
- ☐ Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

☑ **Come, Holy Spirit.**

- ☐ Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread ...
Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

☑ **Come, Holy Spirit.**

- ☐ With your holy ones ... we praise you, O God,
blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.



A - men, a - men, a - men.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

☑ **Our Father, who art in heaven,**

hallowed be thy name,

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

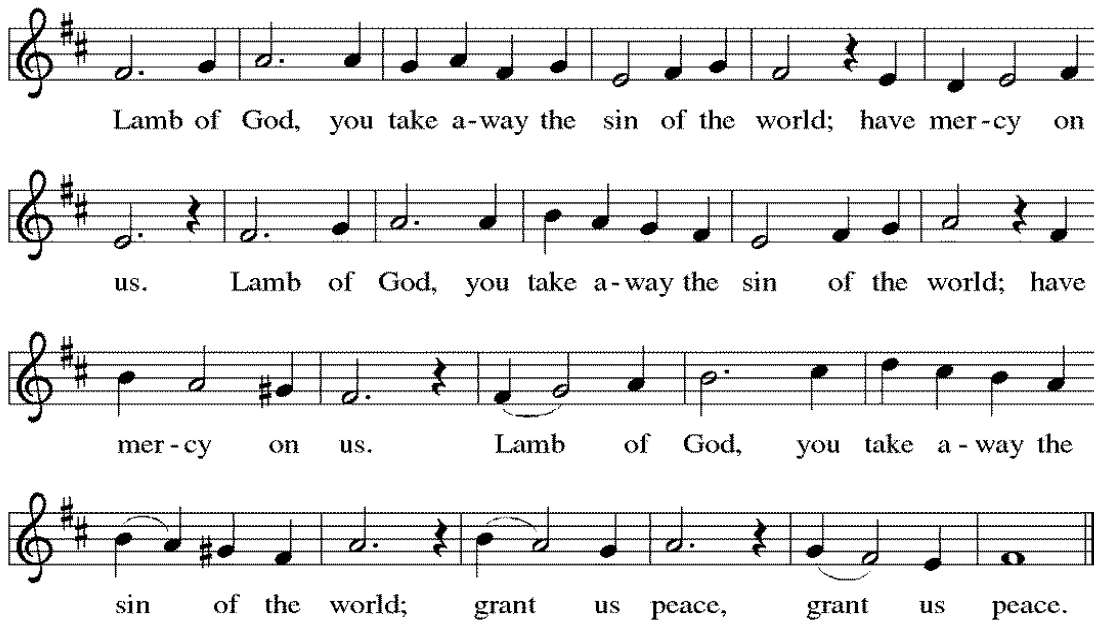
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P All who are hungry, all who are thirsty.

C The risen Christ dwells with us here.

(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.

HYMNS DURING COMMUNION “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!” ELW 385

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| 1 Good Christian friends, rejoice and sing!
Now is the triumph of our king!
To all the world glad news we bring:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! | 3 Praise we in songs of victory
that love, that life, which cannot die,
and sing with hearts uplifted high:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! |
| 2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day;
death's mighty stone is rolled away;
let all the world rejoice and say:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! | 4 Your name we bless, O risen Lord,
and sing today with one accord,
the life laid down, the life restored:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! |

Text: Cyril A. Alington, 1872-1955, alt.
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- 1** Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,
wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
love lives again, that with the dead has been;
love is come again like wheat arising green.
- 2** In the grave they laid him, love by hatred slain,
thinking that he would never wake again;
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen;
love is come again like wheat arising green.
- 3** Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,
he that for three days in the grave had lain;
raised from the dead, my living Lord is seen;
love is come again like wheat arising green.
- 4** When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
your touch can call us back to life again,
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;
love is come again like wheat arising green.

Text: John MacLeod Campbell Crum, 1872-1958
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“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!”

ELW 373 vs. 1-4

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| 1 "Christ the Lord is ris'n today!"
All on earth with angels say;
raise your joys and triumphs high;
sing, O heav'ns; and earth, reply. | 3 Vain the stone, the watch, the seal;
Christ has burst the gates of hell.
Death in vain forbids his rise;
Christ has opened paradise. |
| 2 Love's redeeming work is done,
fought the fight, the battle won;
Lo! The sun's eclipse is o'er.
Lo! He sets in blood no more. | 4 Lives again our glorious king!
Where, O death, is now your sting?
Once he died our souls to save;
where your victory, O grave? |

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.

**1 With high delight let us unite
in songs of sweet jubilation.
You pure in heart, all bear your part,
sing Jesus Christ, our salvation.
To set us free forever, he
is ris’n and sends to all earth’s ends
good news to save ev’ry nation.**

**2 True God, he first from death has burst
forth into life, all subduing.
His enemy now vanquished see;
his death has been death’s undoing.
“And yours shall be like victory
o’er death and grave,” says he, who gave
his life for us, life renewing.**

**3 Let praises ring; give thanks, and bring
to Christ our Lord adoration.
His honor speed by word and deed
to ev’ry land, ev’ry nation.
So shall his love give us above,
from misery and death set free,
all joy and full consolation.**

Text: Georg Vetter, 1536-1599;
tr. Martin H. Franzmann, 1907-1976, alt.
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(stand)

THE BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- ☞** We give you thanks, generous God,
☞ for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus’ name. Amen

SENDING

BLESSING

- ☞ God, the Author of life, Christ, the living Cornerstone, and the life-giving Spirit of adoption, ✠ bless you now and forever.

THREE-FOLD AMEN

HYMN

“Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing”

ELW 389

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| <p>1 Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.</p> <p>2 Christ is alive! No longer bound
to distant years in Palestine,
but saving, healing, here and now,
and touching ev’ry place and time.</p> | <p>3 In ev’ry insult, rift, and war,
where color, scorn, or wealth divide,
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,
and lives, where even hope has died.</p> <p>4 Women and men, in age and youth,
can feel the Spirit, hear the call,
and find the way, the life, the truth,
revealed in Jesus, freed for all.</p> |
| <p>5 Christ is alive, and comes to bring
good news to this and every age,
till earth and sky and ocean ring
with joy, with justice, love, and praise.</p> | |

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

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DISMISSAL

- ☞ Alleluia! Christ is risen.
☞ Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!
- ☞ Go in peace. Tell what God has done.
☞ Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Mark Jones, *organ*

✠ ✠ ✠ ✠ ✠ ✠



Easter 2022



Lilies are given to the glory of God...

in memory of:

Beloved son, Randy Anderson Szemplenski . given by Dean & Darlene Anderson

Our Uncle Tom Sullivan, who we miss so much....given by Brett, Jack, and Grandma Kathe Bailey

Our Grandma Jane Bailey, who we miss so much..given by Brett, Jack, and Grandma Kathe Bailey

Our Grandma Marge Sullivan, who we miss so muchgiven by Brett, Jack, and Grandma Kathe Bailey

Loved Onesgiven by Richard Bock

Joseph Bonfante given by wife, Elaine

Camenzind and Moeller families given by Larry & Fran Camenzind

Chrisman and Hysom families..... given by Larry & Fran Camenzind

David & Lois Carlsen given by the Campbell & Carlsen families

Floyd & Alice Chase..... given by the Campbell & Carlsen families

Viggo & Viola Carlsen given by the Campbell & Carlsen families

Husband- Dwaine Carlsongiven by Ellie Carlson

Loved Onesgiven by Ellie Carlson

Bill Lepper and Dale & Jean Clatterbuck given by Gary & Debi

J. Lawrence & Marion Cooke given by Warren Cooke

Edward J. Coufal..... given by the Coufal family

Betty L. Coufal..... given by Coufal Family

Myron Klug..... given by the Coufal family

Thelma & Joe Councill given by Joe Councill family

Marie & Ed Debus given by Joe Councill family

Jackie & Stephanie McCoy..... given by Joe Councill family

Pat & Lou Granneman given by Joe Councill family

Kathy Stauffer..... given by Joe Councill family

Vern McAleer given by Joe Councill family

Leonard Cross given by wife, Dorothy & daughter, Nancy Tunzer

Tim Daughtery given by Ryan, Rebecca, & Linda

Mom, Dad, and Jangiven by Barb Donelson

Elaine Drickey given by Emily & Evelyn

Ellison family members given by Robert Ellison
 Loved ones given by Gloria Erickson
 Kelcey Renae Fike given by Mary Jo Fike & family
 Randall S. Fike..... given by Mary Jo Fike & family
 John & Bernetta Johnson given by Mary Jo Fike & family
 Father- Rocco Fili given by Caleb, Sarah & Josh
 Wayne & Dorthy given by Jerry & Marsha
 Hannah Rief given by Grandpa & Grandma Freeman
 Walter & Florence..... given by Vicki & Leigh
 Pete & Jean given by Vicki & Leigh
 Curt Grabow..... given by wife, Marge
 Loved ones given by the Green, Callies & Ray families
 Mary Rose Gruber..... given by Mom & Dad
 Bob & Gayle Ringo given by Theresa & John Gruber
 Joyce E. Hahn given by Wayne A. Hahn & family
 George Pickinpaugh..... given by the Hansens and the Drickeys
 Elaine Drickey given by the Hansen family
 Jeff Helgenberger..... given by Cathy Helgenberger
 Family & Friends given by Loved Ones
 Elizabeth Kentopp..... given by
 Jean Holcombe..... given by Thomas Holcombe
 Lorri Enough..... given by James Holzer & Tracy Saklar
 Renaé Wilder given by Gail Houghton
 Gary Wilder given by Gail Houghton
 Marjorie Conrad..... given by Gail Houghton
 Loved Ones given by Duane & Penny Hovendick
 Byron WoodHull, Janet Woodhull Young..... given by Karen & Steve
 Jacobson
 Norris, Evelyn, Brian Jacobson given by Karen & Steve Jacobson
 Loved Ones given by Tom Jensen, Ron Muchmore, The Luczynski's
 Gehard & Cecilla Moller, Laura & Albin Johnson, Marilyn & Jack
 Baker given by Ken & Linda Johnson
 Geri Laney & Carole Olson given by Ken & Linda Johnson
 Catherine Zinn Joe Kubat given by Marie & Jack Kubat
 Alan & Mandy Larsen given by Deb Larsen & family
 Angela Cady..... given by Larsen family
 All those who have gone before us given by Larsen family
 Marvin & Ann Lienemann given by Rick Lienemann & Jane Estabrook
 Lyle Nissen given by Bruce & Barb Nissen
 Richerd Mueller given by Bruce & Barb Nissen
 Don & Jean Nippert given by Marvin & Kris Olson

Marvin P Olson given by Marvin & Kris Olson
 William Green..... given by Marvin & Kris Olson
 Richard Orris..... given by Michael Orris
 Elmer Pfeiffer..... given by Neil & Gary Pfeiffer
 Our parents..... given by Robert & Pat Ranney
 Pat's sister..... given by Robert & Pat Ranney
 Hannah Rief..... given by Her parents & siblings
 Gary Rodene given by Nancy Rodene
 Marjean Sackgiven by Norm Sack
 Margaret Sack.....given by Norm Sack
 Barbara Laushman given by Tracy Saklar & Kris Placzek family
 Charles & Augusta Laughman....given by Tracy Saklar & Kris Placzek family
 Joy Beavers given by Tracy Saklar & Kris Placzek family
 Chris & Nadine Saklar given by Tracy Saklar & Kris Placzek family
 Family & Friends given by Laurine Savine
 Lee Sealer..... given by Judy Sealer
 Diane Jonesgiven by mother, Lois Sorensen
 Bob Sorensengiven by wife, Lois Sorensen
 John & Elaine Studts.....given by Pat & David Studts
 Arthur Gersibgiven by Pat & David Studts
 Lloyd & Ethel Sullivangiven by Mark Sullivan
 Jerry Sullivangiven by Mark Sullivan
 Patricia Bearth.....given by Mark Sullivan
 Carl and Dean Sumgiven by Paul Sum family
 George and Corky Boonstra.....given by Paul Sum family
 Dudley Syrégiven by Mary Syré
 Raymond & Edna Kroggiven by Marsha & Jerry
 Mae & Carl Johnstongiven by the Wests
 Father, Edward White & Loved Ones..... given by Allyson White
 Grandparents, Gifford & Alice Anderson, Mr & Mrs John A. White
 given by Allyson White
 Beloved sister, Kaye Bock. given by sisters, Vickie Wichert & Darlene Anderson
 Beloved husband, Don Wichert given by wife, Vickie

In honor of:

Amantha Gillespie given by Patt & Joe Council
Our Grandchildren Joey, Jackson, Lilly & Ty Council given by Patt & Joe Council
Alice Pickinpaugh given by Emily & Evelyn
Joan Jacobson-Trotter given by her family
Pastor Inbarasu..... given by Leigh & Vicki Freeman
4 children & 12 grandchildren given by Ken & Linda Johnson
All three pastors given by Laurine Savine
All musicians making Easter blessings..... given by Laurine Savine
Elaine Bonfate's 75th confirmation anniversarygiven by Myrtle Weible
Mother, Darlene White given by Allyson White
The Refugee Resettlement Task Force

Love Offering:

Albert & Ilse Grage
The Johnson family
Marie & Jack Kubat
Laurine Savine
Vinn Stephens



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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. Activity bags, children's bibles, and bulletins are available, as well as a 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 attendance card in your bulletin or text your e-mail address to 22828.

Today at Kountze

Sharing of the Peace

As we return to worship practices, we encourage you to begin again sharing the peace in a way that is comfortable for you. Please be mindful that your way might not be for everyone. Handshakes, elbow or fist bump, a bow, a nod, a wave all work. Take this time to connect with others in a way that allows for the Peace of Christ to flow through and amongst us.

Youth Forum

This week—Serving Easter Breakfast

Hot Easter Breakfast

8:00 - 10:45 AM

Plan to have Easter Breakfast with us. Egg Casserole, Fruit, Potatoes, Pastries, Juice, and Coffee are on the menu. If you are able to assist in making this meal for the congregation, we are looking for people to help on Saturday Morning for set-up, Sunday Morning Chefs, Sunday Morning Servers, Sunday Morning Clean-up crew, and Pastry Donations. Let us know how you might help make this Easter Morning time a shared celebration for all.

Easter Egg Hunt

An Easter Egg Hunt will be held after the 9:00 Easter morning service. It will be held in the green space, weather permitting. Come and have fun gathering eggs!

Alleluia!

This Week at Kountze Memorial

April 17 Sunday

Easter
7:30, 9:00, & 11:00 AM
Worship
7:45 AM & 10:00 AM Adult Choir Rehearsal
No Children's Choir, Sunday School, Youth or Adult Forum today, but instead, join us for Easter Breakfast and an Easter Egg Hunt!
8:00—10:45 AM Easter Breakfast
9:00 AM Nursery (0-2 yrs)
10:10 Easter Egg Hunt

April 18 Monday

OFFICE CLOSED

April 19 Tuesday

9:00 AM Staff Meeting
1:00 PM Prayer Shawl Group
6:00 PM Congregation Council

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April 20 Wednesday

12:15 PM Worship
6:00 PM Confirmation Supper

April 21 Thursday

11:30 AM Men's Lunch
4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic
7:00 PM Circle 5

April 22 Friday

5:00 PM Pantry

April 23 Saturday

5:00 PM Worship

April 24 Sunday

Easter 2
8:00 AM & 10:00 AM Adult Choir Rehearsal
9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Worship
9:00 AM Nursery (0-2 yrs)
9:00 AM Confirmation
9:15 AM Children's Choir Rehearsal
10:10 AM Sunday School (2yr-6th gr)
10:10 AM Confirmation Celebration

Diaper Drive

We are having a diaper drive for the Bowari family. They need diapers size 1 and up (no newborn sizes please). If you would like to provide diapers, please bring them to church and put them in the large brown box next to the box for the Pantry box. Your donations will be appreciated.

Lutheran Disaster Response

Links to our giving page and Lutheran Disaster Response can be found in the Friday e-news or a checked marked "Eastern Europe Crisis Response" can be given to Kountze Memorial and we will make sure it gets to the right place. Your gifts designated for "Eastern Europe Crisis Response" will be used entirely (100%) to provide support for people impacted by conflict in the region.

Men's Lunch

Thursday, April 21

11:30 AM

Cost \$10

Please RSVP to the church office or to Jim Smejkal by Tuesday, April 19.

May is Blindness Prevention Month

May is Blindness Prevention Month. During May we will be again be collecting used eyeglasses for a community project. Thank you in advance for your

participation in this outreach event. Please place the glasses in the drop box by the back office door in May. Thank you in advance for your support.

Confirmation Sunday

Sunday, April 24

9:00 AM.

Those Affirming their Baptismal Faith are :

Olivia Baker
Boe Di Lorenzo
Barrett Hinrichs
Collin Johnston
Drew Rassmussen

A cake reception will follow worship in the Fellowship Hall on this day. Cards and notes of encouragement in their continued faith journeys from the congregation are appreciated.

Celebrating our Graduates

Sunday, May 15

9:00 AM Worship Service

As in years past, the high school seniors will be blessed and presented with a quilt from the KMLC sewing group. All graduates who wish to be included in the video can submit 5 photos, to Pastor Shari by Monday, May 2 along with your written information for the bulletin. Please contact Pastor Shari with any questions. We want to celebrate all graduates at this time. If you are graduating this spring or have

graduated from college or any educational program in the last 6 months, let us know. Submit the following information to shari@kmlchurch.org: Name, Parents, Place attended, Degree, and Future Plans by Monday, May 9. Thanks for helping us to compile this information. Congratulations to all!

Baptism Seminar

Sunday, May 15

10:10 AM

If you are interested in having your child baptized and have not been through a Baptism Seminar before, be sure to join us. We will meet in the Nave. The purpose of the seminar is to introduce parents to the theology of baptism, walk through the baptismal liturgy, discuss scheduling for the baptism, and address any questions the parents might have. Please call the church office to register at 402-341-7761.

Vacation Bible School

June 13 - 17

5:30 - 8:00 PM - Dinner at 5:30 PM

Save the date! Kountze will be partnering with Morning Star Lutheran Church for Vacation Bible School! Dinner will be served at the start, with learning through activities to follow. VBS will be held at Morning Start church (331 S. 85th St.). We will be looking for volunteers to help serve food, teach, and assist. If you are interested, please contact Kristin Boe at kristin@kmlchurch.org.



**Ordination of Adam Klinker
Held at Kountze Memorial
Tuesday, June 14**

Camp Carol Joy Holling

You can still register for Camp this summer. Go to <https://www.caroljoyholling.org>. Kountze camp week will take place June 19 – 24, 2022. Get to know your friends from Kountze while having a great time at bible camp. A pastor might even stop by to see what fun activities you are participating in during the week. We hope you will join in this great opportunity! (If that week will not work, we encourage you to attend anytime you are free this summer. There are First-Time Camper Discounts of \$100.00)

New Orleans is the Place for the 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering!

KMLC youth in 6th through 10th grade, get jazzed to participate in the New Orleans 2024 ELCA Youth

Gathering, MYLE and the tAble! The Big Easy is filled with rich history, friendly locals, amazing food and great music. Mark your calendars for July 16-20, 2024, to join in this transformational faith formation event. MYLE and the tAble will take place immediately before on July 13-16.

Kountze Food Pantry

Thank-you to Methodist Health Systems and the Women of the ELCA for their large donations of food and personal care items! We have exciting news at the Kountze Food Pantry! Beginning May 16 we will be returning to a guest choice, indoor service! This means a lot less heavy lifting and more fun for the volunteers. If you choose to join us, you will be expected to stand or sit at a station and offer our guests a choice in your category. There are 12 different stations at each shift. The first shift is from 10-11 and the second shift is from 11-1. In addition we will need greeters and carry out volunteers. You are welcome to sign up for both shifts. We all look forward to returning to normal!

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 using the following link:

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



Attendance & Giving

Saturday: 27

Sunday: 9:00: 202 **11:00:** 92

Wednesday: Not available at time of printing

Total: 321

Streaming: 65

Cox Cable: 150

Pantry Guests Served: 1381 (inc. 425 children)

Medical Clinic Guests Served: 28

Offering: Not available at time of printing

The resurrected Jesus changes who we are.

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

Sunday	John 20:1-18	The resurrection of Jesus
Monday	Luke 24:1-12	Jesus is alive
Tuesday	Acts 10:34-43	Peter speaks of faith in Jesus
Wednesday	1 Corinthians 15:19-26	Confidence in the resurrection
Thursday	Ezekiel 36:24-36	The renewal of Israel
Friday	Romans 12:1-8	The new life in Christ
Saturday	Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24	The Lord is always merciful
Sunday	John 20:19-31	Seeing Christ's wounds



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Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). John 20:16 (NRSV)

A Prayer for the Week:

God of power and might, give us joy in the good news of Jesus' victory over death that we may celebrate life in his name each and every day. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Christ is risen! Alleluia! For the power of resurrection to give life and for the gift of this food, we give you thanks through Christ Jesus our Lord. Alleluia! Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the words "Christ is risen" bring you joy. Alleluia!

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

- Our lives are influenced by those around us. How have others influenced who you are?
- How does believing in Jesus and his resurrection influence your life today?

Read: John 20:1-18.

John's resurrection account brings together important themes from the Gospel. John 1 begins as a new creation story, imitating the language of Genesis 1. This new creation—born again—language is continued on the lips of Jesus in John 3:3-8. The empty tomb experience takes place in a garden where Mary thinks Jesus is the gardener. The setting reminds us of the origins of human life in the Garden of Eden. In John 1:39 Jesus invites the disciples to "*Come and see*" where Jesus is staying. After the resurrection, Mary says to the disciples, "*I have seen the Lord.*" Mary's new birth as a follower of the resurrected Lord is seen in her recognition not only of Jesus but of her own identity and calling as a disciple. Jesus calls her by name and in that moment, she not only sees Jesus as her teacher, but her role as student and disciple. The resurrection for Mary is a very personal recognition of the resurrected Jesus and her new life as a disciple who has seen the Lord.

Discuss: How does the recognition of Jesus' resurrection impact your life of faith?

Pray: **Almighty God, help us to see in Jesus' resurrection, our calling as followers of the Lord and those who share love, hope, and good news with others. Amen.**

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, how can you encourage someone with love and hope in Jesus' name?

The word Easter means "spring." Easter ushers in new life. Plant an Easter Garden with colorful flowers like pansies, tulips, and petunias. If you buried or hid the word "Alleluia" on Transfiguration Sunday, display it in a visible place in your home during the Easter season or laminate it and place it on a stick in your Easter garden. As the garden grows during the fifty days of Easter, recall Mary in the garden with her Lord and remember that Jesus has given you a new identity as a follower of Jesus. When you look at your Easter Garden, say: **Alleluia! Christ is risen.**

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Acts 5:27-32; Psalm 118:14-29
Revelation 1:4-8; John 20:19-31