

# KOUNTZE MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

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### EASTER VIGIL



*This is the night! This is our Passover with Christ from darkness to light, from bondage to freedom, from death to life. Tonight is the heart of our celebration of the Three Days and the pinnacle of the church's year. The resurrection of Christ is proclaimed in word and sign, and we gather around a pillar of fire, hear ancient stories of our faith, welcome new sisters and brothers at the font, and share the food and drink of the promised land. Raised with Christ, we go forth into the world, aflame with the good news of the resurrection.*

# LIGHT

*Jesus Christ, rising in glory, dispels all darkness.*

## **LUCERNARIUM: BLESSING OF THE FIRE AND THE CHRIST CANDLE**

*A blazing fire is prepared in the new courtyard and all are invited to gather around the fire before the liturgy starts. Each person will receive a candle and is invited to join the procession from the fire into the Nave. In the event of inclement weather, we invite you to gather in the Nave and the lighting of the new Paschal Candle will occur in the narthex. If you prefer to not join the procession for any reason, please take a candle and meet us in the Nave.*

*When the people are gathered, the clergy and the assisting ministers begin:*

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

**G** Amen.

**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.

*The pastor welcomes the assembly and gives thanks over the new fire.*

**P** On this most sacred night, in which our Lord Jesus Christ passed over from death to life, the Church calls upon her children, scattered throughout the world, to come together to watch and pray. As we keep the memorial of the Lord's paschal solemnity in this way, listening to his word and celebrating his mysteries, let us have the sure hope of sharing his triumph over death and living with him in God.

Let us pray: O God, who through your Son bestowed upon the faithful the fire of your glory, grant that by these paschal celebrations, we may be so inflamed with heavenly desires, that with minds made pure and hearts sincere, we may, by your grace, receive festivities of unending splendor; through Christ our Lord.

**G** Amen.

*While the assisting minister holds the Paschal Candle, the pastor traces the inscription on it:*

**P** Christ, yesterday and today ✠, the beginning and the ending. Alpha (Α) and Omega (Ω); To Christ belongs all time and all the ages; to Christ belongs glory and dominion; now and forever.

**G** Amen.

*The individual candles of the assembly are lit from the paschal candle.*

**P** The light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.

**G** Amen.

## **PROCESSIONAL**

*The Paschal Candle leads the procession into the darkened nave. Along the way, the following acclamation is sung:*

**A** The light of Christ!

**G** Thanks be to God.

(sit)

## HYMN FOR THE VIGIL OF EASTER (*EXSULTET*)

*The assembly gathers in the darkened nave. We ask that you gather in the pews on the west side. Once the assembly is in place, the Exsultet is proclaimed.*

**P** The Lord be with.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

**A** Exult, let them exult, the hosts of heaven!

Exult, let Angel ministers of God exult!

Let the trumpet of salvation sound aloud our mighty King's triumph!

Be glad; let earth be glad, as glory floods her,  
ablaze with light from her eternal King!

Let all corners of the earth be glad,  
knowing an end to gloom and darkness.

Rejoice, let Mother Church also rejoice;  
arrayed with the lightning of his glory,  
let this holy building shake with joy,  
filled with the mighty voices of the people.

This is the night, when once you led our forebears,  
Israel's children, from slavery in Egypt  
And made them pass dry-shod through the Red Sea.  
This is the night that with a pillar of fire you  
banished the darkness of sin.

This is the night that even now,  
throughout the world, sets Christian believers  
apart from worldly vices and from the gloom of sin,  
leading them to grace and joining them to his holy ones.

This is the night, when Christ broke the prison bars of death  
and rose victorious from the underworld.  
O wonder of your humble care for us!  
O love, O charity beyond all telling,  
to ransom a slave you gave away your Son!  
O truly necessary sin of Adam, destroyed  
completely by the Death of Christ!  
O happy fault that earned so great,  
so glorious a redeemer!

The sanctifying power of this night  
dispels wickedness, washes fault away,  
restores innocence to the fallen, and joy to mourners.  
O truly blessed night, when things of heaven  
are wed to those of earth, and divine to human.

Therefore, O Lord, we pray you that this candle,  
hallowed to the honor of your name,  
may persevere undimmed,  
to overcome the darkness of this night.  
Receive it as a pleasing fragrance,  
and let it mingle with the lights of heaven.  
May this flame be found burning by the Morning Star:  
the one Morning Star who never sets,  
Christ your Son, who, coming back from death's domain,  
has shed his peaceful light on humanity,  
and lives and reigns forever and ever.

**✠ Amen.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**℟** The Lord be with you.

**✠ And also with you.**

**℟** O God, you are the creator of the world, the liberator of your people, and the wisdom of the earth.  
By the resurrection of your Son free us from our fears, restore us in your image, and ignite us with  
your light, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy  
Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**✠ Amen.**

## **WORD**

*The assembly gathers in the nave to hear the mighty works of God's creation and how God, in response to our human sin and limitation, reacts with devout love and singular purpose to heal and restore the human family. These readings speak of the whole arc of God's saving activity in human history, culminating in the Easter proclamation that will be God's final and ultimate act of salvation through self-giving love in the incarnation, death, and resurrection of Jesus, the Christ. Like a family gathered around a holiday table, it is a time to listen to our family story. We gather in darkness to hear again of God's love, who brings us out of darkness. We gather in darkness to remember why this night is so different from any other; to hear the resurrection promise in which the light of God's love now radiates throughout the whole world and for all time!*

## **FIRST READING**

**Genesis 1:1-2:4a**

*Creation*

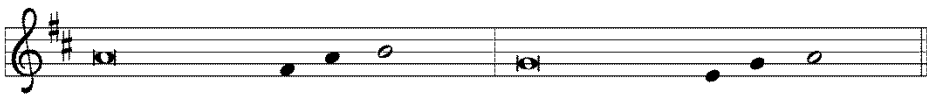
*after the reading:*

**℟** Word of God, word of life.

**✠ Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 136:1-9, 23-26**

*The psalm, which gives thanks for God’s creation, is sung following the reading; the assembly sings the portions in boldface.*



<sup>1</sup>Give thanks to the Lord, for the <sup>1</sup> Lord is good,  
**for God's mercy en- | dures forever.**  
<sup>2</sup>Give thanks to the <sup>1</sup> God of gods,  
**for God's mercy en- | dures forever.**  
<sup>3</sup>Give thanks to the <sup>1</sup> Lord of lords,  
**for God's mercy en- | dures forever;**  
<sup>4</sup>who alone <sup>1</sup> does great wonders,  
**for God's mercy en- | dures forever;**  
<sup>5</sup>who by wisdom <sup>1</sup> made the heavens,  
**for God's mercy en- | dures forever;**  
<sup>6</sup>who spread out the earth up- <sup>1</sup> on the waters,  
**for God's mercy en- | dures forever;**  
<sup>7</sup>who made <sup>1</sup> the great lights—  
**for God's mercy en- | dures forever;**

<sup>8</sup>the sun to gov- <sup>1</sup> ern the day,  
**for God's mercy en- | dures forever;**  
<sup>9</sup>the moon and the stars to gov- <sup>1</sup> ern the night,  
**for God's mercy en- | dures forever;**  
<sup>23</sup>who remembered us in our <sup>1</sup> low estate,  
**for God's mercy en- | dures forever;**  
<sup>24</sup>and rescued us <sup>1</sup> from our enemies,  
**for God's mercy en- | dures forever;**  
<sup>25</sup>who gives food <sup>1</sup> to all creatures,  
**for God's mercy en- | dures forever.**  
<sup>26</sup>Give thanks to the <sup>1</sup> God of heaven,  
**for God's mercy en- | dures forever.**

*silence*  
**Prayer**

**SECOND READING**

**Genesis 7:1-5, 11-18; 8:6-18; 9:8-13**

*The Flood*

*after the reading:*

**A** Word of God, word of life.

**☩ Thanks be to God.**

*silence*  
**Prayer**

**THIRD READING**

**Genesis 22:1-18**

*Testing of Abraham*

*after the reading:*

**A** Word of God, word of life.

**☩ Thanks be to God.**

*silence*  
**Prayer**

**FOURTH READING**

**Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21**

*Deliverance at the Red Sea*

*after the reading:*

**A** Word of God, word of life.

**☩ Thanks be to God.**

*Canticle of Moses and Miriam*

**Refrain** (spoken): **I will sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed!**

Cantor: I will sing to the Lord, for God has triumphed gloriously,  
the horse and its rider have been thrown into the sea.

The Lord is my strength and my song,  
and has become my savior. **(Refrain)**

You, O God, are my god and I will praise you;  
the God of our forebears, and I will exalt you.

Your right hand, O Lord, glorious in power,  
your right hand, O Lord, shatters the enemy. **(Refrain)**

Who among the gods is like you, O Lord?

Who is like you, majestic in holiness,  
awesome in splendor, doing wonders?

In your mercy you led forth the people you set free;  
you guided them in your strength  
to your holy habitation. **(Refrain)**

You will bring them in and plant them

on the mount that is your possession,

The place, O Lord, you have made for your dwelling,  
the sanctuary, O Lord, which your hands have prepared.

The Lord shall reign forever and ever. **(Refrain)**

*silence*

**Prayer**

**FIFTH READING**

**Ezekiel 36:24-28**

*I will create in you new hearts*

*after the reading:*

**A** Word of God, word of life.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*silence*

**Prayer**

**SIXTH READING**

**Jonah 1:1–2:1**

*The deliverance of Jonah*

*after the reading:*

**A** Word of God, word of life.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*silence*

**Prayer**

**SEVENTH READING**

**Romans 6:3-11**

*Death no longer holds dominion*

*after the reading:*

**A** Word of God, word of life.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Isaiah 12:2-6** (*read responsively*)

<sup>2</sup>Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid,  
for the LORD GOD is my strength and my might, and has become my salvation.

<sup>3</sup>**With joy you will draw water  
from the wells of salvation.**

<sup>4</sup>And you will say in that day: Give thanks to the LORD, call on God's name;  
make known the deeds of the LORD among the nations; proclaim that this name is exalted.

<sup>5</sup>**Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously;  
let this be known in all the earth.**

<sup>6</sup>Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion,  
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

*silence*

**Prayer**

*(candles are extinguished.)*

*(stand)*

## **PRAYER AT THE FONT**

*Paul proclaims that all of those who are baptized into Jesus' death through baptism will inherit the promise of Christ's resurrection (Romans 6:3-5). Thus, we return again and again to our baptism and the promises of God that sustain us in joy and in sorrow. On this sacred night, as we await the joyous proclamation of the empty tomb, we reaffirm our baptism as an act of faith, knowing that God's grace and transformative love have the last word!*

**P** Let us humbly beseech the Lord our God.

Lord our God, in your mercy be present to your people who keep vigil on this most sacred night, as we recall the wondrous work of our creation and the still greater work of our redemption.

We give you thanks, O God, for you have created water and made it an instrument of mercy. In the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, so that this water may be for us a memorial of the Baptism we have received, and grant that we may share in the gladness of our brothers and sisters of every time and every place, for we are united in one faith, one Lord, one Baptism, in the everlasting company of saints on earth and in heaven.

**A** **Amen.**

## AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

- P** I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.
- P** Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?
- C** **I renounce them.**
- P** Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?
- C** **I renounce them.**
- P** Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?
- C** **I renounce them.**
- P** Do you believe in God the Father?
- C** **I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**
- P** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
- C** **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.**
- P** Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
- C** **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.**

*(stand)*

## **EASTER PROCLAMATION** *(proclaimed 3 times)*

*The assembly stands as we all rejoice at the return of our Easter word, "Alleluia!" as we greet the Gospel. After the proclamation, the Altar Guild will dress the altar, restoring the splendor and beauty of Easter to the house of the Lord.*

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



## HYMN OF PRAISE

*During the Hymn of Praise, a thurible is prepared with incense. Since the first Temple of Jerusalem, incense has been used in worship. Luther himself retained it and encouraged its use, especially during the reading of the Gospel and in preparation for the Eucharist.*



1 All glo - ry be to God on high, and peace to earth be  
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the on - ly Son of God, cre - a - tion's  
3 To you a - lone, O God, we cry, the Ho - ly One we



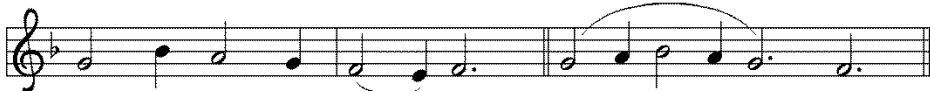
giv - en! Let an - gels sing, let all re - ply; good -  
au - thor, O Lamb of God, your death a - lone takes  
name you; for you a - lone are God most high, one



will breaks forth from heav - en! Lord God Al - might - y,  
sin a - way for - ev - er. Stretch out your arms to  
liv - ing God we claim you: we wor - ship you, Lord



heav - en's king, we wor - ship you, our thanks we sing, we  
ev - 'ry land, and, as you reign at God's right hand, re -  
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it ev - er blest, in



praise you for your glo - ry.  
ceive our prayer; have mer - cy.  
God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. A - men.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

- P** Alleluia! Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.
- C** Alleluia! Alleluia!
- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John.
- C** Glory to you, O Lord!

## GOSPEL

**John 20:1–18**

*John's Gospel describes the confusion and excitement of the first Easter: the stone is moved, disciples race back and forth, and angels speak to a weeping woman. Then, Jesus himself appears.*

**E**arly on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. <sup>2</sup>So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." <sup>3</sup>Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. <sup>4</sup>The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. <sup>5</sup>He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. <sup>6</sup>Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, <sup>7</sup>and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. <sup>8</sup>Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; <sup>9</sup>for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. <sup>10</sup>Then the disciples returned to their homes.

<sup>11</sup>But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; <sup>12</sup>and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. <sup>13</sup>They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." <sup>14</sup>When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>15</sup>Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." <sup>16</sup>Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). <sup>17</sup>Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" <sup>18</sup>Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

**P** The Gospel of our Lord!

**C** Praise to you, O Christ!

# MEAL

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## THE TABLE IS PREPARED

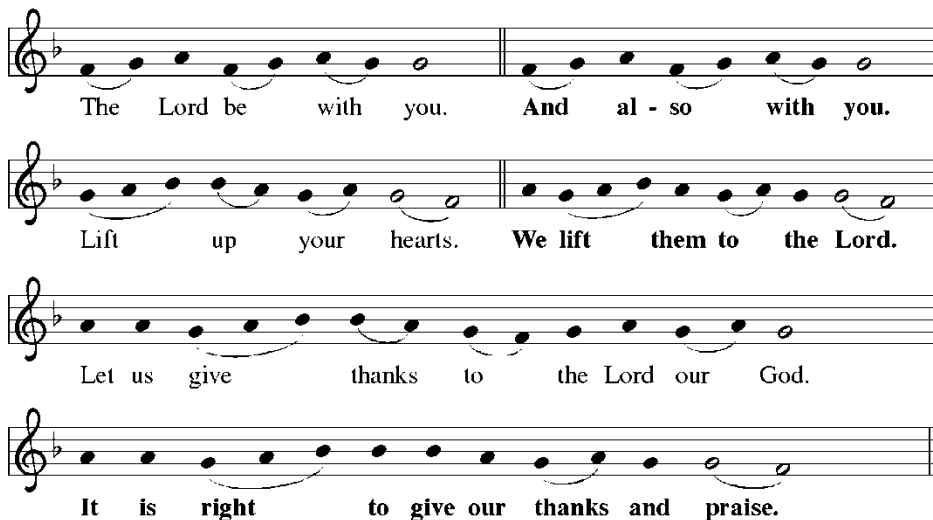
*On this joyous occasion, incense is used at the altar in preparation of the Lord's Supper. "The use of incense has a long history in both Judaism and Christianity. Incense is mentioned frequently in the Hebrew Scriptures. In the Gospel, Zechariah is in the temple at the time of the incense offering (Luke 1) and the gifts the Magi offered to the Christ Child included frankincense and myrrh. In Second Corinthians the knowledge of Christ is compared to a fragrant odor (2:14-16). The vision of heaven in Revelation includes the elders holding bowls of incense, described as the prayers of the saints (Revelation 5:8). The clouds of incense represent cleansing and purification, and the sweet smell suggests Christ's robe of righteousness that covers our sin. It also symbolizes the great cloud of witnesses (angels, apostles, martyrs, and saints) who join their prayers of praise and thanksgiving to ours around the everlasting throne of the Lamb of God. 'May our prayers arise before him as incense!'"*

(stand)

## OFFERING PRAYER

- P** God of glory,  
**C** receive these gifts and the offering of our lives. As Jesus was lifted up from the earth, draw us to your heart in the midst of this world. Bring all creation from bondage to freedom, from darkness to light, and from death to life; through 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 Thanksgiving continues)

- P** It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...  
...and join their unending hymn:

## SANCTUS


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

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*This evening we use Luther's Eucharistic setting, which calls for the Words of Institution to be chanted. The overall effect is that from the Great Thanksgiving through the Lord's Prayer, the Church offers a unified, unbroken proclamation and prayers of praise and thanksgiving for God's sacramental grace.*

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## THE LORD'S PRAYER



Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your name,  
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en.  
Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we  
for - give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of tri - al  
and de - liv - er us from c - vil. For the king - dom, the pow'r,  
and the glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men.

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

St. John Chrysostom

- ☐ Come, rich and poor together; let us celebrate this high festival.  
Come, diligent and heedless; honor this feast.  
Come, both you who have fasted and you who did not; rejoice together.  
Come, the table is full; feast sumptuously.  
Come, let no one go away hungry.  
Come, enjoy the feast of faith; receive the riches of God's mercy.

☑ Amen.

(sit)

## AGNUS DEI

### *Lamb of God*

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. A - men.

## HOLY COMMUNION IS SHARED

(stand)

## POST COMMUNION BLESSING

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- ☐ Wellspring of joy,
- ☑ through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts. Satisfy the hunger still around us, and send us as joyful witnesses, that your love will bring joy to the hearts of all people, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## SENDING

## BLESSING

- ☐ May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom to know and love the risen Lord Jesus. The God of life, Father, ✙ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
- ☑ Amen.

1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 now a - bove the sky he's king, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 where the an - gels ev - er sing, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

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

## DISMISSAL

- ☐ Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- ☑ **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**
- ☐ Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!
- ☑ **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

## POSTLUDE



# *Alleluia!*

## **Easter Sunday, April 17**

7:30 AM Festival of the Resurrection in the Link

8 - 10:45 AM Easter Breakfast

9 & 11 AM Festival of the Resurrection

10:10 AMish Easter Egg Hunt in the Green Space after the 9:00 AM service







## 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 much ....given by Brett, Jack, and Grandma Kathe Bailey

Loved Ones .....given 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 Carlson .....given by Ellie Carlson

Loved Ones .....given 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 Jan .....given 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 Sack .....given 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 Jones .....given by mother, Lois Sorensen  
 Bob Sorensen .....given by wife, Lois Sorensen  
 John & Elaine Studts.....given by Pat & David Studts  
 Arthur Gersib .....given by Pat & David Studts  
 Lloyd & Ethel Sullivan.....given by Mark Sullivan  
 Jerry Sullivan .....given by Mark Sullivan  
 Patricia Bearth.....given by Mark Sullivan  
 Carl and Dean Sum .....given by Paul Sum family  
 George and Corky Boonstra.....given by Paul Sum family  
 Dudley Syré .....given by Mary Syré  
 Raymond & Edna Krog .....given by Marsha & Jerry  
 Mae & Carl Johnston .....given 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



### KOUNTZE STAFF

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# KOUNTZE

Memorial Lutheran Church

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**April 16 & 17 2022**

*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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INDEED



### 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-6<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 Star 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](mailto: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 6<sup>th</sup> through 10<sup>th</sup> 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