

# KOUNTZE MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

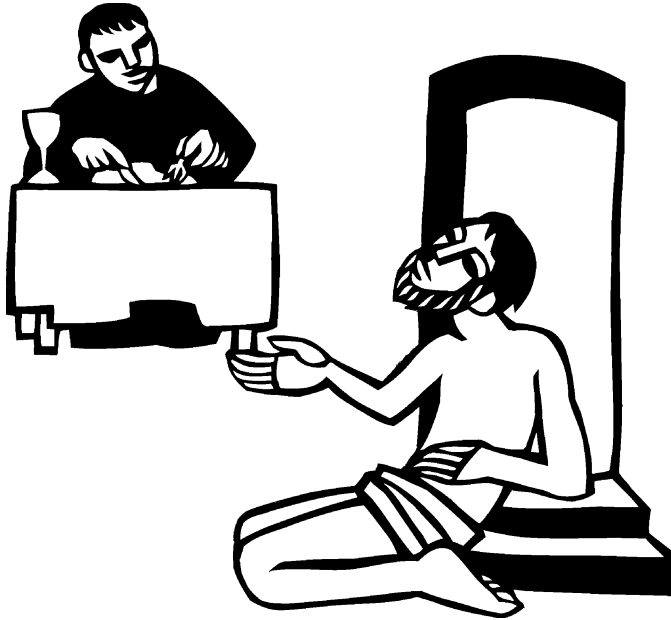
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9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST



*Consideration of and care for those in need (especially those “at our gate,” visible to us, of whom we are aware) is an essential component of good stewardship. It is in the sharing of wealth that we avoid the snare of wealth. It is the one whom death could not hold—who comes to us risen from the dead—who can free us from the death grip of greed.*

# GATHERING

## PRELUDE

Stephen Bartelt, *organ*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*(stand)*

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

**P** Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who is eager to forgive and who loves us beyond our days.

**C** Amen.

**P** Dear friends, together let us acknowledge our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**P** God of mercy and forgiveness,

**C** we confess that sin still has a hold on us.

**We have harmed your good creation.**

**We have failed to do justice, love kindness  
and walk humbly with you.**

**Turn us in a new direction.**

**Show us the path that leads to life.**

**Be our refuge and strength on the journey,  
through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. Amen.**

**P** Beloved of God: your sins are forgiven † and you are made whole.

God points us to Christ, who meets us on the road.

Journey now in God's abiding love  
through the power of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

- 1** Here in this place the new light is streaming,  
 now is the darkness vanished away;  
 see in this space our fears and our dreamings  
 brought here to you in the light of this day.  
 Gather us in, the lost and forsaken,  
 gather us in, the blind and the lame;  
 call to us now, and we shall awaken,  
 we shall arise at the sound of our name.
- 2** We are the young, our lives are a myst'ry,  
 we are the old who yearn for your face;  
 we have been sung throughout all of hist'ry,  
 called to be light to the whole human race.  
 Gather us in, the rich and the haughty,  
 gather us in, the proud and the strong;  
 give us a heart, so meek and so lowly,  
 give us the courage to enter the song.

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## APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

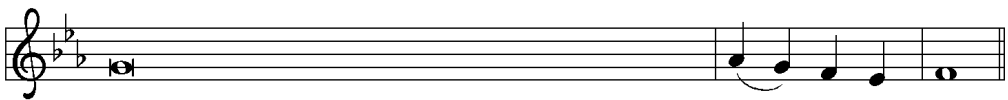
## KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



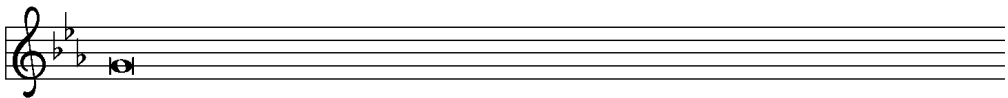
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



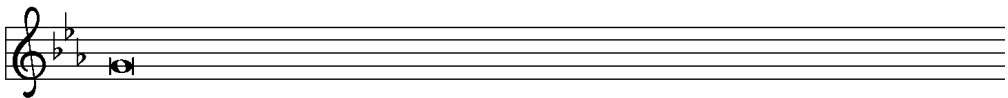
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.



## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** O God,

**C** rich in mercy, you look with compassion on this troubled world. Feed us with your grace, and grant us the treasure that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## WORD

(sit)

### FIRST READING

**Amos 6:1a, 4-7**

*The prophet Amos announces that Israel's great wealth is a cause not for rejoicing but rather sorrow, because God's people have forgotten how to share their wealth with the poor. The wealthy will be the first to go into exile when judgment comes.*

**A** las for those who are at ease in Zion, and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria,  
<sup>4</sup>Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory, and lounge on their couches, and eat lambs from the flock, and calves from the stall;

<sup>5</sup>who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp, and like David improvise on instruments of music;

<sup>6</sup>who drink wine from bowls, and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!

<sup>7</sup>Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile, and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

**L** The word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### PSALM 146 (read responsively)

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah!

Praise the LORD, O my soul!

<sup>2</sup>**I will praise the LORD as long as I live;**

**I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**

<sup>3</sup>Put not your trust in rulers,  
in mortals in whom there is no help.

<sup>4</sup>**When they breathe their last, they return to earth,  
and in that day their thoughts perish.**

<sup>5</sup>Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help,  
whose hope is in the LORD their God;

<sup>6</sup>**who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;  
who keeps promises forever;**

<sup>7</sup>who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger.

The LORD sets the captive free.

**<sup>8</sup>The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.**

<sup>9</sup>The LORD cares for the stranger;

the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

**<sup>10</sup>The LORD shall reign forever,  
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!**

## SECOND READING

## 1 Timothy 6:6-19

*Timothy is reminded of the confession he made at his baptism and of its implications for daily life. His priorities will be different from those of people who merely want to be rich.*

**O**f course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; <sup>7</sup>for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; <sup>8</sup>but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. <sup>9</sup>But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. <sup>10</sup>For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

<sup>11</sup>But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. <sup>12</sup>Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. <sup>13</sup>In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you <sup>14</sup>to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>15</sup>which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. <sup>16</sup>It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

<sup>17</sup>As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. <sup>18</sup>They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, <sup>19</sup>thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

📖 The word of the Lord.

🙏 Thanks be to God.

(stand)

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



☐ The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

☑ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

## HOLY GOSPEL

**Luke 16:19-31**

*Jesus tells a parable in which the poor one is “lifted up” and the rich one is “sent away empty.” Jesus makes it clear that this ethic of merciful reversal is not new but is as old as Moses and the prophets.*

**J**esus said:]<sup>19</sup>“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day.<sup>20</sup>And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores,<sup>21</sup>who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores.<sup>22</sup>The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried.<sup>23</sup>In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side.<sup>24</sup>He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.’<sup>25</sup>But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony.<sup>26</sup>Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’<sup>27</sup>He said, ‘Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house—<sup>28</sup>for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’<sup>29</sup>Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’<sup>30</sup>He said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’<sup>31</sup>He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’”

☐ The Gospel of the Lord.

☑ **Praise to you, O Christ.**



(sit)

## CHILDREN'S BLESSING 9:00 AM

Children (aged 3 years through 5<sup>th</sup> grade) are invited to come forward for a blessing. Then, they may either return to their seat and use the Spark Bible and/or activity bags during the regular sermon, or follow Ms. Boe upstairs for an activity in the Sunday School room, and Ms. Carlsen for Children's Choir.

## SERMON

Pastor Duminy

(stand)

## HYMN OF THE DAY                    "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life"                    ELW 719 vs. 1, 2, 4

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| <p><b>1</b> Where cross the crowded ways of life,<br/>where sound the cries of race and clan,<br/>above the noise of selfish strife,<br/>we hear your voice, O Son of Man.</p> | <p><b>2</b> In haunts of wretchedness and need,<br/>on shadowed thresholds dark with fears,<br/>from paths where hide the lures of greed,<br/>we catch the vision of your tears.</p> |
| <p><b>4</b> The cup of water giv'n for you<br/>still holds the freshness of your grace;<br/>yet long these multitudes to view<br/>the strong compassion in your face.</p>      |  |

Text: Frank M. North, 1850-1935, alt.

(sit)

## PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS (9:00 AM)

## PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS & ADULT BAPTISM (11:00 AM)

- ☐ Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for *these individuals*, who are already one with us in the body of Christ and whom we now welcome as new members into the life and ministry of this congregation.

*Rod Carlson  
Julie & Greg Classen  
Paul Frederick*

*David Gibson  
Phyllis Gibson  
Christie Hasenkamp*

*Søren Hepburn  
Steve & Diane O'Connor  
Amy Wendling*

## THE APOSTLES' CREED

- ☐ God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ.  
Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.
- ☑ **I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**P** In baptism, we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God. We are called to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

**P** *Sisters and brothers* in Christ: do you intend to continue in the covenant of your baptism among God's people in this place?

Response: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

May almighty God – Father, Son ✠ and Holy Spirit – who gave you the will to reaffirm your baptismal vows also give you the grace and the strength to uphold them.

**P** People of God: do you promise to support and pray for these new members in their life in Christ?

**C** **We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

**P** Let us pray: we give you thanks for our new members whom you have drawn to yourself by the love of Jesus Christ and whom we have welcomed into this household of faith. Keep us close together in your Spirit, in the breaking of bread and the prayers, and in service to others.

**C** **Amen.**

## THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Response: **P** God of grace,  
**C** hear our prayer.

*(In our prayers today, during a time of silence, pray for those listed below and for others according to their needs)*

**Illness:** Patty Baker, Richard Bock, Jan Bowder, Gene Buchholz, Don Burton, Myrna Carter, Shirley Dietrich, Mike Edris, Philip Frye, Susie Henry, Richard & Betty Holzer, Joan Jacobson-Trotter, Jason Klonglan, Rosanne Klug, Orville Knapp, Chris Meyer, Jane Meyer, Lara McCormick, Donna Moessner, John Ray, Neal Von Seggern, Debra Woosley, Dorothy Yeshnowski

**Other Prayers:** *Those serving in the military* – Brenden Frerck, Wyatt Johnson, Tyler Johnston, 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; Katie Larson, Columbia; Rev. Robert and Kathy Moore, Wittenburg Center, Germany; and Dan & Ginny Rath, international translators; our sister congregation, the American Church in Berlin, as they assist refugees from the war in Ukraine

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

## THE PEACE IS SHARED

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

## MEAL

*(sit)*

### 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 or place your offering in the plates that are located at the entrances to the Sanctuary. For those of you watching through our media outlets, if you are able, please mail in your offering or donate online. Thank you!*



### THE TABLE IS PREPARED

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Poor Man Lazarus”

arr. Jester Hairston

(stand)

## OFFERTORY HYMN

“We Are an Offering”

ELW 692

The musical score is written on six staves of music. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a 7/8 time signature. The lyrics are printed below the notes. The first staff contains the lyrics: "We lift our voic-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an". The second staff continues: "of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voic-es, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our". The third staff: "lives, they are yours: we are an of-fer-ing. All that we have, all that we are,". The fourth staff: "all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.". The fifth staff: "We lift our voic-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you:". The sixth staff: "we are an of-fer-ing, we are an of-fer-ing." There are three triplet markings (indicated by a '3' above the notes) in the first, third, and sixth staves.

We lift our voic-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an  
of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voic-es, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our  
lives, they are yours: we are an of-fer-ing. All that we have, all that we are,  
all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.  
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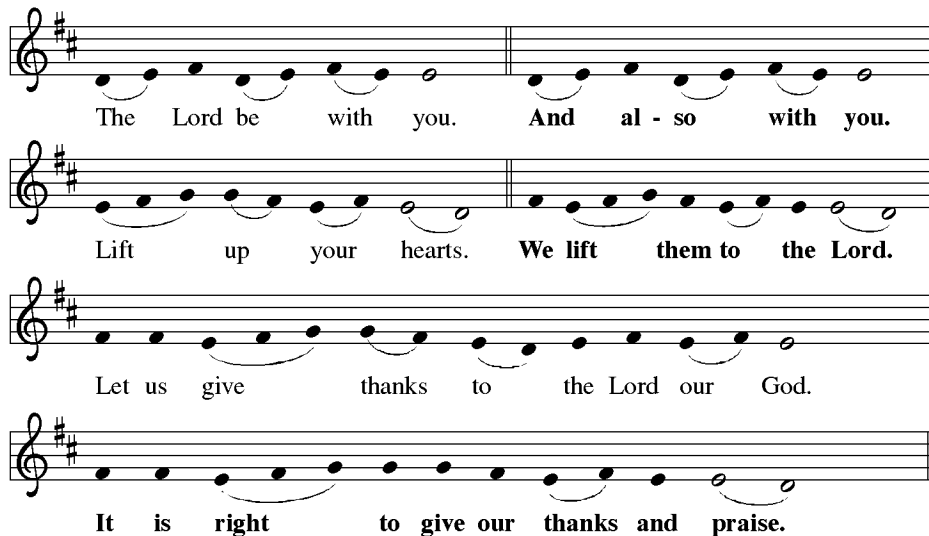
## OFFERING PRAYER

☞ Gracious God,

☞ **in your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all. Amen.**

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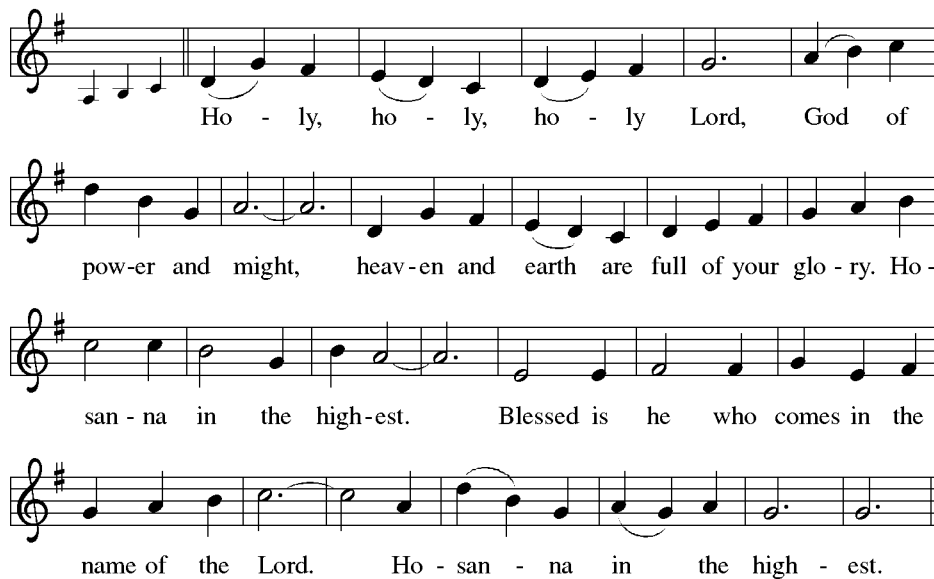
## GREAT THANKSGIVING



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.

## PREFACE

## SANCTUS



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

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**P** Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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.**

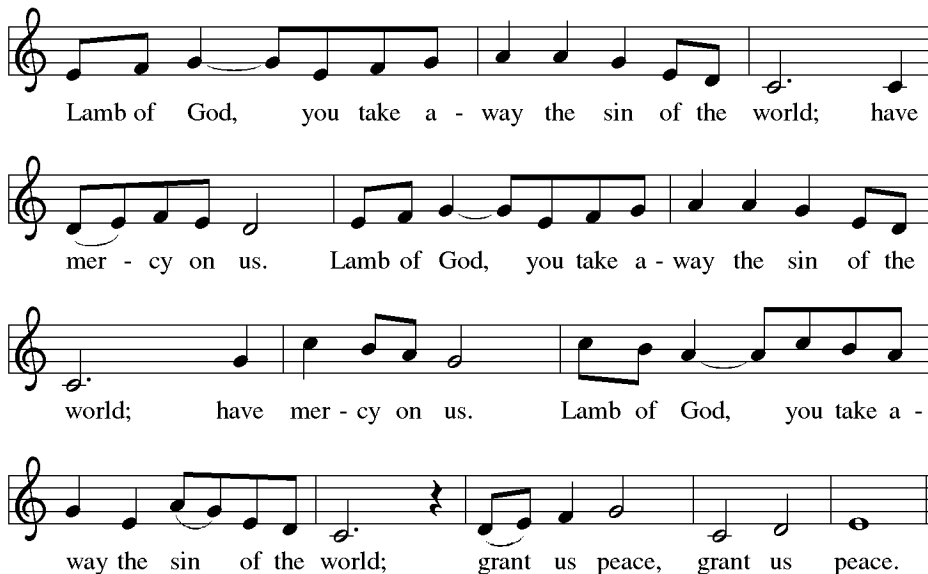
**Give us this day our daily bread;**

**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.**

## 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.

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

**P** Christ invites you to this table.

**C** **Come, taste and see.**

*(sit)*

## 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 who 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. The form of distribution is intinction: you will receive the consecrated bread and then you may dip the bread into the wine. Gluten free bread is available upon request.*

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| <p><b>1 We come to the hungry feast<br/>hungry for a word of peace.<br/>To hungry hearts unsatisfied<br/>the love of God is not denied.<br/>We come, we come to the hungry feast.</b></p>                | <p><b>2 We come to the hungry feast<br/>hungry for a world released<br/>from hungry folk of ev'ry kind,<br/>the poor in body, poor in mind.<br/>We come, we come to the hungry feast.</b></p> |
| <p><b>3 We come to the hungry feast<br/>hungry that the hunger cease,<br/>and knowing, though we eat our fill,<br/>the hunger will stay with us; still<br/>we come, we come to the hungry feast.</b></p> |   |

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*“Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service”*

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| <p><b>1 Lord, whose love in humble service<br/>bore the weight of human need,<br/>who upon the cross, forsaken,<br/>worked your mercy's perfect deed:<br/>we, your servants, bring the worship<br/>not of voice alone, but heart;<br/>consecrating to your purpose<br/>ev'ry gift which you impart.</b></p>                | <p><b>3 As we worship, grant us vision,<br/>till your love's revealing light<br/>in its height and depth and greatness<br/>dawns upon our quickened sight,<br/>making known the needs and burdens<br/>your compassion bids us bear,<br/>stirring us to ardent service,<br/>your abundant life to share.</b></p>           |
| <p><b>2 Still your children wander homeless;<br/>still the hungry cry for bread;<br/>still the captives long for freedom;<br/>still in grief we mourn our dead.<br/>As you, Lord, in deep compassion<br/>healed the sick and freed the soul,<br/>by your Spirit send your power<br/>to our world to make it whole.</b></p> | <p><b>4 Called by worship to your service,<br/>forth in your dear name we go,<br/>to the child, the youth, the aged,<br/>love in living deeds to show;<br/>hope and health, good will and comfort,<br/>counsel, aid and peace we give,<br/>that your servants, Lord, in freedom<br/>may your mercy know and live.</b></p> |

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*(stand)*

**POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- P** God of the abundant table,  
**C** you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey. Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

## SENDING

## BLESSING

- P** God, who gives life to all things and frees us from despair, bless you with truth and peace. And may the holy Trinity, † one God, guide you always in faith, hope, and love.

## THREE-FOLD AMEN

## RECESSIONAL HYMN

*“Canticle of the Turning”*

ELW 723 vs 1, 3

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| <p><b>1</b> My soul cries out with a joyful shout<br/>that the God of my heart is great,<br/>and my spirit sings of the wondrous things<br/>that you bring to the ones who wait.<br/>You fixed your sight on your servant's<br/>plight,<br/>and my weakness you did not spurn,<br/>so from east to west shall my name be blest.<br/>Could the world be about to turn?</p> | <p><b>3</b> From the halls of pow'r to the fortress tow'r,<br/>not a stone will be left on stone.<br/>Let the king beware for your justice tears<br/>ev'ry tyrant from his throne.<br/>The hungry poor shall weep no more,<br/>for the food they can never earn;<br/>there are tables spread, ev'ry mouth be fed,<br/>for the world is about to turn. <i>Refrain</i></p> |
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### *Refrain*

My heart shall sing of the day you bring.  
Let the fires of your justice burn.  
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws  
near,  
and the world is about to turn.

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## DISMISSAL

- P** Go in peace, with Christ beside you.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE

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*Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church is a vibrant, historic faith community that welcomes all and provides ministries for all ages and walks of life. We are a "City-wide Church with a World-wide Ministry" and have been worshiping, growing, and serving in downtown Omaha for over 160 years. If you are new to Kountze Memorial, we invite you to visit the Welcome Desk in Fellowship Hall for more information about who we are and what we do.*

### Holy Communion

All who are baptized and trust in Christ's presence in Holy Communion are invited to commune at the Lord's Table. Children not yet communing will receive a blessing. Instructions will be provided during worship. It is the understanding of the universal Church that those who wish to commune with bread only (especially for health reasons) have communed fully. Our form of distribution is Intinction.

### 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

**Thank You** to Mr. Stephen Bartelt for being our substitute organist this Sunday while Mark Jones is away.

**Altar Flowers** are given to the glory of God in honor of Eric & Toby Rees' 20<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary; in honor of Erica Freeman's birthday from her parents; in loving memory of Don Wichert given by wife, Vickie Wichert; in honor of Ken & Linda Johnson's 53<sup>rd</sup> wedding anniversary

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

### Kountze Café

#### Sundays from 9:30—11:00 AM

Join us each Sunday for breakfast. The suggested donation is \$5 adults, \$2.50 children 12 and younger for the hot breakfast (this Sunday) and a free-will donation for the continental breakfast. Opportunities to serve are still available, so please contact Pr. Shari Duminy if you would like to help with breakfast. Thanks! **This Sunday, due to the Congregational Picnic, coffee & cookies will be served.**

### Children's Choir

#### Second Floor Music Room

9:15 AM (after the 9 AM Children's Blessing)

Grades K-5 - Choir

Grades 6-8 - Director's Assistants

The choir will rehearse immediately after the children's blessing at the 9:00 AM service (9:15 AM). If you have any questions, please contact Barb at 402-341-7761.

### Welcome New Members

This Sunday, we receive new members. Please be sure to introduce yourselves and help them to feel welcome. There will be a reception and fellowship time between services. (10:10 AM). Thank you to florist, John Fox Design,

## Today at Kountze, *continued*

for donating the corsages/boutonnieres for new members.

### Sunday School

#### Sundays, 10:10 - 10:50 AM

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

### Sunday School Focus This Week

**Creation**—In this Sunday School Year, we are focusing on the stories of the Old Testament. We will be starting at the beginning with a discussion of the Creation story.

### Youth Forum

#### Sundays, 10:10 AM

7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to gather each Sunday between worship. **This week:** Group Building with Games **Next week:** Bring Stories from the news that capture your attention.

### Adult Forum

#### Fellowship Hall, 10:10 AM

Join us on Sunday mornings in the Fellowship Hall from 10:10-10:50 AM. **This week:** Introduction of New Members and Fellowship **Next week:** Organizing Committee for Kountze Commons

### KMLC “Old Fashioned Church Picnic/Potluck”

#### Sunday September 25, 11:30 AM to 2:30 PM

Everyone is invited to attend the all Church picnic/potluck. There will be lots of activities for young and old alike. The Church will provide the fried chicken or macaroni & cheese and drinks. A buffet style lunch will begin at 11:30 AM, with games starting around 12:30 in the green space and, what would our picnic be without BINGO and prizes?! Join us in the Fellowship Hall starting at 1:00 PM.

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## This Week at Kountze Memorial

### September 25 Sunday

Pentecost 16  
Receive New Members  
8:00 AM & 10:00 AM Adult Choir Rehearsal  
9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Worship  
9:00 AM Nursery (0-2 yrs)  
9:15 AM Children’s Choir  
9:30—11:00 AM Breakfast  
10:10 AM Sunday School (2yr-6<sup>th</sup> gr)  
10:10 AM Youth Forum (gr 7-12)  
10:10 AM Adult Forum  
11:30 PM KMLC Church Picnic

### September 26 Monday

10:00 AM Pantry  
6:00 PM Bible Study

### September 27 Tuesday

9:00 AM Staff Meeting  
12:30 PM Circle 3

### September 28 Wednesday

11:00 AM Bible Study  
12:15 PM Worship  
6:00 PM Confirmation Class

### September 29 Thursday

4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic

### September 30 Friday

11:00AM Kountze Commons Organizational Meeting  
5:00 PM Pantry  
5:30 PM Wedding Rehearsal

### October 1 Saturday

Homebound Communion  
11:00 AM (10:30 AM) Blessing of the Animals  
2:30 PM Rocz & Drietz Wedding  
5:00 PM Worship

### October 2 Sunday

Pentecost 17  
Homebound Communion  
Receive New Members  
8:00 AM & 10:00 AM Adult Choir Rehearsal  
9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Worship  
9:00 AM Nursery (0-2 yrs)  
9:30—11:00 AM Breakfast  
10:10 AM Sunday School (2yr-6<sup>th</sup> gr)  
10:10 AM Youth Forum (gr 7-12)  
10:10 AM Adult Forum

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### Nursery Coordinator

Join the staff at Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church by becoming the Nursery Coordinator. Sunday morning and some evening hours are required. Childcare skills are required with a joy for being with newborns to 2-year-olds. The Job Description and Application can be viewed

at: <https://files.constantcontact.com/8c919081201/5694d574-321a-414c-bdd1-78153e280ad7.png?rdr=true>  
You can also contact Kristin Boe or Pastor Shari for more information.

## For Your Calendar/News & Notes

### Annual Blessing of the Animals

**Saturday, October 1**

**Saint Cecilia Cathedral**

**701 N 40<sup>th</sup> Street**

**Music and Socializing, 10:30 AM**

**Blessing at 11:00 AM**

All pets are welcome. Come for the blessing of the animals and stay for the Cathedral Festival! Sponsored by Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church, Saint Cecilia Cathedral, Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, Saint Barnabas Church

### Meet the Bowari Family

**Dinner and Welcome Celebration**

**Saturday, October 8**

**6:00 PM**

**RSVP by Friday, September 30**

Last chance to sign up for the celebration to meet the Bowari Family and enjoy an Afghan meal in the Kountze Fellowship Hall. Please RSVP by calling the church office by Friday, September 30 at the latest. This is an opportunity for you to meet the family we sponsored and two other Afghan families who have been assisting us as translators when needed. The dinner will be a true taste of delicious Afghan food (which is not spicy). We need to know how many are coming in order to buy the groceries. We hope you can join us and allow the Bowari family to thank the congregation for all you donated and have done to welcome them. If you would like to help serve or learn to cook an Afghan meal, please text or call Jonna Holland 402-669-4575.

### Explore! Day Retreat

**Camp Carol Joy Holling**

**Saturday, October 15, 2022**

**9:00 AM - 3:30 PM**

**Grades 1-6**

If your child is missing camp or has never been to camp, Explore! gives them the perfect opportunity to experience a day of adventure and faith-building. In addition to Bible study and worship, we will be experiencing many favorite camp activities together as we share in fun and fellowship. Every Explore! Day Retreat is different, so first-time and long-time participants can both join in the fun as we focus on environmental education, fellowship, and faith! For more information or to register, go to <https://www.cjhcenter.org/explore>

### Omaha Campus Ministries Evensong &

**Chili Cookoff**

**Sunday, October 16, 2022**

**Lord of Love Lutheran Church**

**10405 Fort St**

**5:00 PM Chili Cookoff and Silent Auction**

**6:30 PM Holden Evening Prayer Worship Service**

This is a fundraiser for Nebraska Lutheran Campus Ministry in Omaha. Festivities include a chili cookoff with cinnamon rolls, silent auction, Holden Evening Prayer worship, and the presentation of this year's Faithful Steward Award to the faithful members of St. Timothy Lutheran Church. We're grateful to Jerry Fischer who will represent us in the chili cook-off. Come and join us for a fun evening with worship and good food! If you can't attend but would like to make a donation, you can do that at [www.nelcm.com](http://www.nelcm.com)

Facebook Event link: <https://fb.me/e/3z0lyuYYS>

### Kountze Food Pantry

The Kountze Food Pantry is asking you to clean your home pantries! Yes, we are collecting any and all odd (not expired) food items. We have an "extras" section of the pantry, where guests get to choose from an assortment. This allows our guests the chance to get a few things they normally wouldn't have access to. Good items to donate are: jelly, ketchup, mustard, salad dressings, mayonnaise, seasonings, cooking oil, flour etc. We also continue to collect hygiene products. We are especially in need of bar soap or body wash. Remember, we can once again reuse dry, clean plastic grocery bags. Thank you for all you do to support the mission of Kountze Food Pantry! **ATTENTION! The Kountze Food Pantry will be short of volunteers on September 26. If you are able, please consider signing up at the link below:**

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

### Attendance & Giving

**Saturday: 31**

**Sunday: 9:00: 148 11:00: 60**

**Wednesday: 12:15: 9**

**Total: 254**

**Streaming: 54**

**Cox Cable: 183**

**Pantry Guests Served: 1299 (inc. 432 children)**

**Medical Clinic Guests Served: 18**

**Offering:**

\$6,802.42 (Regular)

\$1,555.95 (Specials)

\$467.40 (Debt Reduction)

*Real life is filled with faith and generosity.*



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

Sunday	Luke 16:19-31	Poor Lazarus and the rich man
Monday	Amos 6:1a, 4-7	Judgment for a self-indulgent life
Tuesday	1 Timothy 6:6-19	The good fight of faith
Wednesday	Proverbs 11:24-25	Be generous
Thursday	Luke 21:1-4	The widow's offering
Friday	Acts 20:32-35	Paul says goodbye to the church
Saturday	Psalms 146	Praise for God's help
Sunday	Luke 17:5-10	Faith the size of a mustard seed

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*They [the rich] are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life. 1 Timothy 6:18-19 (NRSV)*

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

Dear God, help us to be sensitive to the hurts and pains of others that we may lead content lives, generous with what we have for the sake of Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **Mealtime Prayer:**

Bless, O Lord, this food to our use and us to your service. And keep us ever mindful of the needs of others. In Jesus name, amen.

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

May the God who watches over the needy, watch over you with generosity. (Psalm 146:9)

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

- When have you helped a stranger in need? What did you do?
- What gets in the way of reaching out to others with compassion and generosity?

*Read:* Luke 16:19-31.

Why could the rich man not see and respond to the poor and diseased Lazarus who lies at the rich man's gate? What is it about consumption and wealth (v. 19) that can lead to complacency and a lack of concern at the demise of others? Amos calls it out and judges the people of Judah who were not grieved by the destruction of the northern kingdom of Israel (Amos 6:6). Like the rich man, the people of Judah did not seem to care about the destruction of Israel. The people were content with their life of leisure. The rich man in Luke could not see—or at least care about—the needs of Lazarus nor, it appears, to “listen to Moses and the prophets” (v. 31). The good news is that what is needed for life and faith is not wealth but the word of God that is already in front of us. A living faith receives and responds to God's message of compassion and care for the needy. Jesus embodies and lifts up a life that is able to show the love that the rich man was unable to provide Lazarus. The rich man's insensitivity created a loss for him as well as for Lazarus.

*Discuss:* How does God open your eyes to see the needs of others?

*Pray:* **Loving God, give us eyes of faith to see the needs of our neighbor and the desire to care for others as you care for us each and every day through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, what can you do to help and care for someone in need?

Giving is a response to God's generosity. Walk around your house and look in closets and drawers. Make a list of things you no longer use or need. Think or talk about who may appreciate and need them and consider taking them to organizations who can give them to those in need. Conclude your time reflecting on the theme for this week, and then pray: **Lord, fill me with faith and generosity. Amen.**

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:** Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4; Psalm 37:1-9  
2 Timothy 1:1-14; Luke 17:5-10