

KOUNTZE MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

A CITY-WIDE CHURCH WITH A WORLD-WIDE MINISTRY

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9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

NINETEENTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST



Pray always. Do not lose heart. This is Christ's encouragement in the gospel today. Wrestle with the word. Remember your baptism again and again. Come regularly to Christ's table. Persistence in our every encounter with the divine will be blessed.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Mark Jones, *organ*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(rise in body or spirit)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,
our maker, our helper, and our keeper.

C Amen.

P Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Merciful and loving God,

C we are your stubborn people.

We trample on the needy.

We grumble about your grace to others.

We turn away from the poor.

Have mercy on us and forgive our sins.

**Rejoice over us as ones who were lost
and have been found.**

Amen.

P Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful.

Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.

You who were lost have been found.

In the name of ✠ Jesus, your sins are forgiven!

C Amen.

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| <p>1 Rise up, O saints of God!
From vain ambitions turn;
Christ rose triumphant that your hearts
with nobler zeal might burn.</p> <p>2 Speak out, O saints of God!
Despair engulfs earth's frame;
as heirs of God's baptismal grace,
the word of hope proclaim.</p> | <p>3 Rise up, O saints of God!
The kingdom's task embrace;
redress sin's cruel consequence;
give justice larger place.</p> <p>4 Give heed, O saints of God!
Creation cries in pain;
stretch forth your hand of healing now,
with love the weak sustain.</p> |
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- 5** Commit your hearts to seek
the paths which Christ has trod;
and, quickened by the Spirit's pow'r,
rise up, O saints of God!

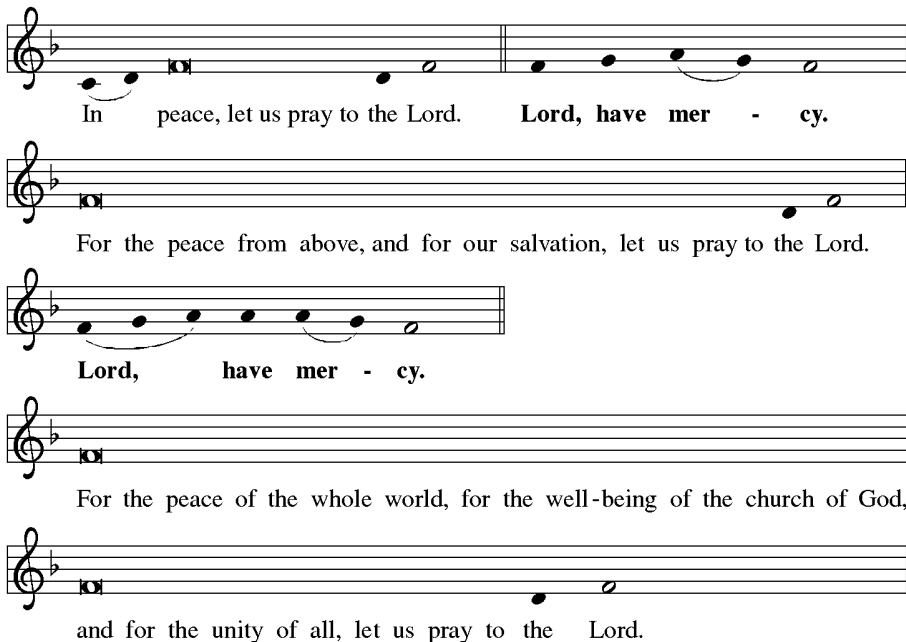
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APOSTOLIC GREETING

- 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.

HYMN OF PRAISE

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

al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb

who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

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

al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich-es, wis - dom, and

strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

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

al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. 3 Sing with all the peo-ple of
 God, and join in the hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing, hon-or,
 glo-ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.
Refrain
 This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,
 al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. 4 For the Lamb who was
 slain has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia.
Final refrain
 This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.
 Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- ☐ O Lord God, tireless guardian of your people,
 ☐ you are always ready to hear our cries. Teach us to rely on your care day and night. Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all this suffering world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

(sit)

FIRST READING

Genesis 32:22-31

Children may follow along using the Spark Bible turning to page 46

Returning to the home he had fled many years before after stealing his brother's birthright and his father's blessing, Jacob wrestles all night long with a divine adversary who ultimately blesses him and changes his name to "Israel," a name that means "he wrestles with God."

The same night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³ He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. ²⁴ Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. ²⁵ When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶ Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." ²⁷ So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." ²⁸ Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans and have prevailed." ²⁹ Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. ³⁰ So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, yet my life is preserved." ³¹ The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

L Word of God, Word of Life.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 121

*(Choir/cantor sings lines in regular print, all may sing lines in **bold print**)*



- ¹ I lift up my eyes | to the hills;
from where is my | help to come?
- ² **My help comes | from the Lord,**
the maker of heav- | en and earth.
- ³ The Lord will not let your | foot be moved
nor will the one who watches over you | fall asleep.
- ⁴ **Behold, the keep- | er of Israel**
will neither slum- | ber nor sleep;
- ⁵ the Lord watches | over you;
the Lord is your shade at | your right hand;
- ⁶ **the sun will not strike | you by day,**
nor the | moon by night.
- ⁷ The Lord will preserve you | from all evil
and will | keep your life.
- ⁸ **The Lord will watch over your going out and your | coming in,**
from this time forth for- | evermore.

SECOND READING

2 Timothy 3:14—4:5

The writer of this letter continues his instruction of Timothy, his younger colleague in ministry, by emphasizing the importance of faithful teaching despite opposition.

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it ¹⁵ and how from childhood you have known sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that the person of God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

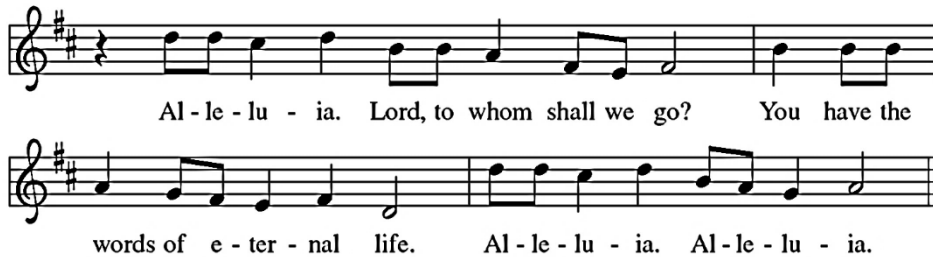
^{4:1} In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: ² proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage with the utmost patience in teaching. ³ For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound teaching, but, having their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires ⁴ and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. ⁵ As for you, be sober in everything, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

L Word of God, Word of Life.

C Thanks be to God.

(rise in body or spirit)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 18:1-8

Jesus tells a parable of an unjust judge who is worn down by a widow's pleas. Jesus is calling God's people to cry out for justice and deliverance. For if an unethical judge will ultimately grant the plea of a persistent widow, how much more will God respond to those who call.

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. ² He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. ³ In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my accuser.' ⁴ For a while he refused, but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, ⁵ yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.' " ⁶ And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷ And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? ⁸ I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

(sit)

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

Children (aged 3 years through 5th grade) are invited to come forward for a blessing. Then, children in grades K-6 are invited to join the Children's Choir with Barb Carlsen. Children in grades K-4 who are not wanting to participate in Choir, may join Kristin Boe for a children's sermon in the Upper rooms. All children will return to the sanctuary in time to receive communion. There are Children's Bibles and activity bags, in the back of the entrance hall, available to those who prefer to stay with their families. Once the service is over, please place the used activity bags in the baskets provided, so they can be sanitized and replenished for next week.

SERMON

Pastor Wynard

(rise in body or spirit)

HYMN OF THE DAY

Let Justice Flow like Streams

ELW 717

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| <p>1 Let justice flow like streams
of sparkling water, pure,
enabling growth, refreshing life,
abundant, cleansing, sure.</p> | <p>2 Let righteousness roll on
as others' cares we heed,
an ever-flowing stream of faith
translated into deed.</p> |
| <p>3 So may God's plumb line, straight,
define our measure true,
and justice, right, and peace pervade
this world our whole life through.</p> | |

Text: Jane Parker Huber, b. 1926

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THE APOSTLES' CREED

- ☞ Let us confess together the faith of the Church.**
- ☞ 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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Response: **P** God of grace,
 C 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 Jane Meyer, Colene Staples (sister of Lowell Harms)

Prayers this week: Lola & Lydia Baum (granddaughters of Lynn & Nancy Meyer), Dean Ewoldt (friend of Leigh & Vicki Freeman), Larry & Michele Hunzeker (parents of Shannon Picha)

On-going Care: John Bodnar, Don Burton, Betty Callies, Nina Castro, Mike Cswercko, Marilyn Dichsen, Shirley Dietrich, Mike Edris, Kathy Englert, Wanda Frykberg, Tracey Gehringer-Steffen, Dale Grundman, Kevin Hertz, Joan Jacobson-Trotter, Linda Johnson, Jason Klonglan, Julie Knapp, Jack & Marie Kubat, Glenn Lindgren, Charles Martis, Lara McCormick, Jane Meyer, Sharon Miley, Nita Mueller, Walter Nash, Dan & Ginny Rath, David Tollefson, Joyce Wachal, Allyson White, Deb Woosley

Other Prayers: *Those serving in the military* – Takao Elliott, fiancé of Dannika Rees; Wyatt Johnson, grandson of Ken and Linda Johnson; Tyler Johnston, son of Robert and Michelle Johnston, Daniel Milstead, nephew of Darlene Anderson; Cody Ray, grandson of Betty Callies; Dannika Rees, daughter of Eric and Toby Rees; Joel Woosley, son of Debbie Woosley, nephew of Steph Stephens

Other Prayers: *Those serving in mission* – Rev. Chandran Paul Martin, India; Dr. Stephen & Jodi Swanson, Tanzania; Katie Larson, Colombia; Rev. Bridget Gautieri, Wittenburg Center, Germany; Rev. Robert & Kathy Moore, Leipzig, 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* – Joseph Daffer, James Holzer

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. If you are visiting with us today, please do not feel obligated to participate in this portion of worship. You may use the QR code scanner on your smart phone to give online or mail in your offering or donate online. Thank you!



THE TABLE IS PREPARED

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Hear My Prayer, O Lord

words by J. Paul Williams,
music by David Lantz III
David Ramirez, *soloist*

(rise in body or spirit)

OFFERTORY HYMN

Here Is Bread

ELW 483



1 Here is bread, here is wine, Christ is with us, he is with us.
2 Here is grace, here is peace, Christ is with us, he is with us.
3 Here we are, joined in one, Christ is with us, he is with us.



Break the bread, taste the wine, Christ is with us here.
Know his grace, find his peace, feast on Je - sus here.
We'll pro - claim till he comes Je - sus cru - ci - fied.



Refrain
In this bread there is heal - ing, in this cup is life for - ev - er.



In this mo - ment, by the Spir - it, Christ is with us here.

Text and music: Graham Kendrick, b. 1950
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OFFERING PRAYER

- P** Lord of the harvest,
C we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our 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.

PREFACE FOR SUNDAYS

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. Ho -
san-na. 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.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God.
The universe declares your praise: ...
... with every breath.

C **We praise you, O God.**

P Generations bless your faithfulness: ...
... into the future.

C **We bless you, O God.**

P We give you thanks for your dear Son: ...
... with us now.

C **We thank you, O God.**

P In the night in which he was betrayed, ...
... Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering his love for us ...

... we proclaim the mystery of faith:

C **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P We pray for the gift of your Spirit: ...
... Blessing, praise, and thanks
to you, holy God,
through Christ Jesus,
by your Spirit,
in your church,
without end.

C **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

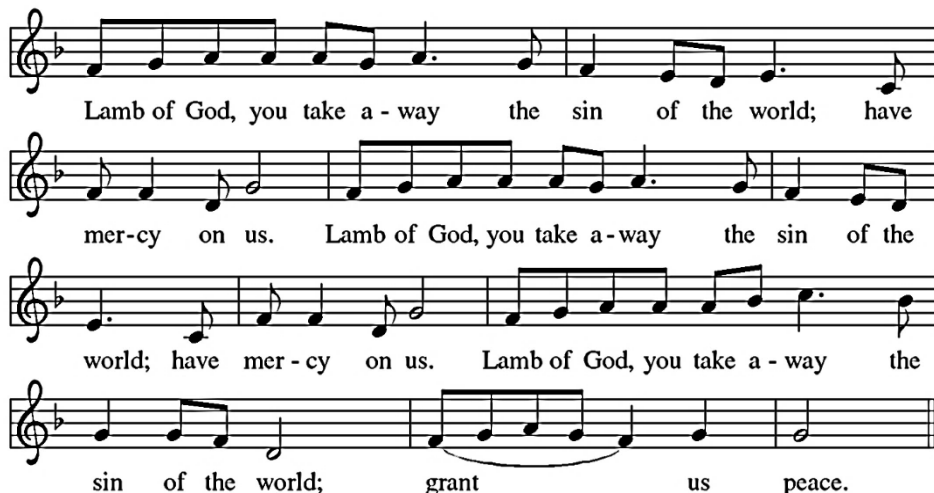
P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us all to pray:

C **Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

AGNUS DEI



INVITATION TO COMMUNION

- P** Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them.
- C** We come to this meal of mercy.

BELL ANTHEM

Golden Breaks the Dawn

Le p'ing setting by Anne Krentz Organ

(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. If you cannot or choose not to receive the wine, know that the sacrament and God's promised forgiveness are complete in either element.*

HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

Bread of Life, Our Host and Meal

ELW 464

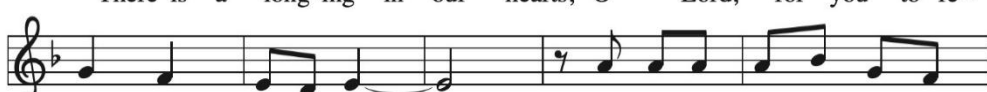
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| 1 Bread of life, our host and meal,
Jesus, feed us.
Christ, by faith, to see and feel,
feed us with your love. | 3 Grant forgiveness in the feast
Jesus, feed us
for the greatest and the least;
feed us with your love. |
| 2 Bread now break and wine now pour,
Jesus, feed us.
Make us one, our hope restore;
feed us with your love. | 4 Thank you for this gift we share.
Jesus, feed us.
Save God's children everywhere;
feed us with your love. |

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Refrain



There is a long-ing in our hearts, O Lord, for you to re -



veal your - self to us. There is a long-ing in our



hearts for love we on - ly find in you, our God.



1 For jus - tice,	for free - dom,	for mer - cy:
2 For wis - dom,	for cour - age,	for com - fort:
3 For heal - ing,	for whole - ness,	for new life:
4 Lord, save us,	take pit - y,	light in our



hear our prayer.	In sor - row,	in grief:
hear our prayer.	In weak - ness,	in fear:
hear our prayer.	In sick - ness,	in death:
deep - est night.	We call you;	we wait:



Refrain

be near; hear our prayer, O God.

Text: Anne Quigley, b. 1955

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(rise in body or spirit)

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P O God,

C through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

- ☞ The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free, ✠ bless you now and forever.

THREE- FOLD AMEN

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Jesus, Still Lead On

ELW 624 vs. 1-3

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| <p>1 Jesus, still lead on,
till our rest be won;
and, although the way be cheerless,
we will follow, calm and fearless;
guide us by your hand
to the promised land.</p> | <p>2 If the way be drear,
if the foe be near,
let no faithless fears o'ertake us,
let not faith and hope forsake us;
safely past the foe
to our home we go.</p> |
| <p>3 When we seek relief
from a long-felt grief,
when temptations come alluring
make us patient and enduring;
show us that bright shore
where we weep no more.</p> | |

Text: Nicolaus L. von Zinzendorf, 1700-1760; tr. Jane L. Borthwick, 1813-1897, alt.

DISMISSAL

- ☞ Go in peace. Do not lose heart.
☞ Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Mark Jones, *organ*

✠ ✠ ✠

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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 or anyone who does not commune will receive a blessing. It is the understanding of the universal Church that those who wish to commune with bread only (for health or other reasons) have communed fully. Our form of distribution is Intinction, meaning you will receive the wafer in your hand and then dip it into the wine.

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 8:45 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 plates located by the doors in the Nave.

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.

Large Print Bulletins and Listening Devices

Please speak to an usher if you would like a large print bulletin or an assisted listening device.

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lucy/45min](https://calendly.com/pastor-lucy/45min)



Today at Kountze Memorial

Thank You

Thanks to Mike Edris for filling in on the piano for service on Saturday. We appreciate you.

Lutheran World Relief

Quilt & Kit Blessing

Saturday and Sunday, October 18 & 19

Often, when natural disasters strike or war drives families from their homes, our hearts ache with compassion but we don't know how to help. Making Lutheran World Relief Mission Quilts is a tangible way to express love to our neighbors in need. Quilts can be used as warm bedding, simple tents, or floor coverings. Each one reflects God's loving presence in a world rife with suffering. Find out more about LWR at <https://lwr.org/quilts>

- The cost to deliver a quilt overseas is \$2.80 per quilt and \$1.50 - \$2.85 to deliver the different kits overseas. If you can help with the postage to send these items throughout the world, please place your donation in the envelope attached to the quilt in front of you or donate directly to LWR by using this link: <https://tinyurl.com/26bu44te>
- If you would like to help make quilts to send out next year, we hope you will consider joining the sewing group on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 9 AM. Sewing experience is a plus but not necessary. If you can use scissors, an iron, or tie your shoes, you can help make these quilts. Hope to see you on November 12.

Parking Notice

October 18 & 19

The Methodist parking lot (by the handicapped entrance) will be closed for repairs. The lot will be

Today at Kountze Memorial, *continued*

barricaded during this time, so please use alternative parking. For everyone's safety, we kindly ask that you do not move the barricades or drive around them. Thank you for your understanding!

Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God given by Warren Cooke in memory of his parents, Lawrence & Marion Cooke

Children's Choir & Children's Sermon **9:15 AM**

Grades K-6

Children in grades K-6 are invited to join the Children's Choir with Barb Carlsen following the 9 AM Children's Blessing. Children in grades K-4 not wanting to participate in Choir may join Kristin Boe for a children's sermon in the Upper Rooms. All the children will return to their seats in time to receive communion.

Kountze Café **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 and a free-will donation for the continental breakfast.

Sunday School **10:10 AM**

Ages 2 years-6th Grade

Join us in the 2nd Floor Sunday School Rooms where the children will see how Jesus taught his followers to live in God's word and spread that message to others through art, games, storytelling, and missions. The kids can enjoy the same breakfast upstairs that is being

served in the Fellowship Hall while listening to the lessons of the day. If you would like to support the Sunday School with donations of juice boxes or individual milk cartons, we would appreciate it and will be serving those with the breakfast.

Youth Forum **Sundays, 10:15 AM**

Youth Center **Grades 7-12**

You are invited to grab breakfast and bring it to the Youth Center each week during the Sunday Faith Formation hour.

Oct. 19: Service Project—Pantry Halloween Bags

Oct. 26: Bible Sunday

Adult Forum **Sundays, 10:10 AM**

Join us on Sunday mornings in the Fellowship Hall for a lite breakfast and then stay for Adult Forum.

Oct. 19: Imagine: Community, cont.

Oct. 26: Reformation/Bible Sunday

Young Adult Gathering **Sunday, October 19** **12 PM**

Lunch Provided

We'd like to get something started for the young adults of Kountze Memorial and our wider community... but truthfully, we're not sure what! Are you college-aged or in your 20s to early 30s? Join us after the 11 AM service (on the 19th) for a lunch and conversation. We want to get to know each other and hear your thoughts, ideas, etc. for what we might do to help you Worship \$ #Grow \$ # Serve with us here at Kountze Memorial.

This Week at Kountze Memorial

October 19 Sunday
Pentecost 19
Quilt & Kit Blessing
8:00 AM & 10:00 AM
Adult Choir
Rehearsal

No Parking in
Methodist Lot
this weekend
(Handicapped
Door)

9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Worship
9:00 AM Nursery (0-2 yrs)
9:15 AM Children's Choir (K-6)
9:30 AM Kountze Cafe - Breakfast
10:10 AM Faith Formation Hour
12:00 PM Young Adult Gathering

October 20 Monday

Oct 20 - Oct 22 Clergy Fall
Leadership Gathering in Kearney,
NE

10:00 AM Pantry
October 21 Tuesday
9:00 AM Staff Meeting
1:00 PM Prayer Shawl Group

October 22 Wednesday

12:15 PM Worship
6:00 PM Confirmation @ St.
Timothy

October 23 Thursday

1:00 PM Circle 4
4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic

October 24 Friday

5:00 PM Pantry

October 25 Saturday

5:00 PM Worship

October 26 Sunday

Reformation
Bible Sunday
First Communion
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 (K-6)
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For Your Calendar/News & Notes

Bible Sunday

Sunday, October 26

On Bible Sunday, we will be celebrating with children of various ages and grades - listed below - as they receive their own age-appropriate Bibles. Those receiving Bibles this year are:

- Children aged 2 and 4
- Children in 1st, 3rd, or 5th grades
- Youth beginning Confirmation (7th grade)

Please register your child so that we have an accurate count. Join us as we parade into the church with new Bibles and celebrate this exciting part of our Faith Formation.

Youth Fall Fellowship Event

Get to Know Deacon Eric!

Sunday, October 26

5 PM

Meet at Pr. Lucy's House

Grades 7-12

Come hang out for some fall fun, s'mores, cider, and a chance to get to know our new Deacon. Sign up at the Welcome Desk or contact the church office.

Grief Seminar

Sunday, November 2

12:15 PM

Fellowship Lounge

Grief is difficult and especially during the holidays. If you have lost a relative or close friend, this would be an opportunity to share that grief with others and share how we can move through that grief. A light lunch will be served. Please call the church office at 402-341-7761 or sign up at the Welcome Desk to make a reservation.

Lincoln Lutheran Choir

Held at Kountze Memorial

Sunday, November 9

3 PM

The purpose of the Lincoln Lutheran Choir is to express the joy of our Christian faith by performing sacred choral literature with an emphasis on Lutheran heritage. Come and enjoy the music of the church's liturgical heritage of all ages, including the present.

Confirmation Classes Continue

St. Timothy's Lutheran Church

(93rd & Dodge)

Grades 7 & 8

Wednesdays, 6 - 7:15 PM

Singing for Their Supper

During the month of September, we collected "Protein for our Pantry". Watch for the results in the November Good News to see which of the four hymns is a favorite and how much protein we gathered for our Love Thy Neighbor Food Pantry. Thank you to all who participated!

Kountze Food Pantry

Our Love Thy Neighbor Food Pantry is in need of your gifts and service. The current needs this week for the pantry are hot cocoa, Tuna Helper, and baked beans. You may leave your donation in the box marked "Food Pantry," located in the Fellowship Hall. Tax deductible slips are available on the inside pocket of the box. Please join us as a volunteer in the pantry in the Kountze Commons volunteer as it fits your schedule. We have options for volunteers of all abilities. Please use the QR code or the following link to sign up and join our mission.



<https://tinyurl.com/uasdddp>

If you have questions about the Pantry, you can call Toby Rees at 402-979-1425.

Attendance & Giving

Thursday, Oct. 9—Wednesday, Oct. 15

Saturday: 29

Sunday: 9:00: 128 11:00: 60

Wednesday: 12:15: 11

Total: 228

Streaming: 36

Pantry Guests Served: 668 (inc. 223 children)

Medical Clinic Guests Served: 11

Offering:

\$11011.29 (Regular)

\$3141.5 (Specials)

\$507 (Debt Reduction)

Almighty God is our strength.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	John 8:31-36	Jesus sets us free
Monday	Jeremiah 31:31-34	A new covenant
Tuesday	Romans 3:19-28	Righteousness through faith
Wednesday	2 Corinthians 3:4-18	Ministers of the new covenant
Thursday	Romans 6:5-14	Dying and rising with Christ
Friday	Galatians 2:15-21	Saved by faith
Saturday	Psalm 46	God is our strength
Sunday	Luke 6:20-31	Blessed are you who weep



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SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

"Be still and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth." **Psalm 46:10 (NRSV)**

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Almighty God, thank you for being our security and strength; renew us with faith in Christ so that we may rest in peace and serve all people in love. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, you are our fortress, we thank you for this meal and for being our shelter and strength through faith in Jesus Christ. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May Almighty God be your strength.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

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

- When is a time you or someone you know felt that life was in turmoil?
- How does a relationship with God strengthen us?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Psalm 46.

During the Reformation, Luther used this psalm for his famous hymn *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*. The Psalm and that hymn remind us that when church, society, and our lives are in turmoil, God is still our security and strength. Our lives are more fragile than we would often like to admit. A structurally sound home is flattened by a storm. A loved one dies suddenly. A pandemic turns our world upside down. One nation invades another nation and shatters global security. These are the kinds of issues at the heart of Psalm 46. When stability is gone, God is still present and working for good. When we feel anxiety during the storms of life, we can be assured as we hear, *"Be still and know that I am God"* (v. 10a). In the end, God alone stands triumphant and glorious. We live confident that we are secure in God's almighty presence through Christ Jesus our Lord.

Discuss: What challenges in your life help you find comfort through Psalm 46?

Pray: **Almighty and merciful God, while storms and strife surround us, give us peace and confidence in your power and glory through Christ Jesus our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, how can you reach out to someone who feels their life is in turmoil?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Martin Luther wrote the Small Catechism for the head of the household to teach to the members of the household. There is a daily morning and evening blessing that includes making the physical sign of the cross. As a reminder of the Reformation, add this ritual to your mornings and evenings. As you make the sign of the cross on your chest or forehead, say: **God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit watch over me. Amen.** (Luther's Small Catechism)

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 46
Romans 3:19-28; John 8:31-36