

KOUNTZE MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

A CITY-WIDE CHURCH WITH A WORLD-WIDE MINISTRY

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REFORMATION



Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world. We celebrate the good news of God's grace, that Jesus Christ sets us free every day to do this life-transforming work. Trusting in the freedom given to us in baptism, we pray for the church, that Christians will unite more fully in worship and mission.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Pastime With Good Company
What Harvest Half So Sweet

Henry Tudor
Thomas Campion
Kountze Brass
Scott Quackenbush and Dan Nesbitt, *trumpet*
Jason Stromquist and Jay Wise, *trombone*

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.

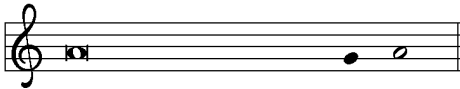
- 1 A mighty fortress is our God,
a sword and shield victorious;
he breaks the cruel oppressor's rod
and wins salvation glorious.
The old satanic foe
has sworn to work us woe!
With craft and dreadful might
he arms himself to fight.
On earth he has no equal.
- 2 No strength of ours can match his might!
We would be lost, rejected.
But now a champion comes to fight,
whom God himself elected.
You ask who this may be?
The Lord of hosts is he!
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord,
God's only Son, adored.
He holds the field victorious.
- 3 Though hordes of devils fill the land
all threat'ning to devour us,
we tremble not, unmoved we stand;
they cannot overpower us.
Let this world's tyrant rage;
in battle we'll engage!
His might is doomed to fail;
God's judgment must prevail!
One little word subdues him.
- 4 God's Word forever shall abide,
no thanks to foes, who fear it;
for God himself fights by our side
with weapons of the Spirit.
Were they to take our house,
goods, honor, child, or spouse,
though life be wrenched away,
they cannot win the day.
The kingdom's ours forever!

Text: Martin Luther, 1483-1546; tr. Lutheran Book of Worship
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APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



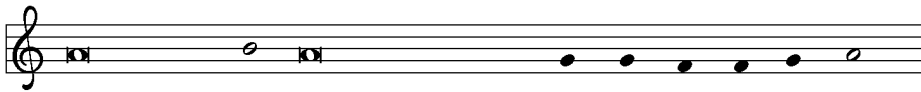
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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 wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Assisting minister



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

All



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



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



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

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

2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the

hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and

might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain

has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

☞ Almighty God, gracious Lord,

☛ we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

(sit)

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 31:31-34

The renewed covenant will not be breakable, but like the old covenant it will expect the people to live upright lives. To know the Lord means that one will defend the cause of the poor and needy (Jer. 22:16). The renewed covenant is possible only because the Lord will forgive iniquity and not remember sin. Our hope lies in a God who forgets.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³² It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. ³³ But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴ No longer shall they teach one another or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord, for I will forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more.

📖 Word of God, Word of Life.

🙏 Thanks be to God.

PSALM 46

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



- ¹ God is our ref-¹uge and strength,
a very present¹ help in trouble.
- ² **Therefore we will not fear, though the¹ earth be moved,**
and though the mountains shake in the depths¹ of the sea;
- ³ though its waters¹ rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble¹ with its tumult.
- ⁴ **There is a river whose streams make glad the cit-¹y of God,**
the holy habitation of¹ the Most High.
- ⁵ God is in the midst of the city; it shall¹ not be shaken;
God shall help it at the¹ break of day.
- ⁶ **The nations rage, and the¹ kingdoms shake;**
God speaks, and the earth¹ melts away.
- ⁷ The Lord of¹ hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob¹ is our stronghold.
- ⁸ **Come now, regard the works¹ of the Lord,**
what desolations God has brought up-¹ on the earth;
- ⁹ behold the one who makes war to cease in¹ all the world;
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the¹ shields with fire.
- ¹⁰ **“Be still, then, and know that¹ I am God;**
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted¹ in the earth.”
- ¹¹ The Lord of¹ hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob¹ is our stronghold.

SECOND READING

Romans 3:19-28

Paul's words stand at the heart of the preaching of Martin Luther and other Reformation leaders. No human beings make themselves right with God through works of the law. We are brought into a right relationship with God through the divine activity centered in Christ's death. This act is a gift of grace that liberates us from sin and empowers our faith in Jesus Christ.

Now we know that, whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰ For no human will be justified before him by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin. ²¹ But now, apart from the law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed and is attested by the Law and the Prophets, ²² the righteousness of God through the faith of Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³ since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴ they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶ it was to demonstrate at the present time his own righteousness, so that he is righteous and he justifies the one who has the faith of Jesus.

²⁷ Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. Through what kind of law? That of works? No, rather through the law of faith. ²⁸ For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

L Word of God, Word of Life.

C Thanks be to God.

(rise in body or spirit)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

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

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

HOLY GOSPEL

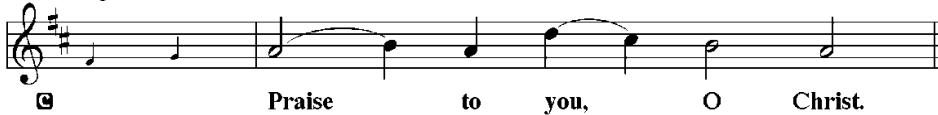
John 8:31-36

Jesus speaks of truth and freedom as spiritual realities known through his word. He reveals the truth that sets people free from sin.

Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” ³³ They answered him, “We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, ‘You will be made free’?”

³⁴ Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵ The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶ So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.



(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 Hall

(rise in body or spirit)

HYMN OF THE DAY

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

ELW 645 vs. 1, 3, 4

**1 Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ, our head and cornerstone,
chosen of the Lord and precious,
binding all the church in one;
holy Zion's help forever
and our confidence alone.**

**3 Here bestow on all your servants
what they seek from you to gain;
what they gain from you, forever
with the blessed to retain;
and hereafter in your glory
evermore with you to reign.**

**4 Praise and honor to the Father,
praise and honor to the Son,
praise and honor to the Spirit,
ever three and ever one:
one in might and one in glory
while unending ages run!**

Text: Latin hymn, c. 7th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866, alt.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

P Let us confess together the faith of the Church.

C 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)

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), Linda Johnson, Rosalie Lamb (niece of Betty Callies)

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, Jason Klonglan, Julie Knapp, Jack & Marie Kubat, Glenn Lindgren, Charles Martis, Lara McCormick, 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

- 📖 The peace of Christ be with you always.
- 📖 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

Forevermore

by Dan Forrest

(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.

The musical notation is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves, each with a treble clef. The melody is simple, using quarter and half notes with slurs. The lyrics are written below the notes.

PREFACE FOR SUNDAYS

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

SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The musical notation is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves, each with a treble clef. The melody is simple, using quarter and half notes with slurs. The lyrics are written below the notes.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

- P** You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.
... For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.



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

- P** Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,
... To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.



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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

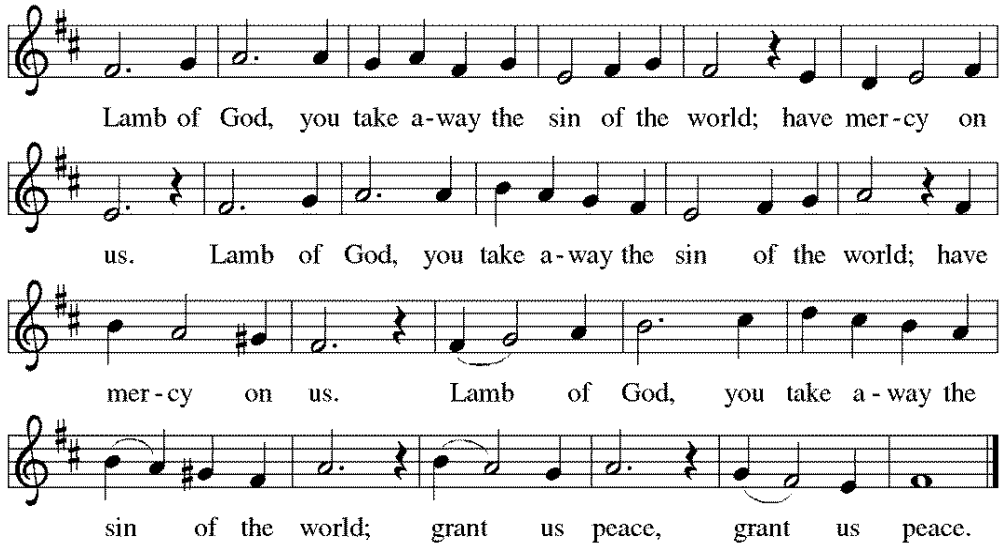
- P** Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us all to pray:

- 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



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

☐ Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them.

☑ **We come to this meal of mercy.**

(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.*

First Communion received by

Nathan Carlberg
Winston Hadfield

Emily Jensen
Theo Pignatore

**1 Lord, keep us steadfast in your word;
curb those who by deceit or sword
would wrest the kingdom from your Son
and bring to naught all he has done.**

**2 Lord Jesus Christ, your pow'r make known,
for you are Lord of lords alone;
defend your holy church, that we
may sing your praise eternally.**

**3 O Comforter of priceless worth,
send peace and unity on earth;
support us in our final strife
and lead us out of death to life.**

Text: Martin Luther, 1483-1546; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.

Making Their Way

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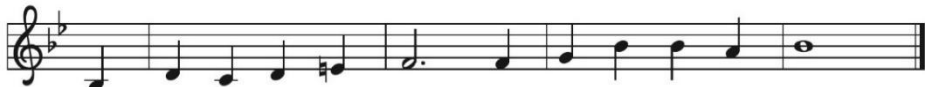
1 Mak-ing their way down through the a-ges, sin-ners and saints have
2 Mak-ing their way all the world o-ver, Chris-tians as-sem-ble
3 Mak-ing our way sea-son by sea-son, pil-grims, we jour-ney



heard God's call: wealth-y and poor, pow-er-ful, low-ly,
on this day, hear-ing the Word, shar-ing the Ban-quet,
till life's end, trav-el-ing light, shar-ing the rich-es,



Je-sus' dis-ci-ples, one and all. Gath-ered for wor-ship, of-fer-ing thanks,
learn-ing to walk in Je-sus' way. Mem-bers of Christ, u-nit-ed in love,
car-ing for strang-er as for friend, till in the joy of long-ing ful-filled,



the great-est with the least have come to share this feast.
they seek our God to know, and so to- geth- er grow.
to- geth- er we will come to our e- ter- nal home.

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

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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

O Day Full of Grace

ELW 627 vs. 1-3, 5

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|--|---|
| <p>1 O day full of grace that now we see
appearing on earth's horizon,
bring light from our God that we may be
abundant in joy this season.
God, shine for us now in this dark place;
your name on our hearts emblazon.</p> <p>2 O day full of grace, O blessed time,
our Lord on the earth arriving;
then came to the world that light sublime,
great joy for us all retrieving;
for Jesus all mortals did embrace,
all shame and despair removing.</p> | <p>3 For Christ bore our sins, and not his own,
when he on the cross was hanging;
and then he arose and moved the stone,
that we, unto him belonging,
might join with angelic hosts to raise
our voices in endless singing.</p> <p>5 When we on that final journey go
that Christ is for us preparing,
we'll gather in song, our hearts aglow,
all joy of the heavens sharing,
and there we will join God's endless praise,
with angels and saints adoring.</p> |
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Text: Scandinavian folk hymn; tr. Gerald Thorson, 1921-2001, alt.
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DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Barley Break

William Byrd, arr. Jay Lichtman

Kountze Brass

Scott Quackenbush and Dan Nesbitt, *trumpet*

Jason Stromquist and Jay Wise, *trombone*

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Today at Kountze Memorial

Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God given in celebration of Amanda Schneiderman's 32nd birthday

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.

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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Today at Kountze Memorial, *continued*

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. 26: Bible Sunday—no separate Youth Forum

Nov. 2: Installation Reception/All Saints
Intergenerational Activity

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. 26: Reformation/Bible Sunday

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Intergenerational Activity

Bible Sunday

Sunday, October 26

On Bible Sunday, we will be celebrating with children and youth 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)

Youth Fall Fellowship Event

Grades 7-12

Get to Know Deacon Eric!

Sunday, October 26

5 PM

Meet at Pr. Lucy's House

Let Pr. Lucy know you're coming to get address info.

This Week at Kountze Memorial

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)

9:30 AM Kountze Cafe - Breakfast

10:10 AM Faith Formation Hour

5:00 PM Youth Fall Fellowship
Event

October 27 Monday

10:00 AM Pantry

11:30 AM Endowment Board

October 28 Tuesday

9:00 AM Staff Meeting

9:00 AM Good News Assembly

12:30 PM Circle 3

6:00 PM Congregation Council

October 29 Wednesday

12:15 PM Worship

6:00 PM Confirmation @ St.

Timothy

October 30 Thursday

4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic

5:00 PM Pantry (note date change)

October 31 Friday

No Pantry

November 1 Saturday

Homebound Communion

Deacon Haitz Installation

10:00 AM Women's Fall Gathering

5:00 PM Worship

November 2 Sunday

All Saints Sunday

Deacon Haitz Installation

Homebound Communion

8:00 AM & 10:00 AM Adult Choir

9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Worship

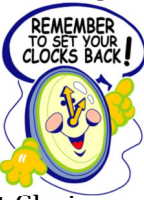
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9:30 AM Kountze Cafe - Breakfast

10:10 AM Faith Formation Hour

12:15 PM Grief/Anxiety Seminar



For Your Calendar/News & Notes

Women's Fall Gathering

November 1

10 AM - 2:30 PM

Lunch will be provided

Step into autumn with a day designed just for you!

We'll enjoy:

- Tea Cup Flower Arranging – bring the beauty of the season to life.
- Paper Quilling – discover the ancient art of turning strips of paper into delicate designs.

Bring a friend and make it even more fun! This is the perfect time to slow down, learn something new, and

share laughter with friends. Please sign up at the Welcome Desk in the Fellowship Hall or contact the church office by Sunday, October 26 so we know how many to plan on for lunch.

Grief/Anxiety Seminar

Surviving... Handling... THRIVING through the Holidays!

Sunday, November 2

12:15 PM (A light lunch will be served)

- Do you feel anxious, sad, or worried when you think about the upcoming holiday season?

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- Maybe you've lost someone important in your life and the grief still weighs on you.
- Or you might feel like your role is to keep the peace and make sure others have a magical holiday—while for you, it's stressful and difficult.
- The idea of gathering with family and navigating all the dynamics, especially in today's world, can be overwhelming.

Please join us for a light lunch and workshop with Rev. Cindi Steward, Lead Pastor of Faith Westwood United Methodist Church, and Vikki O'Hara, Director of Caring Ministries. They will lead a highly practical session on how to not just survive, but thrive this holiday season. Go into the holidays equipped and encouraged so that you can receive the joy, peace, and beauty of the season—even alongside grief and stress. God can meet you in the midst of it all and give you a holy season too! Please sign up at the Welcome Desk or contact the church office to let us know if you'll be attending. (Feel free to invite others!)

Cards with Friends

Thursday, November 6

2 - 4 PM

Meet in the Fellowship Hall for a time together playing cards. Bring a snack to share. All are welcome.

KMLC Book Group

Fellowship Lounge

Sunday, November 9

12:15 PM

This month we read *Small Things Like These* by Claire Keegan. New members welcome. Join us!

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.

Parent's Night Out

Friday, November 14

6:00 PM to 9:00 PM at KMLC

Ages 2 - 12

- The Youth of Kountze are providing dinner, crafts, and fun for your kids. Enjoy a quiet dinner or knock out some errands while we play games.

- Please RSVP to the church office or sign up at the Welcome Desk. A monetary donation is suggested with all proceeds going to benefit the Youth Trip to Pittsburgh this coming summer.

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 hymns is a favorite and how much protein we gathered for our Love Thy Neighbor Food Pantry. Thank you to all who participated and added protein to our pantry!

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 cereal, toothpaste and Hamburger Helper. 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.



Pantry

<https://tinyurl.com/uausddd>

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

Attendance & Giving

Thursday, Oct. 16—Wednesday, Oct. 22

Saturday: 36

Sunday: 9:00: 133 11:00: 80

Wednesday: 12:15: 11

Total: 260

Streaming: 39

Pantry Guests Served: 701 (inc. 223 children)

Medical Clinic Guests Served: 19

Offering:

\$17,069.48 (Regular)

\$3,912.22 (Specials)

\$885.00 (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: Isaiah 1:10-18; Psalm 32:1-7
2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12; Luke 19:1-10