

KOUNTZE MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

A CITY-WIDE CHURCH WITH A WORLD-WIDE MINISTRY

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9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

TWENTYSECOND SUNDAY after PENTECOST



We worship on the first day of the week because Jesus was raised on that day. Every Sunday is a little Easter. This Sunday feels more like Easter than many as the appointed texts celebrate the reality of the resurrection. Live it up this Lord's day. Our God is the God of the living.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Mark Jones, *organ*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(rise in body or spirit)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

- ☞ Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

☛ Amen.

- ☞ Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

- ☞ Faithful God,

☛ you have shown us the ways of your heart,
yet we stray from your paths.

**We are stuck in sinful systems of oppression
and do not embrace the freedom of your faithful promises.**

We ignore our neighbors.

We exploit the earth.

**We reject your abundance,
trusting our impulses instead of your steadfast love.**

**Repair our relationships,
restore what we have broken,
renew our hearts,
and bring us to new life. Amen.**

- ☞ Hear the good news:
God the Faithful One loves you,
☩ in Christ Jesus your sins are forgiven,
and by the power of the Holy Spirit you are set free.

☛ 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.
- 3 Here we will take the wine and the water,
here we will take the bread of new birth,
here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion,
give us to eat the bread that is you;
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.
- 4 Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven, light years away—
here in this place the new light is shining,
now is the kingdom, and now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever,
gather us in and make us your own;
gather us in, all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

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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 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

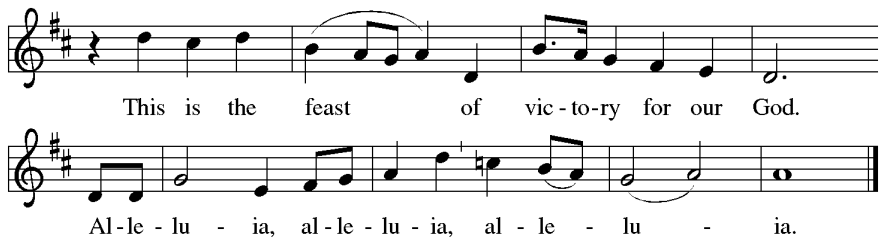
God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,

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

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.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

- ☞ O God, our eternal redeemer,
 ☞ **by the presence of your Spirit you renew and direct our hearts. Keep always in our mind the end of all things and the day of judgment. Inspire us for a holy life here, and bring us to the joy of the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

WORD

(sit)

FIRST READING

Job 19:23-27a

Job suffers the loss of children, wealth, and health. Accused by his companions of wrongdoing, he knows himself to be innocent. Here, in the midst of his suffering, Job clings to the radical hope that his vindicator, his redeemer, lives; and that one day he himself will see God.

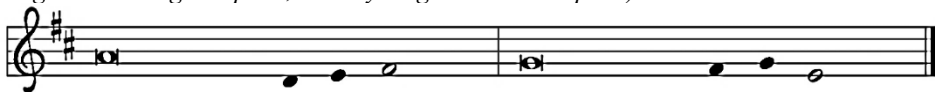
- that my words were written down!
 O that they were inscribed in a book!
²⁴ O that with an iron pen and with lead
 they were engraved on a rock forever!
²⁵ For I know that my vindicator lives
 and that in the end he will stand upon the earth;
²⁶ and after my skin has been destroyed,
 then in my flesh I shall see God,
^{27a} whom I shall see on my side,
 and my eyes shall behold, and not another.”

☞ Word of God, Word of Life.

☞ **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 17:1-9

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



- ¹ Hear a just cause, O Lord; give heed to my cry;
 listen to my prayer, which does not come from lying lips.
² **Let my vindication come forth from your presence;**
let your eyes be fixed on justice.
³ Examine my heart, visit me by night,
 melt me down; you will find no impurity in me.

⁴ **I have not regarded what | others do;
at the word of your lips I have avoided the ways | of the violent.**

⁵ My footsteps hold fast to your | well-worn path;
and my feet | do not slip.

⁶ **I call upon you, O God, for you will | answer me;
incline your ear to me and | hear my words.**

⁷ Show me your marvelous | lovingkindness,
O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand from those who | rise against them.

⁸ **Keep me as the apple | of your eye;
hide me under the shadow | of your wings,**

⁹ from the wicked | who assault me,
from my deadly enemies | who surround me.

SECOND READING

2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

This portion of the letter provides encouragement for the church at Thessalonica during a time of confusion and opposition, as some allowed their concern over Jesus' imminent return to divert them from the central teachings of the gospel.

As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, ² not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. ³ Let no one deceive you in any way, for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. ⁴ He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. ⁵ Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?

¹³ But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. ¹⁴ For this purpose he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁵ So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

¹⁶ Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, ¹⁷ comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

☐ Word of God, Word of Life.

☑ 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. Al - le - lu - ia.

☐ The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

☑ Glory to you, O Lord.

Children may follow along using the Spark Bible turning to page 406

Some Sadducees, who do not believe in the resurrection of the dead, try to trap Jesus. They formulate the convoluted case of a serial widow who marries a succession of seven brothers. Jesus responds by teaching about God to whom all are alive and in whom all relationships are fulfilled.

Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to [Jesus]²⁸ and asked him a question: “Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man’s brother dies leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother.²⁹ Now there were seven brothers; the first married a woman and died childless;³⁰ then the second³¹ and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless.³² Finally the woman also died.³³ In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her.”

³⁴ Jesus said to them, “Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage,³⁵ but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage.³⁶ Indeed, they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection.³⁷ And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.³⁸ Now he is God not of the dead but of the living, for to him all of them are alive.”

L 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

Deacon Eric Haitz

(rise in body or spirit)

HYMN OF THE DAY

I Know That My Redeemer Lives!

ELW 619 vs. 1, 2, 7, 8

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| <p>1 I know that my Redeemer lives!
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, he lives, who once was dead;
he lives, my ever-living head!</p> <p>2 He lives triumphant from the grave;
he lives eternally to save;
he lives exalted, throned above;
he lives to rule his church in love.</p> | <p>7 He lives and grants me daily breath;
he lives, and I shall conquer death;
he lives my mansion to prepare;
he lives to bring me safely there.</p> <p>8 He lives, all glory to his name!
He lives, my Savior, still the same;
what joy this blest assurance gives:
I know that my Redeemer lives!</p> |
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Text: Samuel Medley, 1738-1799, alt.

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: **L** Hear us, O God.

G **Your mercy is great.**

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

Prayers this week: Larry & Michele Hunzeker (parents of Shannon Picha), Deb Woosley

On-going Care: Lola & Lydia Baum, 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, Joan Jacobson-Trotter, Linda Johnson, Jason Klonglan, Julie Knapp, Jack & Marie Kubat, Glenn Lindgren, Elizabeth Luczynski, Charles Martis, Lara McCormick, Sharon Miley, Nita Mueller, Walter Nash, Dan & Ginny Rath, David Tollefson, Joyce Wachal, Allyson White

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

Other Prayers: *Seminarians* – Joseph Daffer, James Holzer

THE PEACE IS SHARED

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

G **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

My Song of Praise

words by Don Besig & Nancy Price
music by Don Besig

(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.



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

L God of healing and hope,

C you bless those who are hungry, promising to fill them with good things. Fulfill that promise through us and these your gifts. Nourish us with your abundance and unite us in the body of Jesus Christ our Savior, now and forever. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.



Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.



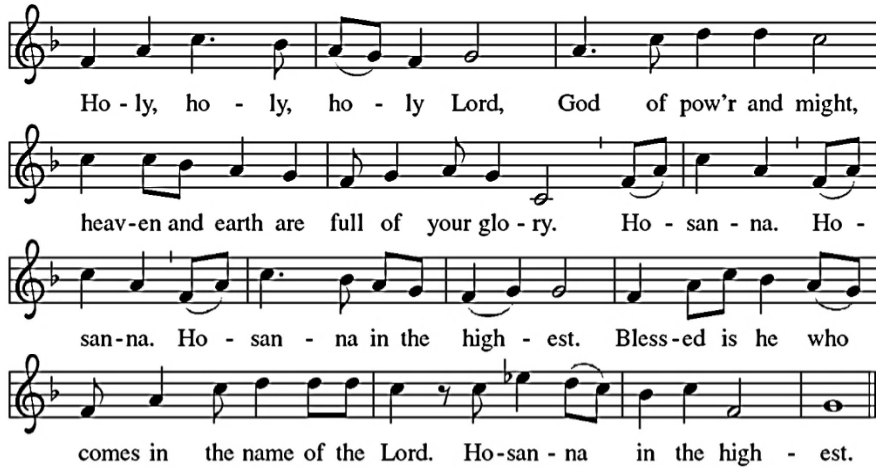
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



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

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

C We praise you, O God.

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

C We bless you, O God.

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

C We thank you, O God.

L 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.

L 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

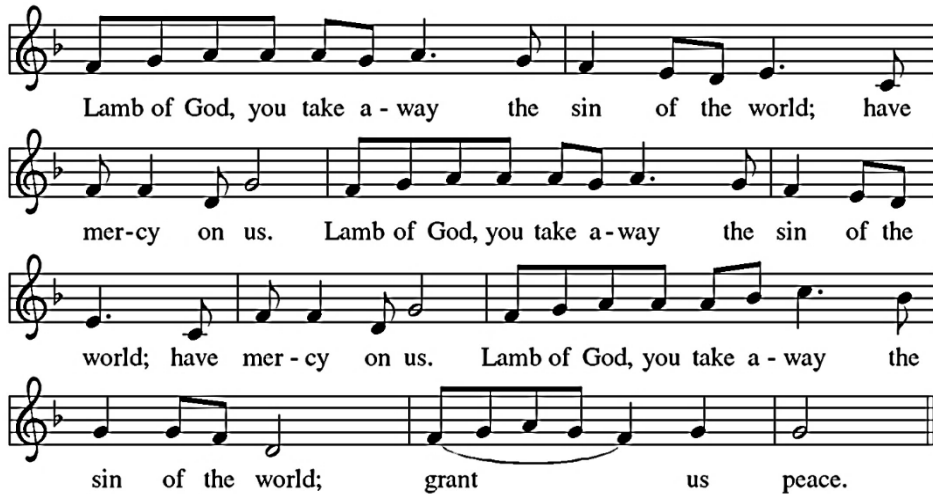
☐ Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us all to pray:

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

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

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

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

☐ Come, receive the food that does not perish, a taste of life eternal.

☑ **There is a place for us at the table of God.**

(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

As We Gather at Your Table

ELW 522

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| <p>1 As we gather at your table,
as we listen to your word,
help us know, O God, your presence;
let our hearts and minds be stirred.
Nourish us with sacred story
till we claim it as our own;
teach us through this holy banquet
how to make Love's vict'ry known.</p> | <p>2 Turn our worship into witness
in the sacrament of life;
send us forth to love and serve you,
bringing peace where there is strife.
Give us, Christ, your great compassion
to forgive as you forgave;
may we still behold your image
in the world you died to save.</p> |
| <p>3 Gracious Spirit, help us summon
other guests to share that feast
where triumphant Love will welcome
those who had been last and least.
There no more will envy blind us
nor will pride our peace destroy,
as we join with saints and angels
to repeat the sounding joy.</p> | |

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Refrain

**Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers,
nor trials in the present, nor any trial to come,
neither height, nor depth, nor all of creation
can ever separate us from the love of God
poured out in Christ Jesus, our Lord.**

- 1 Dwell in the one who raised Christ from the dead;
though your body shall die, in Christ you shall rise
through the Spirit who brings you to life. *Refrain***
- 2 All who are led by the Spirit shall live
as children of God, and heirs with Christ Jesus,
God's adopted and chosen and loved. *Refrain***
- 3 All of the suff'ring we now must endure
is nothing to the glory so soon to be revealed
when creation itself is set free. *Refrain***
- 4 All of creation awaits the new birth,
the fullness of redemption, through labor pains of love,
and so we wait in patience and hope. *Refrain***
- 5 Who can separate us from the love of Christ?
Will hardship or distress, persecution or famine,
or nakedness or peril or sword? *Refrain***

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950, based on Romans 8

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(rise in body or spirit)

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

- ☞ God of field and flower, wheat and grape,**
- ☞ you have nourished us with the bread of heaven that gives life to the world. Strengthened by the body and blood of your Son, send us out to gather your good gifts for all who hunger and thirst, and embolden us to love and serve in Christ's name. Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

- ☞ The love of God the Most High strengthen you, God the Son save you, and God the Holy Spirit anoint you for the work ahead.

The holy Trinity bless you ✝ and grant you a faithful and courageous heart now and forever.

THREE-FOLD AMEN

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Blessed Assurance

ELW 638

**1 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.**

**2 Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love. *Refrain***

Refrain

**This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior, all the day long:
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.**

**3 Perfect submission, all is at rest;
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love.
*Refrain***

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820-1915

DISMISSAL

- ☞ Go in peace. Share the harvest.

☛ 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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Altar Flowers, Eternal Candle and Television Broadcast are sponsored by Glenn & Sharon Anderson in honor of their 70th wedding anniversary

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

Today at Kountze Memorial, *continued*

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.

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.

Nov 9: Imagine: World

Nov 16: Imagine: What's Next?

Lincoln Lutheran Choir **Held at Kountze Memorial** **Sunday, November 9** **3 PM**

The Lincoln Lutheran Choir, under the direction of Artistic Director Jon Marquez and Accompanist Kayla Wombacher, will perform in concert at Kountze Memorial this Sunday afternoon. The 35-voice choir has a 40+ year history of singing sacred music in Lincoln and throughout Eastern Nebraska. The Choir will sing a wide variety of Christian music, including works in Latin and Russian, as well as a capella anthems and traditional spirituals. There is no admission charge, but a free-will offering will be gathered. The public is enthusiastically invited!

This Week at Kountze Memorial

November 9 Sunday

Pentecost 22
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
12:15 PM Book Group
3:00 PM Lincoln Lutheran Choir

November 10 Monday

10:00 AM Pantry

November 11 Tuesday

Veterans Day
9:00 AM Staff Meeting

November 12 Wednesday

9:00 AM Sewing Group
12:15 PM Worship
1:00 PM Devotions @ deFreese Manor
4:00 PM Executive Committee
6:00 PM Confirmation @ St. Timothy
6:00 PM Handbell Rehearsal

November 13 Thursday

Council Reports Due
9:30 AM WELCA Board
11:30 AM Property Committee
4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic

November 14 Friday

Wedding Rehearsal
5:00 PM Pantry
6:00 PM Parent's Night Out

November 15 Saturday

Good News Deadline
Rees & Elliott Wedding
5:00 PM Worship

November 16 Sunday

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For Your Calendar/News & Notes

LFS Refugee Services Winter Coat Drive **This Week through Friday, November 14**

They are collecting coats, jackets, and winter gear for all ages and distributing them to their refugee clients to help prepare them for the cold season. A donation box is available in the lobby area for Omaha and Council Bluffs during business hours, 8 AM - 4 PM.

- **Omaha office address:** 7929 West Center Rd
- **Council Bluffs office address:** 300 W Broadway

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.

For Your Calendar/News & Notes, *continued*

Children's Choir

Sunday, November 16

9 & 11 AM Service—arrive at 8:35 AM

Our Children's Choir will sing *We Are the Church* at both the 9 and 11 AM services (at the beginning of the 11 AM service). We'll gather for a brief practice in the sanctuary at 8:35 AM. Thank you for your support and participation—it's always such a joy to see our children leading us in worship!

Men's 6th Annual Chili Cookoff Lunch

Thursday, November 20

11:30 AM

Guys, do you have a winning chili recipe—or just love a good bowl of chili and great fellowship? Join us for our 6th Annual Men's Chili Cookoff! Sign up at the Welcome Desk, call the church office, or email jim@kmlchurch.org by Tuesday, November 18 and let us know if you're coming and if you'll be entering a pot of chili or attending as a taster.

Cost:

- Chili entrants: Free
- Tasters: Suggested donation is a new stuffed animal or toy to be given as Christmas gifts to children served by the Kountze Food Pantry.

Cornbread and dessert will be provided. Come sample the entries, vote for your favorites, and enjoy a fun afternoon of food, fellowship, and friendly competition! Prizes will be awarded to the top three chilis.

Young Adults Friendsgiving

Thursday, November 20

6:30 PM

Join us in the Fellowship Hall for our next 20's & 30's gathering! We'll share a potluck meal, play some favorite board games, and spend time connecting and celebrating our growing community. Bring a dish to share and come ready for fun and fellowship! Sign up at the Welcome Desk or email Dn. Eric @ eric@kmlchurch.org.

Advent Alternative Gift Market

Sundays, November 23 - December 14

9:30 - 11:30 AM

Saturday December 13 (after the Candle Light Carol Service)

Plan to shop now! Shop next door to the Kountze Café area beginning November 23. Shop ELCA Good Gifts for different monetary gifts that fight hunger and transform lives. Shop physical handmade gifts from Global Mamas that support women and their families in Ghana. Donate to the Kountze Memorial Healing Gift Free Clinic and/or our Love Thy Neighbor Food Pantry to help local families in honor of your family and friends.

Confirmation Classes Continue

St. Timothy's Lutheran Church

(93rd & Dodge)

Grades 7 & 8

Wednesdays, 6 - 7:15 PM

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 stuffing, toothpaste, dried 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.



Pantry

<https://tinyurl.com/uausdddp>

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

Special Note: The Food Pantry is collecting gently used egg cartons and grocery bags. Thanks.

Attendance & Giving

Thursday, Oct. 30—Wednesday, Nov 5

Saturday: 39

Sunday: 9:00: 169 11:00: 86

Wednesday: 12:15: 9

Total: 303

Streaming: 41

Pantry Guests Served: 723 (inc. 273 children)

Medical Clinic Guests Served: 12

Offering:

\$9,946.46 (Regular) \$16,623.62 (Specials)

\$1,097.00 (Debt Reduction)

In Christ we know our redeemer lives.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Luke 20:27-38	Jesus speaks of the resurrection
Monday	Job 19:23-27a	I know my redeemer lives
Tuesday	2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17	Be faithful
Wednesday	2 Corinthians 5:16-21	The temple of the living God
Thursday	1 Corinthians 7:17-24	Obedying the Lord
Friday	Romans 8:9-17	Life in the Spirit
Saturday	Psalm 17:1-9	Prayer of an innocent person
Sunday	Luke 21:5-19	Suffering for Jesus' sake



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SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

For I know that my Redeemer lives, and that at the last he will stand upon the earth. Job 19:25 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Almighty God, we thank you for hearing our cry for help and giving us our Lord Jesus Christ who rescues us from the pain and suffering of this life. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, give us thankful hearts to receive this gift of food with gratitude and receive your mercy through Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God comfort your heart and strengthen you. (2 Thessalonians 1:17)

CARING CONVERSATIONS

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

- When is a time someone defended you when you were being treated unfairly?
- How can the God of justice and mercy help you during unfair experiences?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Job 19:23-27a.

This reading can be difficult to understand without some background information. The first two chapters of the book of Job describe Job as patient. For the rest of the book, Job enters a defiant stance claiming his innocence and wanting to argue his innocence before God. Job challenges the typical understandings of God that claim he must have done something wrong to suffer as he does. God acknowledges that Job is justified for challenging God, even if Job as a human being cannot grasp the ways of God. In the end he accepts this. The beauty of chapter 19 is Job's unwillingness to give up or give in to accusations of his guilt. Thank God for Job's willingness to challenge established wisdom about God. It is in that spirit that the church over the centuries has sung the words, "*I know that my Redeemer lives*" (v. 25). We see in Jesus the champion that Job longed for and the one who would take up Job's defense.

Discuss: When you experience suffering, what questions do you have about God?

Pray: **God of justice and mercy, thank you for accepting our questions and doubts and giving us the confidence of the resurrection through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer 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 help someone who is suffering?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Jesus tells the Sadducees that life after death is different. Think or talk about this difference through the lens of a caterpillar when it changes into a butterfly. They are the same animal even though the stages of life are different. We do not know what life will be like after death. Jesus tells us it will be different, and we will be with God. Read this verse and then take a moment to think what the words mean to you: "*Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive*" (Luke 20:38).

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Malachi 4:1-2a; Psalm 98
2 Thessalonians 3:6-13; Luke 21:5-19