

# KOUNTZE MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

A CITY-WIDE CHURCH WITH A WORLD-WIDE MINISTRY

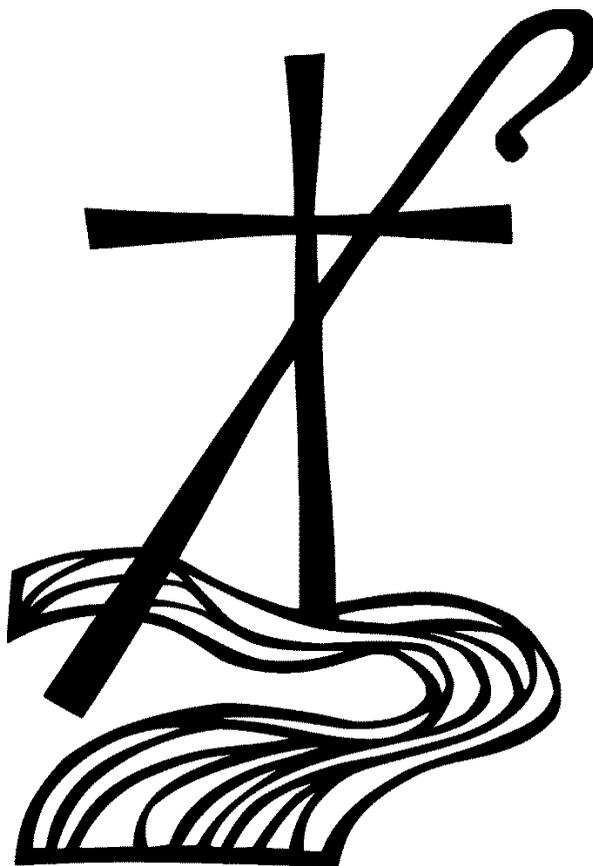
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November 12, 2017

9:00 & 11:00 AM

In God We Trust



## PRELUDE

# GATHERING

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*(stand)*

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

**C** Amen.

**P** Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** Amen.

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.*

**P** Most merciful God,

**C** **We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves.**

**We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,**

**by what we have done**

**and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;**

**we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.**

**Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,**

**so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways,**

**to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

**P** Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

All of life is filled with wonder, so we thank you, God of love —  
 For the crash of evening thunder, clearing clouds, then stars above;  
 For the night that turns to glowing as we feel the morning mist,  
 God, we praise and thank you, knowing every day we're truly blessed.

For the joy of daily waking, for the gift of each new day,  
 For the smell of fresh bread baking, for the sound of children's play,  
 For the ways we seek to serve you as we work and volunteer,  
 God we humbly praise and thank you for your presence with us here.

For the ways we're blessed with plenty love and laughter, neighbors, friends,  
 Nature's wonders, seasons' bounty, life in you that never ends,  
 For the ones who've gone before us, giving witness to your way —  
 We rejoice in all you give us every moment, every day.

We rejoice in all you give us every moment, every day.  
 For your love in times of trouble, for your peace when things are tough,  
 For your help when hardships double, for your grace that is enough,  
 For a stranger's gentle kindness, for a doctor's healing skill —

God, we thank you that you bless us, and you bless your world as well.  
 For the baby in the manger, for the cross and empty tomb,  
 For each time a searching stranger finds at church a welcome home,  
 For your kingdom's great surprises — poor ones lifted, lost ones found

God, we thank you! Hope still rises, for your gifts of grace abound.  
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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.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

- ☐ Almighty God,
- ☑ in you alone we trust. Help us to give that trust more than lip service. Daily remind us that your Son, Jesus Christ, is our Shepherd and therefore we lack nothing. In his name we pray. Amen.

# WORD

(sit)

## PSALM 23 *(read responsively)*

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

<sup>2</sup>**He makes me lie down in green pastures  
and leads me beside still waters.**

<sup>3</sup>He revives my soul

and guides me along right pathways for his name's sake.

<sup>4</sup>**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I shall fear no evil;**

**for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

<sup>5</sup>You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me;  
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

<sup>6</sup>**Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

## HYMN

*“Shepherd Me, O God”*

ELW 780

(sit)

## CHILDREN’S BLESSING *(9:00 AM)*

*Children (aged 3 years through 5<sup>th</sup> grade) are invited to come forward for a blessing. Then, they may either follow the teacher upstairs for an extended children’s sermon (joining us again later in time for Communion) or they may return to their seat and use the Spark Bible and/or activity bags during the regular sermon.*

## SERMON

Pastor Roynesdal

(stand)

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”*

ELW 502

## THE APOSTLES' CREED *(9:00 AM)*

☐ God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ.  
Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

☑ **I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,**

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

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

**HOLY BAPTISM** (11:00 AM)

*Emily Marie Jensen*

*(see page 227)*

## **THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

Response: **P** Lord, in your mercy,  
**C** **hear our prayer.**

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

**Thanksgiving:** For the birth of Belle Rose Clanton, daughter of Jared & Tana; for the baptism of Emily Marie Jensen, daughter of Michael & Elizabeth

**Illness:** Sandy Fonda, Jr Green (husband of Marvel), Eunice Grunberg, Virginia Jensen

**Other Prayers:** *Those serving in the military* – Amy Dyer, Brennan Hron, Michael McNeill, Daniel Milstead, Sheldon Skovgaard, Michael Vutov, and Joel Woosley

**Other Prayers:** *Those serving in mission* – Rev. Chandran Paul Martin, India; Dr. Stephen & Jodi Swanson, Tanzania; Krystle Moraska & Ignacio Madrussan, Argentina; Lindsay Mack, Mexico; Our sister congregation, the American Church in Berlin

## **THE PEACE IS SHARED**

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

*(sit)*

## **MEAL**

### **THE OFFERING IS RECEIVED**

**In God We Trust** ... *our theme for this year's financial campaign. As you place your offering in the offering plate, do you consider it as obligation, a chore ... or is it an act of your trust in God to provide for all your needs?*



*If you would like, use the QR code scanner on your smart phone to give online or use the giving kiosk in the Fellowship Hall.*

# THE TABLE IS PREPARED

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*“Joyful, Joyful Sing Praise”*

Jay Althouse

(stand)

## OFFERTORY HYMN

*“Seek Ye First”*

1 Seek ye . . . first the king - dom of God and its  
2 Ask and it shall be giv - en un - to you; seek and  
3 We do not live by bread . . . a - lone, but by

righteous - ness, and all these things shall be  
you shall find; knock and the door shall be  
ev - 'ry word that pro - ceeds from the

add - ed un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.  
o - pened un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.  
mouth . . of . . . God. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.

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## OFFERING PRAYER

- P** Gracious God:
- C** **Kountze Memorial is composed of people just like me.**  
**I help make it the church it is and the church it will be.**
- P** Kountze Memorial will be friendly,
- C** **If I am friendly.**
- P** These pews will be filled,
- C** **If I help fill them.**
- P** Kountze Memorial will do great work,
- C** **If I am willing to work.**
- P** Kountze Memorial will make generous gifts to many causes,
- C** **If I am a generous giver.**
- P** Kountze Memorial will bring other people into its worship and fellowship,
- C** **If I invite and bring them.**
- P** Kountze Memorial will be a church where people grow in faith and serve you,
- C** **If I am open to such growth and service.**
- P** Therefore, with your help Lord,
- C** **we shall, together, dedicate ourselves to the task of making Kountze Memorial be all the things you want your Church to be, right now at this time, right here in this place.**  
**Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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

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

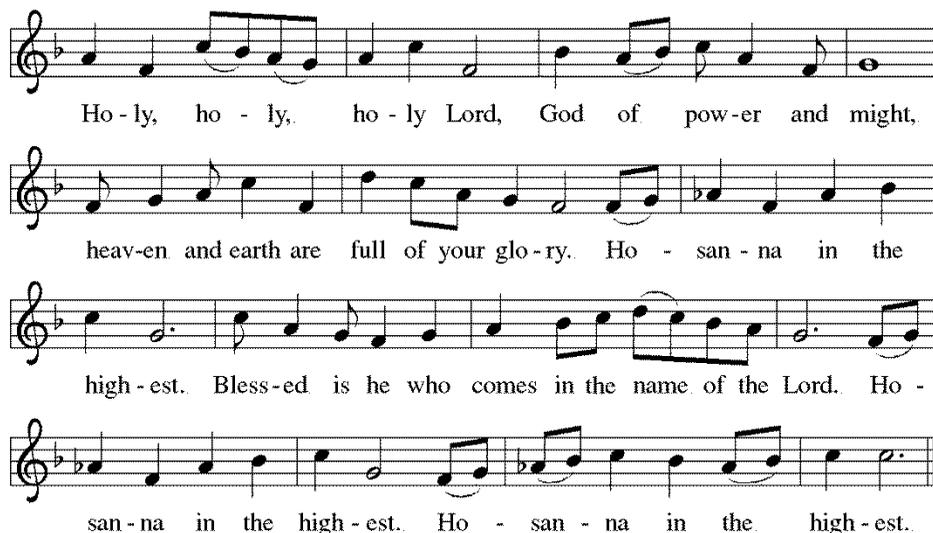
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*(The Thanksgiving continues)*

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

## SANCTUS



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

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

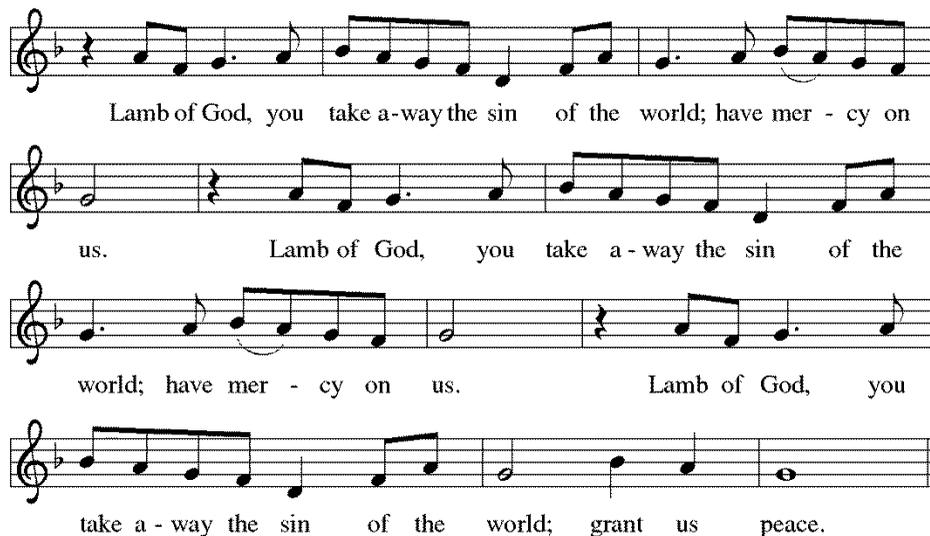
- ☑ **Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

- ☐ Speak to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread,  
☑ and make us one with you.

(sit)

## HYMNS DURING COMMUNION “Lamb of God”



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on  
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you  
take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

*“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”*

ELW 742

*“What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine”*

ELW 774

*“Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways”*

ELW 772

(stand)

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

☐ Almighty God,

☑ We are grateful today — and always — for the gift of the Lord’s Supper, through which you give us the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Continue to strengthen us through this great gift, in faith toward you and fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

# SENDING

## BLESSING

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face to shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## HYMN

*“God, We See What You Have Given!”*

(Tune ELW 807; “Nettleton”)

**God, we see what you have given; Signs of grace are everywhere!  
All around are gifts from heaven— Gifts enough for all to share.  
We are stewards of your bounty, Called to give as we’ve received;  
And your blessings have been plenty From the day we first believed.**

**We are stewards of the richness That you send from heav’n above.  
For in Christ, you gave up greatness, Humbly showing us your love.  
In a manger-- gift from heaven! On a cross-- with love and pain!  
You proclaimed we are forgiven; Now you send us in your name.**

**We are stewards of your welcome That you showed through Christ the Son.  
In his living and his teaching, Jesus welcomed everyone.  
To the outcast and the stranger, He showed hospitality!  
By your Spirit, may we also Give the welcome we’ve received.**

**We are stewards, sent out sharing, Offering you our very best.  
Through our serving and our caring May we give as we’ve been blessed.  
God of love, may faithful living Be much more than Sunday talk.  
Send us loving, serving, giving; Help us daily walk your walk!**

Biblical texts: Psalms 148, 22, 100; Luke 1:46-55; Psalm 150; Tune: Wyeth’s Repository of Sacred Music, 1813  
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## DISMISSAL

**P** Led on by the saints before us, go in peace to serve the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE



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## Ten Things for Which I am Most Grateful

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## Ten Things I Want Right Now

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



**WORSHIP + GROW + SERVE**

**KOUNTZE STAFF**

- Pr. Olaf Roynesdal Senior Pastor
- Pr. Paul Moessner Associate Pastor
- Pr. Ashley Hall Associate Pastor
- Pr. Inba Inbarasu Visitation Pastor
- Kristin Boe Christian Education Coordinator
- Debbie Bogue Office Manager
- Amanda Zasada Administrative Assistant
- Lauri Askew Staff Treasurer
- Sheri Rose Financial Secretary
- Søren Johnson Assist. Bldg. Superintendent
- Barbara Carlsen Dir. of Music & Fine Arts
- Donna Moessner Director of Children's Music
- Danny Bos Handbell Director/Assist. to the Bldg. Superintendent
- Mark Jones Organist
- David Gerard Saturday Accompanist
- Sheri Lynn Tipton Night Security Manager
- Norma Pafford Nursery Superintendent
- Joyce Palmer Urban Ministries Coordinator

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

**SUNDAY, 9:00 AM**

- Comm. Asst. Lorie Groenjes
- Scott Henneman
- Dan Collett
- Lector Liz Pemberton
- Ushers Dick Nelson
- Donna Crouse
- Ralph Diggins
- Brad Madison
- Rodney Nord
- Dan Troxel
- Sharon West
- Dean Winther
- Bob Johnson
- Greeters Colleen Lenners
- Carole Meilahn
- Lois Sorensen
- Bev Troxel
- Crucifer Angie Arispe
- Acolytes Carly Cameron
- Cameron Miller

**SUNDAY, 11:00 AM**

- Comm. Asst. Ashley Sum
- Norm Sack
- Lector Bruce Nissen
- Ushers Linda Hoagland
- Adam Klinker
- Monica Albers
- Greeters Barb Chrisman
- Jo Kayton
- Crucifer Lily O'Kane
- Acolytes Grace Penrod
- Charlie Campbell

**HOLY COMMUNION** All who

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

**CHILDREN IN WORSHIP** We believe that all are welcome in worship and encourage families to worship together. Quiet activity bags, children's bibles, and bulletins are available, as well as a Quiet 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** is available from 9 AM—noon for children 0—2 years. Please ask an usher if you are unsure as to where our nursery is and would like to use it.

**ATTENDANCE CARDS** All those attending worship are encouraged to fill out the card included in your bulletin and place in the offering plate.

**LARGE PRINT BULLETINS AND LISTENING DEVICES** Please speak to an usher if you would like a large print bulletin or an assisted listening device.

**NEW MEMBER CLASS** If you are interested in joining our congregation, the next class will be held January 14 & 21 from 12—2 PM. Please plan to attend both sessions. Lunch will be served and childcare is provided. Please indicate your attendance plans on your attendance card or call the church office and let us know if you will need childcare.

**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 card in your bulletin or text your e-mail address to 22828.

**TODAY AT KOUNTZE**

**PASTOR HALL** is a guest preacher this morning at First Central Congregational Church (36th and Harney) as part of a Reformation series. He will return next week.

**KOUNTZE CAFÉ** This Sunday morning we'll have a continental breakfast but; thanks to Jim West and the kitchen crew, we'll have a hot breakfast buffet served from 8-11 AM again next Sunday morning (Most of the cooks are out of town this weekend). The suggested donation for the hot breakfast is, \$5 adults, \$2.50 children 12 and younger. If you're able to help set up, prep/cook, and/or clean up after breakfast this (or any other) Sunday morning, please feel free to pitch in, talk to Jim, or let the church office know. We would appreciate your help! Thanks.

**ADULT FORUM** Join us Sunday mornings in the Fellowship Hall from 10:10-10:50 AM.

**THIS WEEK:** Due to scheduling conflicts, there is no Adult Forum this morning. We will resume next week with our guest speaker, Michelle DeRusha, who will discuss the life and legacy of Katherina von Bora **NEXT WEEK:** Katie Luther, with guest speaker Michelle DeRusha

**CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES TODAY**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor for children 2 years—8<sup>th</sup> grade. Preschool 1 (2-4 yrs) meets from 9—10 AM (child care for those too old for the nursery). Sunday School (2 yrs—8<sup>th</sup> grade) is held from 10:10—10:50 AM.

**HIGH SCHOOL FORUM** Join us each Sunday in the Youth Center for Forum at 10:10 AM.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL/HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH CHOIR** rehearsal in the Adult Choir room each Sunday from 11—11:40 AM. Come and sing!

**KMLC MEN'S LUNCHEON** Thursday, 11/16, 11:30 AM. Cost: \$10. Pr. Ashley Hall will present "Reformation for Now." All Men of KMLC are invited. Please RSVP to the church office by Monday, 11/13 (402-341-7761 or info@kmlchurch.org).

**BAPTISM SEMINAR** Sunday, 11/19, 12:00 PM. The seminar begins in the office Conference Room. We'll then go to the Nave, where we will have the opportunity to discuss the importance of the Sacrament of Holy Baptism and walk through the baptismal liturgy. Attending this seminar is an essential part of the normal process for being baptized at Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church. Please talk to a pastor if you have questions. You may register by contacting the church office (402-341-7761 or info@kmlchurch.org).

**MILITARY CHRISTMAS CARDS** On Sundays, 11/19 & 26, we will have a chance to write out Christmas greetings/messages for Kountze members in the Military. If you would like to include your loved one in the Christmas mailing please send; your name, the name of your loved one and his/her address to Janet@kmlchurch.org by 11/15. Thank you for showing your love and support!

**BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS** Trained volunteers provide blood pressure checks free of charge on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month. You can have your blood pressure checked next Sunday, 11/19, from 10:00-11:00 AM in the Fellowship Lounge.

**THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP** Wednesday, 11/22, 7:00 PM Service at Kountze Memorial. All are welcome! Please volunteer to help as Communion Assistants, Ushers, Lector, Acolyte, etc. Thanks.

**THANKSGIVING DINNER** Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church and St. Peter's Catholic Church (27th & Leavenworth Streets) are again hosting a Thanksgiving Day meal together. This is for anyone in need or missing family over the holiday. All are welcome! Please see the insert in the bulletin today with more information and a request for your help.

**WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS TEA** will be Friday, 12/1 at noon. The program will be the Immanuel Bell Choir. No reservations are required and

## Each day matters.

taking  
faith  
home

### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Matthew 25:1-13	Parable of the wise and foolish girls
Monday	Matthew 24:36-44	Keep watch
Tuesday	Deuteronomy 4:5-20	Watch yourselves carefully
Wednesday	Micah 7:1-9	Watching in hope for the Lord
Thursday	Luke 21:29-37	Be always on the watch
Friday	Amos 5:18-24	What the Lord requires
Saturday	Psalms 70	God is wonderful
Sunday	Matthew 25:14-30	Parable of the talents

### SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

So, my disciples, always be ready! You don't know the day or the time when all this will happen. **Matthew 25:13 (CEV)**

### PRAYERS AND BLESSING

#### A Prayer for the Week:

Dear Lord, come quickly with your saving grace that our lives may reflect your love and mercy for all you have created. Amen.

#### Mealtime Prayer:

For this meal and all God's gifts, let us bless the Lord. Thanks be to God! Amen.

#### A Blessing to Give:

May you rejoice and be glad for this is the day that the Lord has made. (Psalm 118:24)

### CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home or small group:

- Tell about something in your life that needs to be done now and cannot wait.
- What matters to you today? How does that connect with your Christian faith?
- In the parable of the wise and foolish girls, there is a focus on urgency and being ready. How does your Christian faith call you to a sense of urgency and readiness?

### DEVOTIONS

*Read:* Matthew 25:1-13.

Since the time of the New Testament church, there has been a concern to keep the faith alive and "burning" while waiting for Christ's return. We can become complacent and lose the sense of urgency about actively living the Christian faith everyday. In Amos 5:18-24 the prophet pointed out that God was not pleased with a worship life that did not show itself in acts of justice and fairness. Reflect on how the Christian faith matters every day. Pray the following prayer:

**Dear God, give me a living faith that seeks to please you with love, fairness, and care for others each day. Amen**

Close with the Lord's Prayer.

### SERVICE

The biblical theme of justice is closely associated with care for those in need, especially the poor. Take time this week to do some act of service for someone in need. See your action as a way to say, "Yes," to the justice and fairness of God in the world.

### RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Reflect this week on how each day in the life of faith matters. Light a candle in remembrance of the parable of the wise and foolish girls. Sing or pray the "Hymn of the Week", *Give Me Oil in My Lamp*. Take time to read Scripture, pray, and care for the needs of others.

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there is no cost.

**TV BROADCAST SPONSORSHIPS** Beginning in December, we will be welcoming sponsorships for the weekly televised broadcast of our worship service. You can sponsor a broadcast in memory of loved ones, in honor of someone's birthday or anniversary, etc. The cost for sponsoring one broadcast is currently \$175 (it may increase in the new year). Six services are available for sponsorship in December (5 Sundays + Christmas Eve). Sponsorship forms are available at the Welcome Desk and in the church office. You can go to our website and donate there as well.

**DECORATING FOR ADVENT/CHRISTMAS** All KMLC members and families are invited to help decorate the Sanctuary, Rotunda, Narthex and front lawn for Christmas on Saturday, 12/2 from 9:30 AM to 1 PM. Coffee and donuts will be provided. We will be decorating the Christmas tree, hanging garland and wreaths and much more! Many hands are needed to help beautify our church, and all ages are welcome. Come for the whole time or just an hour. Join us for a day of fun and fellowship!

**ADVENT FAIR** Join us in the Fellowship Hall on 12/3 to enjoy crafts, chili, cocoa, and community starting at 10:00 AM. All are welcome.

**CANDLELIGHT CAROL SING** Be sure to attend our annual Candlelight Carol Sing on Saturday, 12/16 at 5:00 PM (prelude begins at 4:40 PM). A reception will follow. Nursery care will be provided.

**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM** The Christmas Program Rehearsal will be held on Saturday, 12/16 from 9:00 —11:00 AM. The Christmas Program will be on Sunday, 12/17, at both the 9:00 & 11:00 AM services.

**STEPHEN MINISTRY** Our lives are delicately balanced. **Stephen Ministers can help when** life gets out of balance. They listen and care. If your life or that of someone you know has shifted out of balance, consider Stephen Ministry. Call, Donna Reinig 558-6352 or one of our pastors.

## THIS WEEK AT KOUNTZE

### November 12 Sunday

7:45 AM & 10:00 AM Adult Choir Rehearsal  
 8:00 – 11:00 AM Breakfast  
 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Worship  
 9:00 AM Nursery (0-2 yrs)  
 10:10 AM Adult Forum  
 10:10 AM Youth Forum (gr 9-12)  
 10:10 AM Sunday School (2yr-8th gr)  
 11:00 AM MS/HS Choir Rehearsal  
 12:00 PM Book Group  
 12:15PM Endowment Board  
 8:30 PM LCM Worship @ CU (Halley Chapel)

### November 13 Monday

10:00 AM Pantry

### November 14 Tuesday

9:00 AM Staff Meeting

### November 15 Wednesday

Good News Deadline  
 12:15 PM Worship  
 5:00 PM Communion @ deFreese Manor  
 5:30 PM KETV Management Board  
 6:00 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal  
 6:00 PM Confirmation Dinner  
 6:30 PM Confirmation  
 7:30 PM Closing Worship

### November 16 Thursday

Council Reports Due  
 11:30 AM Men's Luncheon  
 1:30 PM Circle 4  
 4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic  
 7:00 PM Circle 5

### November 18 Saturday

9:30 AM Women's Prayer Group  
 5:00 PM Worship

### November 19 Sunday

7:45 AM & 10:00 AM Adult Choir Rehearsal  
 8:00 – 11:00 AM Breakfast  
 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Worship  
 9:00 AM Nursery (0-2 yrs)  
 10:00 AM Blood Pressure Checks  
 10:10 AM Adult Forum  
 10:10 AM Youth Forum (gr 9-12)  
 10:10 AM Sunday School (2yr-8th gr)  
 11:00 AM MS/HS Choir Rehearsal  
 12:00 PM Baptism Seminar  
 12:15 PM Youth Ministry Task Force  
 8:30 PM LCM Worship @ CU (Halley Chapel)

### Next Weekend's Lessons

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18  
 Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12  
 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11  
 Matthew 25:14-30

### Saturday Attendance: 35

**Sunday Attendance: 9:00:** 284 **11:00:** 105

**Midweek - Noon:** 11 **Evening:** 15

**Total:** 450

**Pantry Guests Served:** 369

**Medical Clinic Guests Served:** 39

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