

KOUNTZE MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

A CITY-WIDE CHURCH WITH A WORLD-WIDE MINISTRY

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9:00 & 11:00 AM

FOURTH SUNDAY of EASTER



Today is sometimes called "Good Shepherd Sunday." Jesus is called the "gate" of the sheep in today's gospel. The risen Christ opens the way to abundant life. He anoints our heads with oil and guides us beside the still waters of our baptism. Each Sunday he spreads a feast before us in the midst of the world's violence and war. We go forth to be signs of the resurrection and extend God's tender care to all creation.

PRELUDE

Fort Calhoun High School Brass Quintet
Dalton Ashby & Justin Drowne, Trumpet; Amanda Hansen, French Horn
Bailey Bannister, Euphonium; Christopher Lopez, Tuba

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(stand)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

- ☐ In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- ☑ **Amen.**
- ☐ God of all mercy and consolation,
- ☑ **come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**
- ☐ Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.

- ☐ Most merciful God,
- ☑ **we confess that we are captive 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.**
- ☐ In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God 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.
- ☑ **Amen.**

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

ELW 362

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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. I Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb



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

Refrain



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.

Refrain



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



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of



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



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

Refrain



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



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was

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

Final refrain
This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- ☐ O God our shepherd,
- ☑ ***you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, 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

Acts 2:42-47

Today's reading is a description of life in the community following Peter's sermon on the day of Pentecost, when the Spirit was outpoured on God's people. This new community is founded on the teachings of the apostles and sustained in the breaking of the bread.

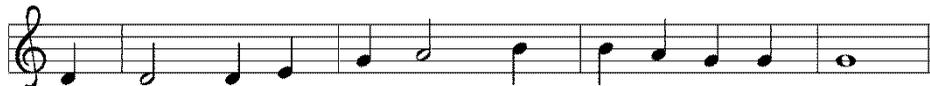
The baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

⁴³Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. ⁴⁴All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

☐ The word of the Lord.

☑ ***Thanks be to God.***

PSALM 23



The LORD is my shep-herd; I shall not be in want.

Psalm 23:1

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¹The Lord is my shepherd;

I shall not be in want.

²The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.

³You restore my soul, O Lord,
and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

⁴Though 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. 

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. 

SECOND READING

1 Peter 2:19-25

Doing the right things does not guarantee that one will not experience difficulties, hardships, rejection, or even suffering. Here Christ is presented as the model for our path of endurance and loyalty to God, particularly in the midst of adversity.

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. ²⁰If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. ²¹For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

²²"He committed no sin,
and no deceit was found in his mouth."

²³When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. ²⁴He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

 The word of the Lord.

 **Thanks be to God.**

(stand)

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. John.

☑ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL

John 10:1-10

Jesus uses an image familiar to the people of his day to make a point about spiritual leadership. Good shepherds bring people to life through Jesus, but those who avoid Jesus are dangerous to the flock.

Jesus said: ¹“Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ²The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” ⁶Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”

☐ The Gospel of our Lord

☑ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

(sit)

CHILDREN’S BLESSING (9:00 AM)

Children (aged 3 years through 5th 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 Hall

(stand)

HYMN OF THE DAY

The Lord’s My Shepherd

ELW 778

APOSTLES' CREED

☩ *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.*

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Response: Ⓟ Lord, in your mercy,
 ☩ *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 marriage of Caleb Fili & Erika Daene

Illness: Arlene Andersen, David Carlsen, Audrey Cotton, Dee Hiatt, Norman How (father of Suzanne How), Ruth Larsen, Dee Luchsinger, Joyce Wachal, Joanne Worm

Sympathy: To the family and friends of Arlene Andersen

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; Justin Perkins (Young Adults in Global Mission), Argentina/Uruguay; Our sister congregation, the American Church in Berlin

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. We encourage everyone to give. If you are visiting with us today, please do not feel obligated to participate in this portion of worship. If you would like, use the QR code scanner on your smart phone to give online or use the giving kiosk in the Fellowship Hall.



THE TABLE IS PREPARED

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Shepherd Me, O God

Marty Haugen
Arr. Mark Hayes

(stand)

OFFERTORY HYMN

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

ELW 184



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that



we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of



all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble



with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980

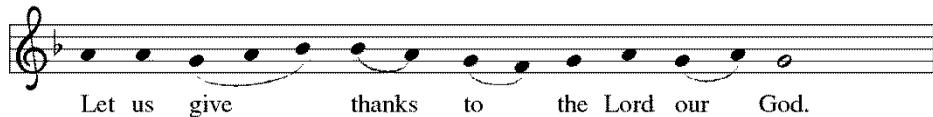
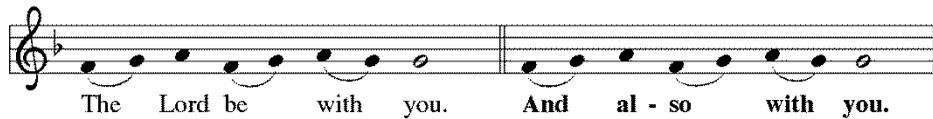
Music: Ronald A. Nelson, b. 1927

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OFFERING PRAYER

- ☐ Be known to us, O Lord,
- ☑ ***in the breaking of the bread, as you were made known to the disciples. Receive these gifts, and the offering of our lives, that we may be your risen body in the world. Amen.***

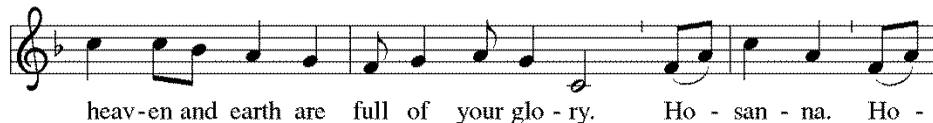
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



(The Thanksgiving continues)

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

SANCTUS



EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

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

- ☞ Now let us feast this Easter day
☞ *on Christ, the bread of heaven. Hallelujah!*

(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.

*Now We Join in Celebration
Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing*

ELW 462
ELW 544

(stand)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- ☞ Life-giving God,
☞ ***in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of heaven to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to Jesus' resurrection that we may show your glory to all the world; through the same Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.***

SENDING

DISMISSAL OF EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

BLESSING

- ☞ May God who has brought us from death to life fill you with great joy. Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
☞ ***Amen.***

HYMN

Crown Him with Many Crowns

ELW 855

DISMISSAL

- ☞ Alleluia! Christ is risen.
☞ ***Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!***
☞ You are the body of Christ raised up for the world.
Go in peace. Share the good news.
☞ ***Thanks be to God.***

POSTLUDE

Fort Calhoun High School Brass Quintet

☩ ☩ ☩

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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. Dean W. Bard	Interim Senior Pastor
Pr. Ashley Hall	Associate Pastor
Pr. Paul Moessner	Interim Associate Pastor
Pr. Inba Inbarasu	Visitation Pastor
Kristin Boe	Interim Christian Education Coordinator
Dave Forrest	Interim Congregational Life Coordinator
Debbie Bogue	Office Manager
Amanda Zasada	Administrative Assistant
Lauri Askew	Staff Treasurer
Sheri Rose	Financial Secretary
John Bogue	Building Superintendent
Tim Walker	Chef
Søren Johnson	Assist. Bldg. Superintendent
Barbara Carlsen	Dir. of Music & Fine Arts
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.	Liz Pemberton
Lector	Becky Brusky
Ushers	Brad Madison
	Donna Crouse
	Ralph Diggins
	Dick Nelson
	Rodney Nord
	Dan Troxel
	Sharon West
	Dean Winther
	Bob Johnson
Greeters	Colleen Lenners
	Bev Troxel
	Lois Sorensen
	Carole Meilahan
Crucifer	Bailey Gittler
Acolytes	Britten Johnson
	Morgan Gardner

SUNDAY, 11:00 AM

Comm. Asst.	Deb Hinrichs
	Norm Sack
Lector	Deb Hinrichs
Ushers	Linda Hoagland
	David Jesberg
	Adam Klinker
Greeters	Barb Chrisman
	Jo Kayton
Crucifer	Morgan Stouffer
Acolytes	Rachel Stouffer
	Kolbey Burns

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 sometime this fall 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.

PARKING Our west parking lot is closed for total renovation. Parking is available in front of deFreese Manor, Douglas & 26th Avenue, Barnhart Press' gravel lot across Farnam Street, side streets east of the church, FBG parking lot at 26th & Harney.

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

KOUNTZE CAFÉ Join us on Sundays for a hot, breakfast buffet served from 8-11 AM prepared by Chef Tim and his volunteers. The suggested donation for breakfast is, \$5 adults, \$2.50 children 12 and younger.

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

THIS WEEK: Building Update **NEXT WEEK:** Special Congregational Meeting

YOUNG MOTHERS Join us on Sunday morning for some fresh brewed fun in the Fellowship Lounge between worship services for “Frappy Hour.” Come meet other young mothers in the congregation for coffee, conversation, fellowship and fun.

NEW MEMBER CLASS continues this Sunday, 5/7, 12:00 -2:00 PM. If you are interested in becoming a member of our faith community but weren't able to attend these classes, watch the bulletin for dates of the next class. If you mark that you're interested in membership on the attendance sheet, we'll be sure to send you information on the next class.

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God by John & Debbie Bogue

CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES TODAY

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

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

SEWING GROUP Join the Sewing Group on the 2nd Wednesday of each month (5/10) at 9 AM to help with this fun, important work. Making quilts for Lutheran World Relief is one of our main projects. If you have sheets or fabric—scraps work as well as yardage—that you can donate, it will be put to good use in a quilt. If you'd like to help but aren't able to join the group, you could purchase cotton fabric or donate the money for us to shop for you. Talk to Bess Swanson for more info.

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING Be sure to read your bulletin insert regarding a special congregational meeting during Adult Forum (10:10 AM) on Sunday, 5/14.

JOINT ASCENSION DAY EUCHARIST Thursday, 5/25, 7 PM at Kountze Memorial. We are

hosting Trinity Episcopal Cathedral in our third annual combined celebration of the culmination of Jesus' earthly ministry, when he is taken up bodily into heaven. This year, we welcome special guests: Bishop Brian Maas of the Nebraska Synod will preside and Bishop Scott Barker of the Episcopal Diocese of Nebraska will preach. Join us as we celebrate this great feast of the Church, our common heritage, and the full-communion agreement between our denominations. A reception in the Fellowship Hall will follow.

KMLC MEN'S LUNCHEON Thursday, 5/18, 11:30 AM at Kountze Memorial. Cost: \$10. We'll welcome Joyce “JP” Palmer, Kountze Urban Ministry Coordinator, who will give a talk on our current food pantry and clinic activities and also highlight changes in store for these outreach programs with the opening of Kountze Commons. Please RSVP by Monday, 5/15 at noon, to the church office or Dave Forrest (402 -341-7761 or dave@kmlchurch.org). Hope to see you there.

WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP Saturday, 5/20, 9:30 AM. The Prayer Group has chosen to study the book, “Before Amen” by Max Lucado. If you

Jesus is our Good Shepherd.



DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These readings are related to the Lectionary readings for this Sunday. We invite you to take time each day to read the assigned Bible passages.

Sunday	John 10:1-10	Christ the shepherd
Monday	Jeremiah 23:1-8	God will gather the flock
Tuesday	Ezekiel 34:1-16	God will rescue the sheep
Wednesday	Ezekiel 34:20-31	God's promise of a shepherd
Thursday	Acts 2:42-47	Life among the believers
Friday	John 10:11-18	The good shepherd dies for the sheep
Saturday	Psalms 23	The Good Shepherd
Sunday	John 14:1-14	Jesus is the way, truth, and life

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

"A thief comes only to rob, kill, and destroy. I came so that everyone would have life, and have it in its fullest." **John 10:10 (CEV)**

PRAYERS AND BLESSING:

A Prayer for the Week:

Jesus, our Good Shepherd, help us to recognize your voice each day and follow you. Amen. (John 10:4)

Mealtime Prayer:

Jesus, our Good Shepherd, through this day your hand has led us, and we thank you for your care. You have warmed us, clothed and fed us, listen to our grateful prayer. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the Lord be your Good Shepherd. May God lead you without fear and restore your soul. May God's goodness and mercy follow you all the days of your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home or small group:

- Who do you trust and listen to? Why?
- Jesus said his sheep listen to his voice and follow him (John 10:3-4). How do you hear Jesus speaking to you today?
- In what ways do you experience Jesus as your Good Shepherd?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Psalm 23.

This is a psalm of trust that serves people especially when going through those deep, dark valley moments in life. Confidence in the Good Shepherd during difficult times expresses the "audacity of hope" that is part of the Christian faith. When have you gone through dark days and leaned on the Good Shepherd? Conclude your reflections with a time of prayer for the presence of the Good Shepherd in your life and the lives of others, and pray Psalm 23.

SERVICE

Acts 2:43-47 gives a picture of the early church that did "many wonders and signs" through sacrificial service to others. It is easy to be critical of the humanity of the church without knowing how that same church has served others selflessly and without fanfare. Think about how the church over the centuries has been a serving, loving, and healing community by providing hospitals, orphanages, housing, food, relief work, emotional care and other services for people. Consider making a contribution to one of your favorite service agencies.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Christian hymn singing is a wonderful tradition of the church. Before the advent of Sunday school and the mass production of books, singing hymns was a foundational way to learn about and teach the faith. There are many beautiful sung paraphrases of Psalm 23. Sing, pray, and/or listen to the following hymns available on YouTube: The King of Love My Shepherd Is; Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us; The Lord Is My Shepherd; and Shepherd Me, O God.

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THIS WEEK AT KOUNTZE

May 7 Sunday

- Homebound Communion
- 7:45 AM & 10:00 AM Adult Choir
- 8:00 AM - 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 Young Mothers "Frappy Hour"
- 10:10 AM Sunday School (2yr-8th gr)
- 11:00 MS/HS Choir Rehearsal
- 12:00 PM New Member Class
- 9:00 PM LCM Worship @ CU (Halley Chapel)

May 8 Monday

- 10:00 AM Pantry

May 9 Tuesday

- 9:00 AM Staff Meeting

May 10 Wednesday

- 9:00 AM Sewing Group
- 12:15 PM Worship
- 5:45 PM MS/HS Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal

May 11 Thursday

- 9:30 AM WELCA Board Meeting
- 11:30 AM Property Committee
- 4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic

May 12 Friday

- 12:00 PM Endowment Board

May 13 Saturday

- 5:00 PM Worship

May 14 Sunday

- Mother's Day
- 7:45 AM & 10:00 AM Adult Choir
- 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM Breakfast
- 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Worship
- 9:00 AM Nursery (0-2 yrs)
- 9:00 AM Receive New Members
- 10:10 AM Adult Forum
- 10:10 AM Youth Forum (gr 9-12)
- 10:10 AM Young Mothers "Frappy Hour"
- 10:10 AM Sunday School (2yr-8th gr)

Next Weekend's Lessons

Acts 2:42-47
Psalm 23
1 Peter 2:19-25
John 10:1-10

Saturday Attendance: 38

Sunday Attendance: 9:00: 206 11:00: 90

Midweek - Noon: 11

Total: 345

Pantry Guests Served: 292

Medical Clinic Guests Served: 53

Offering:

\$23,558.96 (Regular) \$4,496.00 (Specials)
\$2,797.00 (In the City for Good)



PARKING LOT UNDER CONSTRUCTION

As promised, lot work has begun and should be completed by July 4. In the meantime, alternate

- parking is available in front of deFreese Manor, Douglas & 26th Avenue, Barnhart Press' gravel lot across Farnam Street, side streets east of the church, FBG parking lot at 26th & Harney. Just a reminder about the meters in front of the church; the cost is 25 cents per hour until 9 PM Monday through Saturday. There is no charge after 9 PM Monday—Saturday or on Sundays.

are interested in joining the Women's Prayer Group, contact Karen Bonneau at 402-451-3817. The group meets monthly on the third Saturday of each month in the Fellowship Lounge.

MAY IS BLINDNESS PREVENTION MONTH Kountze will once again be collecting used eyeglasses. The glasses will be cleaned, checked and used at a health fair for the homeless later this year. There is a collection box at the Welcome Desk. Thank you for your help with this outreach program.

KOUNTZE PANTRY NEEDS This week we need: Pork 'n Beans, Pasta/Noodles, Pasta Sauce, Oatmeal, Corn, Pancake Syrup, Chicken, Tuna. Your time and monetary offerings are always welcome as well. Please talk to JP if you have questions. Thanks.

STEPHEN MINISTRY What does Stephen Ministry provide? Someone who cares, supports, listens, shares. **Who can benefit?** Anyone going through difficult times who needs someone to care, listen, and share God's love with them on a one-to-one confidential basis. **Want to know more?** Contact Donna Reinig (402-558-6352) or one of our pastors.