

KOUNTZE MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

A CITY-WIDE CHURCH WITH A WORLD-WIDE MINISTRY

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9:00 & 11:00 AM

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY after PENTECOST



*How does **faith** work? We continue reading stories Jesus told so we can learn about faith. Our tradition connects today's parable about prayer (Luke 18:1-8) with a strange story about wrestling (Genesis 32:22-31). We are invited to compare our own experience to that of the persistent widow and the scarred wrestler.*

PRELUDE

Jesus Medley

Naida Hearn and Robert Cull
Kountze Handbell Choir

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(stand)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

☞ Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the only Sovereign, who dwells in light; Christ Jesus, who came to save sinners; the Holy Spirit, who lives within us.

☞ ***Amen.***

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

☞ God of overflowing grace,

☞ ***we come to you with repentant hearts. Forgive us for shallow thankfulness. Forgive us for passing by the ones in need. Forgive us for setting our hopes on fleeting treasures. Forgive us our neglect and thoughtlessness. Bring us home from the wilderness of sin, and strengthen us to serve you in all that we do and say; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.***

☞ There is joy in heaven over every sinner who repents. By the grace of God in ☩ Christ Jesus, who gave himself up for us all, your sins are forgiven and you are made free. Rejoice with the angels and with one another! We are home in God's mercy, now and forever.

☞ ***Amen.***

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Rise, O Sun of Righteousness

ELW 657

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.***

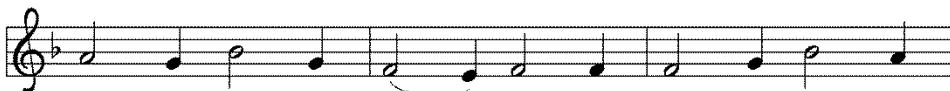
HYMN OF PRAISE



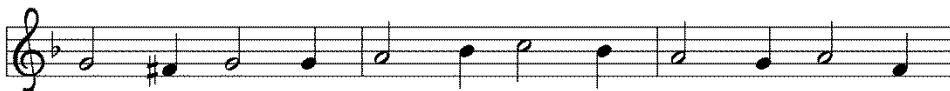
1 All glo - ry be to God on high, and peace to earth be
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the on - ly Son of God, cre - a - tion's
3 To you a - lone, O God, we cry, the Ho - ly One we



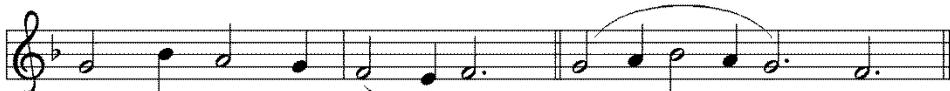
giv - en! Let an - gels sing, let all re - ply; good -
au - thor, O Lamb of God, your death a - lone takes
name you; for you a - lone are God most high, one



will breaks forth from heav - en! Lord God Al - might - y,
sin a - way for - ev - er. Stretch out your arms to
liv - ing God we claim you: we wor - ship you, Lord



heav - en's king, we wor - ship you, our thanks we sing, we
ev - 'ry land, and, as you reign at God's right hand, re -
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it ev - er blest, in



praise you for your glo - ry.
ceive our prayer; have mer - cy.
God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. A - - - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

WORD

*(sit)***FIRST READING****Genesis 32:22-31**

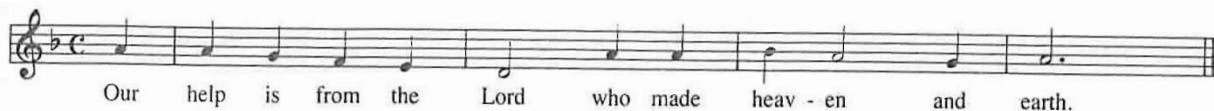
This key story shows our ancestor in the faith, Jacob, to be both hero and anti-hero. According to Wikipedia, an anti-hero “is a protagonist who lacks conventional [heroic] qualities such as idealism, courage, or morality.” That teaches us that 1) God places in each person qualities necessary for saving the world, and 2) God can use us even when we have misused these God-given qualities. Read through Genesis 26-33 to see why Jacob might best be described as a scoundrel. In this mysterious story we almost have to conclude that the “man” is God. So then, why can he “not prevail against Jacob”? In my own experience with God, have I felt wounded? Might God be wanting to transform that wound into a strength? How might God want to use that wound-turned-strength to heal the world and give me joy?

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

A The word of the Lord.

G *Thanks be to God.*

PSALM 121



I lift up my eyes to the mountains;
from where shall come my help?
My help shall come from the Lord
who made heaven and earth. 

May he never allow you to stumble!
Let him sleep not, your guard.
No, he sleeps not nor slumbers,
Israel's guard. 

The Lord is your guard and your shade;
at your right side he stands.
By day the sun shall not smite you
nor the moon in the night. 

The Lord will guard you from evil,
he will guard your soul.
The Lord will guard your going and coming
both now and forever. 

SECOND READING

2 Timothy 3:14--4:5

Paul continues his instruction of Timothy, his younger colleague in ministry, by emphasizing the importance of faithful teaching despite opposition. We remember this letter was written before the content of our Old and New Testaments was collected into the Bible as we know it, so we are careful how we apply verse 16. How does the Bible give me relief when my ears start itching (verse 3)?

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

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

 The word of the Lord.

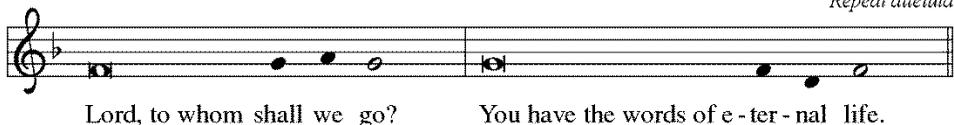
 **Thanks be to God.**

(stand)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Repeat alleluia



☐ The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

☑ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL

Luke 18:1-8

Sometimes Jesus told parables to describe God, such as in Luke 15. Sometimes the parable invites a contrast between what humans do and what God does. Such is the case in this story. Can I picture anyone who is like the widow? What about that person inspires my faith?

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

☐ 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 Moessner

(stand)

HYMN OF THE DAY

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

ELW 773

APOSTLES' CREED (9:00 AM)

☩ ***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)

Robert Jeffrey Granneman

(see page 227)

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 baptism of Robert Jeffrey Granneman, son of Jeffrey & Laura; for the marriage of Brian Kooienga & Sam Schuett

Illness: Vera Bang, Joy Borchman, Gary Lundeen, Jinette Cswercko, Edward White

Other Prayers: *Those serving in the military* – Amy Dyer, Michael McNeill, Scott Meyer, 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

Day By Day

Mark Hayes, Arr.

(stand)

OFFERTORY HYMN

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

- ☐ ***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.***

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711

OFFERING PRAYER

- ☐ Merciful God,
☑ ***as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, 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.

Detailed description: This block contains four staves of musical notation in G-clef, 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The first staff has two measures, the second and third have two measures each, and the fourth has one measure. The lyrics are: '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.', and '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'r 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.

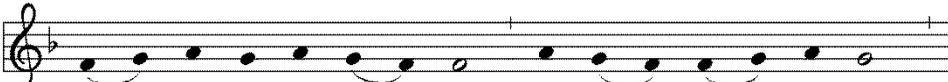
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EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

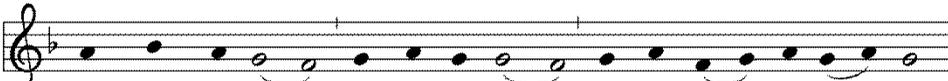
THE LORD'S PRAYER

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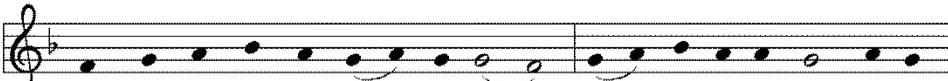
Gathered into one by the Ho-ly Spir - it, let us pray as Je-sus taught us.

G 

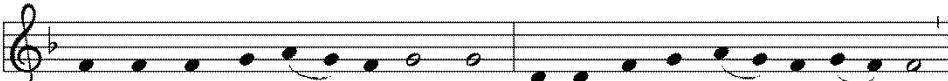
Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your name,



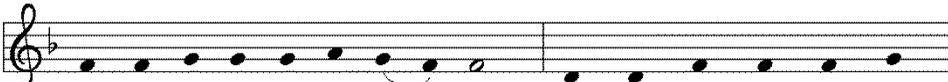
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en.



Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we



for-give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of tri - al



and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow'r,



and the glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men.

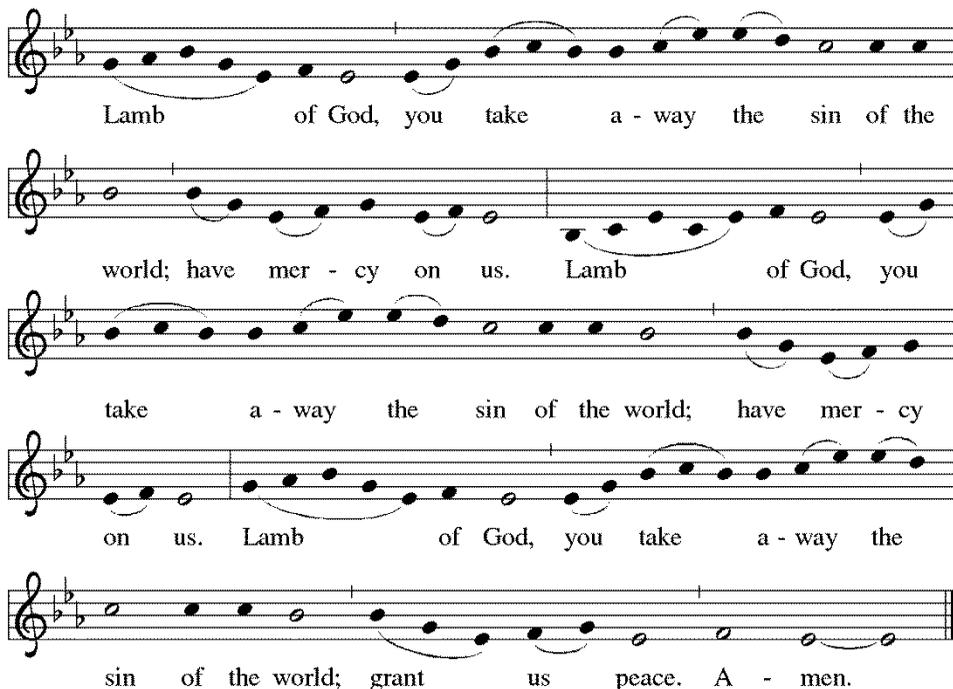
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

- G** Take hold of the life that really is life. Come, take your place at the table.

(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. A - men.

Come to the Table
My Life Flows On in Endless Song

ELW 481
ELW 763

(stand)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- ☐ We come again to you, O God,
- ☑ ***giving you thanks that in this feast of mercy you have embraced us and healed us, making us one in the body of Christ. Go with us on our way. Equip us for every good work, that we may continue to give you thanks by embracing others with mercy and healing; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.***

SENDING

BLESSING

- ☞ God Almighty send you light and truth to keep you all the days of your life. The hand of God protect you; the holy angels accompany you; and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the ☩ Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you now and forever.
- ☞ **Amen.**

HYMN

Lord of All Hopefulness

ELW 765

DISMISSAL

- ☞ Go in peace. Remember the poor.
- ☞ **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

SUNDAY, 9:00 AM

- Comm. Asst. Lorie Groenjes
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Lori Senn
Darlene Anderson
- Crucifer Bailey Gittler
- Acolytes Carter Wachholtz
Anna Kidder

SUNDAY, 11:00 AM

- Comm. Asst. Deb Hinrichs
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- Lector Bruce Anderson
- Ushers Ken Johnson
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Linda Johnson
Julie O'Doherty
Norm Sack
- Greeters Peggy Johnson
Myrna Carter
- Crucifer Lily O'Kane
- Acolytes Jane Setterburg

WORSHIP + GROW + SERVE

HOLY COMMUNION All who are baptized and trust in Christ's



presence in Holy Communion are invited to commune at the Lord's Table today. Children not yet communing will receive a blessing. Ushers will direct you. Communion is by intinction: you will receive the Host in your hand; you may then dip the Host into the chalice. 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 and children's bibles and bulletins are available. We also provide a Quiet Room, just off the west side of the main sanctuary, that includes a variety of toys, games, and books for young children. Parents may watch the service via the TV screen.

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 Please fill out the cards found in your bulletin. If you are a guest, please fill out the additional information, so we can meet your needs. Then, put the cards in the offering plates. Thanks.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS AND LISTENING DEVICES are available. Please speak to an Usher if you would like to have a large print bulletin or to use a listening device.

WELCOME DESK Our Welcome Desk in the Fellowship Hall has become a center for hospitality with volunteers on hand each Sunday to help with event information, sign-ups, payments, answering questions, etc. Be sure to check out this resource if you have questions and to stay up to date on events and activities happening at Kountze Memorial. If you'd like to volunteer to help at the Welcome Desk, please contact Ian (402-341-7761 or ian@kmlchurch.org). Amanda Zasada and Sheri Tipton are also available if you need help on Sunday mornings in the church office.

ALTAR FLOWERS & ETERNAL CANDLE If you would like to provide altar flowers or the eternal candle in honor or memory of someone or some special event, please put your name on the flower chart in the Narthex by the drinking fountain. Altar flowers are \$20 and the eternal candle is \$7.50.

NEW MEMBER CLASS Are you interested in learning more about Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church? Or do you know someone who has expressed an interest in learning more? If so, please let us know on the registration card in your bulletin and we'll let you know when the next class will take place. The next class will be held on February 12 & 19 from 12—2 PM. Please plan to attend both sessions. Lunch will be served. If you have questions, please talk to one of our Pastors. We look forward to hearing from you.

E-NEWS AND E-NEWSLETTER If you would like to receive our weekly e-news and monthly e-newsletter, add your e-mail address to the membership card in your bulletin or text your e-mail address to 22828.

TODAY AT KOUNTZE

KOUNTZE CAFÉ Join us for a hot, breakfast buffet each Sunday served from 8-11:00 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:** Omaha Street School with Linda Riemer has been postponed, instead, our topic is "Declaration on the Way" **NEXT WEEK:** Review of Churchwide Assembly with Pr. Inba and Dr. Jeba Inbarasu

YOUNG MOTHERS Join us on Sunday mornings 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. For more information, contact Meeghan Hartfield at ma_hartfield@yahoo.com or call 402-212-8145.

FIRST COMMUNION CLASS THIS SUNDAY, 10/16, NOON Pastor Hall will lead a short preparation for those children ready to make their First Communion. The seminar begins in the conference room of the office. Pr. Hall will introduce the children and parents to the meaning and process of our weekly celebration of Christ's gift. Children making their First Communion will receive the Sacrament on Reformation Sunday (10/30) at the 9 AM liturgy and receive their certificates during the Adult Forum at 10:10 AM.

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Gordon Callies by wife Betty; in honor of his 73rd birthday today by Keith Jansen; in honor of Alexander Raven Winborn by Elizabeth Winborn

ETERNAL CANDLE is given to the Glory of God in memory of James Sack by Norm Sack

CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES TODAY

SUNDAY SCHOOL is held 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 will be in the Youth Center at 10 AM. Join us!

BIBLE STUDY: A PRELUDE TO READING THE OLD TESTAMENT CONTINUES Mondays (6 PM) or Wednesdays (11 AM).

KOUNTZE PANTRY Pantry food item suggestions: Macaroni & Cheese, Spaghetti/Linguine/Angel Hair Pasta, Fruit, Pork 'n Beans Your financial support of the Pantry is appreciated as well.

Pray always and never give up.



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.

Table with 3 columns: Day, Bible Reference, and Topic. Rows include Sunday (Luke 18:1-8, Parable of the persistent widow), Monday (Psalm 121, Confidence in God's protection), Tuesday (Luke 22:39-46, Jesus prays on the Mount of Olives), Wednesday (Matthew 15:21-28, The faith of a Canaanite woman), Thursday (James 5:13-18, The prayer of faith), Friday (Genesis 18:16-33, Abraham pleads for Sodom), Saturday (Mark 10:46-52, An example of persistence), and Sunday (Luke 18:9-14, A Pharisee and tax collector pray).

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Jesus told his disciples a story about how they should keep on praying and never give up. **Luke 18:1 (CEV)**

SAY, PRAY, AND BLESS:

A Prayer for the Week:

Dear God, help us not to lose heart but to be persistent in faith and hope and in the works of justice and peace. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Lord, in your name we drink and sup; teach us to pray and not give up. Help us to look to you this day, and show our thanks in all we say. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the Lord keep you from all harm and watch over your life. May God watch over you as you come and go, now and forever. Amen. (Psalm 121:7-8)

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your household or small group:

- Who do you turn to when you're in trouble? Why?
- Talk about a time when you asked God for help?
- In the parable of the unjust judge (Luke 18:1-8), Jesus begins by encouraging persistent prayer. His story ends by linking prayer to faith. How is faith necessary for us to be persistent in prayer?

DEVOTIONS

The people cry out to God day and night (Luke 18:7). This week use morning and evening prayers from your faith community's worship book or use Martin Luther's *Morning and Evening Prayers* each day.

Morning: I thank you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, that you have protected me through the night from all harm and danger. I ask you to keep me this day, too, from all sin and evil, so that in all my thoughts, words, and deeds I may please you. In your hands I place my body and soul and all that is mine. Let your holy angel be with me, so that the evil one may have no power over me. Amen.

Evening: I thank you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, that you have graciously protected me today. I ask you to forgive all my sins and the wrong which I have done. And graciously keep me this night. In your hands I place my body and soul and all that is mine. Let your holy angel be with me so that the evil one may have no power over me. Amen.

SERVICE

In the parable of the unjust judge, the role of the widow represented a person in ancient society who was vulnerable and unprotected. Look to the needs of those who are vulnerable and unprotected in your community or larger world. Find a way to advocate for their needs by contacting elected local or national officials using a letter or phone call.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Jesus encouraged his followers to persist in prayer and to "not give up" (Luke 18:1). It is easy to lose track of some of the things we want to pray for, whether they be prayers of thanksgiving or praying for the needs of family, friends, and the larger world. Find a way to keep track of what you want to pray for. Here are some examples:

- Keep a prayer journal.
- Have a basket with individual slips of paper.
- Keep a list on the refrigerator that you can add to.

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2017 ALTAR FLOWERS AND ETERNAL CANDLE SIGN-UP NOW AVAILABLE The Altar Flower and Eternal Candle sign-up is located in the Narthex, just before you enter the Sanctuary. Altar Flowers are provided by Janousek Florist and cost \$20 a bouquet. The Eternal Candle is \$7.50.

**"WHY?
'CAUSE WE'RE THANKFUL!"**

**COMING SOON!
COMMITMENT WEEK-END
NOVEMBER 19 & 20**

THIS WEEK AT KOUNTZE

October 16 Sunday

- Oct 16 - Oct 30 Reformation Book Fair
- 7:45 AM & 10:00 AM Adult Choir Rehearsal
- 8:00 AM - 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 Young Mothers "Frappy Hour"
- 10:10 AM Sunday School (2yr-8th gr)
- 12:00 PM 1st Communion Class
- 12:00 PM Baptismal Family Lunch in AB Room
- 7:00 PM MS & HS Girl's Bible Study

October 17 Monday

- 10:00 AM Pantry
- 11:00 AM Yesterday's Youth DeSoto Bend Tour w/ Saint Michael Lutheran
- 6:00 PM Bible Study: Prelude to Old Testament

October 18 Tuesday

- 9:00 AM Staff Meeting
- 11:30 AM Visiting Nurses
- 1:00 PM Prayer Shawl Group
- 5:00 PM Building Committee
- 5:30 PM Executive Committee
- 6:30 PM Church Council

October 19 Wednesday

- 11:00 AM Bible Study: Prelude to Old Testament
- 12:15 PM Worship
- 5:00 PM Communion @ deFreese Manor
- 5:45 PM MS/HS Choir Rehearsal
- 6:00 PM Dinner
- 6:45 PM Confirmation
- 7:00 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal
- 7:30 PM Closing Worship

October 20 Thursday

- 11:30 AM Men's Luncheon
- 4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic
- 7:00 PM Circle 5

October 21 Friday

Wedding Rehearsal

October 22 Saturday

- 2:30 PM Peterson & Pranschke Wedding
- 5:00 PM Worship

October 23 Sunday

- 7:45 AM & 10:00 AM Adult Choir Rehearsal
- 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 How to Use Your Bible Class
- 10:10 AM Young Mothers "Frappy Hour"
- 10:10 AM Sunday School (2yr-8th gr)
- 12:00 PM Stephen Ministry
- 9:00 PM LCM Worship @ CU (Halley Chapel)

Next Weekend's Lessons	Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22
	Psalms 84:1-7
	2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
	Luke 18:9-14

Saturday Attendance: 55
Sunday Attendance: 9:00: 205 11:00: 115
Midweek - Noon: 10 **Confirmation:** 25
Total: 410
Pantry Guests Served: 283 (192 Adults — 91 Children)
Medical Clinic Guests Served: 29
Offering: Weekly offerings are not listed this week as the numbers were not ready by the time of printing this Announcement Sheet.