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A CITY-WIDE CHURCH WITH A WORLD-WIDE MINISTRY

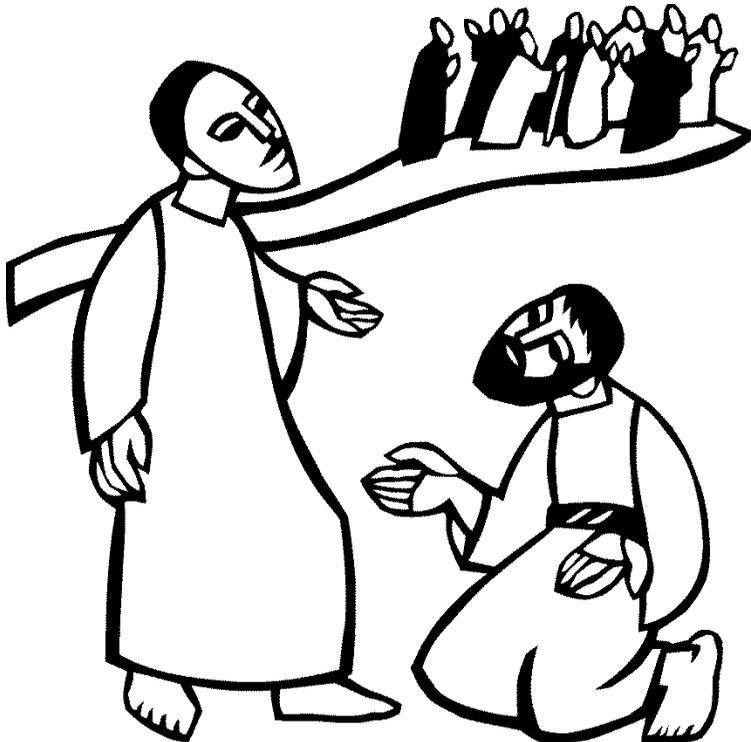
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TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY after PENTECOST



*How does **faith** work? Our Gospel continues a series of stories that may seem disconnected, except...what is Jesus telling us about our relationship with the God-Jesus-called-Father? With our scientific mindset, we may get hung-up on the "miracles" in today's stories. In reality, this all is about the big question: Where do I fit into the big picture of world and life? Everyone answers that question by **faith**.*

PRELUDE

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

We Praise You, O God

ELW 870

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.***

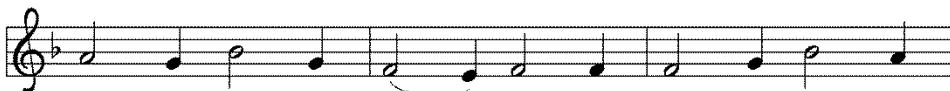
HYMN OF PRAISE



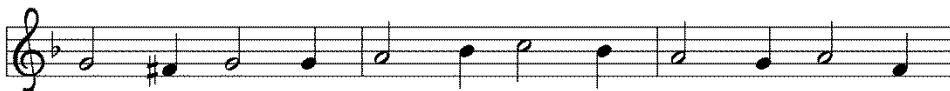
1 All glo - ry be to God on high, and peace to earth be
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the on - ly Son of God, cre - a - tion's
3 To you a - lone, O God, we cry, the Ho - ly One we



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

- ☐ Almighty and most merciful God,
☑ ***your bountiful goodness fills all creation. Keep us safe from all that may hurt us, that, whole and well in body and spirit, we may with grateful hearts accomplish all that you would have us do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.***

WORD

(sit)

FIRST READING

2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c

In the Bible, leprosy included anything from superficial skin conditions to the terribly debilitating Hansen's Disease. Society in Biblical times did not know the scientific explanation for the spread of infectious diseases. They did know that some diseases spread, and the results could be wide-spread and deadly. Today we see one of the great Old Testament prophets, Elisha. The setting of the story is territorial conflict—not unlike in today's world. We see the pretense of power and we see innocent trust.

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master, because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. ²Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. ³She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." ⁷When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me."

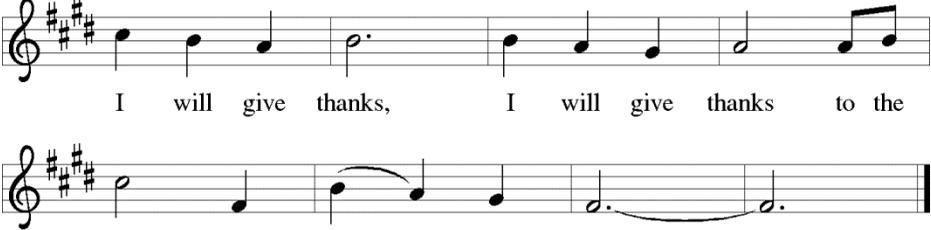
⁸But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." ⁹So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. ¹⁰Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean." ¹¹But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! ¹²Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. ¹³But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?" ¹⁴So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

^{15a-c}Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel."

A The word of the Lord.

G *Thanks be to God.*

PSALM 111



The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the melody for the first two phrases: "I will give thanks, I will give thanks to the". The second staff continues the melody for the third phrase: "LORD with my whole heart." The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with quarter and eighth notes.

I will give thanks, I will give thanks to the
LORD with my whole heart.

Psalm 111:1

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¹Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

²Great are your works, O Lord,
pondered by all who delight in them. 

³Majesty and splendor mark your deeds,
and your righteousness endures forever.

⁴You cause your wonders to be remembered;
you are gracious and full of compassion.

⁵You give food to those who fear you,
remembering forever your covenant.

⁶You have shown your people the power of your works
in giving them the lands of the nations. 

⁷The works of your hands are faithfulness and justice;
all of your precepts are sure.

⁸They stand fast forever and ever,
because they are done in truth and equity.

⁹You sent redemption to your people and commanded your covenant forever;
holy and awesome is your name.

¹⁰The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;
all who practice this have a good understanding. God's praise endures forever. 

SECOND READING

2 Timothy 2:8-15

Though Paul is chained as a prisoner, he reminds Timothy that the word of God is never shackled or confined. He encourages his young friend to proclaim that word of freedom in an honest and upright life as well as in his teaching and preaching.

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel,⁹ for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained.¹⁰ Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory.¹¹ The saying is sure:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;

¹²if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he will also deny us;

¹³if we are faithless, he remains faithful—for he cannot deny himself.

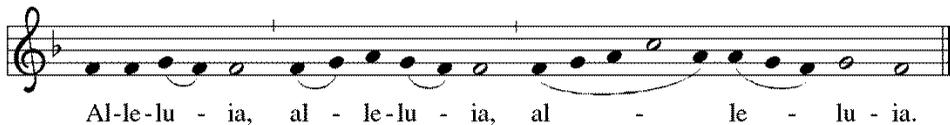
¹⁴Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening.¹⁵ Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

A The word of the Lord.

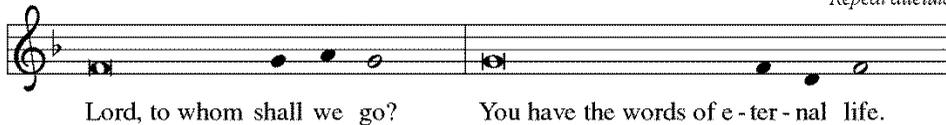
B *Thanks be to God.*

(stand)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Repeat alleluia



P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

B *Glory to you, O Lord.*

GOSPEL

Luke 17:11-19

Jesus' mission of salvation included making the unclean clean—in personal life and in connections of society. The action Jesus prescribes here follows the Old Testament ritual described in Leviticus 13 and 14. The ritual takes an unexpected turn. One, who was also an outcaste due to his ethnic origin, becomes a model for complete healing.

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee.¹² As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance,¹³ they called out, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!”¹⁴ When he saw them, he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were made clean.¹⁵ Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice.¹⁶ He prostrated himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan.¹⁷ Then Jesus asked, “Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they?”¹⁸ Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?”¹⁹ Then he said to him, “Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.”

P The Gospel of our Lord

B *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

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

ELW 678

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)

Isla Grace Sadlemyer

(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 Isla Grace Sadlemyer, daughter of John & Lindsay; for the marriage of Brett Nelson & Nicole Meyo

Illness: Ryan Albright, Vera Bang, Joy Borchman, Sam Holland, Gary Lundeen, Hal Mangan, 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

Put on Love

Lee Dengler

(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 major, 4/4 time. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The notes are simple, with many slurs and ties. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes.

(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.

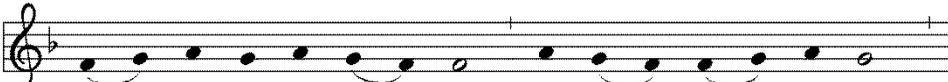
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EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

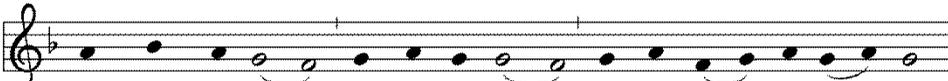
THE LORD'S PRAYER

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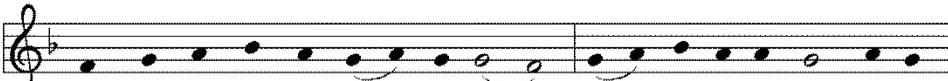
Gathered into one by the Ho-ly Spir - it, let us pray as Je-sus taught us.

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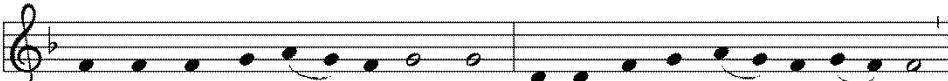
Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your name,



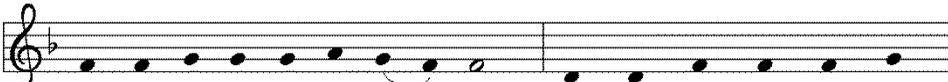
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en.



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.

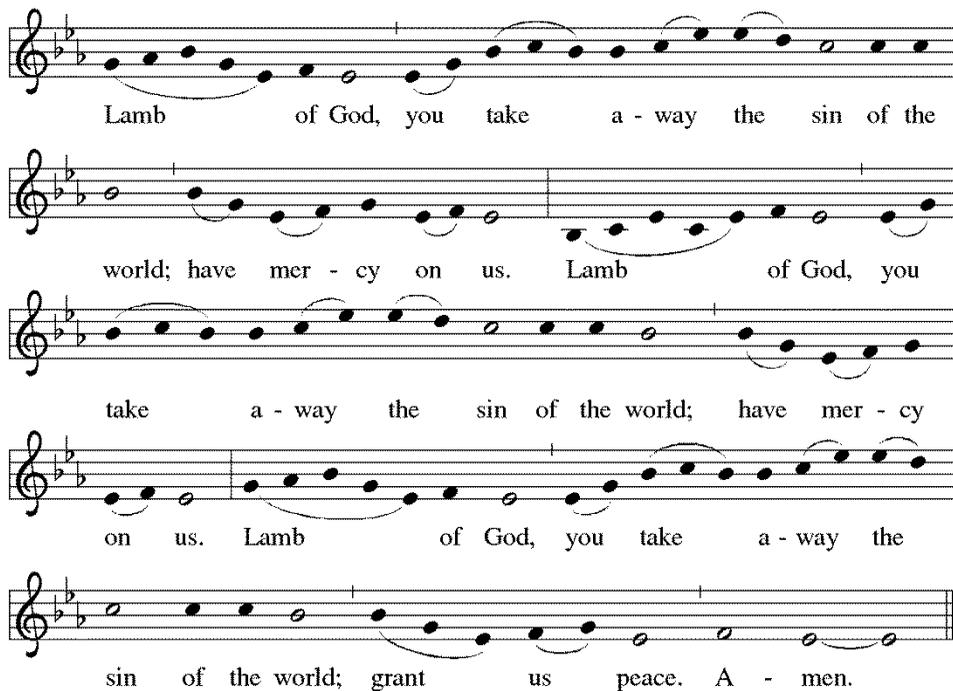
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

- 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.

*We Come to the Hungry Feast
The Numberless Gifts of God's Mercies*

ELW 479
ELW 683

(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

Now Thank We All Our God

ELW 840

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

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SUNDAY, 11:00 AM

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Myrna Carter
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- Acolytes Lydia Baum
Charlie Campbell

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? 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. 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: Teresa Houser of Magdalene Omaha of Trinity Cathedral **NEXT WEEK:** Omaha Street School with Linda Riemer

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.

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). This is a 6-week study led by Dr. Richard Sieling. Please

register for the Monday or Wednesday course by contacting the church office.

FIRST COMMUNION CLASS Pastor Hall will lead a short preparation class on Sunday, 10/16 at Noon for children ready to make their First Communion. The seminar begins in the conference room of the office. A good rule of thumb to determine if the “time is right” is to consider whether your child is curious about participating in the Sacrament. Pr. Hall will introduce the children and parents to the meaning and process of our weekly celebration of Christ's gift. Please register by calling the church office at 402-341-7761.

FIRST COMMUNION CLASS 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. Please register by calling the church office at 402-341-7761. 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.

Giving thanks makes you well.



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	Luke 17:11-19	One leper gives thanks to God
Monday	Colossians 2:6-15	Overflowing with thankfulness
Tuesday	Deuteronomy 8:10-18	Remember the Lord your God
Wednesday	1 Samuel 2:1-10	Hannah's prayer of thanksgiving
Thursday	1 Chronicles 16:1-36	King David gives thanks
Friday	Psalms 100:1-36	Enter his gates with thanksgiving
Saturday	Psalms 136	Give thanks to the Lord
Sunday	Luke 18:1-8	Parable of the persistent widow

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Then Jesus told the man, "You may get up and go. Your faith has made you well." **Luke 17:19 (CEV)**

SAY, PRAY, AND BLESS:

A Prayer for the Week:

Lord Jesus, you have given us so much. Please give us one more thing: thankful hearts. Amen. (Luke 17:15-18)

Mealtime Prayer:

God of grace, for food make us thankful, for friends make us joyful, and for your service make us faithful. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God show you kindness and mercy and fill your heart with thanks. Amen. (Psalms 111:4)

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your household or small group:

- What are you thankful for? Why?
- Do you think of yourself as a grateful person?
- In the story of the ten lepers (Luke 17:11-19), all ten were healed. Jesus said that the one who returned to give thanks was made well. What does it mean that giving thanks makes you well?

DEVOTIONS

When Jesus healed 10 lepers, only one returned to give him thanks. (Luke 17:11-19). As God's people, we are called to count our blessings each day and give thanks to God. Talk together about people, events, and experiences for which you can and should give thanks. Use this acrostic of the word

THANKS to guide you:

Thank God for ... **A** Thing provided; **A** Help received; **A**nother's company; an **e**njoyable moment; a **K**indness received; and a **S**urprise enjoyed.

Finish your conversation by giving thanks in prayer.

SERVICE

Only one of the 10 lepers healed returned to thank Jesus. There are many people who serve us in various ways in our communities—in schools, churches, community organizations, and service industries—who receive little gratitude for what they do. Prepare a thank you card or gift (such as a plate of cookies) to give to someone who regularly serves your household in some way (such as a postal delivery person, a policeman, a school teacher). Give thanks to God for him/her in your prayers this week.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

An attitude of gratitude is important to the life of faith. This week, when people ask how you are doing, make it a point to respond, **"I am grateful."** See if this can be an ongoing attitude and response.

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KOUNTZE PANTRY Pantry food item suggestions: pasta (1 lb), pasta sauce (23 oz), box/macaroni & cheese; cereal, jelly/jam (16-22 oz), canned beans(16-22 oz), canned soup, syrup (24 oz), instant coffee, tea bags, white sugar (16 oz), bar soap (medium size), canned meat/fish, canned fruits & vegetables (14-15 oz). Your financial support of the Pantry is appreciated as well.

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 9 Sunday

- Oct 7 - Oct 9 MS/HS Elevate Retreat
- 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 deFreese Manor Board
- 10:10 AM Young Moms "Frappy Hour"
- 10:10 AM Sunday School (2yr-8th gr)
- 12:00 PM Book Group
- 9:00 PM LCM Worship @ CU

October 10 Monday

- Columbus Day (Observed)
- 10:00 AM Pantry
- 11:00 AM DeSoto Wildlife Refuge
- 6:00 PM Bible Study: Prelude to Old Testament

October 11 Tuesday

- Lutheran Women of Omaha @ Bethel Lutheran
- 9:00 AM Staff Meeting

October 12 Wednesday

- 9:00 AM Sewing Group
- 11:00 AM Bible Study: Prelude to Old Testament
- 12:15 PM Worship
- 5:30 PM KETV Management Board
- 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 13 Thursday

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

October 14 Friday

- Wedding Rehearsal

October 15 Saturday

- Good News Deadline
- 9:30 AM Women's Prayer Group
- 2:30 PM Schuett & Kooienga Wedding
- 5:00 PM Worship

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
- 9:00 PM LCM Worship @ CU (Halley Chapel)

Next Weekend's Lessons

- Genesis 32:22-31
- Psalms 121
- 2 Timothy 3:14--4:5
- Luke 18:1-8

Saturday Attendance: 45

Sunday Attendance: 9:00: 200 11:00: 104

Midweek - Noon: 9 **Confirmation:** 24

Total: 382

Pantry Guests Served: 284 (198 Adults — 86 Children)

Medical Clinic Guests Served: 29

Offering:

- \$8,819.3.00 (Regular) \$862.50 (Specials)
- \$928.50 (In the City for Good)