

KOUNTZE MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

A CITY-WIDE CHURCH WITH A WORLD-WIDE MINISTRY

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November 13, 2016

9:00 & 11:00 AM

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST



The end is near. There is no doubt about it. The warnings are dire. The tone of today's texts is ominous. But the baptized know how to live in the "meantimes." The baptized are strengthened for the living of these days in word and sacrament. The baptized rally around the invitation of the apostle: "Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right."

PRELUDE

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

STEWARDSHIP TEMPLE TALK

Terrie Larkowski

(stand)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

- Ⓟ In the name of God the Father of glory; in the name of God the ✚ Son, our Redeemer; in the name of God the holy and life-giving Spirit.
- ☩ **Amen.**
- Ⓟ The Sun of righteousness shall rise with shining beams of healing. Let us gather under the wings of God's mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

- Ⓟ Gracious God,
- ☩ ***we acknowledge that we are sinners and we confess our sins—those known to us that burden our hearts, and those unknown to us but seen by you. We know that before you nothing remains hidden, and in you everything is revealed. Free us from the slavery of sin; liberate us from the bondage of guilt; and work in us that which is pleasing in your sight; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***
- Ⓟ With a heart full of mercy and compassion, God saves us and ✚ forgives us all our sins. Christ, the dawn from on high, shines upon us and by the light of the Holy Spirit guides our feet into the way of peace.
- ☩ **Amen.**

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

O God of Every Nation

ELW 713

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.**

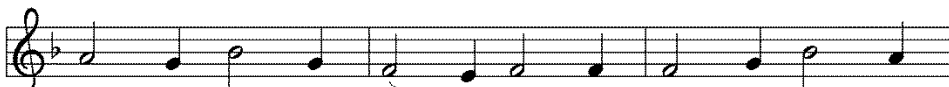
HYMN OF PRAISE



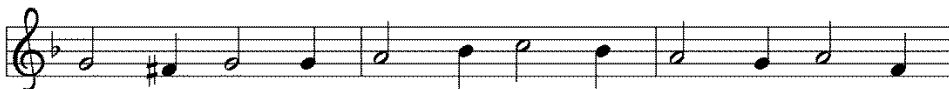
1 All glo - ry be to God on high, and peace to earth be
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the on - ly Son of God, cre - a - tion's
3 To you a - lone, O God, we cry, the Ho - ly One we



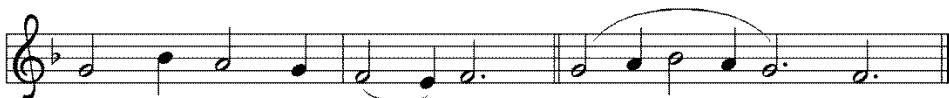
giv - en! Let an - gels sing, let all re - ply; good -
au - thor, O Lamb of God, your death a - lone takes
name you; for you a - lone are God most high, one



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 God,

☑ ***the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.***

WORD

(sit)

FIRST READING

Malachi 4:1-2a

Malachi, whose name means “my messenger,” warns that the day of the Lord is coming. On that day, the evil will be destroyed like stubble in a fire, but the “sun of righteousness” will shine on those who fear God.

See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. ^{2a}But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

Ⓐ The word of the Lord.

☒ ***Thanks be to God.***

PSALM 98

A Jubilant Song

M. Lightfoot
Kountze Youth Choir

Cantate Domino canticum novum.

Sing to the Lord a new jubilant song!

Cantate Domino omnis terra.

Sing to the Lord all the earth!

Let the sea roar and the floods clap their hands!

Let the hills sing together for joy!

Let the heavens and the earth all rejoice,

for the Lord is greatly to be praised!

Proclaim God's salvation!

Declare God's great glory!

Lift up a jubilant song

and make joyful noise!

Cantate Domino canticum novum.

Sing to the Lord a new jubilant song!

Cantate Domino omnis terra.

Sing to the Lord all the earth!

O, sing! Cantate Domino.

SECOND READING

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Some members of the Thessalonian community, because of their belief in the nearness of Christ's return, had ceased to work, living off the generosity of other members of the community. Paul warns them bluntly that if they want to eat, they need to work.

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. ⁷For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, ⁸and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. ⁹This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. ¹⁰For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. ¹¹For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. ¹²Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. ¹³Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

A The word of the Lord.

G *Thanks be to God.*


(stand)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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

Repeat alleluia



Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

☐ The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

☑ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL

Luke 21:5-19

As history moves toward God's fulfillment there will be frightening signs and events. Before the end, believers will draw strength from their relationship to God and shall be given the words they need to testify and to endure without fear.

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, [Jesus] said, ⁶“As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.”

⁷They asked him, “Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?” ⁸And he said, “Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is near!’ Do not go after them.

⁹“When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.” ¹⁰Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; ¹¹there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

¹²“But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name.

¹³This will give you an opportunity to testify. ¹⁴So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; ¹⁵for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷You will be hated by all because of my name. ¹⁸But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹By your endurance you will gain your souls.”

☐ 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 Bard

(stand)

HYMN OF THE DAY

Lord of Our Life

ELW 766

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 birth of Annie Faith Phelps, daughter of Rocky & Noelle

Illness: Elaine Drickey, Myrna Esluer, Dee Luchsinger, Gary Lundeen, Chad Picha

Sympathy: To the family and friends of Jason Hald, nephew of Tina Larsen; to the family and friends of Vera Bang

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

It Is Well With My Soul

Mark Hayes, Arr.

(stand)

OFFERTORY HYMN

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

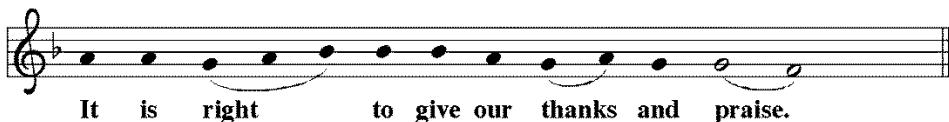
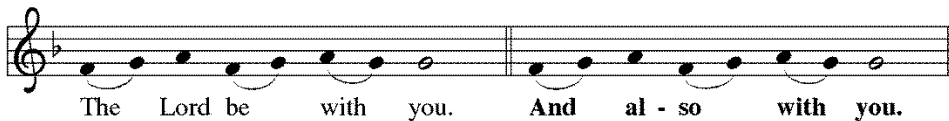
- ☐ ***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.***

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.***

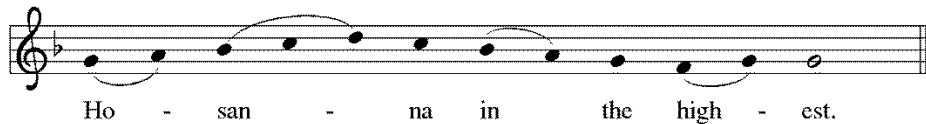
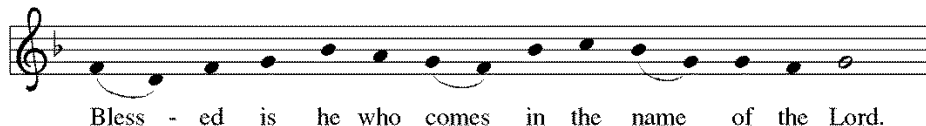
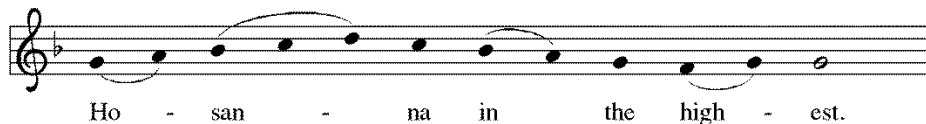
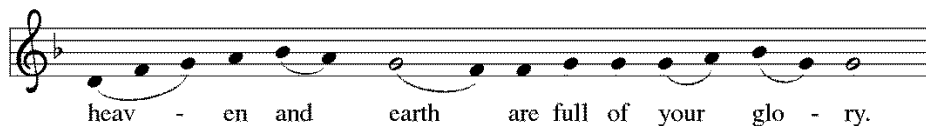
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



(The Thanksgiving continues)

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

SANCTUS



EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

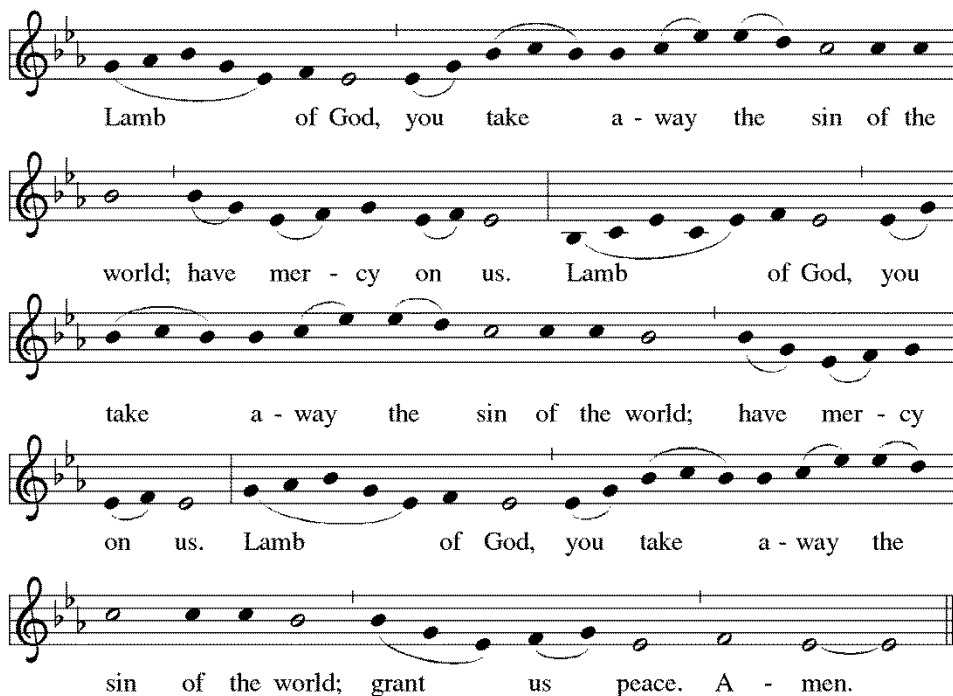
THE LORD'S PRAYER

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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.

*If God My Lord Be for Me
Just a Closer Walk with Thee*

ELW 788
ELW 697

(stand)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- ☐ We give you thanks, shepherding God,
- ☑ ***that you have gathered your scattered flock again this day, feeding us richly with the food of Paradise. Accompany us as we serve you all the days of our lives, and gather us with the saints in the day of our death; through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and Lord. Amen.***

SENDING

BLESSING

☞ God who loves us, who gives us eternal consolation and good hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word; and the blessing of almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you forever.

☞ **Amen.**

HYMN

Let All Things Now Living

ELW 881

DISMISSAL

☞ Go in peace. Christ is with you.

☞ **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

☩ ☩ ☩

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WORSHIP + GROW + SERVE

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



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- Sheri Rose Financial Secretary
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- Søren Johnson Assist to the Bldg Super
- Barbara Carlsen Dir. of Music & Fine Arts
- Danny Bos Handbell Director
- 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
- Liz Pemberton
- Jeff Perkins
- Lector Ruth Henneman
- Ushers Dick Nelson
- Donna Crouse
- Ralph Diggins
- Brad Madison
- Rodney Nord
- Dan Troxel
- Sharon West
- Ed White
- Dean Winther
- Bob Johnson
- Greeters Colleen Lenners
- Carole Meilahn
- Lois Sorensen
- Bev Troxel
- Crucifer Søren Johnson
- Acolytes Anthony Bonacci
- Anna Kidder

SUNDAY, 11:00 AM

- Comm. Asst. Ashley Sum
- Norm Sack
- Lector Steve Hinrichs
- Ushers Adam Klinker
- Ted Kaasch
- Dudley Syre
- Chet Worm
- Greeters Jo Kayton
- Crucifer Morgan Stouffer
- Acolytes Rachel Stouffer

HERITAGE SERIES Join Pr. Hall as we continue our study of Frank Senn's *Introduction to the Liturgy* at 6 PM, 11/16 in Meeting Rooms A & B. All are welcome.

MEN'S LUNCHEON Thursday, 11/17, 11:30 AM at Kountze Memorial. Kevin Engelkamp, coordinator of the St. Peter Catholic Church/KMLC Thanksgiving Dinner, will be our guest speaker. Cost: \$10. All

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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: Stewardship: "Why? 'Cause We're Grateful" **NEXT WEEK:** Consecration Sunday Breakfast

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.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS On 11/13 & 20, we will provide a list of Kountze members serving in the military along with Christmas cards on a table in the Fellowship Hall. We ask that you select a few cards, write your greetings &/or messages, and return the cards to the same table. We will be sure that they are mailed and received in time for Christmas!

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in celebration of the renewal of our vows for our 50th wedding anniversary by Bob & Carole Woodworth; in memory of Vera Bang by her family

ETERNAL CANDLE In honor of Bob and Carole Woodworth's 50th wedding anniversary by Bob & Carole

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 This week we'll be in the Fellowship Hall for Consecration brunch but join us next week in the Youth Center at 10 AM.

Jesus never promised it would be easy to follow him.



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 Reading Title. Rows include Sunday through Saturday and a final Sunday entry.

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

But don't worry! You will be saved by being faithful to me. **Luke 21:18-19 (CEV)**

SAY, PRAY, AND BLESS:

A Prayer for the Week:

O God, help us not to become tired of doing good. Lead us to make the most of each day to serve you and others. Amen. (2 Thessalonians 3:13)

Mealtime Prayer:

Thank you God for the food you send. Keep us in faith until the end. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God make you strong in your faith and give you wise words to speak. Amen. (Luke 21:15, 19)

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your household or small group:

- Talk about a difficult time you have experienced.
• The prophets of the Old Testament as well as Jesus knew that our faith would be tested through difficult times.
• In Luke 21:5-19, Jesus says that his followers will experience trials and persecution.

DEVOTIONS

Luke 21:13 states that life's difficulties will give Jesus' followers an opportunity to talk about their faith. Tell family and friends a faith story from your life that involved enduring a difficult time.

SERVICE

In Luke 21, Jesus warns that some Christians will face persecution because they follow him. This is still the case today in various parts of the world.

- Christians in North Korea: In this country, following Jesus is considered an act of treason...
• Christians in Sudan, Egypt, Nigeria, Iraq, India, Pakistan, and various parts of Indonesia...
• Christians in China: House churches in China face the constant threat of raids from government authorities...

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Recite Psalm 98. After each verse say:

"Sing a new song to the Lord! He has worked miracles."

Verses 7-9 call on all of creation to "sing before the Lord." Go on a walk or a drive and make a list of the sounds you hear in nature.

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THIS WEEK AT KOUNTZE

November 13 Sunday

- 7:45 AM & 10:00 AM Adult Choir
8:00 AM - 11:00 AM Breakfast
8:00 AM MS/HS Choir Rehearsal
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)
12:00 PM Book Group
6:30 PM Stewardship Leadership Dinner
9:00 PM LCM Worship @ CU (Halley Chapel)

November 14 Monday

- 10:00 AM Pantry
6:00 PM Call Committee

November 15 Tuesday

- Good News Deadline
9:00 AM Staff Meeting
1:00 PM Prayer Shawl Group
7:00 PM Circle 3

November 16 Wednesday

- 12:15 PM Worship
5:00 PM Communion @ deFreese Manor
5:30 PM KETV Management Board
5:30 PM Confirmation Service Day
5:45 PM MS/HS Choir Rehearsal
6:00 PM Heritage Series
7:00 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal
7:30 PM Closing Worship

November 17 Thursday

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

November 19 Saturday

- Consecration Weekend
9:30 AM Women's Prayer Group
5:00 PM Worship
6:00 PM Consecration Dinner

November 20 Sunday

- Consecration Weekend
7:45 AM & 10:00 AM Adult Choir Rehearsal
9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Worship
9:00 AM Nursery (0-2 yrs)
10:10 AM Consecration Brunch
10:00 AM Blood Pressure Checks
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 Consecration Brunch
7:00 PM MS & HS Girl's Bible Study
9:00 PM LCM Worship @ CU (Halley Chapel)

Table with 2 columns: Lesson Title and Bible Reference. Rows include Next Weekend's Lessons and specific verses.

Saturday Attendance: 56
Sunday Attendance: 9:00: 234 11:00: 126
Midweek - Noon: 9 Confirmation: 29
Total: 454
Pantry Guests Served: 353 (245 Adults — 108 Children)
Medical Clinic Guests Served: 32
Offering:
\$18,622.55 (Regular) \$2,091.20 (Specials)
\$13,454.50 (In the City for Good)

Why? 'Cause we're thankful!
+for the gift of life!
+for the gift of family and friends!
+for the gift of creation!
+for the gift of God's abundant, overflowing love!
+for the gift of faith and hope!
Coming soon!
Commitment Week-end
November 19 & 20

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Men of KMLC Invited. Please RSVP to the church office (402-341-7761) or to Ian Hartfield (ian@kmlchurch.org) by Wednesday, 11/16.
STEPHEN MINISTRY A sincere greeting, a warm hug, a word of encouragement. As you greet people this morning, let them know how much you care. And remember, when you meet persons with extra needs, tell them about our Stephen Ministry.