

KOUNTZE MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

A CITY-WIDE CHURCH WITH A WORLD-WIDE MINISTRY

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9:00 & 11:00 AM

NINETEENTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST



Consideration of and care for those in need (especially those “at our gate,” visible to us, of whom we are aware) is an essential component of good stewardship. It is in the sharing of wealth that we avoid the snare of wealth. It is the one whom death could not hold—who comes to us risen from the dead—who can free us from the death grip of greed.

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(stand)

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P In the name of the Father, and of the \mp Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

G **Amen.**

P Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Water may be poured into the font as congregation gives thanks.

P We give you thanks, O God,

G ***for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.***

DEDICATION OF THE REVONVATED ORGAN

P Dear friends: Today we give thanks to God and we seek God's blessing as we set apart this organ for the glory and praise of God.

P Sing with joy to God our strength

G ***and raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob.***

P Praise God with tambourine and dance;

G ***praise God with strings and pipe.***

P We give you thanks, O God, creator of the universe, for your abundant gifts. The whole earth reflects your glory; all your creatures praise you. We lift our voices to join the sounds and song of heaven and earth, of things seen and unseen, in praise of your glory.

In the fullness of time, O God, you sang your new song, our Lord Jesus Christ, who is exalted by poets, musicians, and all your saints. Your Spirit is the breath of our music and song.

Send your blessing upon us and upon this organ, which we dedicate to your praise and glory in honor of all who served and who died in service to our nation.

Enrich the lives of your people through it, and grant us faith to hear your gracious purpose in it, to the glory of your name, and to the good of all your people; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G **Amen**

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!

ELW 413

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,
- ☑ ***rich in mercy, you look with compassion on this troubled world. Feed us with your grace, and grant us the treasure that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.***

WORD

(sit)

FIRST READING

Amos 6:1a, 4-7

The prophet Amos announces that Israel's great wealth is a cause not for rejoicing but rather sorrow, because God's people have forgotten how to share their wealth with the poor. The wealthy will be the first to go into exile when judgment comes.

Alas for those who are at ease in Zion,
and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria,
⁴Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory,
and lounge on their couches,
and eat lambs from the flock,
and calves from the stall;
⁵who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp,
and like David improvise on instruments of music;
⁶who drink wine from bowls,
and anoint themselves with the finest oils,
but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!
⁷Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile,
and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

A The word of the Lord.

☞ Thanks be to God.

PSALM 145

David W., Composer
Kountze Youth Choir
Charlie Campbell, Trumpet

I will extol thee, my God and King;
and I will bless thy name forever and ever.

Every day I will bless thee;

I will praise thy name forever and ever.

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;
and God's greatness is unsearchable.

One generation shall praise thy name to another,
and shall declare thy mighty acts.

I will speak of the glorious honor of thy majesty,
and of thy wondrous works.

SECOND READING

1 Timothy 6:6-19

Timothy is reminded of the confession he made at his baptism and of its implications for daily life. His priorities will be different from those of people who merely want to be rich.

Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; ⁷for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; ⁸but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. ⁹But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

¹¹But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. ¹²Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you ¹⁴to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. ¹⁶It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

¹⁷As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, ¹⁹thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

A The word of the Lord.

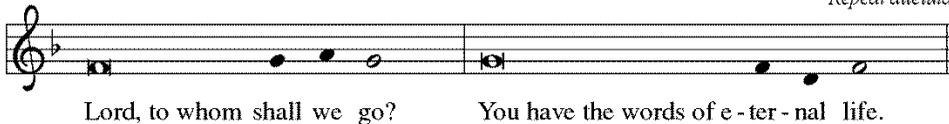
G *Thanks be to God.*

(stand)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Repeat alleluia



☞ The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

☞ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL

Luke 16:19-31

Jesus tells a parable in which the poor one is “lifted up” and the rich one is “sent away empty.” Jesus makes it clear that this ethic of merciful reversal is not new but is as old as Moses and the prophets.

Jesus said: ¹⁹“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. ²²The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.’ ²⁵But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. ²⁶Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ ²⁷He said, ‘Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house—²⁸for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ ²⁹Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ ³⁰He said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ ³¹He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’”

☞ 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 Schneider

(stand)

HYMN OF THE DAY

You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore

ELW 817

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS (9:00 AM)

We Welcome: Tyler Anderson & Allysa Freidel; Julie, Steven, Alexis, Braiden, & Sophia Dragon; Nathan Egger; David Forrest & Amy Durie; Tom Irving; Lee & Jean Johnson; Tim Laudenback & Ashley Berggren; Rev. Paul & Donna Moessner; Candace Pedersen; Andrew & Brooke Reinert; Anthony Robinson; Roseann Slattery

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)

Liam James Pemberton

(see page 227)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Response: **P** 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 Liam James Pemberton, son of Ryan & Laci

Illness: Vera Bang, Joy Borchman, Sam Holland, Gary Lundeen, 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

P 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

Built on a Rock

L.M. Lindeman, Composer

N.F.S. Grundtvig, Text

C. Doving, Translation

P. Manz, S.D. Wolff, M.S. Wood, Settings

Kai Johnson, Violin

(stand)

OFFERTORY HYMN

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

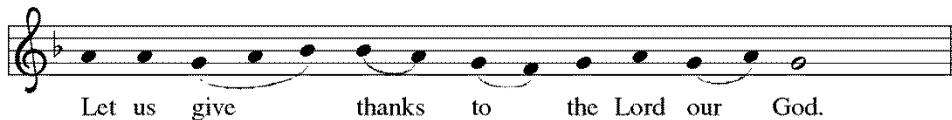
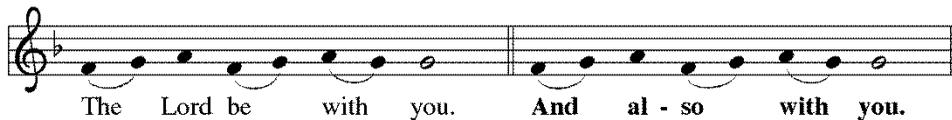
- ☐ ***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.***

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.***

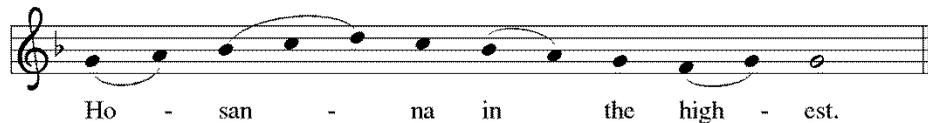
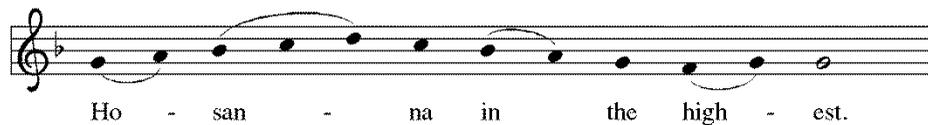
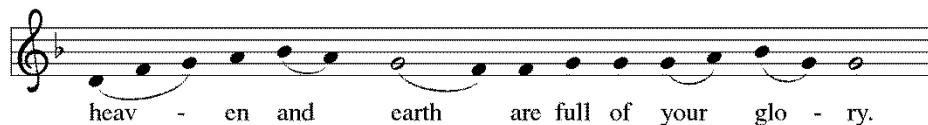
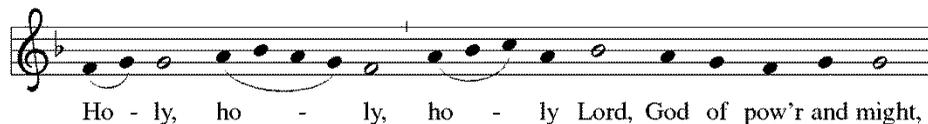
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



(The Thanksgiving continues)

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

SANCTUS



EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

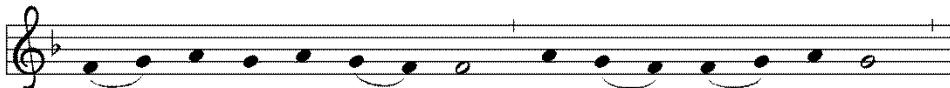
THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

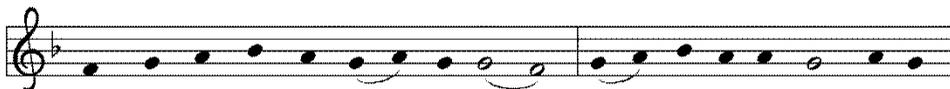
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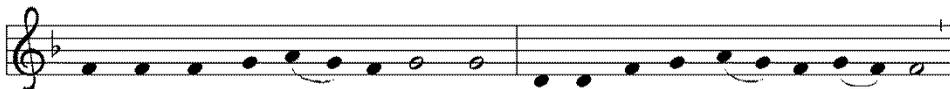
Our Fa-ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your name,



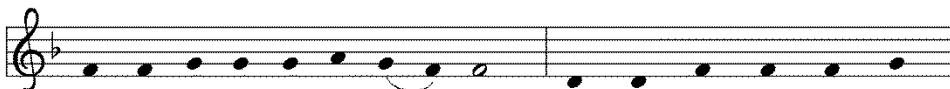
your king-dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en.



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.

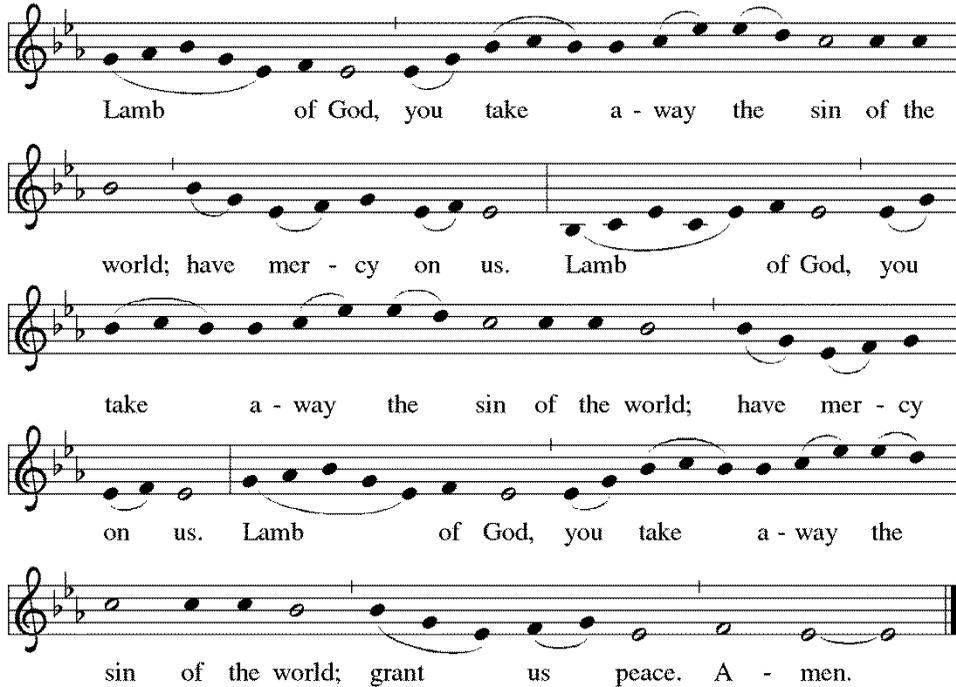
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

☒ 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.

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light
The King of Love My Shepherd Is

ELW 815
ELW 502

(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

When in Our Music God Is Glorified

ELW 851

DISMISSAL

☞ Go in peace. Remember the poor.

☞ **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Fanfare
Psalm 81, vv. 1-3

John Cook

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KOUNTZE STAFF

Pr. Dean W. Bard	Interim Senior Pastor
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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.	Susann Henry Lorie Groenjes Scott Henneman
Lector	Robin Perkins
Ushers	Glenn Anderson Ted Kaasch Marcy Madison Mark Mahaffey Mark Muller Jeff Perkins Gary Westerman Bob Woodworth
Greeters	Sharon Anderson Edie Goodwin Karen Wolf Shirleen Collett
Crucifer	Søren Johnson
Acolytes	Carly Cameron Madelyn Hinrichs

SUNDAY, 11:00 AM

Comm. Asst.	Ashley Sum June Anderson
Lector	Bruce Nissen
Ushers	Adam Klinker Linda Hoagland Dudley Syre
Greeters	Julie King Rosemary Tessin
Crucifer	Morgan Stouffer
Acolytes	Lily O’Kane Rachel Stouffer

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: Welcome Reception—New Members and Pastor & Jan Schneider **NEXT WEEK:** Building Update

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.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS We welcome new members this Sunday morning at 9 AM during Worship.

BAPTISM SEMINAR Sunday, 9/25, 10:10 AM. We’ll meet in the church office conference room and then Pr. Hall will lead the participants to the Nave to walk through the liturgy. Please call the church office (402-341-7761) to register.

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God by Richard Bock in memory of his sister, Verna Villella; in honor of Liam James Pemberton’s baptism by his grandparents, Bill and Liz Pemberton

ETERNAL CANDLE is given to the Glory of God in memory of family and friends by Laurine Savine

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.

FAMILY DAY AT VALA’S PUMPKIN PATCH Sunday, 10/2 from 1—4 PM. Join us for a fun-filled day at Vala’s Pumpkin Patch. We will be at campsite #21 with hotdogs, chips, drinks, and s’mores.

YESTERDAY’S YOUTH Tuesday, 10/4, 12:00 PM. It’s here! The program you’ve all been waiting for! Kountze member, Shayne Fili, will delight us with a Kountze version of “Antiques Roadshow.” Come for lunch and then join in the fun by bringing in a “treasure” or two and learn more

Trust in eternal riches, not in human wealth.



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 16:19-31	Poor Lazarus and the rich man
Monday	1 Timothy 6:6-19	The good fight of faith
Tuesday	Proverbs 22:1-9, 16	The rich versus the poor
Wednesday	Proverbs 29:11-28	Helpers of the poor lack nothing
Thursday	Revelation 3:14-22	Being rich or poor in God
Friday	Philippians 4:10-13	The secret of being content
Saturday	Psalms 49	Riches do not endure
Sunday	Luke 17:5-10	Faith the size of a mustard seed

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

And religion does make your life rich, by making you content with what you have. We didn't bring anything into this world, and we won't take anything with us when we leave. So we should be satisfied just to have food and clothes. **1 Timothy 6:6-8 (CEV)**

SAY, PRAY, AND BLESS:

A Prayer for the Week:

Lord Jesus, we are truly rich because of you. Help us to be generous to others. Amen. (1 Timothy 6:17-18)

Mealtime Prayer:

God, we're so blessed with what you've sent. May we be thankful and content. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God keep you from wandering away. May God make you faithful, loving, dependable, and gentle. Amen. (1 Timothy 6:10-11)

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your household or small group:

- Talk about a time when you were in need and someone helped you.
- Read the parable of the rich man and Lazarus in Luke 16:19-31. Who do you identify with in the story: the rich man, Lazarus, Abraham, or the rich man's brothers? Why?
- What are the needs of people that you are aware of? How does the church make a difference for them?

DEVOTIONS

Psalms 146 gives praise to God for those who hope in God and put their trust in God. Read Psalm 146 three times slowly. Each time, focus on the words that get your attention. Reflect on thoughts and questions that emerge for you. Take a moment of silence to hear God's word. What might God want to say to you in this psalm? Conclude by praying the words of Psalm 146.

SERVICE

1 Timothy 6:18 urges Christians to "be rich in good deeds and be generous and willing to share." Take a household shopping trip to buy canned goods and non-perishable food items to give away to a food pantry or a home in need.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

The change of seasons is a good time to go through our wardrobes and identify clothes that we rarely wear or no longer require. Make time this week to sort through your clothes and toys and set aside these items to give away to a local charity or to a home that would appreciate them. Consider making this a seasonal practice.

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about it. Or just show up to listen in as Shayne tells us all about what's going on at the auctions these days. All ages welcome. Please RSVP to the church office. Don't miss out! Contact Sheri Tipton (402-415-6033) with questions.

OMAHA CROP HUNGER WALK After much soul searching, I have decided not to promote the Crop Walk for Hunger this year. The primary consideration was the youth of Kountze and their families have always been the driving force behind the success of the Walk and we all know the multitude of demands on families these days (time and money). I would encourage everyone who has given to the Omaha Crop Hunger Walk in past years to consider directing those funds to the Lutheran World Hunger Appeal (through the envelope system), the Kountze Pantry and/or the Kountze Free Clinic or to the Capital Campaign (which will help both the pantry and the clinic). Finally, I want to thank all of you who have walked in or donated to the Omaha Crop Hunger Walk in the past 20 plus years. It has been a joy and a blessing to share this experience with all of you. A special thank you should go out to Norma Pafford and Tootie Rohde for their extra hard work raising money during these past many years. Ken Johnson

PANTRY & CLINIC Thank you for your financial and other support of the outreach ministries. These types of gifts are continually needed. Pantry food item suggestions: 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).

THIS WEEK AT KOUNTZE

September 25 Sunday

Organ Dedication
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)
9:00 AM Receive New Members
10:10 AM Adult Forum
10:10 AM Youth Forum (gr 9-12)
10:10 AM Baptismal Seminar
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)

September 26 Monday

10:00 AM Pantry
6:00 PM Bible Study

September 27 Tuesday

9:00 AM Staff Meeting
12:00 PM Endowment Committee
7:00 PM Circle 3

September 28 Wednesday

11:00 AM Bible Study
12:15 PM Worship
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

September 29 Thursday

4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic

October 1 Saturday

Homebound Communion
4:30 PM Blood Pressure Checks
5:00 PM Worship

October 2 Sunday

Homebound Communion
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 Young Mothers "Frappy Hour"
10:10 AM Sunday School (2yr-8th gr)
1:00 PM Family Day @ Vala's
6:30 PM Stewardship Orientation Meeting
9:00 PM LCM Worship @ CU (Halley Chapel)

Next Weekend's Lessons

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4
Psalm 37:1-9
2 Timothy 1:1-14
Luke 17:5-10

Saturday Attendance: 40

Sunday Attendance: 9:00: 234 11:00: 138

Midweek - Noon: 6 WNL: 28

Total: 446

Pantry Guests Served: 350 (263 Adults — 87 Children)

Medical Clinic Guests Served: 40

Offering:

\$16,610.75.00 (Regular) \$1,437.250 (Specials)
\$4,800.00 (In the City for Good)