

# KOUNTZE MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

## A CITY-WIDE CHURCH WITH A WORLD-WIDE MINISTRY

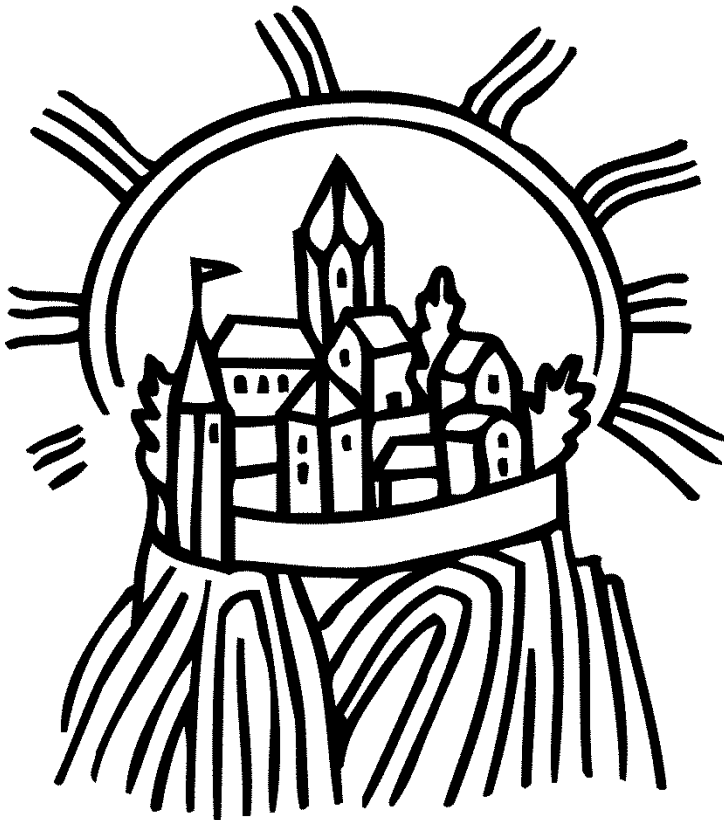
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9:00 & 11:00 AM

FIFTH SUNDAY after EPIPHANY



*Light shines in the darkness for the upright, the psalmist sings. Isaiah declares that when we loose the bonds of injustice and share our bread with the hungry, the light breaks forth like the dawn. In another passage from the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus, the light of the world, calls his followers to let the light of their good works shine before others. Through baptism we are sent into the world to shine with the light of Christ.*

## PRELUDE

## GATHERING

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*(stand)*

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

☐ Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who stretches out the heavens, who sends light to the nations, who gives breath to us all.

☑ **Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

☐ Loving God,

☑ ***we confess that we have turned from your way to follow our own ways.***

***Forgive us for the times***

***we have spoken or acted too quickly;***

***we have not spoken or acted at all;***

***we have hurt those closest to us;***

***we have hurt those we have yet to know;***

***we have thought more about ourselves than others;***

***we have thought less of ourselves than we ought.***

***Turn us around, and give us a fresh start, so that we can live again as your children.***

***Amen.***

☐ Even when we have done wrong, God makes us right. Even when we have messed up, God puts us together. God's love never runs out. God never tires of calling us beloved children. Hear God say to you now: Your sins are forgiven, for the sake of ☩ Jesus Christ our Savior.

☑ **Amen.**

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*God, Whose Almighty Word*

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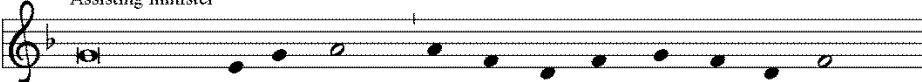
### GREETING

☐ 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

Assisting minister



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

All



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

☞ Lord God,

☞ ***with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.***

## WORD

(sit)

### FIRST READING

**Isaiah 58:1-9a**

*Shortly after the return of Israel from exile in Babylon, the people were troubled by the ineffectiveness of their fasts. God reminds them that outward observance is no substitute for genuine fasting that results in acts of justice, such as feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, and clothing the naked.*

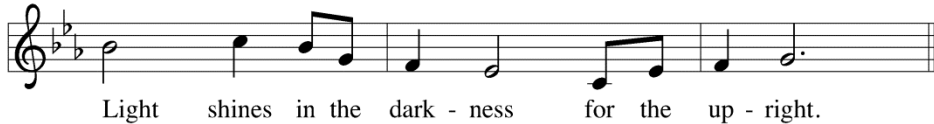
**S**hout out, do not hold back!  
Lift up your voice like a trumpet!  
Announce to my people their rebellion,  
to the house of Jacob their sins.  
<sup>2</sup>Yet day after day they seek me  
and delight to know my ways,  
as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness  
and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;  
they ask of me righteous judgments,  
they delight to draw near to God.  
<sup>3</sup>“Why do we fast, but you do not see?  
Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?”  
Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day,  
and oppress all your workers.  
<sup>4</sup>Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight  
and to strike with a wicked fist.  
Such fasting as you do today  
will not make your voice heard on high.  
<sup>5</sup>Is such the fast that I choose,  
a day to humble oneself?  
Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush,  
and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?  
Will you call this a fast,  
a day acceptable to the Lord?  
<sup>6</sup>Is not this the fast that I choose:  
to loose the bonds of injustice,  
to undo the thongs of the yoke,  
to let the oppressed go free,  
and to break every yoke?  
<sup>7</sup>Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,  
and bring the homeless poor into your house;  
when you see the naked, to cover them,

and not to hide yourself from your own kin?  
8Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,  
and your healing shall spring up quickly;  
your vindicator shall go before you,  
the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard.  
9aThen you shall call, and the Lord will answer;  
you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

Ⓐ The word of the Lord.

☞ **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 112:1-9



Psalms 112:4

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- 1Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the Lord  
and have great delight in God's commandments!
- 2Their descendants will be mighty in the land;  
the generation of the upright will be blessed.
- 3Wealth and riches will be in their house,  
and their righteousness will last forever.
- 4Light shines in the darkness for the upright;  
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion. Ⓐ
- 5It is good for them to be generous in lending  
and to manage their affairs with justice.
- 6For they will never be shaken;  
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.
- 7They will not be afraid of any evil rumors;  
their heart is steadfast, trusting in the Lord.
- 8Their heart is established and will not shrink,  
until they see their desire upon their enemies.
- 9They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast forever;  
they will hold up their head with honor. Ⓐ

## SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 2:1-12

*Though people such as the Corinthians are enamored with human philosophy and wisdom, Paul continuously presents God's hidden wisdom which is Jesus Christ crucified. True spiritual maturity involves judging ourselves and others in light of God's revelation in the cross.*

**W**hen I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. <sup>2</sup>For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. <sup>3</sup>And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. <sup>4</sup>My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, <sup>5</sup>so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

<sup>6</sup>Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. <sup>7</sup>But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. <sup>8</sup>None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. <sup>9</sup>But, as it is written,

“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,  
nor the human heart conceived,

what God has prepared for those who love him”—

<sup>10</sup>these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. <sup>11</sup>For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. <sup>12</sup>Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

**A** The word of the Lord.

**G** *Thanks be to God.*

(stand)

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

**G** *Glory to you, O Lord.*

## GOSPEL

Matthew 5:13-20

*In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus encourages his followers to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, doing good works and keeping God's commandments.*

**J**esus said: <sup>13</sup>“You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

<sup>14</sup>“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. <sup>15</sup>No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. <sup>16</sup>In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to

your Father in heaven.

<sup>17</sup>“Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. <sup>18</sup>For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. <sup>19</sup>Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>20</sup>For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

☐ The Gospel of our Lord

☑ ***Praise to you, O Christ.***

*(sit)*

### **CHILDREN'S BLESSING (9:00 AM)**

*Children (aged 3 years through 5<sup>th</sup> grade) are invited to come forward for a blessing. Then, they may either follow the teacher upstairs for an extended children's sermon (joining us again later in time for Communion) or they may return to their seat and use the Spark Bible and/or activity bags during the regular sermon.*

### **SERMON**

Pastor Hall

*(stand)*

### **HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Let Streams of Living Justice*

ELW 710

### **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: **P** Lord, in your mercy,  
**G** *hear our prayer.*

*(In our prayers today, during a time of silence, pray for those listed below and for others according to their needs)*

**Illness:** Rev. Dennis Anderson, Pauline Brager, Dorothy Cross, Edie Goodwin, Dee Hiatt, Dee Luchsinger, Darlene White

**Other Prayers: *Those serving in the military*** – Amy Dyer, Michael McNeill, Daniel Milstead, Sheldon Skovgaard, Michael Vutov, and Joel Woosley

**Other Prayers: *Those serving in mission*** – Rev. Chandran Paul Martin, India; Dr. Stephen & Jodi Swanson, Tanzania; Krystle Moraska & Ignacio Madrussan, Argentina; Lindsay Mack, Mexico; Justin Perkins (Young Adults in Global Mission), Argentina/Uruguay; Our sister congregation, the American Church in Berlin

## THE PEACE IS SHARED

**P** The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**G** *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

*This Little Light of Mine*

Arr. Raney

(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,  
☑ ***receive the gifts we bring, our selves, our time, and our possessions. Through this meal unite us as your body, shining with the light of your justice and mercy; for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

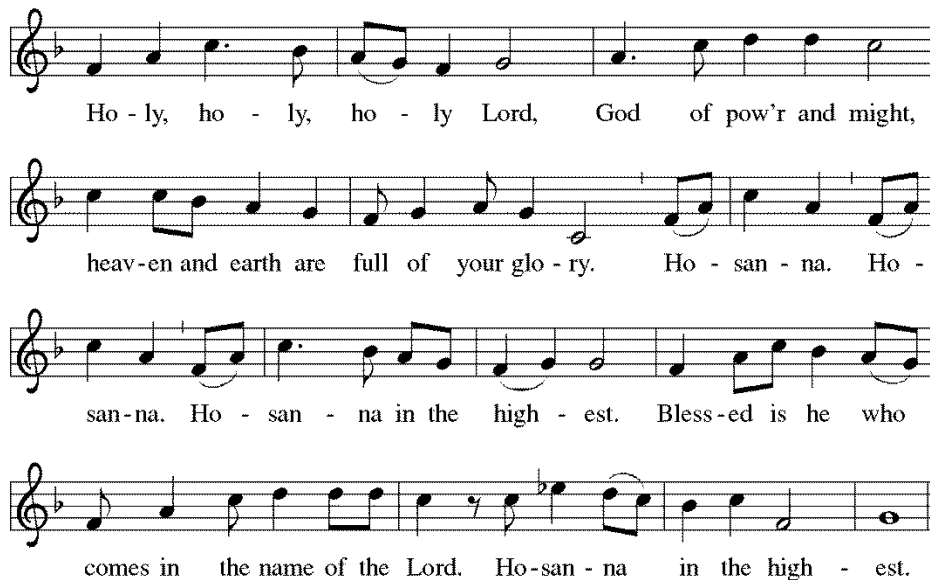
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

(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. Ho -  
san-na. 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.

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

- ☐ *Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.*

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

- ☐ We who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread. Come. Be filled with light and life.  
☐ **Amen.**

(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.

*Lord, Who the Night You Were Betrayed  
Thine Is the Glory*

ELW 463

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(stand)

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- ☐ O Morning Star, fair and bright,
- ☑ ***you have refreshed us again with heavenly food. You are our dearest treasure. Go with us now—today, tomorrow, every day—that we tell the story of your never-ending love and sing your praise both now and forever. Amen.***

## SENDING

### DISMISSAL OF EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

#### BLESSING

☞ The God of glory dwell in you richly, name you beloved, and shine brightly on your path; and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the ☩ Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

☞ **Amen.**

#### HYMN

*Christ, Be Our Light*

ELW 715

#### DISMISSAL

☞ Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

☞ **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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- Barbara Carlsen Dir. of Music & Fine Arts
- Danny Bos Handbell Director/Assist. to the Bldg. Superintendent
- Mark Jones Organist
- David Gerard Saturday Accompanist
- Sheri Lynn Tipton Night Security Manager
- Norma Pafford Nursery Superintendent
- Joyce Palmer Urban Ministries Coordinator

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

**SUNDAY, 9:00 AM**

- Comm. Asst. Tarna Kidder
- Lorie Groenjes
- Liz Pemberton
- Lector Jan Falk
- Ushers Dick Nelson
- Donna Crouse
- Ralph Diggins
- Brad Madison
- Rodney Nord
- Dan Troxel
- Sharon West
- Dean Winther
- Bob Johnson
- Greeters Colleen Lenners
- Carole Meilahan
- Bev Troxel
- Lois Sorensen
- Crucifer Angie Arispe
- Acolytes Kai Johnson
- Rahn Johnson

**SUNDAY, 11:00 AM**

- Comm. Asst. Deb Hinrichs
- Kevin Larkowski
- Lector Ashley Sum
- Ushers Norm Sack
- Ken Johnson
- Linda Johnson
- Lee Johnson
- Julie O'Doherty
- Greeters Barb Chrisman
- Jo Kayton
- Crucifer Lily O'Kane
- Acolytes Lydia Baum
- Morgan Gardner

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](mailto: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 card in your bulletin or text your e-mail address to 22828.

**TODAY AT KOUNTZE**

**KOUNTZE CAFÉ** Join us on Sundays for a hot, breakfast buffet served from 8-11:00 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:** Building Update and focus on Social Ministry **NEXT WEEK:** Urban Ministry Profile with "JP" Joyce Palmer

**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](mailto:ma_hartfield@yahoo.com) or call 402-212-8145.

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God in memory of our dear, departed friends, Louise Vanzago and Joyce Hahn by Pam & Bob Johnson.

**CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES TODAY**

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

**HIGH SCHOOL FORUM** Join us each Sunday week in the Youth Center at 10 AM.

**CRUCIFER & ACOLYTE TRAINING** Sunday, 2/5, 12:00 PM directly following Worship in the Sanctuary. Interested youth, who would like to serve as acolytes and current acolytes interested in serving as crucifer, should plan to attend this training. Crucifers and acolytes are needed for both 9 AM and 11 AM worship services.

**HERITAGE SERIES** The Luther Reading Challenge continues Wednesday, 2/8 at 6 PM. Texts will be provided; many will come from the new Annotated Luther Series by Augsburg Fortress press (which our parish library owns). Please consider making a modest donation to the church to offset printing costs.

**BAPTISM SEMINAR** will be held on Sunday, 2/26 at 12:00 PM. We'll meet in the church office conference room and then Pr. Hall will lead

You are the light of the world for others.



**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	Matthew 5:13-20	Salt and light
Monday	Isaiah 58:1-12	God desires kindness and justice
Tuesday	1 Corinthians 2:1-16	Spiritual wisdom
Wednesday	Colossians 4:2-6	Conversation seasoned with salt
Thursday	Ephesians 5:3-14	You are light in the Lord
Friday	1 Thessalonians 5:4-11	You are children of the light
Saturday	Psalms 112	Blessings of the righteous
Sunday	Matthew 5:21-37	Teachings of Jesus

**SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK**

“Make your light shine, so that others will see the good that you do and will praise your Father in heaven.” **Matthew 5:16 (CEV)**

**PRAYERS AND BLESSING:**

**A Prayer for the Week:**

Lord God, be our light when darkness surrounds us. Shine over us, in us, and through us. Amen.

**Mealtime Prayer:**

Jesus our Savior, thank you for this food, so full of flavor. Jesus our Light, may we shine for you, with love so bright. Amen.

**A Blessing to Give:**

May the Spirit of Christ give light to your life and shine before others, so that others may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. (Matthew 5:16)

**CARING CONVERSATIONS**

Discuss in your home or small group:

- Reflect on a time you were in a dark place and needed light to help you.
- In Matthew 5:13-20, Jesus points out that his disciples make a positive difference in the world. How is Christian behavior based on wisdom that is not like the wisdom of the world (1 Corinthians 2:1-12)?
- Tell about someone whose life has helped you see God in the world?

**DEVOTIONS**

Read Matthew 5:13-20 using a simple form of *lectio divina* (divine reading). Read the text two times slowly, pausing after each reading. Choose a word or phrase from the text that gets your attention. Focus on that word or phrase for awhile. Then read the text again and wonder how the message connects with your life today. Read the passage a fourth time and spend some time reflecting on how this passage might direct your life to some action in the next few days. Conclude with a prayer giving thanks for the words of Jesus to be light and salt to the world.

**SERVICE**

Read Isaiah 58:6-8. The prophet describes the people of God as light shining in the world through human activity that focuses on the care of others. The examples include feeding the hungry, caring for the homeless, treating others with kindness, and showing hospitality. Commit to some specific act of kindness during the week or financially support an organization that offers help to those in need.

**RITUALS AND TRADITIONS**

With your household or a small group, use the following lighting service at the beginning of a meal, Bible study, or prayer group. [Light one or more candles and say the following]

*Leader:* **We give thanks that Jesus Christ is the light of the world.**

*All:* **The light no darkness can overcome.**

*Leader:* **Let our lights shine before others.**

*All:* **That others may see our good works and give glory to God.**

Conclude by singing *This Little Light of Mine*.

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the participants to the Nave to walk through the liturgy. To register, please call the church office (402-341-7761).

**KMLC COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE** Deadline to apply is March 1. Applications received after this date will not be accepted. The KMLC Scholarship Program makes scholarship funds available to any eligible college-bound student member. Active members of Kountze Memorial planning or continuing to attend ANY college, university or seminary may submit an application. Additional eligibility requirements are noted on the application. Applications can be picked up in the Youth Center, Church Office, or downloaded at [www.kmlchurch.org](http://www.kmlchurch.org). Please note: Scholarships are not automatically renewable, and recipients must re-apply each year. Funds are sent directly to respective institutions. Submit your applications, along with supporting documentation, by mail to: KMLC, Attn. Scholarship Committee, 2650 Farnam St., Omaha NE 68131, deliver in person to the church office, or by fax at 402-341-4841, or e-mail to [ian@kmlchurch.org](mailto:ian@kmlchurch.org). If you have any questions, contact Ian Hartfield in the church office at 402-341-7761.

**ADULT BAPTISM SEMINAR** If you are an adult who has not been baptized and would like to receive Holy Communion as a regular member of the Church, you are welcome to a small and brief seminar with Pr. Hall in the office conference room. This will be an opportunity to discuss the meaning of baptism and its place in the communal life of the Church. To register, please call the church office (402-341-7761) or contact Pr. Hall at [pastorhall@kmlchurch.org](mailto:pastorhall@kmlchurch.org).

For additional information about upcoming calendar events, please visit our website, [www.kmlchurch.org](http://www.kmlchurch.org)

**THIS WEEK AT KOUNTZE**

**February 5 Sunday**

- Homebound Communion
- Mission Trip Payment Due (\$150)
- 7:45 AM & 10:00 AM Adult Choir Rehearsal
- 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM Breakfast
- 8:00 AM MS/HS Choir Warm-up
- 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 Acolyte/Crucifer Training
- 9:00 PM LCM Worship @ CU (Halley Chapel)

**February 6 Monday**

- 10:00 AM Pantry

**February 7 Tuesday**

- 9:00 AM Staff Meeting
- 5:00 PM Building Committee

**February 8 Wednesday**

- 9:00 AM Sewing Group
- 12:15 PM Worship
- 5:30 PM KETV Management Board
- 5:45 PM MS/HS Choir Rehearsal
- 6:00 PM Heritage Series
- 6:00 PM Dinner
- 6:45 PM Confirmation
- 7:00 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal
- 7:30 PM Closing Worship

**February 9 Thursday**

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

**February 11 Saturday**

- 5:00 PM Worship

**February 12 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 Young Mothers “Frappy Hour”
- 10:10 AM Sunday School (2yr-8th gr)
- 12:00 PM Book Group
- 12:00 PM New Member Class
- 7:00 PM MS & HS Girl’s Bible Study
- 9:00 PM LCM Worship @ CU (Halley Chapel)

<b>Next Weekend’s Lessons</b>	Deuteronomy 30:15-20 Psalms 119:1-8 1 Corinthians 3:1-9 Matthew 5:21-37
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**Saturday Attendance:** 45  
**Sunday Attendance:** 9:00: 255 11:00: 117  
**Midweek - Noon:** 12 **Evening:** 16  
**Total:** 445  
**Pantry Guests Served:** 453  
**Medical Clinic Guests Served:** 46  
**Offering:**  
 \$17,178.34 (Regular) \$1,080.00 (Specials)  
 \$4,077.00 (In the City for Good)