

# KOUNTZE MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

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9:00 & 11:00 AM

SECOND SUNDAY in LENT



*During Lent we journey with all those around the world who will be baptized at the Easter Vigil. In today's gospel Jesus tells Nicodemus that he must be born of water and Spirit. At the font we are given a new birth as daughters and sons of God. As God made a covenant with Abraham, in baptism God promises to raise us up with Christ to new life. From worship we are sent forth to proclaim God's love for all the world.*

# PRELUDE

## GATHERING

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(stand)

### CONFESSION

- Ⓟ During the season of Lent we are called to return to the Lord with all our heart. Let us confess our sin and seek reconciliation with God and neighbor.

*Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.*

- Ⓟ Merciful God,
- Ⓞ ***you sent Jesus Christ to save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We fail in love, neglect justice, and ignore your truth. Have mercy on us and wash away our sin. Create in us clean hearts for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.***
- Ⓟ Behold, now is the acceptable time; now is the day of salvation. Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.
- Ⓞ ***Amen.***

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN

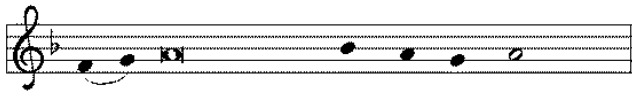
*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

ELW 807

### 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.***

### KYRIE



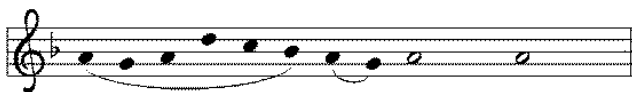
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



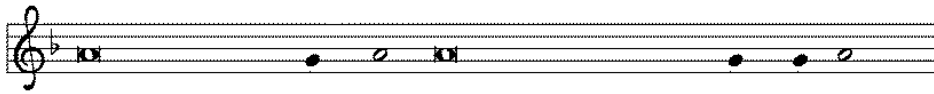
Lord, have mercy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



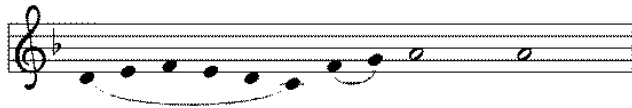
Lord, have mercy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



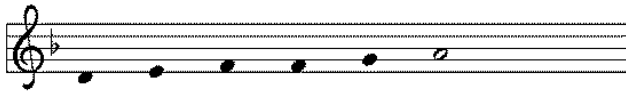
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this ho-ly house, and for all who of-fer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord.



A - men.

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

- ☐ O God, our leader and guide,
- ☑ ***in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.***

# WORD

(sit)

## FIRST READING

Genesis 12:1-4a

*God's call of Abram and Sarai has a clear purpose—that through them all the families of the earth would gain a blessing. As they set out on their journey they are accompanied by promises of land, nation, and a great reputation.*

**T**he Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. <sup>2</sup>I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. <sup>3</sup>I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

<sup>4a</sup>So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him.

**A** The word of the Lord.

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

## PSALM 121 (read responsively)

<sup>1</sup>I lift up my eyes to the hills;  
from where is my help to come?

<sup>2</sup>*My help comes from the Lord,  
the maker of heaven and earth.*

<sup>3</sup>The Lord will not let your foot be moved  
nor will the one who watches over you fall asleep.

<sup>4</sup>*Behold, the keeper of Israel  
will neither slumber nor sleep;*

<sup>5</sup>the Lord watches over you;  
the Lord is your shade at your right hand;

<sup>6</sup>*the sun will not strike you by day,  
nor the moon by night.*

<sup>7</sup>The Lord will preserve you from all evil  
and will keep your life.

<sup>8</sup>*The Lord will watch over your going out and your coming in,  
from this time forth forevermore.*

## SECOND READING

**Romans 4:1-5, 13-17**

*In the person and example of Abraham we discover that a right relationship with God does not involve earning a reward from God but entails trusting God's promises. Abraham is the forebear and model for both Jews and Gentiles, because we too trust that ours is a God who gives life to the dead.*

**W**hat then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? <sup>2</sup>For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. <sup>3</sup>For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." <sup>4</sup>Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. <sup>5</sup>But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

<sup>13</sup>For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. <sup>14</sup>If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup>For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

<sup>16</sup>For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, <sup>17</sup>as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations")—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

**A** The word of the Lord.

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

*(stand)*

## LENTEN VERSE

**G** *Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.*

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

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

## GOSPEL

**John 3:1-17**

*A curious Pharisee visits Jesus by night to learn from the teacher his friends reject. Jesus speaks to him about life in the Spirit and the kingdom of God.*

**N**ow there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. <sup>2</sup>He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." <sup>4</sup>Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" <sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. <sup>6</sup>What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup>Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' <sup>8</sup>The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." <sup>9</sup>Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

<sup>11</sup>"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup>If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? <sup>13</sup>No one has ascended into heaven except the one

who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup>And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup>“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

<sup>17</sup>“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

☐ 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**

*Christ, the Life of All the Living*

ELW 339

### **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)

*Quinn Henley Cyr*

*(see page 227)*

## 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)*

**Thanksgiving:** For the baptism of Quinn Henley Cyr, son of Jared & Brooke; for the birth of Valencia Preininger, who was born premature, great granddaughter of Kathy Preininger

**Illness:** Rev. Dennis Anderson, Pauline Brager, Shirleen Collett, Dorothy Cross, Alice Fitzgerald, Edie Goodwin, Dee Hiatt, Sandy Johnson, Dee Luchsinger, June Sheftz, Dorothy Vancaster, Charlie Wachholtz

**Sympathy:** To the family and friends of James Beam, brother of Nancy Meyer

**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

*God So Loved the World*

Stainer

(stand)

### OFFERTORY HYMN

*Create in Me a Clean Heart*

ELW 188

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right  
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your  
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -  
store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,  
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

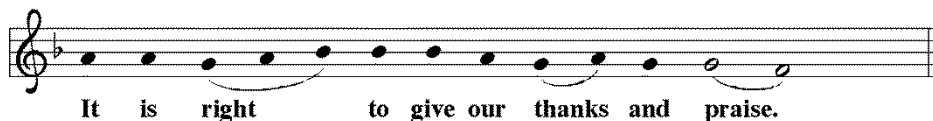
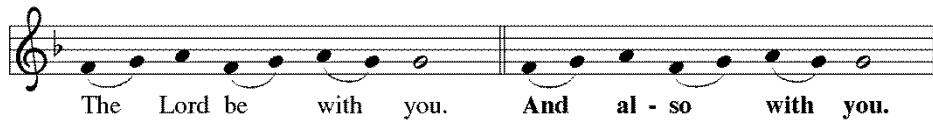
Music: J. A. Freylinghausen, 1670–1739

### OFFERING PRAYER

- ☐ Merciful God,
- ☑ **receive the sacrifice of our praise and thanksgiving and the offering of our lives, that following in the way of the cross, we may know the joy of the resurrection; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**



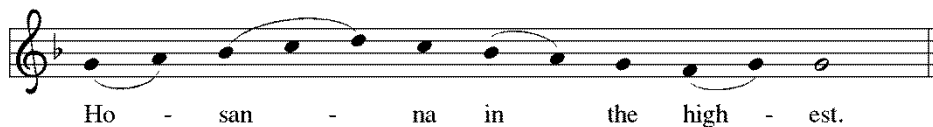
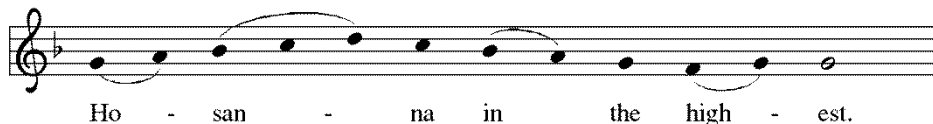
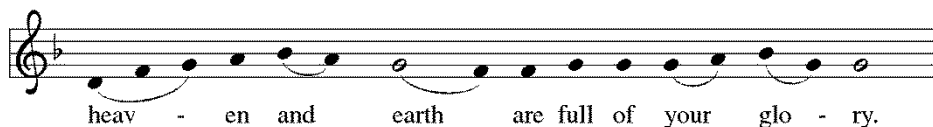
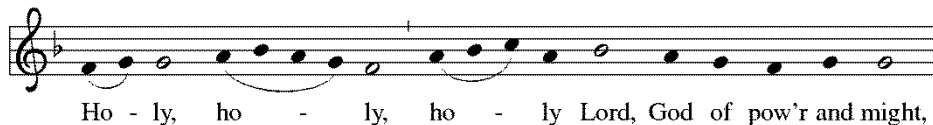
## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



*(The Thanksgiving continues)*

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

## SANCTUS



# EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

☩ *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

☩ Behold the Lamb of God!

☩ *Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed. 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. A - men.

*(stand)*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- ☞ Compassionate God,  
☞ ***you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice, our alms, a making of peace, and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts; through Christ our Lord. Amen.***

## SENDING

### BENEDICTION

- ☞ Jesus took on the form of a servant and was obedient to death, even death on a cross. May you follow his example and share in the resurrection.  
☞ ***Amen.***  
☞ In faithfulness to God, Jesus gave his life as a ransom for many. May you walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.  
☞ ***Amen.***  
☞ On the cross of Calvary Jesus bore our grief and carried our sorrows. May his passion bring us healing and peace.  
☞ ***Amen.***  
☞ Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever.  
☞ ***Amen.***

### HYMN

*How Firm a Foundation*

ELW 796

### DISMISSAL

- ☞ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.  
☞ ***Amen.***

### POSTLUDE

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Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church is a congregation of the Nebraska Synod, in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), a part of the worldwide Lutheran Church body. We invite you to join us regularly for worship and for a variety of opportunities for growth and service. If you are a new resident in the community and are looking for a church home, we invite you to join this faith community. If you are new here, welcome. If you are “newly returned,” we rejoice with you. If you are a member of long-standing, we celebrate your ministry and your faithfulness.

**WORSHIP + GROW + SERVE**

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



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- 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. Lorie Groenjes  
Susie Henry
- Lector Pamela Johnson
- Ushers Glenn Anderson  
Dan Collett  
Ted Kaasch  
Mark Mahaffey  
Gary Westerman  
Bob Woodworth  
Marcy Madison
- Greeters Sharon Anderson  
Shirleen Collett  
Karen Wolf
- Crucifer Soren Johnson
- Acolytes Anthony Bonacci  
Madelyn Hinrichs

**SUNDAY, 11:00 AM**

- Comm. Asst. Norm Sack  
Deb Hinrichs
- Lector Steve Hinrichs
- Ushers Adam Klinker  
Linda Hoagland  
David Jesberg  
Monica Albers
- Greeters Julie King  
Rosemary Tessin
- Crucifer Keelan Edwards
- Acolytes Lily O'Kane  
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? 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 April 30 & May 7 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 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:** Pr. Bob Johnson, Reflections on Ministry **NEXT WEEK:** Planned Giving, Pt. 1

**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.

**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 on Sunday, 3/12 at noon. 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).

**ETERNAL CANDLE** is given to the glory of God in honor of Anna Kidder's 14th birthday.

**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.

**MAGDALENE OMAHA** is an organization that seeks to help victims of sex trafficking rebuild their lives. Two events this March will help spread the word about Magdalene Omaha's mission as they prepare to open their first house for survivors of sex trafficking. On Sunday, March 12, from 3:00 to 5:00, Magdalene Omaha will be hosting a Community Panel Discussion on Sex Trafficking at Trinity Episcopal Church. Child care will be provided. On Sunday, March 26, at 4:00 the Omaha Children's Choir will be giving a concert in collaboration with Magdalene Omaha at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church. There will be a pre-concert lecture at 3:00. Both events are free, but donations are welcome.

God has shown love for the whole world by giving us Jesus, our Savior.



**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	John 3:1-17	For God so loved the world
Monday	Genesis 12:1-4	God chooses Abram
Tuesday	John 7:53-8:11	Jesus does not condemn
Wednesday	Romans 4:1-5, 13-17	God's promise to Abraham
Thursday	1 John 4:7-21	God is love
Friday	1 John 5:1-12	Faith in the Son of God
Saturday	Psalms 121	God protects us
Sunday	John 4:5-42	Jesus and the woman at the well

**SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK**

God loved the people of the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who has faith in him will have eternal life and never really die. **John 3:16 (CEV)**

**PRAYERS AND BLESSING:**

**A Prayer for the Week:**

God, thank you for showing us your great love through Jesus. Make our lives signs of your love to those around us. Amen.

**Mealtime Prayer:**

Lord God, thank you for these gifts before us, signs of your great love. As we are filled with food, fill us also with love for others. Amen.

**A Blessing to Give:**

May the Lord watch over your life and keep you from all harm. May he keep you safe in your coming and your going, now and always. (Psalm 121:7-8)

**CARING CONVERSATIONS**

Discuss in your home or small group:

- What makes you feel loved?
- What has God done to show love for us? What does it mean to you that God loves you?
- In the Gospel of John, the word "world" most often means those hostile to God (see 16:33 and 17:14). What does it mean to you that in John 3:16, God loves the world that hates God?

**DEVOTIONS**

In John 3, Nicodemus, a Jewish leader, comes to Jesus by night to question him. In John 7:45-52 he defends Jesus before the Pharisees. In John 20:38-42 he joins Joseph of Arimathea, a secret believer, to anoint Jesus' body for burial. How is the story of Nicodemus an example of the path of faith as a follower of Jesus? How does it compare with your own journey of faith? Pray for all those who wonder about Jesus that they may enter the kingdom of God through water and the Spirit. (John 3:5)

**SERVICE**

Genesis 12:1 tells how God called Abram to leave his home country and his relatives to live in a new land. In our world today, there are many people who are forced out of their home countries by war and other hardships. Talk about the challenges facing refugees. Make a donation to a trusted organization that assists refugees.

**RITUALS AND TRADITIONS**

Genesis 12 and John 3 state that God blesses the world, including those who are hostile to God, promising love and salvation. During the Lenten season, take time to pray for those who are hostile to you, your family, your country, or the Christian church. Conclude with the Lord's Prayer. Memorize John 3:16.

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**KMLC MEN'S LUNCHEON** Thursday, 3/16, 11:30 AM at Kountze Memorial. The cost for lunch is \$10. All Men of KMLC are invited. Watch the bulletin for more details. Please RSVP to the church office or to Ian Hartfield by Wednesday, 3/15 (402-341-7761 or [ian@kmlchurch.org](mailto:ian@kmlchurch.org)).

**KOUNTZE PANTRY NEEDS** This week we need: Corn, Pork 'n Beans, Oatmeal, Cereal, Pasta Sauce and Canned Chicken. Your time and monetary offerings are always welcome as well. Please talk to JP if you have questions.

Kountze Game Night Friday, 3/31. Dinner: 6-7:00 PM, Fellowship and Games: 7-9:00 PM. Nursery Care Provided. Cost: FREE Sponsored by the Congregational Activities Committee. All children, youth, adults, families, and friends of all ages invited! Bring your favorite snack and card/board/ video games and enjoy a night with family and friends. We'll have nutritious snacks and pizza for dinner, followed by some quality time playing your favorite card or board games. We might even play some bingo and there will be some surprises! Please RSVP to the Welcome Desk, Church Office or Ian Hartfield: [ian@kmlchurch.org](mailto:ian@kmlchurch.org) or 402-341-7761 by 3/26.

**THIS WEEK AT KOUNTZE**

**March 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 Mother's "Frappy Hour"
- 10:10 AM Sunday School (2yr-8th gr)
- 12:00 PM Adult Baptism Seminar
- 12:00 PM Book Group
- 7:00 PM MS & HS Girl's Bible Study
- 9:00 PM LCM Worship @ CU (Halley Chapel)

**March 13 Monday**

- 10:00 AM Pantry
- 12:00 PM Endowment Board

**March 14 Tuesday**

- 9:00 AM Staff Meeting

**March 15 Wednesday**

- Good News Deadline
- 11:15 AM Lenten Lunch
- 12:15 PM Worship
- 5:00 PM Communion @ deFreese Manor
- 5:45 PM MS/HS Choir Rehearsal
- 6:00 PM Lenten Dinner
- 6:00 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00 PM Worship

**March 16 Thursday**

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

**March 18 Saturday**

- 9:30 AM Women's Prayer Group
- 5:00 PM Worship

**March 19 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)
- 10:00 AM Blood Pressure Checks
- 10:10 AM Adult Forum
- 10:10 AM Youth Forum (gr 9-12)
- 10:10 AM Young Mother's "Frappy Hour"
- 10:10 AM Sunday School (2yr-8th gr)
- 9:00 PM LCM Worship @ CU (Halley Chapel)

<b>Next Weekend's Lessons</b>	Genesis 12:1-4a Psalm 121 Romans 4:1-5, 13-17 John 3:1-17
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**Saturday Attendance:** 62  
**Sunday Attendance:** 9:00: 260 11:00: 123  
**Midweek - Noon:** 70 **Evening:** 71  
**Total:** 586  
**Pantry Guests Served:** 358  
**Medical Clinic Guests Served:** 49  
**Offering:**  
 \$11,928.97 (Regular) \$2,982.00 (Specials)  
 \$3,102.50 (In the City for Good)

**Lent at Kountze**  
**Theme: We Are Church**  
**Noon Eucharist and Evening Prayer - Individual Healing and Absolution following each service**  
**March 15** - We Are One in Christ - Pr. Moessner  
**March 22** - We Are Holy - Pr. Hall  
**March 29** - We Are Catholic - Pr. Hall  
**April 5** - We Are Apostolic - Pr. Inbarasu  
**April 13** (Maundy Thursday) - Pr. Moessner  
 Confession and Absolution with Eucharist  
**Lunch** - 11:15 - 12 PM  
**Dinner** - 6 - 7 PM  
**Worship** - 12:15 PM and 7 PM  
**Cost** - Free-will Offering