

KOUNTZE MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

A CITY-WIDE CHURCH WITH A WORLD-WIDE MINISTRY

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9:00 & 11:00 AM

DAY of PENTECOST



Today's festival derives its name from the Jewish festival of Pentecost, observed fifty days after Passover. On the fiftieth day of Easter we celebrate the Holy Spirit as the power of God among us that heals, forgives, inspires, and unites. In the reading from Acts, images of wind and fire describe the Spirit poured out on disciples of all nations. In John's gospel the risen Christ breathes the Spirit on his followers on Easter evening. In the one Spirit we are baptized into one body, and at the Lord's table the Spirit unites us for witness in the world.

PRELUDE

Kountze Brass
K. Craig Bircher, Scott Quackenbush, Trumpet
Jason Stromquist, Jay Wise, Trombone

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(stand)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

☐ Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, full of compassion and mercy, abounding in steadfast love.

☑ **Amen.**

☐ Trusting God's promise of forgiveness, let us confess our sin against God and one another.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.

☐ Eternal God our creator,

☑ ***in you we live and move and have our being. Look upon us, your children, the work of your hands. Forgive us all our offenses, and cleanse us from proud thoughts and empty desires. By your grace draw us near to you, our refuge and our strength; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

☐ Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit given to us. In the mercy of almighty God, Christ died for us while we still were sinners; and for his sake, God ☩ forgives you all your sins.

☑ **Amen.**

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

O Day Full of Grace

ELW 627

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

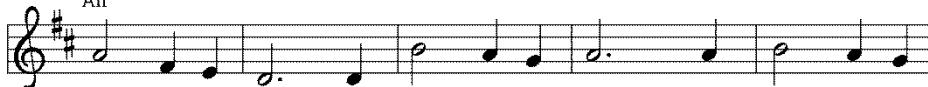
Refrain

Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.

All



! Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

☐ Almighty God,

☑ ***on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we will have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.***

WORD

(sit)

FIRST READING

Acts 2:1-21

Pentecost was a Jewish harvest festival that marked the fiftieth day after Passover. Luke portrays the Holy Spirit being poured out upon the disciples before the gathered and astonished people assembled in Jerusalem for the festival. Filled with the Spirit, the disciples were able to witness to the power of Christ's resurrection.

When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷'In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.

¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,

before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

A The word of the Lord.

G *Thanks be to God.*

PSALM 104:24-34, 35b



Send forth your Spir-it and re - new the face of the earth.

Psalm 104:30

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²⁴How manifold are your works, O Lord!

In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

²⁵Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too many to number,
living things both small and great.


²⁶There go the ships to and fro,
and Leviathan, which you made for the sport of it.

²⁷All of them look to you
to give them their food in due season. 

²⁸You give it to them; they gather it;
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

²⁹When you hide your face, they are terrified;
when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.


³⁰You send forth your Spirit, and they are created;
and so you renew the face of the earth.

³¹May the glory of the Lord endure forever;
O Lord, rejoice in all your works. 

³²You look at the earth and it trembles;
you touch the mountains and they smoke.

³³I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;
I will praise my God while I have my being.

³⁴May these words of mine please God.
I will rejoice in the Lord.

^{35b}Bless the Lord, O my soul.
Hallelujah! 

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

Paul is helping the Corinthians understand the relationship between our God-given unity and Spirit-created diversity. The Spirit creates the unity of faith and gives all Christians diverse gifts for the common benefit of all. We need one another's diverse spiritual gifts, because the same Spirit has given them to each person for the common good.

No one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.
⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to

the same Spirit,⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit,¹⁰ to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues.¹¹ All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

¹²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

A The word of the Lord.

G *Thanks be to God.*

(stand)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



P The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

G *Glory to you, O Lord.*

GOSPEL

John 7:37-39

Jesus describes the Holy Spirit as living water, quenching the thirst of all who come to him and filling the hearts of believers till they overflow.

On the last day of the festival [of Booths], the great day, while Jesus was standing [in the temple], he cried out, “Let anyone who is thirsty come to me,³⁸ and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, ‘Out of the believer’s heart shall flow rivers of living water.’”³⁹ Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive; for as yet there was no Spirit, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

P The Gospel of our Lord

G *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 Olaf Roynesdal

(stand)

HYMN OF THE DAY

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

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**☩ We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation

**he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven**

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. 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)

Illness: David Carlsen, Dee Hiatt, Norman How (father of Suzanne How), Ruth Larsen, Dee Luchsinger, Joyce Wachal, Charlie Wachholtz, Vernon Ward, Joanne Worm

Sympathy: To the family and friends of Audrey Cotton

Other Prayers: *Those serving in the military* – Amy Dyer, Brennan Hron, 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

- ☞ 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

Spirit Song

Joseph M. Martin

(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,
- ☞ ***you open wide your hand and satisfy the need of every living thing. You have set this feast before us. Open our hands to receive it. Open our hearts to embrace it. Open our lives to live it. We pray this through 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 image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. Each staff contains a single melodic line with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: '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.', and '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, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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

- ☞ Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.
☞ *Our Lord's body let us take together.*

(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, grant us peace.

*Spirit of Gentleness
O Holy Spirit, Enter In*

ELW 396
ELW 786

(stand)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- ☐ Jesus Christ, host of this meal,
☑ ***you have given us not only this bread and cup, but your very self, that we may feast on your great love. Filled again by these signs of your grace, may we hunger for your reign of justice, may we thirst for your way of peace, for you are Lord forevermore. Amen.***

SENDING

DISMISSAL OF EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

BLESSING

- ☐ May God, whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine, grant you the gifts of faith and hope. Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
☑ ***Amen.***

HYMN

Lord, You Give the Great Commission

ELW 579

DISMISSAL

- ☐ Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve.
☑ ***Thanks be to God.***

POSTLUDE

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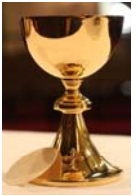
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Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church is a vibrant, historic faith community that welcomes all and provides ministries for all ages and walks of life. We are a "City-wide Church with a World-wide Ministry" and have been worshiping, growing, and serving in downtown Omaha for nearly 160 years. If you are new to Kountze Memorial, we invite you to visit the Welcome Desk in Fellowship Hall for more information about who we are and what we do.

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. Children not yet communing will receive a blessing. Instructions will be provided during worship. 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, children's bibles, and bulletins are available, as well as a Quiet Room, just off the west side of the main sanctuary, that includes a TV and a variety of toys, games, and books for young children.

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 All those attending worship are encouraged to fill out the card included in your bulletin and place in the offering plate.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS AND LISTENING DEVICES Please speak to an usher if you would like a large print bulletin or an assisted listening device.

NEW MEMBER CLASS If you are interested in joining our congregation, the next class will be held September 17 & 24 from 12—2 PM. Please plan to attend both sessions. Lunch will be served and childcare is provided. Please indicate your attendance plans on your attendance card or call the church office and let us know if you will need childcare.

PARKING Our west parking lot is closed for total renovation. Parking is available in front of deFreese Manor, Douglas & 26th Avenue, Barnhart Press' gravel lot across Farnam Street, side streets east of the church, FBG parking lot at 26th & Harney.

E-NEWS & SOCIAL MEDIA 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.

KOUNTZE STAFF

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Tim Walker	Chef
Søren Johnson	Assist. Bldg. Superintendent
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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.	Scott Henneman Darlene Anderson Jeff Perkins
Lector	Bailey Gittler
Ushers	Bob Woodworth Glenn Anderson Daniel Collett Marcy Madison Mark Mahaffey Gary Westerman Ted Kaasch
Greeters	Sharon Anderson Shirleen Collett Karen Wolf
Crucifer	Søren Johnson
Acolytes	Anthony Bonacci Morgan Gardner
Book Bearer	Rob Comfort
Banner Bearer	Bailey Gittler

SUNDAY, 11:00 AM

Comm. Asst.	Lowell Harms Deb Hinrichs
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Greeters	Rosemary Tessin Julie King
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Book Bearer	Nicole Campbell
Banner Bearer	Lily O'Kane

TODAY AT KOUNTZE

MEET THE CANDIDATE the senior pastor candidate, recommended by the Call Committee and the Council, will preach and preside at worship this weekend (6/3 & 4) and meet the congregation. Following the 5 PM and 9 AM services, the candidate will be introduced to the congregation in the sanctuary and will be available for dialogue and questions. Please join us for this important step in the Call process.

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: Meeting the Pastoral Candidate **NEXT WEEK:** Synod Assembly Review

YOUNG MOTHERS Join us on Sunday morning 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.

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of family and friends by Marge Bock.

CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES TODAY

SUNDAY SCHOOL Join us on the 2nd floor (Room 205) for Summer Sunday School Fun (children K—8th grade) from 10:10—10:50 AM. KMLC invites all children (K-8) to the Summer Sunday School Session, "Hero Central." We will go on a hero's adventure that includes energetic music, Bible fun, amazing science experiments, delicious snacks, games, crafts and more! Each week we will learn, then explore the Bible verse Psalm 34:14b, "Do good! Seek peace and go after it!" in fun and exciting ways that will be sure to stay with your child through the week.

HIGH SCHOOL FORUM Join us each Sunday in the Youth Center for Forum at 10 AM.

YOUTH MISSION TRIP VIDEOS 2012—2016 If you went on a Youth Mission Trip in the years 2012—2016, we have a trip video for you in the church office. Please come and pick it/them up at your earliest convenience.

YESTERDAY'S YOUTH Tuesday, 6/6, 12:00 PM. Cost is \$4.00. It's BINGO time! Please join in on the FUN. There will be lots of fabulous prizes and everyone will be a winner! Lunch is served at noon. Please RSVP to the church office by Friday, 6/2. All ages are welcome! Any questions call Sheri Tipton (402-415-6033). Hope to see YOU there! We won't meet in July due to the holiday weekend.

BAPTISM SEMINAR Sunday, 6/11, 12 PM. We will meet in the church office conference room and then Pr. Hall will lead the participants to the Nave to walk through the

liturgy. To register, please call the church office (402-341-7761).

HERITAGE SERIES Wednesdays, 6/14 - 7/19, 6 PM. We will read a new and well-respected biography of Luther: Martin Luther: Visionary Reformer by Scott H. Hendrix (Emeritus Professor of Church History at Princeton Theological Seminary). While not required, participants are encouraged to buy or otherwise obtain a copy of the book so they can read along with the group. An online source to purchase a copy (or electronic version) of the book can be found at Amazon.com for about \$20. All are welcome.

SPECIAL VESPERS FOR ALZHEIMER AWARENESS AND ALL CARETAKERS Wednesday, 6/21, 7:00 PM. A special spoken liturgy will be offered

The Holy Spirit has come to live and work in us.



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	Acts 2:1-21	The Holy Spirit Comes
Monday	1 Corinthians 12:3b-13	Spiritual Gifts
Tuesday	John 20:19-23	Jesus gives the Holy Spirit
Wednesday	Acts 4:5-31	Peter and John give witness
Thursday	Joel 2:18-29	God will pour out the Spirit
Friday	Ezekiel 39:7-8, 21-29	The Spirit is promised
Saturday	Psalms 104:24-34, 35b	The Lord cares for creation
Sunday	Genesis 1:1-2:4a	God creates sky and earth

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

“The Spirit has given each of us a special way of serving others.” **1 Corinthians 12:7 (CEV)**

PRAYERS AND BLESSING:

A Prayer for the Week:

Send your Spirit upon us, Lord. Let our lives do your healing and saving work in the world. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Come, Spirit of God and be our guest, our table to grace and our food to bless. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the Lord Jesus give you peace, fill you with joy, and breathe into you the Holy Spirit.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home or small group:

- What are your strengths? How do you use them to serve others?
- In 1 Corinthians 12 Paul states that the Spirit gives people a variety of gifts to contribute to the work of the church. How does a variety of gifts make for a healthy church?
- Where do you see the Holy Spirit poured out today?

DEVOTIONS

Read: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-11.

One of the joys of Christian community is helping each other, especially our children, discover and grow into the gifts God has given them. Some of the spiritual gifts the New Testament describes are as follows:

Prophecy—Sharing the Word of God with others.

Helping—A willingness to help others with their needs.

Teaching—An ability to help others understand God’s Word.

Exhortation—The capacity to encourage and motivate others.

Giving—A spirit of generosity.

Leading—The ability to lead and direct others.

Mercy—A sense of compassion for others and a willingness to act on these feelings.

Which of these gifts do you see in yourself and the people around you? Offer a prayer for the gift of the Holy Spirit to strengthen the body of Christ with a variety of gifts.

SERVICE

1 Corinthians 12:7 tells us that the Holy Spirit gives us gifts to use as a special way of serving others. Have a discussion about how members of your household are using their God-given gifts for the sake of others. Brainstorm ways in which you could use them more effectively.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Twice in John 20:19-23 Jesus says to his disciples, “Peace be with you.” It is the greeting of the resurrected Lord that the church has used ever since to address one another. During this next week and beyond, greet others with the words, “**Peace be with you,**” and let it be a witness to your faith in the resurrected Lord Jesus Christ.

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for caregivers of parents and family members enduring long-term, chronic illness. All are welcome. Kountze Memorial will join other congregations around the city to provide a place for prayer and remembrance for those who are diagnosed with Alzheimer’s or other long-term illnesses and their caretakers. As with all our worship opportunities, this is an event for the community as well. Please invite a friend or family member who may find the opportunity to pray and find comfort in one another enriching.

19th ANNUAL NEIGHBORHOOD GATHERING AND JAZZ SERVICE Sunday, 6/25. 11:30 AM—1:30 PM. Join us for Jazz Music, Carriage Rides, Free Food, Inflatables, Carnival Games, Face Painting, Balloons, and more! Due to construction, we will hold this year’s event on 26th St. Bring the family and your friends!

KOUNTZE PANTRY VOLUNTEER HELP NEEDED MONDAYS - 9 - 11 AM OR 11 AM - 1 PM If you have ever considered helping in the Kountze Food Pantry, now is the time to sign up. With school out and summer beginning, volunteers are taking time out for vacations and we need your help to fill when you are able. If you have questions or are available to help, please contact JP (joyce@kmlchurch.org) or call the church office (402-341-7761) and we’ll be glad to help. As always, the pantry is in need of Pork ‘n Beans, Pasta/Noodles, Pasta Sauce, Oatmeal, Corn, Pancake Syrup, Chicken, Tuna. Your time and monetary offerings are always welcome as well.

For additional information about upcoming calendar events, please visit our website, www.kmlchurch.org

THIS WEEK AT KOUNTZE

June 4 Sunday

Pentecost
Homebound Communion
7:45 AM & 10:00 AM Adult Choir
8:00 AM - 11:00 AM Breakfast
9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Worship
9:00 AM Nursery (0-2 yrs)
10:10 AM Adult Forum
10:10 AM Youth Forum (gr 9-12)
10:10 AM Sunday School Summer Fun (K-8th gr)
10:10 AM Young Mothers “Frappy Hour”
12:15 PM Leadership Luncheon
12:30 PM Parent Info Meeting @ Lord of Love

June 5 Monday

10:00 AM Pantry
6:00 PM Clinic Board

June 6 Tuesday

9:00 AM Staff Meeting
12:00 PM Yesterday’s Youth

June 7 Wednesday

12:15 PM Worship

June 8 Thursday

4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic

June 10 Saturday

5:00 PM Worship

June 11 Sunday

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 Sunday School Summer Fun (K-8th gr)
10:10 AM Young Mothers “Frappy Hour”
12:00 PM Baptism Seminar
12:00 PM Book Group
7:00 PM Girl’s Bible Study

Next Weekend’s Lessons

Genesis 1:1--2:4a
Psalm 8
2 Corinthians 13:11-13
Matthew 28:16-20

Saturday Attendance: 71

Sunday Attendance: 9:00: 199 11:00: 97

Midweek - Noon: 97 **Evening:** 0

Total: 374

Pantry Guests Served: 0

Medical Clinic Guests Served: 44

Offering:

\$24,567.80 (Regular) \$3,182.01 (Specials)

\$27,684.82 (In the City for Good)

Notice of Congregational Meeting

The Church Council calls a Congregational Meeting of Kountze Memorial Evangelical Lutheran Church, Omaha NE to be held on Sunday, June 18, 2017, at 10:15 AM in the church sanctuary for the purpose of considering the Call of a senior pastor.