

# KOUNTZE MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

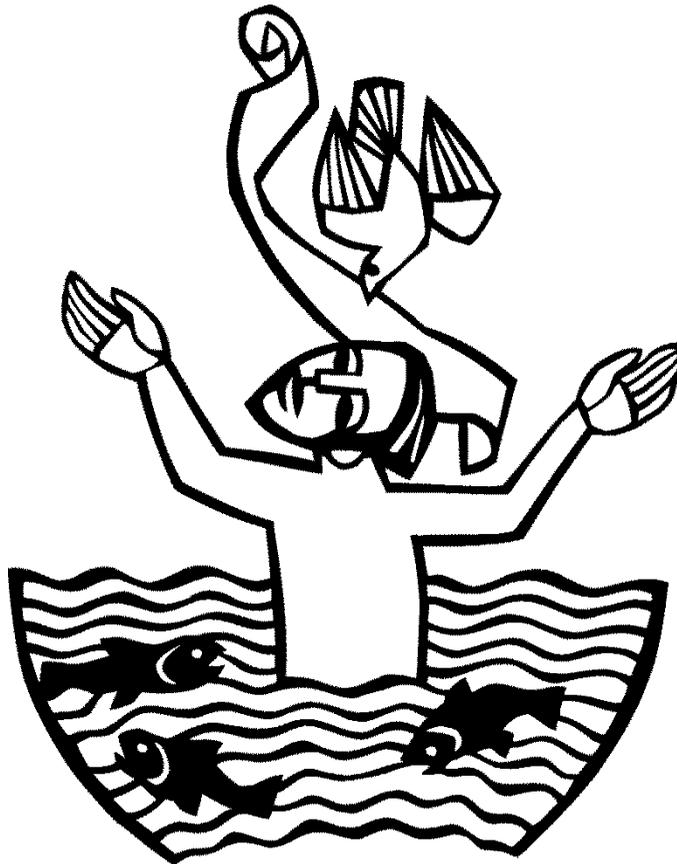
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January 08, 2017

9:00 & 11:00 AM

### BAPTISM of OUR LORD



*Friday was Epiphany, the Twelfth Day of Christmas. The word Epiphany means a revealing, opening up so that the unknown can be seen. We associate that day with the coming of the Wisemen—foreign God-seekers. On the Sunday after Epiphany we read about Jesus' baptism. We are challenged to ask what God is revealing to the world through Jesus' baptism...and through our own. Above all, we also ask, what in all of this is God doing for the sake of the world.*



## 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

*As with Gladness Men of Old*

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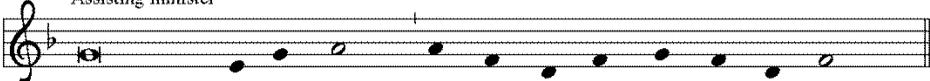
## GREETING

☐ 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.***

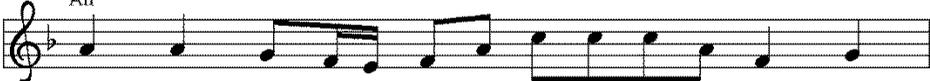
# HYMN OF PRAISE

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

**P** O God our Father,

**G** *at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful to their calling to be your daughters and sons, and empower us all with your Spirit, through 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

**Isaiah 42:1-9**

*In the portion of the book of the prophet Isaiah which starts with chapter 40, we find some of the most hope-filled passages in all of scripture. Today's passage is the first of four servant songs. We find the others in 49:1-6 (which we will read next week), 50:4-11, and 52:13-53:12. What does it mean that, in order to bring hope to the world, God sends not a conqueror, but a servant?*

**H**ere is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. <sup>2</sup>He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; <sup>3</sup>a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. <sup>4</sup>He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

<sup>5</sup>Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: <sup>6</sup>I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, <sup>7</sup>to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. <sup>8</sup>I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. <sup>9</sup>See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

**A** The word of the Lord.

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

## PSALM 29



The voice of the LORD is up - on the wa - ters.

Psalm 29:3

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- <sup>1</sup>Ascribe to the Lord, you gods,  
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
- <sup>2</sup>Ascribe to the Lord the glory due God's name;  
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.
- <sup>3</sup>The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;  
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.
- <sup>4</sup>The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice;  
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor. 
- <sup>5</sup>The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees;  
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- <sup>6</sup>the Lord makes Lebanon skip like a calf,  
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
- <sup>7</sup>The voice of the Lord  
bursts forth in lightning flashes.
- <sup>8</sup>The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;  
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh. 
- <sup>9</sup>The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare.  
And in the temple of the Lord all are crying, "Glory!"
- <sup>10</sup>The Lord sits enthroned above the flood;  
the Lord sits enthroned as king forevermore.
- <sup>11</sup>O Lord, give strength to your people;  
give them, O Lord, the blessings of peace. 

## SECOND READING

**Acts 10:34-43**

*In the tenth chapter of Acts we read an exciting story of parallel visions/dreams that lead to a dramatic encounter. Foreigners are eager to accept whatever it is that the God of Israel wants to give them. In these specific verses, the Apostle Peter realizes and proclaims what God is up to. Through Jesus Christ, God is offering forgiveness and new life to everyone!*

**P**eter began to speak to [Cornelius and his household]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup>That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup>how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup>We

are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup>not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup>He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup>All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

**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 3:13-17**

*In a movie, a voice-over adds information we may not get from the visual scene. In the story of Jesus' baptism, we "hear" the Voice which claims and proclaims who Jesus really is. We hear the voice again in Matthew 17:5 and John 12:28. A foreign voice joins in Matthew 27:54. Our Psalm describes the power of this voice. We believe this same voice spoke over the water in our baptism and continues to claim us as beloved children.*

**T**hen Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. <sup>14</sup>John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" <sup>15</sup>But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. <sup>16</sup>And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. <sup>17</sup>And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

**P** The Gospel of our Lord

**G** *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 Moessner

(stand)

### HYMN OF THE DAY

*Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized*

ELW 304

## APOSTLES' CREED

☩ *I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.*

*I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.*

*I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.*

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Response:    Ⓟ Lord, in your mercy,  
                  ☩ **hear our prayer.**

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

**Illness:** Patsy Chrisman, Dorothy Cross, Edie Goodwin, Dee Hiatt, Dee Luchsinger, Steven Olson, LeClare Steffen, Darlene White

**Sympathy:** To the family and friends of Millie Schmidt

**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

Ⓟ 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

*Deep Water*

Pepper Choplin

(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.

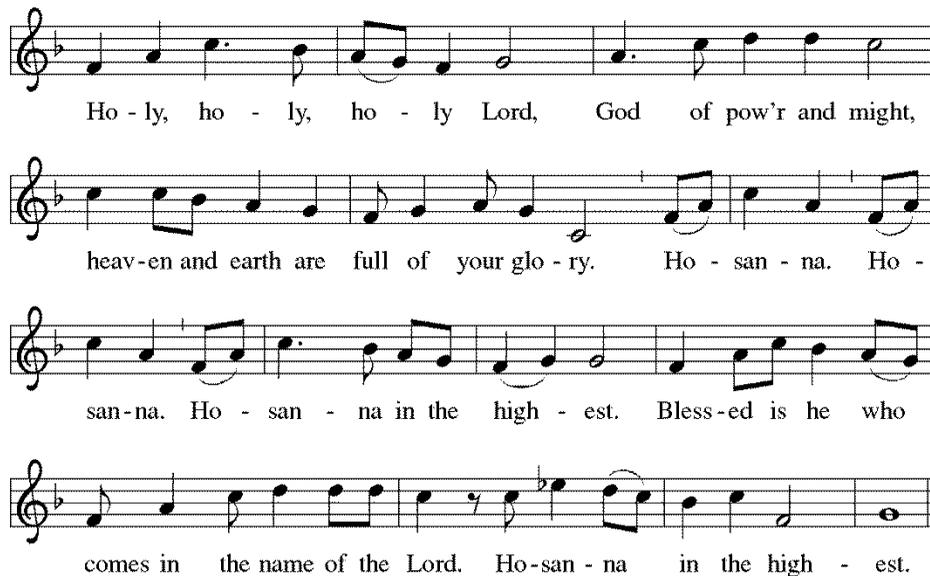
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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.

*O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!  
This Little Light of Mine*

ELW 308  
ELW 677

(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

*We Are Called*

ELW 720

### DISMISSAL

☞ Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

☞ ***Thanks be to God.***

### 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.

**KOUNTZE STAFF**

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Danny Bos	Handbell Director
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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 Kevin Larkowski Pam Johnson
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Greeters	Darlene Anderson Lennea Davis Carol Hyland Lori Senn
Crucifer	Søren Johnson
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**SUNDAY, 11:00 AM**

Comm. Asst.	Deb Hinrichs June Anderson
Lector	Steve Hinrichs
Ushers	Dudley Syre Adam Klinker Linda Hoagland David Jesberg Monica Albers Jay Albers
Greeters	Peggy Johnson Myrna Carter
Crucifer	Keelan Edwards
Acolytes	Nicole Campbell Lydia Baum

**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](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 **NEXT WEEK:** Deacons in Christianity

**YOUNG MOTHERS** Join us again 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.

**BOOK GROUP RESUMES** Join us at noon today to discuss the book, *Still Life*, by Louise Penny. A Chief Inspector Gamache Novel.

**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.

**SIMPLY GIVING** If you participate in the Simply Giving program and you changed your giving/pledge amount for 2017, please turn in a new Simply Giving form so we can make that change for you. Forms are available at the Welcome Desk or click the link below. Unless your banking information has changed, it's not necessary to turn in another voided check. Please call the church office with questions.

**KMLC MEN'S LUNCHEON** Thursday, 1/19, 11:30 AM at Kountze Memorial. Cost: \$10. All Men of KMLC are invited. Please RSVP to the church office (402-341-7761) or to Ian

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**Congregational Meeting**

Sunday  
January 29, 2017  
10:10 AM  
Fellowship Hall



## Jesus is declared as God's beloved Son.



### 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.

Monday	Matthew 28:16-20	Baptism in the Triune name
Tuesday	Ezekiel 36:21-28	A new heart and a new spirit
Wednesday	Acts 8:26-40	An Ethiopian is baptized
Thursday	Romans 6:1-11	Baptized into Christ Jesus
Friday	Colossians 2:8-15	Made alive with Christ
Saturday	Psalms 29	The voice of God
Sunday	John 1:29-42	Jesus, the Lamb of God

### SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Here is my servant! I have made him strong. He is my chosen one; I am pleased with him. I have given him my Spirit, and he will bring justice to the nations. **Isaiah 42:1 (CEV)**

### PRAYERS AND BLESSING:

#### A Prayer for the Week:

Spirit of God, come upon us. Help us to hear God's voice and to know God's love. Amen. (Matthew 3:16-17)

#### Mealtime Prayer:

Lord, you give good gifts from above. May we eat with thanks and live with love. Amen.

#### A Blessing to Give:

Baptized child of God, may the Holy Spirit come and rest on you. May you know that God is well pleased with you.

### CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your household or small group:

- What do you know about your own baptism or recall about a baptism you have seen?
- At his baptism, Jesus hears God's love and approval. How is that important to Jesus' future work?
- How does God's love and approval announced in your baptism guide your life of faith?

### DEVOTIONS

Read: Matthew 4:1-11.

Immediately after Jesus' baptism, he is led out into the desert to be tempted by the devil. What does the story of Jesus' temptation say about the importance of his baptism? Reflect on or talk about how baptism impacts one's daily life and struggles. Conclude by praying.

Pray: **Merciful God, we thank you for Jesus' baptism and your naming him as your beloved with whom you are well pleased. Come Holy Spirit, strengthen all your baptized children, and lead us into your world with courage and peace to do your will, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### SERVICE

In Isaiah 42:1-9, God's servant is chosen, loved, and strengthened with God's Spirit to bring justice to the world that includes a gentle strength that brings healing, freedom, and hope to others. Prayerfully reflect on how you can be a servant of God's love to another person. This next week commit to do some act of service as a beloved child of God.

### RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Share in a ritual of baptismal remembrance at mealtime this week. Place a bowl of water in the center of your table. Dip a finger in the water and make the sign of the cross on your own forehead or that of another person. Say these words as you mark the sign of the cross.

**"[Name], you are a beloved child of God marked with the cross of Christ forever. Amen."**

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Young Adults in Global Mission (YAGM) program in Argentina and Uruguay. He will be with us to share about his wonderful and unique experiences serving in another country.

**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**.

**KOUNTZE PANTRY NEEDS** We continue to need: beef stew, canned chicken, Spam, spaghetti/pasta, pasta sauce, cereal, oatmeal, and canned fruit. Your time and monetary offerings are always welcome as well. Please talk to JP if you have questions. Thanks.

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

## THIS WEEK AT KOUNTZE

### Sunday January 8

- 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)
- 12:00 PM Book Group

### Monday January 9

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

### Tuesday January 10

- Annual Meeting Reports Due
- 9:00 AM Staff Meeting

### Wednesday January 11

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

### Thursday January 12

- Council Reports Due
- 11:30 AM Property Committee
- 4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic

### Saturday January 14

- 11:00 AM Millie Schmidt Memorial Service
- 5:00 PM Worship

### Sunday January 15

- Good News Deadline
- 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
- 10:00 PM Blood Pressure Checks
- 10:10 AM Youth Forum (gr 9-12)
- 10:10 AM Young Moms "Frappy Hour"
- 10:10 AM Sunday School (2yr-8th gr)
- 9:00 PM LCM Worship @ CU (Halley Chapel)

### Next Weekend's Lessons

- Isaiah 49:1-7
- Psalms 40:1-11
- 1 Corinthians 1:1-9
- John 1:29-42

**Saturday Attendance:** 50

**Sunday Attendance:** 9:00: 149 11:00: 108

**Midweek - Noon:** 9

**Total:** 316

**Pantry Guests Served:** Closed

**Medical Clinic Guests Served:** Closed

**Offering:**

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Hartfield ([ian@kmlchurch.org](mailto:ian@kmlchurch.org)) by Wednesday, 1/18. This Month we'll welcome KMLC member Justin Perkins via Skype. Justin is serving in the ELCA's