

KOUNTZE MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

A CITY-WIDE CHURCH WITH A WORLD-WIDE MINISTRY

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October 15, 2017

9:00 & 11:00 AM

NINETEENTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST



Food—is it material or spiritual? Jesus tells about a feast. The Psalm pictures a table set. The prophet describes a table loaded for a feast. What nourishment do we need today?

PRELUDE

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(stand)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the ☩ holy Trinity, the one who fashions us, the one who heals us, the one who reforms us again and again.

C **Amen.**

P Let us confess our sin, calling for God's transforming power.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.

P Source of all life,

C **We confess that we have not allowed your grace to set us free.**

We fear that we are not good enough.

**We hear your word of love freely given to us,
yet we expect others to earn it.**

**We turn the church inward,
rather than moving it outward.**

Forgive us. Stir us.

**Reform us to be a church powered by love,
willing to speak for what is right,**

act for what is just,

and seek the healing of your whole creation. Amen.

P God hears our cry and sends the Spirit to change us and to empower our lives in the world. Our sins are forgiven, ☩ God's love is unconditional, and we are raised up as God's people who will always be made new, in the name of Jesus Christ.

C **Amen.**

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!”

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APOSTOLIC GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

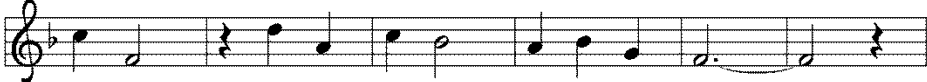
C **And also with you.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

Refrain



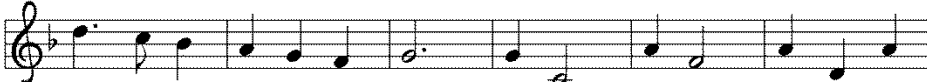
This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -




lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



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



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

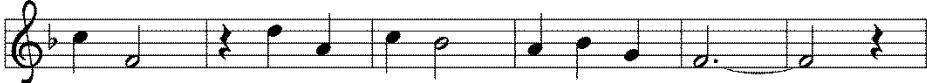


strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



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



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, 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, hon - or, 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, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P Lord of the feast,
 C **you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

WORD

(sit)

FIRST READING

Isaiah 25:1-9

A broader perspective... Inspired by God's eternal Spirit, the prophet sees the troubles of the world for what they are—the result of human faithlessness. Isaiah lived during a time of increasing economic disparity. Those in power maintained religious rituals, yet failed to take steps within their power so all could have enough to eat. Thus his word from the Lord condemns human sin, yet sees God's ultimate promise, symbolized by a grand feast.

O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. ²For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt. ³Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you. ⁴For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, ⁵the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled.

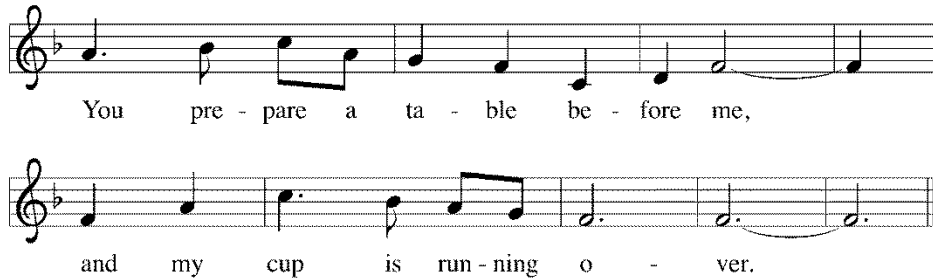
⁶On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. ⁷And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all

nations; ⁸he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. ⁹It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

A The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 23



The image shows two lines of musical notation in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. The first line of music is on a treble clef staff and has the lyrics "You pre - pare a ta - ble be - fore me," underneath it. The second line of music is also on a treble clef staff and has the lyrics "and my cup is run - ning o - ver." underneath it. The music consists of simple quarter and eighth notes with some rests.

Psalm 23:5

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¹The Lord is my shepherd;
I shall not be in want.

²**The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.**

³You restore my soul, O Lord,
and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

⁴**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. R**

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

⁶**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. R**

SECOND READING

Philippians 4:1-9

This ancient Greek City was named after Phillip II of Macedon (382 – 336 B.C., father of Alexander the Great). In New Testament times, the city had become a retirement community for officers of the Roman military. In Acts 16 we read about the founding of this Church. Saint Paul had a special affection for this group of Christ-followers. Even so, it was not without issues. In this portion we find a specific application for the challenge of having the mind of Christ (chapter 2). We also find powerful words about inner peace. Consider that these words were written in prison, while the Apostle faced probable, imminent death. What does that tell us about personal?

Iurge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

A The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

(stand)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

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

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 22:1-14

Jesus told stories so our imaginations can picture our place in God's mission to make the world right again. Perhaps we recognize ourselves in one of the characters. Perhaps we can think of similar situations we have experienced. We need not figure out all the details. Is the God-who-Jesus-called-Father as ruthless as this king? We can, however, think of invitations we have offered, yet were spurned. Or, we have to consider invitations we received, yet we responded with poor excuses or ignored completely. In our land we live with food surpluses.

For the people listening to Jesus, starvation was just one growing season away. Thus we may miss the impact of stories about banquets. So, what might this story say to a culture where "religious practices" are on the decline (at least by some statistical measures)? ... or to a community trying to decide if "panhandling" is "protected speech" or a "public nuisance"?

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ²*"The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' ⁵But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. ⁷The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' ¹⁰Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.*

¹¹*"But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹²and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. ¹³Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' ¹⁴For many are called, but few are chosen."*

P The Gospel of our Lord

C 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 Moessner

(stand)

HYMN OF THE DAY

"All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly"

ELW 461

THE APOSTLES' CREED

C 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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Response: P Lord, in your mercy,
C **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: Jr Green (husband of Marvel Green), Eunice Grunberg, Susie Henry, Dee Hiatt,
Virginia Jensen

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; Our sister congregation, the American Church in Berlin

THE PEACE IS SHARED

P The peace of Christ be with you always.
C **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 “Are You Dressed for the Wedding”

Joseph M. Martin

(stand)

OFFERTORY HYMN “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

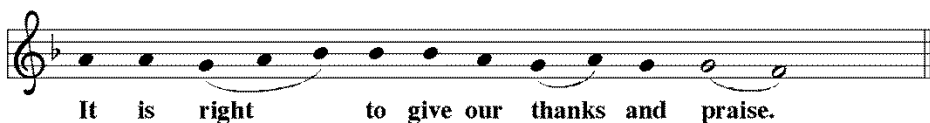
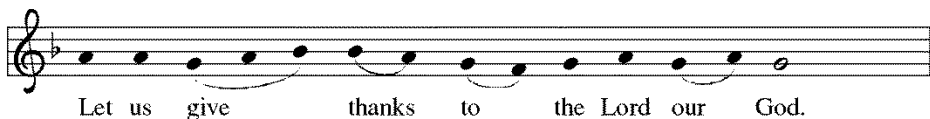
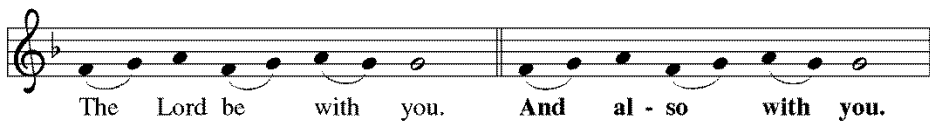
- C **Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711

OFFERING PRAYER

- P God of life,
C **you give us these gifts of the earth, these resources of our life and our labor. Take them, offered in great thanksgiving, and use them to set a table that will heal the whole creation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Light. Amen.**

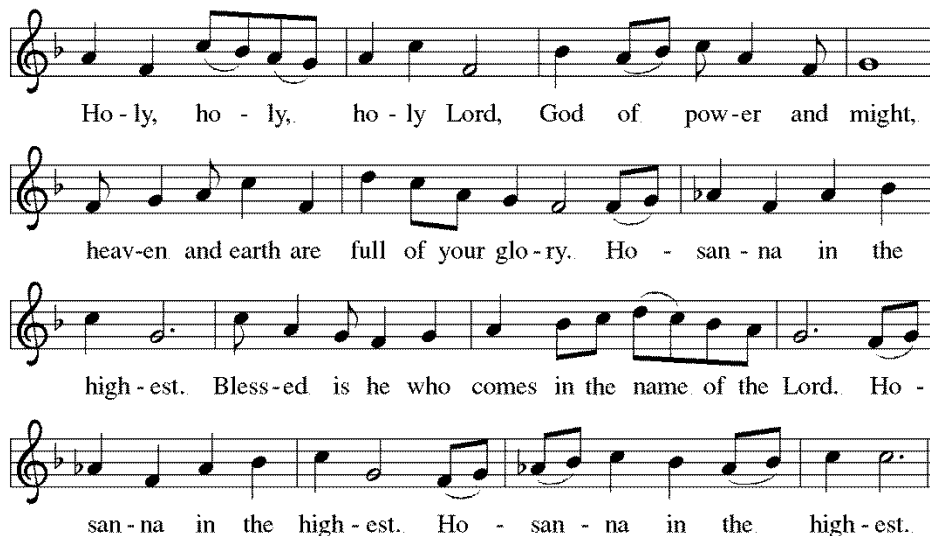
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



(The Thanksgiving continues)

P 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 - er and might,
heav - en 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

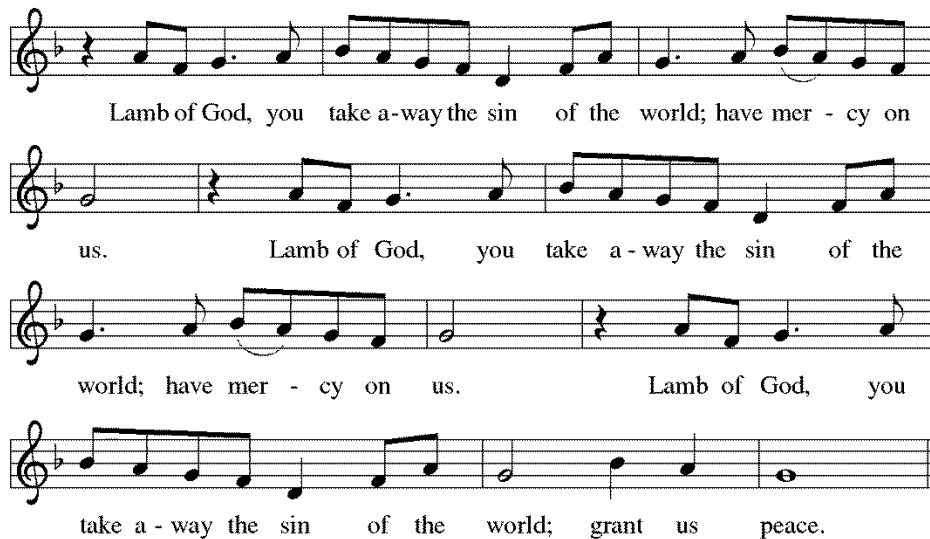
C **Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine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

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Speak to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread,
C **and make us one with you.**

(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.

“Come to the Table”
“Around You, O Lord Jesus”

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(stand)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- P Holy and compassionate God,
C in bread and wine you give us gifts that form us to be humble and courageous. May your words come to life in our serving and in our witness, that we might speak a living voice of healing and justice to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our rock and our redeemer. Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

P Almighty God, creator of all things, speaking reformation into being; Jesus Christ, savior of the world, raising the dead; Holy Spirit, living voice, calling and enlightening the church: Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C **Amen.**

HYMN

“As We Gather at Your Table”

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DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Sound the good news.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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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.



KOUNTZE STAFF

- Pr. Olaf Roynesdal Senior Pastor
Pr. Paul Moessner Associate Pastor
Pr. Ashley Hall Associate Pastor
Pr. Inba Inbarasu Visitation Pastor
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Amanda Zasada Administrative Assistant
Lauri Askew Staff Treasurer
Sheri Rose Financial Secretary
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Barbara Carlsen Dir. of Music & Fine Arts
Donna Moessner Director of Children's Music
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. Dan Collett
Scott Henneman

- Lector Kevin Larkowski
Ushers John Georgeson, Jim Comfort, Joe Council, David Forrest, Jeff Perkins, Jeff Senn, Fred Wachal, Janice Falk
Greeters Lennea Davis, Lori Senn, Darlene Anderson
Crucifer Bailey Gittler
Acolytes Cameron Miller, Kenyon Martis

SUNDAY, 11:00 AM

- Comm. Asst. Deb Hinrichs, June Anderson
Lector June Anderson
Ushers Ken Johnson, Linda Johnson, Lee Johnson, Julie O'Doherty, Norm Sack
Greeters Peggy Johnson, Myrna Carter
Crucifer Nicole Campbell
Acolytes Grace Penrod, Charlie Campbell

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 January 14 & 21 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.

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.

TODAY AT KOUNTZE

KOUNTZE CAFÉ Join us on Sundays for a hot breakfast buffet served from 8-11 AM.

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: Adults Global Mission with Justin Perkins **NEXT WEEK:** Global Missions in Uganda and Vietnam with Jonna Holland.

FIRST COMMUNION CLASS This Sunday, 10/15, 12 PM. We encourage children and youth to attend a First Communion Class prior to receiving the sacrament. Often children in second grade participate in these classes, but a good rule of thumb to determine if the "time is right" is to consider whether your child is curious about participating in the Sacrament. Please contact the pastors and church staff if you have any questions or would like more information. Those participating will receive their First Communion on Reformation Sunday, 10/29.

PUMPKIN PATCH This Sunday, 10/15, between 4—6 PM, Kountze members and their families are invited to Wenninghoff's Pumpkin Patch for fun and fellowship. Bring your lawn chairs and circle up around the fire pit to roast hot dogs and marshmallows. Then, enjoy the petting zoo, bean bag toss, stuff a scarecrow, and more. Hayrack rides provided. Admission is \$7 per person. KMLC will provide hot dogs, chips, beverages, and s'mores. Wenninghoff's Pumpkin Patch is located at 6707 Wenninghoff Rd, in Omaha. We can't wait to see you there!

CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES TODAY

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

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

MIDDLE SCHOOL/HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH CHOIR rehearsal in the Adult Choir room each Sunday from 11—11:40 AM. Come and sing!

ADULT BIBLE STUDY ON BIBLICAL IMAGERY continues (Mondays at 6 PM or Wednesdays at 10:30 AM). We are looking at some of the rich images that pervade the Bible and what they mean. Instructor: Dr. Sieling

METRO-OMAHA COMMEMORATION OF 500th ANNIVERSARY OF THE REFORMATION

The Nebraska Synod and Western Iowa Synod will co-host a Lutheran Commemoration of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation with a Festive Eucharist at St. John's Roman Catholic parish (Creighton University) at 2 PM, Sunday, 10/29. Reception to follow. Invite a friend! Registration for the event opened on 9/15 and can be found on the Nebraska Synod website. A link will be available in the Wednesday e-news.

MEN'S LUNCHEON Thursday, 10/19, 11:30 AM. Cost: \$10. All Men of KMLC are invited. Pr. Olaf Roynesdal will be our speaker. Please RSVP to the church office by Monday, 10/16 (402-341-7761 or info@kmlchurch.org).

FAMILY & FRIENDS LUNCH We are hosting a luncheon followed by Holy Communion for all homebound members and friends of Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church on Sunday, 10/22 at 12:30 PM. You will receive a call soon. If you need a ride, please let them know at that time or contact the church office (402-341-7761 or info@kmlchurch.org). Our Eucharistic Ministers will be attending as well.

CARD SHOWER Ed & Darlene White's 60th wedding anniversary is 11/1. Their children and grandchildren are hosting a card shower for them. If you would like to wish Ed & Darlene a happy anniversary, cards may be sent to 12301 N 149th Circle #202, Bennington, NE 68007.

Our God invites everyone to the banquet.



DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Table with 3 columns: Day, Bible Reference, and Description of the passage.

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

“Go out to the street corners and tell everyone you meet to come to the banquet.” Matthew 22:9 (CEV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week: Lord Jesus, thank you for inviting us to the feast of heaven. Help us to respond with a spirit of welcome and generosity to others. Amen.

Mealttime Prayer: Lord God, as we enjoy this earthly feast, prepare us for the feast of heaven. Thank you for all you give and all you do. Amen.

A Blessing to Give: May God bless you with the peace of Jesus. May the Lord watch over your heart and your mind and keep you safe. (Philippians 4:7)

CARING CONVERSATIONS

- Discuss in your home or small group:
• Talk about a special dinner you attended. What made it so memorable?
• In Psalm 23:5 God places the psalmist at a meal anointed with oil and full of joy in the presence of enemies. How does this image communicate the trust in God expressed in the psalm?
• Throughout the Bible, being invited to a banquet offers a beautiful experience of peace and joy. How can you experience peace and joy in your mealtimes today?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Philippians 4:4-9 twice slowly. Say aloud the word or phrase that stands out for you. Reflect on that word or phrase. Read the text again and wonder how the passage gives helpful guidance to your life. Read the text one final time and make a decision about how this passage will direct your thoughts and actions in the days ahead. Close by praying Psalm 23 and the Lord’s Prayer.

SERVICE

Having a meal with others and being full are common biblical images of being satisfied and having the joy of the Lord. Commit to help at a food kitchen or invite others to your home for a meal. Include the “Mealttime Prayer” and other portions from this Taking Faith Home.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Psalm 23 is one of the most well known parts of the Bible. Commit it to memory and pray it when you go to bed. As you go to sleep keep repeating verse 1, “The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.”

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GRIEF SEMINAR Sunday, 11/5, 12– 2 PM. Grief is difficult and especially during the holidays. If you have lost a relative or close friend, this would be an opportunity to share that grief with others and share how we can move through that grief. A light lunch will be served. Please contact the church office (402-341-7761 or info@kmlchurch.org) to make a reservation.

THANKSGIVING POTLUCK 11/10 at 6:00 PM. Kountze members and their families are invited to a Thanksgiving Pot Luck. Bring your signature side and we will provide the turkey. Let’s join together, celebrate, and be thankful. RSVP to the church office (402-341-7761) by Tuesday, 11/7.

HELP NEEDED If you are interested in helping our next rotational lesson, “Advent”, please contact Kristin Boe at Kristin@kmlchuch.org. We would love to have you!

WOMEN OF KOUNTZE Did you know there are circles that meet monthly for Bible study and socialization on the 3rd Thursday at 7 PM, the 4th Tuesday at 7 PM and the 4th Thursday at 1:30 PM? All ages are welcome. If interested in attending, contact Carole Woodworth (402-339-2056).

ADULT FORUM IN NOVEMBER We will focus on the theme “Women and the Reformation,” which will include a special guest speaker, Michelle DeRusha, author of Katharina and Martin Luther: The Radical Marriage of a Runaway Nun and a Renegade Monk. Please join us!

KOUNTZE PANTRY If you have questions about the pantry or are available to help, please contact JP (joyce@kmlchurch.org) or call the church office (402-341-7761). 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.

THIS WEEK AT KOUNTZE

October 15 Sunday

- 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)
10:00 AM Blood Pressure Checks
10:10 AM Adult Forum
10:10 AM Youth Forum (gr 9-12)
10:10 AM Sunday School (2yr-8th gr)
11:00 AM MS/HS Choir Rehearsal
12:00 PM 1st Communion Class
4:00 PM Wenninghoff Pumpkin Patch
8:30 PM LCM Worship @ CU (Halley Chapel)

October 16 Monday

- 10:00 AM Pantry
6:00 PM Bible Study on Biblical Imagery
6:00 PM Clinic Board

October 17 Tuesday

- 9:00 AM Staff Meeting
1:00 PM Prayer Shawl Group
5:00 PM Building Committee
5:30 PM Executive Committee
6:30 PM Church Council

October 18 Wednesday

- 10:30 AM Bible Study on Biblical Imagery
12:15 PM Worship
5:00 PM Communion @ deFreese Manor
5:30 PM KETV Management Board
6:00 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal
6:00 PM Confirmation Dinner
6:30 PM Confirmation
7:30 PM Closing Worship

October 19 Thursday

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

October 21 Saturday

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

October 22 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 Sunday School (2yr-8th gr)
10:10 AM deFreese Manor Board
11:00 AM MS/HS Choir Rehearsal
12:30 PM Family & Friends Shut-in Luncheon
8:30 PM LCM Worship @ CU (Halley Chapel)

Next Weekend's Lessons
Isaiah 45:1-7
Psalm 96:1-9 [10-13]
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
Matthew 22:15-22

Saturday Attendance: 47
Sunday Attendance: 9:00: 183 11:00: 341
Midweek - Noon: 10 Evening: 23
Total: 604
Pantry Guests Served: 320
Medical Clinic Guests Served: 33
Offering: (week ending 9/24)
\$12,619.60 (Regular) \$793 (Specials)
\$3,237 (In the City for Good)