

KOUNTZE MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

A CITY-WIDE CHURCH WITH A WORLD-WIDE MINISTRY

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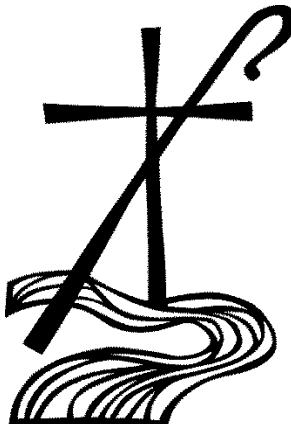
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November 19, 2017

9:00 & 11:00 AM

Trust Sunday



PRELUDE

“Ring for Joy”

Douglas E. Wagner
Kountze Handbell Choir

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(stand)

CONFESSİON AND FORGIVENESS

P In the name of the Father, and of the **+** Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.

- P** Most merciful God,

C We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves.

We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,

by what we have done

and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.

Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,

so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways,

to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

- P** Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“Day by Day”

ELW 790

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** Almighty God,

C When all is darkness and we feel our weakness and helplessness, give us the sense of your presence, your love, and your strength. Help us to have perfect trust in you, so that nothing will frighten or worry us, for, living close to you, we shall see your hand, your purpose, your will through all things. Amen.

MUSICAL OFFERING “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

Kathleen Thomerson
Kountze Handbell Choir

WORD

(sit)

PSALM 23 (*read responsively*)

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

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

³He revives my soul
and guides me along right pathways for his 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.**

⁵You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me;
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

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

(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 Roynesdal

(stand)

HYMN OF THE DAY

"When Peace like a River"

ELW 785

THE APOSTLES' CREED (9:00 AM)

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)

Thanksgiving: For the baptism of Oscar Stuart Sedlak & Milo Joseph Sedlak, sons of Rebecca & Stuart

Illness: Braden Bonacci, Jr Green (husband of Marvel), Eunice Grunberg, Virginia Jensen

Sympathy: To the family and friends of Dale Clatterbuck (father of Gary Clatterbuck), to the family and friends of Barbara Zarp

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

Today we present our 2018 pledges; they are one sign of our commitment to Christ's ministry through Kountze Memorial. They are also a sign of our commitment to the future Christ is leading into as we reaffirm our commitment to make Him known through all we do and say!

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**

“As Long As I Have Breath”

Sue Farrar

(stand)

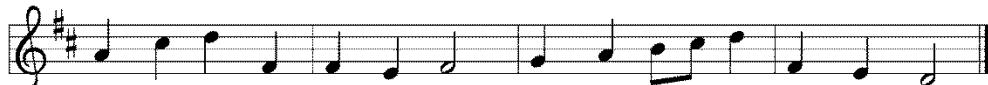
OFFERTORY HYMN

"Take My Life, That I May Be"

ELW 685



- 1 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
- 2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
- 3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;
- 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with - hold;



- take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.
take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sag - es from thee.
take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

- 5 Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.

- 6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879, alt.
Music: PATMOS, William H. Havergal, 1793–1870

OFFERING PRAYER

- P** Gracious God:
- C** Kountze Memorial is composed of people just like me.
I help make it the church it is and the church it will be.
- P** Kountze Memorial will be friendly,
- C** **If I am friendly.**
- P** These pews will be filled,
- C** **If I help fill them.**
- P** Kountze Memorial will do great work,
- C** **If I am willing to work.**
- P** Kountze Memorial will make generous gifts to many causes,
- C** **If I am a generous giver.**
- P** Kountze Memorial will bring other people into its worship and fellowship,
- C** **When I invite and bring them.**

- P** Kountze Memorial will be a church where people grow in faith and serve you,
C If I am open to such growth and service.
- P** Therefore, with your help Lord,
C we shall, together, dedicate ourselves to the task of making Kountze Memorial be all the things you want your Church to be, right now at this time, right here in this place. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And also 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)

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

SANCTUS

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the

highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



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.
G 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"*

Musical notation for the hymn "Lamb of God". The lyrics are: 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.

HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

“Blessed Assurance”
“Be Thou My Vision”

ELW 638
ELW 793

(stand)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- P** Almighty God,
- C** We are grateful today — and always — for the gift of the Lord’s Supper, through which you give us the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Continue to strengthen us through this great gift, in faith toward you and fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face to shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the name of the Father and of the Son **†** and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

HYMN

“God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”

ELW 678

DISMISSAL

- P** Led on by the saints before us, go in peace to serve the Lord.
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.

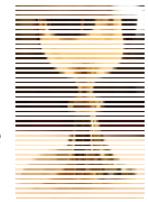
KOUNTZE STAFF

Pr. Olaf Roynesdal	Senior Pastor
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Pr. Ashley Hall	Associate Pastor
Pr. Inba Inbarasu	Visitation Pastor
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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 + 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.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

SUNDAY, 9:00 AM

Comm. Asst.	Jeff Perkins Pam Johnson Kevin Larkowski
Lector	Robin Perkins
Ushers	Dick Nelson Donna Crouse Ralph Diggins Brad Madison Rodney Nord Dan Troxel Sharon West Dean Winther Bob Johnson
Greeters	Colleen Lenners Carole Meilahn Lois Sorensen Bev Troxel
Crucifer	Britten Johnson
Acolytes	Rahn Johnson Torin Edwards

SUNDAY, 11:00 AM

Comm. Asst.	Lowell Harms Norm Sack
Lector	Ashley Sum
Ushers	Linda Hoagland Adam Klinker
Greeters	Barb Chrisman Jo Kayton
Crucifer	Keelan Edwards
Acolytes	Torin Edwards Abby Rigas

THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP Wednesday, 11/22, 7:00 PM Service at Kountze Memorial. All are welcome!

Please volunteer to help as Communion Assistants, Ushers, Lector, Acolyte, etc. Thanks.

THANKSGIVING DINNER Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church and St. Peter's Catholic Church (27th & Leavenworth Streets) are again hosting a Thanksgiving Day meal together. This is for anyone in need or missing family over the holiday. All are welcome! Please see the insert in the bulletin today with more information and a request for your help. If you're not able to help serve Thanksgiving dinner at St. Peter's but would still like to help, your cash offering toward the meal would be appreciated. Please be sure to mark your offering "Thanksgiving Dinner."

ADVENT BIBLE STUDY Wednesdays, 10:30 AM, starting 11/29. *Christmas: The Prequel*, led by Pastor Moessner.

TV BROADCAST SPONSORSHIPS Beginning in December, we will be welcoming sponsorships for the weekly televised broadcast of our worship service. You can sponsor a broadcast in memory of loved ones, in honor of someone's birthday or anniversary, etc. The cost for sponsoring one broadcast is currently \$175 (it may increase in the new year). Six services are available for sponsorship in December (5 Sundays + Christmas Eve). Sponsorship forms are available at the Welcome Desk and in the church office. You can go to our website and donate there as well.

WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS TEA will be Friday, 12/1 at noon. The program will be the Immanuel Bell Choir. No reservations are required and there is no

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TODAY AT KOUNTZE

KOUNTZE CAFÉ Thanks to Jim West and the kitchen crew, we'll have a hot breakfast buffet served this Sunday from 8–11 AM again. The suggested donation for the hot breakfast is, \$5 adults, \$2.50 children 12 and younger. If you're able to help set up, prep/cook, and/or clean up after breakfast on Sunday mornings, please talk to Jim, or let the church office know. We would appreciate your help! Thanks.

ADULT FORUM Join us Sunday mornings in the Fellowship Hall from 10:10–10:50 AM.

THIS WEEK: Katie Luther, with guest speaker Michelle DeRusha **NEXT WEEK:** Women of the Reformation, conclusion

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS Trained volunteers provide blood pressure checks free of charge on the 1st Saturday and 3rd Sunday of each month. You can have your blood pressure checked this Sunday, 11/19, from 10:00–11:00 AM in the Fellowship Lounge.

MILITARY CHRISTMAS CARDS On Sundays, 11/19 & 26, we will have a chance to write out Christmas greetings/messages for Kountze members in the Military. If you would like to include your loved one in the Christmas mailing please send; your name, the name of your loved one and his/her address to Janet@kmlchurch.org by 11/15. Thank you for showing your love and support!

BAPTISM SEMINAR This Sunday, 11/19, 12:00 PM. The seminar begins in the office Conference Room. We'll then go to the Nave, where we will have the opportunity to discuss the importance of the Sacrament of Holy Baptism and walk through the baptismal liturgy. Attending this seminar is an essential part of the normal process for being baptized at Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church. Please talk to a pastor if you have questions. You may register by contacting the church office (402-341-7761 or info@kmlchurch.org).

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in honor of Lynn Schneiderman on her birthday

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!

Live boldly in faith.



DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Matthew 25:14-30	Parable of the talents
Monday	Luke 19:11-26	A king and his servants
Tuesday	1 Peter 4:7-13	Using our gifts
Wednesday	Romans 12:3-18	We have different gifts
Thursday	1 Thessalonians 5:1-11	The coming of the Lord
Friday	Ephesians 4:11-24	Christ's gifts to the church
Saturday	Psalm 90	God is eternal
Sunday	Matthew 25:31-46	The sheep and the goats

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

"Wonderful!" his master replied, "You are a good and faithful servant. I left you in charge of only a little, but now I will put you in charge of much more. Come and share in my happiness!" **Matthew 25:21 (CEV)**

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Almighty and Everlasting God, you search our hearts and know our needs. Give us faith filled with good deeds. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

For food and drink and happy days we offer up our thanks and praise. In serving others, Lord, may we show our thankfulness to Thee. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

Child of light, may God bless you with faith, hope, and love, this day and always. (1 Thessalonians 5:5, 8)

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home or small group:

- Tell about a time you were afraid of taking a risk.
- Tell about a time you took a risk.
- The parable of the talents encourages us to take risks with the abundant love of God. How would you like to be bold with your faith?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Matthew 25:14-30.

The parable of the talents encourages us to trust God and live boldly. The rewards for such faith will be great in the kingdom of God. Conversely, faith is not to be squandered and buried. The people of God have been entrusted with the greatest treasure imaginable, God's saving love. It is a sobering thought to waste such a treasure. It is the call of all the faithful to risk it all for the sake of God's kingdom of love and happiness. Talk about the treasured gift of God's love and how to share it with others. Then pray:

Dear God, give us courage and confidence to live daily with faith, hope, and love in Christ. Amen.

Close with the Lord's Prayer.

SERVICE

1 Thessalonians 5:11 states, "That's why you must encourage and help each other, just as you are already doing." Make the most of every opportunity to give encouragement to others. Think of a person you would like to support and give them a call, text them, or send them a note.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

In 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 the Apostle Paul encourages the community and supports their ongoing efforts to build up one another. Spend time this week affirming and encouraging one another. Finish the following sentences:

1. One thing I really appreciate about you is . . .
2. Something I would like to encourage you in is . . .
3. I felt proud of you when . . .

Then, bless each other by using "A Blessing to Give" from this *Taking Faith Home*.

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DECORATING FOR ADVENT/CHRISTMAS All KMLC members and families are invited to help decorate the Sanctuary, Rotunda, Narthex and front lawn for Christmas on Saturday, 12/2 from 9:30 AM to 1 PM. Coffee and donuts will be provided. We will be decorating the Christmas tree, hanging garland and wreaths and much more! Many hands are needed to help beautify our church, and all ages are welcome. Come for the whole time or just an hour. Join us for a day of fun and fellowship!

ADVENT FAIR Join us in the Fellowship Hall on 12/3 to enjoy crafts, chili, cocoa, and community starting at 10:00 AM. All are welcome.

CANDLELIGHT CAROL SING Be sure to attend our annual Candlelight Carol Sing on Saturday, 12/16 at 5:00 PM (prelude begins at 4:40 PM). A reception will follow. Nursery care will be provided.

ADVENT MIDWEEK WORSHIP 12/6, 13, & 20 – Services at 12:15 PM and 7PM. A light meal will be served from 6–6:45 PM each week.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM The Christmas Program Rehearsal will be held on Saturday, 12/16 from 9:00 – 11:00 AM. The Christmas Program will be on Sunday, 12/17, at the 9 AM service.

HATS & GLOVES FOR PANTRY GUESTS If you would like to help keep our pantry guests warm this winter, you can donate hats and/or gloves for our pantry guests. We will be collecting them in the box behind the Welcome Center through Sunday, 12/17 and they will be distributed during pantry on Monday, 12/18. Thanks!

THIS WEEK AT KOUNTZE

November 19 Sunday

- 7:45 AM & 10:00 AM Adult Choir Rehearsal
- 8:00 – 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 Baptism Seminar
- 12:15 PM Youth Ministry Task Force
- 8:30 PM LCM Worship @ CU (Halley Chapel)

November 20 Monday

- 10:00 AM Pantry
- 6:00 PM Clinic Board

November 21 Tuesday

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

November 22 Wednesday

- 12:15 PM Worship
- 6:00 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00 PM Thanksgiving Eve Worship

November 23 Thursday

- Thanksgiving OFFICE CLOSED
- 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM Thanksgiving Meal @ St. Peter's

November 24 Friday

- OFFICE CLOSED

November 25 Saturday

- 5:00 PM Worship

November 26 Sunday

- Christ the King
- No Sunday School
- 7:45 AM & 10:00 AM Adult Choir Rehearsal
- 8:00 – 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)
- 12:00 PM Stephen Ministry
- 8:30 PM LCM Worship @ CU (Halley Chapel)

Next Weekend's Lessons
Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24
Psalm 95:1-7a
Ephesians 1:15-23
Matthew 25:31-46

Saturday Attendance: 44

Sunday Attendance: 9:00: 233 11:00: 110

Midweek - Noon: 5 **Evening:** 13

Total: 392

Pantry Guests Served: 416

Medical Clinic Guests Served: 22

Offering: 11/5/2017

\$21,103.11 (Regular) \$809.06 (Specials)
\$3,612.00 (In the City for Good)