

KOUNTZE MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

A CITY-WIDE CHURCH WITH A WORLD-WIDE MINISTRY

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November 26, 2017

9:00 & 11:00 AM

CHRIST the KING



On this final Sunday of the church year our gospel is Jesus' great story of judgment. In the end, the faithful are those who served Christ by ministering to those who are poor, hungry, naked, sick, or estranged. In the first reading God is the shepherd who seeks the lost, weak, and injured and feeds them with justice. We gather this day to celebrate the reign of Christ and his victory over death, yet awaiting the consummation of all things yet to come. Acknowledging Christ as our merciful ruler, we go forth that his reign may be known in our loving words and deeds.

PRELUDE

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(stand)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who calls us into an everlasting hope, who guides us to springs of the water of life, who enlightens us with the spirit of wisdom.

G Amen.

P One with the communion of saints in all times and places, let us confess our sin against God and one another.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.

P O God, our merciful redeemer,

G we confess the ways we live only for ourselves.

We fail to see you in our neighbor's face.

We turn our ears from voices that cry out.

We pass by the hungry and the oppressed.

In your great mercy, forgive our sin

and strengthen us for service to all in need;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for † his sake, God forgives you all your sin. Blessed are you! Rejoice and be glad, beloved people of God.

G Amen.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending”

ELW 435

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.

G And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** O God of power and might,
G your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, 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

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Since Israel's kings proved to be bad shepherds, Ezekiel declares that the Lord will assume the role of shepherd in Israel. The Lord will also set over them a shepherd-messiah, "my servant David," who will feed and care for the people.

Thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. ¹²As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. ¹⁴I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. ¹⁶I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

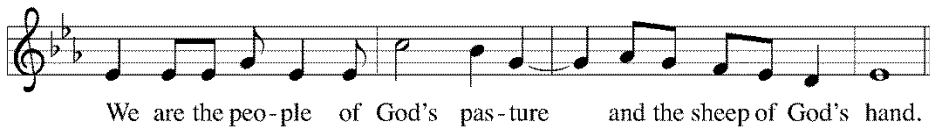
²⁰Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. ²¹Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, ²²I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

²³I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. ²⁴And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

A The word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.



PSALM 95:1-7a



Psalm 95:7

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- ¹Come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.
- ²Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to the Lord with psalms.
- ³For you, Lord, are a great God,
and a great ruler above all gods.
- ⁴In your hand are the caverns of the earth;
the heights of the hills are also yours. 
- ⁵The sea is yours, for you made it,
and your hands have molded the dry land.
- ⁶Come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the Lord our maker.
- ^{7a}For the Lord is our God,
and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand. 

SECOND READING

Ephesians 1:15-23

In this passage, God is praised for revealing ultimate divine power in raising Jesus from the dead. The resurrected, exalted Christ is Lord both of the church and the entire universe, now and in the age to come.

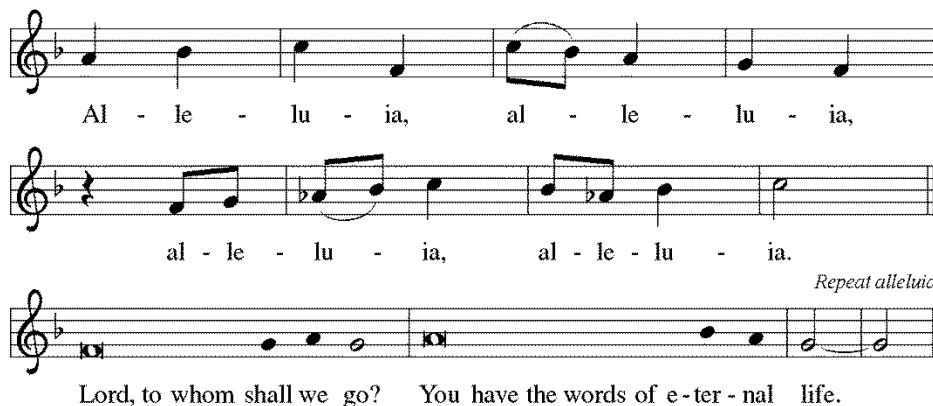
I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²²And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

 The word of the Lord.

 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.

- ☐ The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.
- ☑ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 25:31-46

Jesus compares himself to a king who moves among his subjects to see how he is treated: what is done for the least of those who belong to his family is truly done for him.

Jesus said to the disciples:] ³¹“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. ³²All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; ³⁵for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ ³⁷Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ ⁴⁰And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family you did it to me.’ ⁴¹Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; ⁴²for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ ⁴⁴Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’ ⁴⁵Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you,

just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’⁴⁶ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

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 Hall

(stand)

HYMN OF THE DAY *“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!”*

ELW 634

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.**

HOLY BAPTISM (11:00 AM)

Nicolas Alejandro Valquier

(see page 227)

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 Nicolas Alejandro Valquier, son of Leon & Sheila

Illness: Leo Berk (cousin of Donald & Søren Johnson), Braden Bonacci, Karen Bonneau, Evelyn Christensen, Jr Green (husband of Marvel), Eunice Grunberg, 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

“We All Bow Down”

LeBlanc & Fettke

(stand)

OFFERTORY HYMN

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

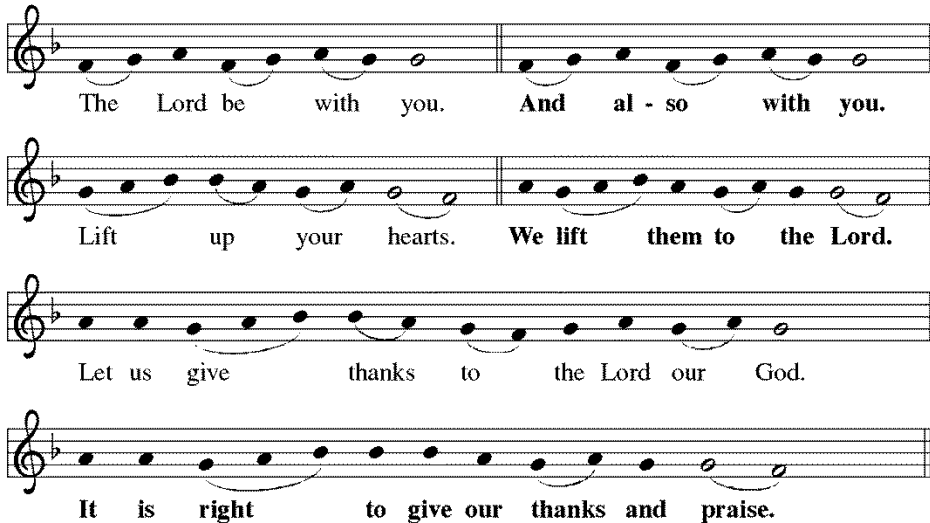
- C** Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711

OFFERING PRAYER

- P** Creator God,
C you made everything, and you provide for every need. The bread we break and the wine we pour come from you. As we eat and drink with thanksgiving, fill us with your love; let that love flow through us to others; and join us to the saints before us in a holy and boundless communion; through 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.

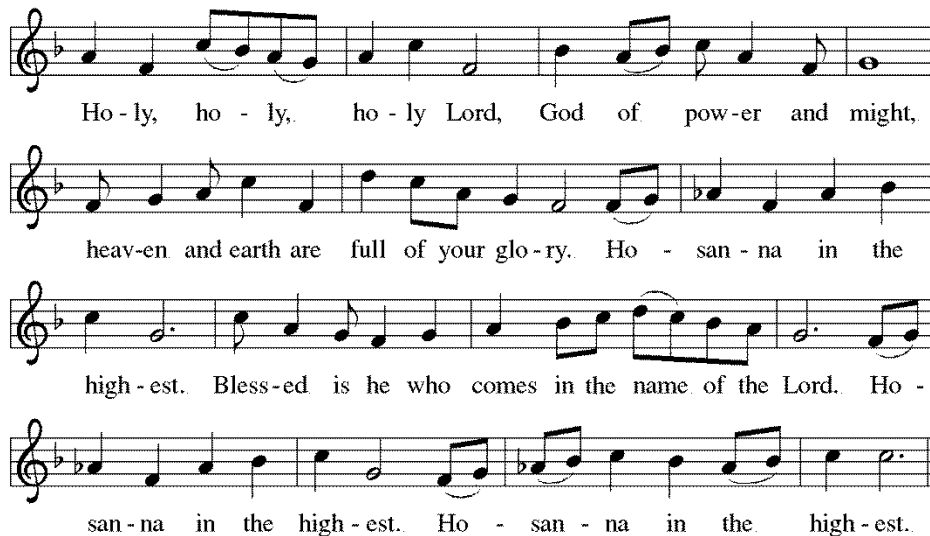
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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 - 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.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

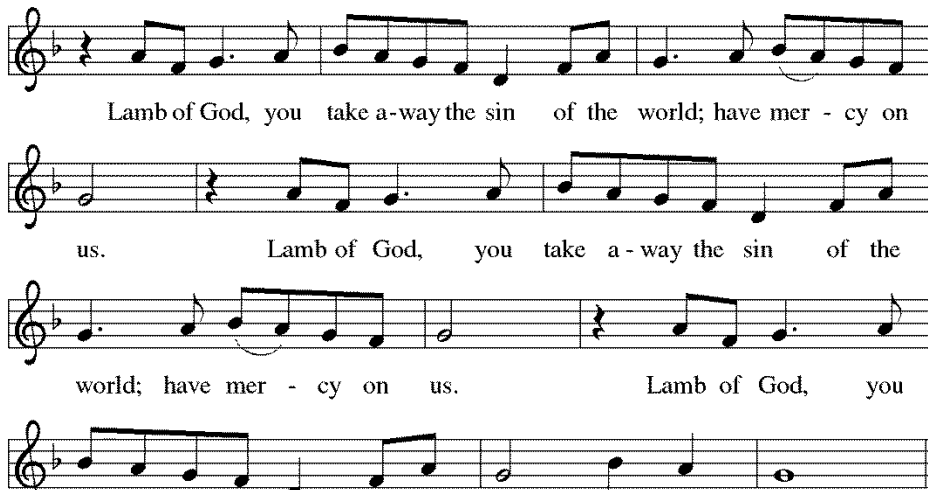
- ☑ **Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine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

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

- ☐ Hunger no more. Thirst no more.
☑ **Let us come to the banquet of life.**

(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.

“Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor”

ELW 475

“Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing”

ELW 544

(stand)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Sovereign God,

C in this meal you give us a foretaste of the great feast to come. Keep us faithful to you, that we, with all your saints, may at length celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

- P** The love of God surround you; the grace of † Christ release you;
and the Holy Spirit be your guide and strength, now and forevermore.
- G** Amen.

HYMN

“You Servants of God”

ELW 825

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

† † †

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WORSHIP + GROW + SERVE

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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

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| Comm. Asst. | Liz Pemberton
Dan Collett |
| Lector | Danny Bos |
| Ushers | Dick Nelson
Donna Crouse
Ralph Diggins
Brad Madison
Rodney Nord
Dan Troxel
Sharon West
Dean Winther
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Carole Meilahn
Lois Sorensen
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| Crucifer | Carter Wachholtz |
| Acolytes | Clara Kidder
Anna Kidder |

SUNDAY, 11:00 AM

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Adam Klinker
Bryon Line |
| Greeters | Barb Chrisman
Jo Kayton |
| Crucifer | Nicole Campbell |
| Acolytes | Charlie Campbell
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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 This Sunday we’ll have a continental breakfast. Next Sunday is the Advent Fair, so we’ll have chili, dessert and, of course, cookies—no breakfast. If you're able to help set up, prep/cook, and/or clean up after breakfast on Sunday mornings, please talk to Jim West, 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: Women of the Reformation, conclusion **NEXT WEEK:** Advent Fair

MILITARY CHRISTMAS CARDS This Sunday, 11/26, we will have a chance to write out Christmas greetings/messages for Kountze members in the Military. Thank you for showing your love and support!

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

ADVENT BIBLE STUDY Wednesdays, 10:30 AM, starting 11/29. *Christmas: The Prequel*, led by Pastor Moessner. Each of the 4 Gospels begins differently. Only two tell of Jesus’ birth. Yet each helps us know why the story we celebrate at Christmas has such importance for us, indeed for all creation. Please join us.

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 cost.

DECORATING FOR ADVENT/CHRISTMAS All KMLC members and families are invited to help decorate 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.

ALTERNATIVE GIFTS What's underneath your Christmas tree? Share the true meaning of Christmas by giving an Alternative Gift this year. On December 3, 10, 17 & 24, you will be able to purchase alternative gifts of hope for families in Omaha and abroad. Some of the items on the list are “a week of food for an orphaned child,” \$6, “ten chicks,” \$10, “medicine for the Healing Gift Free Clinic,” \$25 or, “a bag of food for a family in Omaha,” \$10. A sign-up sheet will be in your bulletins beginning 12/2 & 3.

YESTERDAY’S YOUTH Please join us for a Christmas celebration, on Tuesday, 12/5, at noon. If you wish to participate, please bring a wrapped, \$5 Christmas item or ornament for our exchange game. Lunch will be festive Christmas finger foods and Christmas cookies!! Please RSVP by Friday 12/1, to the church office. Any questions call Sheri Tipton at 402-415-6033. See you there!!

ADVENT MEALS/WORSHIP In this season of preparation for Christ's coming, a place has been prepared for you, to hear the promise, see the

Christ rules now and forevermore.



DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.
Sunday Matthew 25:31-46 The sheep and the goats
Monday Acts 2:40-47, 4:32-35 Care given to the needy
Tuesday Romans 12:9-21 Share with the needy
Wednesday Ezekiel 34:11-16 God, the true shepherd
Thursday Ephesians 1:15-23 Paul's prayer
Friday 2 Corinthians 9:6-15 Thanks be to God
Saturday Psalm 95 Worship and obey the Lord
Sunday Mark 13:24-37 The day and hour unknown

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

It is the same wonderful power he used when he raised Christ from death and let him sit at his right side in heaven. There Christ rules over all forces, authorities, powers, and rulers. He rules over all beings in this world and will rule in the future world as well. **Ephesians 1:19b-21 (CEV)**

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

O God of power and might, we thank you for your glory hidden in the cross of Christ and revealed through acts of love and mercy. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Thank you, God, for food and drink, for thoughts of service for us to think. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ give you a spirit of wisdom that you may know what is the hope and glorious inheritance to which you have been called. (Ephesians 1:17-18)

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home or small group:

- How do you think a fair and just leader would rule today?
- How do you see Christ's rule in the world today?
- How do we participate in Christ's rule today?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Psalm 95:1-7a slowly three times.

It can be difficult in today's world where the news gives us negative local and international reports of violence and injustices to see how God reigns now through Christ the King. Throughout history the people of God have often been challenged by the claim that God is present and opposing evil, death, and destruction. During the week remember the claim that God reigns through the cross of Christ. Remember to worship God with thanksgiving and songs of praise. Make a joyful noise and sing hymns of praise including the "Hymn of the Week", *Lord, I Lift Your Name On High*.

SERVICE

In Matthew 25:35-40 followers of Jesus participate in the reign of God by acts of loving service. It is a way to serve Christ himself. In this text Jesus lifts up a number of ways to serve others: feeding others, giving water to the thirsty, clothing people, caring for the sick, and visiting the imprisoned. Reflect and give thanks for how you are part of this service to others and commit to some specific action of care this next week.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Hymns are sung prayers. Sing and/or pray this week a number of Christian songs that give praise for the reign of God. Here are some examples to consider:

- Lord, I Lift Your Name on High*
- How Great Thou Art*
- Crown Him with Many Crowns*
- O, Sing to the Lord*
- Shout to the Lord*
- Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

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THIS WEEK AT KOUNTZE

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)

November 27 Monday

10:00 AM Pantry

November 28 Tuesday

9:00 AM Staff Meeting
7:00 PM Circle 3

November 29 Wednesday

10:30 AM Advent Bible Study
12:15 PM Worship

November 30 Thursday

4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic

December 1 Friday

12:00 PM Women's Christmas Tea

December 2 Saturday

Homebound Communion
9:30 AM Decorate for Advent/Christmas
4:30 PM Blood Pressure Checks
5:00 PM Worship

December 3 Sunday

Homebound Communion
Advent Fair
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)
11:00 AM MS/HS Choir Rehearsal
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: 36
Sunday Attendance: 9:00: 245 11:00: 134
Midweek - Noon: N/A **Evening:** N/A
Total: 415
Pantry Guests Served: 449
Medical Clinic Guests Served: 25
Offering: N/A

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signs of the times in Christ's light, and share your hopes and dreams one with another. We are invited to make Wednesday evenings in Advent a place apart for our minds and souls. Join us on

Wednesdays, 12/6, 13, & 20 at 12:15 PM or for a light meal from 6-6:45 PM and Holden Evening Prayer at 7 PM.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM The Christmas Program Rehearsal will be held on Saturday, 12/16 from 9—11 AM. The Christmas Program will be on Sunday, 12/17, at the 9 AM service. Please note—The program will not take place at 11 AM.

CANDLELIGHT CAROL SING Be sure to attend our annual Candlelight Carol Sing on Saturday, 12/16 at 5 PM (prelude begins at 4:40 PM). Come and celebrate the birth of Jesus with singing and worshipful reflection. A reception will follow. Nursery care will be provided.

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!

USHERS & GREETERS NEEDED! We need ushers for the large special services we have in December! Saturday, 12/16, 5 PM. Candlelight Carol Sing. Sunday, 12/24 (Christmas Eve): 4, 7, and 11 PM. Duties will be explained! If you can help, please speak with Pastor Olaf.

WORSHIP With US
Sunday, December 24
4th Sunday of Advent
9 AM Worship only
Christmas Eve
4, 7, & 11 PM Worship
Monday, December 25
Christmas Day
10 AM Worship