



KOUNTZE

Memorial Lutheran Church

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All Saints
Sunday

November 5, 2017
9:00 am & 11:00 am

PRELUDE

“Sarabande”
“Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring”

Bernard Andres

J.S. Bach

Mary Bircher, Harp
Craig Bircher, Trumpet

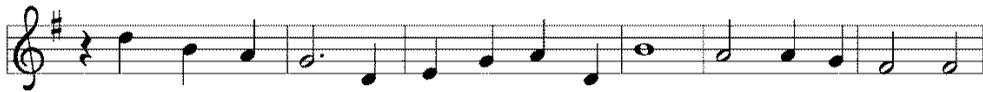
WELCOME - ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 422

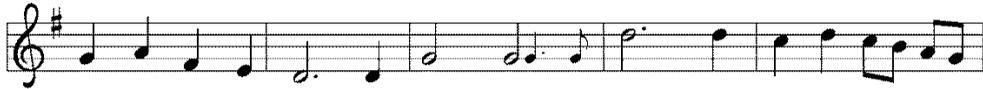
“For All the Saints”

Verse 1—All
Verse 2—Men
Verse 3—Women
Verse 4—All





3 Oh, blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine, we fee - bly strug - gle,
4 And when the strife is fierce, the war - fare long, steals on the ear the
5 The gold - en eve - ning bright - ens in the west; soon, soon to faith - ful



they in glo - ry shine; yet all are one in thee, for all are
dis - tant tri - umph song, and hearts are brave a - gain and arms are
ser - vants com - eth rest; . . . sweet is the calm of par - a - dise the



thine. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
strong.
blest.

Text: William W. How, 1823–1897

Music: SINE NOMINE, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958

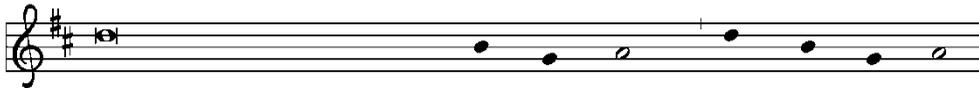
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THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

- 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.



For Mary, mother of our Lord: **Thanks be to God.**
 For John, who baptized in the Jordan: **Thanks be to God.**
 For Mary Magdalene and Joanna, Ma-ry and Martha: **Thanks be to God.**
 For James and John, Pe - ter and Andrew: **Thanks be to God.**
 For Paul and Apollos, Ste - phen and Phoebe: **Thanks be to God.**



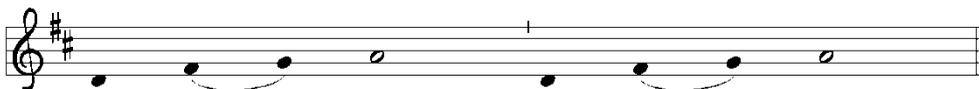
For all holy men and women, our mothers and fa - thers in faith: **Thanks be to God.**
 For the noble band of the prophets: **Thanks be to God.**
 For the glorious company of the a - postles: **Thanks be to God.**
 For the white-robed ar - my of martyrs: **Thanks be to God.**
 For cherubim and seraphim, Michael and the ho - ly angels: **Thanks be to God.**



Be gra - cious to us: **Hear us, O God.**
 De - liv - er your people: **Hear us, O God.**



Give new life to your servants by the grace of baptism: **Hear us, O God.**
 Strengthen all who bear the sign of the cross: **Hear us, O God.**
 Clothe us in compas - sion and love: **Hear us, O God.**
 Bring us with all your saints to the riv - er of life: **Hear us, O God.**



Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**
 Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**
 Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

☞ Almighty God, whose people are knit together in one holy Church, the body of Christ our Lord: Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

☞ Amen.

THE FIRST READING: *Isaiah 6:1-8*

This reading narrates Isaiah's vision of the Lord surrounded by angels. They sing "Holy, holy, holy," a song the church sings at the beginning of the great thanksgiving. This liturgical text invites the church and all creation to sing in praise of God's glory. That glory is God's mercy toward sinners.

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the LORD sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. ²Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. ³And one called to another and said: *"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory."* ⁴The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. ⁵And I said: *"Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!"*

⁶Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. ⁷The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: *"Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out."* ⁸Then I heard the voice of the LORD saying, *"Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?"* And I said, *"Here am I; send me!"*

☐ This is the Word of the Lord! ☑ **Thanks be to God!**

MUSICAL OFFERING

"How Lovely is Thy Dwelling Place"
from *A German Requiem*

J. Brahms
Kountze Youth Choir

How lovely is Thy dwelling place, O Lord of Hosts!
Psalm 84:1

THE SECOND READING: *Revelation 4:1-8*

¹After this I looked, and there in heaven a door stood open! And the first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said, "Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this." ²At once I was in the spirit, and there in heaven stood a throne, with one seated on the throne! ³And the one seated there looks like jasper and carnelian, and around the throne is a rainbow that looks like an emerald. ⁴Around the throne are twenty-four thrones, and seated on the thrones are twenty-four elders, dressed in white robes, with golden crowns on their heads. ⁵Coming from the throne are flashes of lightning, and rumblings and peals of thunder, and in front of the throne burn seven flaming torches, which are the seven spirits of God; ⁶and in front of the throne there is something like a sea of glass, like crystal.

Around the throne, and on each side of the throne, are four living creatures, full of eyes in front and behind: ⁷the first living creature like a lion, the second living creature like an ox, the third living creature with a face like a human face, and the fourth living creature like a flying eagle. ⁸And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and inside. Day and night without ceasing they sing, *"Holy, holy, holy, the Lord God the Almighty, who*

was and is and is to come."

L This is the Word of the Lord! **C** Thanks be to God!

THE 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.

P The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: *Matthew 5:1–12*

In the beatitudes, Jesus provides a unique description of those who are blessed with God's favor. His teaching is surprising and shocking to those who seek wealth, fame, and control over others.

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

³"*Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

⁴"*Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.*

⁵"*Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.*

⁶"*Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.*

⁷"*Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.*

⁸"*Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.*

⁹"*Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.*

¹⁰"*Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

¹¹"*Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.* ¹²*Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."*

P The Gospel of the Lord. **C** Praise to you, O Christ.

(sit)

CHILDREN'S BLESSING (9:00am)

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.

HYMN 574

“Here I Am, Lord”



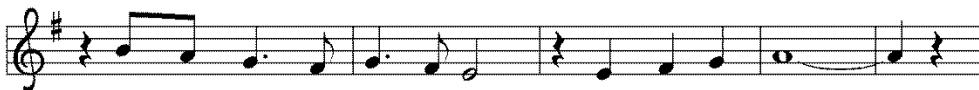
1 “I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
 2 “I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple’s pain.
 3 “I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.



I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
 I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
 Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

Text: Daniel L. Schutte, b. 1946

Music: HERE I AM, LORD, Daniel L. Schutte

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THE NICENE CREED

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

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

Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.**

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

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

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

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.**

**With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

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

WE CELEBRATE THE NEW SAINTS OF GOD, JOINED TO CHRIST THROUGH THE GIFT OF BAPTISM

“Upon the Willows”

Brook Boddie

Mary Bircher, Harp

We give thanks for those who have been welcomed in the Body of Christ and into the mission we share since All Saints’ Day last year.

Reed Alexander Riesenber
Quinn Henley Cyr
Paisley Ann Bailes
Olivia Louise Kosola
Sofia Alejandra Valquier

Aliza Annette Haefe
Eric Quinn Pycko
DessieLea Maria Corona
Skylar Susan-Jewell Kaasch
Landyn Leon Ridpath-Valquier

Annie Faith Phelps
Finn Joseph Sneckenberg
Nicholas James Hansen
Cooper Douglas Reimers

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS OF GOD

We give thanks for the life and witness of those saints who have gone before us and now rest with God. Today we remember those saints of our own faith community who entered the church triumphant since All Saint’s Day last year.

Rest eternal grant them, O Lord; and let perpetual light shine upon them.

Vera Bang
Mildred Schmidt
Audrey Cotton
John Bogue
David Carlsen
Marilyn Baker

Gary Lundeen
Sandra Johnson
Margaret Keholm
JoAnn Robins
Marjorie Sullivan
Ruth Larsen

Anne Forslund
Eleanor Brown
Randall Fike
Jean Lien
Carol Hyland
Donald Lamphere

Luthea Root
Arlene Andersen
Patsy Wolff Chrisman
Harlen Baker
Louis Andersen
Paul Lux

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: Sandy Fonda, Jr Green (husband of Marvel), Eunice Grunberg, Susie Henry, Virginia Jensen

Sympathy: To the family and friends of Paul Lux

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

WE SHARE GOD’S PEACE

THANKOFFERING

“And so, with all the saints, with the choirs of angels and the hosts of heaven ...” When we gather around the altar of the Lord in His House we pray and praise God with *“all the company of heaven.”* Those we have lost in the Lord are not truly lost to us – they have simply entered their rest with the Lord. As we gather to worship our Lord, we gather along with them. On the Last Day everything that God has given into the care of our stewardship will fade away – everything except our brothers and sisters in Christ. Caring for one another in love and grace is our highest calling.

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.



CHOIR ANTHEM

“I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say”

Richard Horn

OFFERTORY HYMN

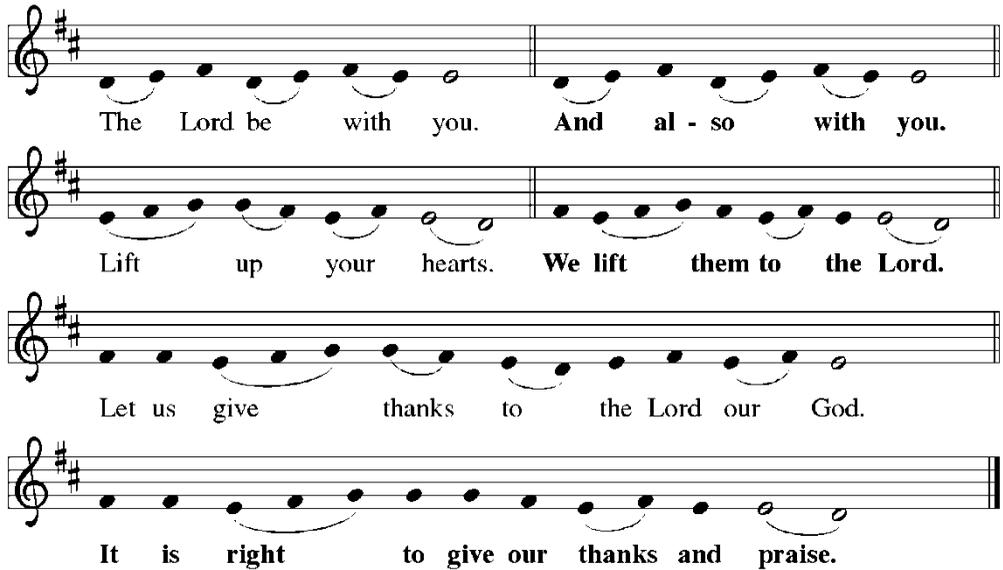
“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

**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.**

THE OFFERING PRAYER

- P** Gracious God, we pray that our offerings honor you.
- C** **We pray that the ways we earn money bring us no shame.**
We pray that the ways we spend money reflect what we claim is important.
We pray that the ways we save and invest money are honorable.
Grant us the strength to honor you with all we are and all we have as we send this money on in your name. Amen.

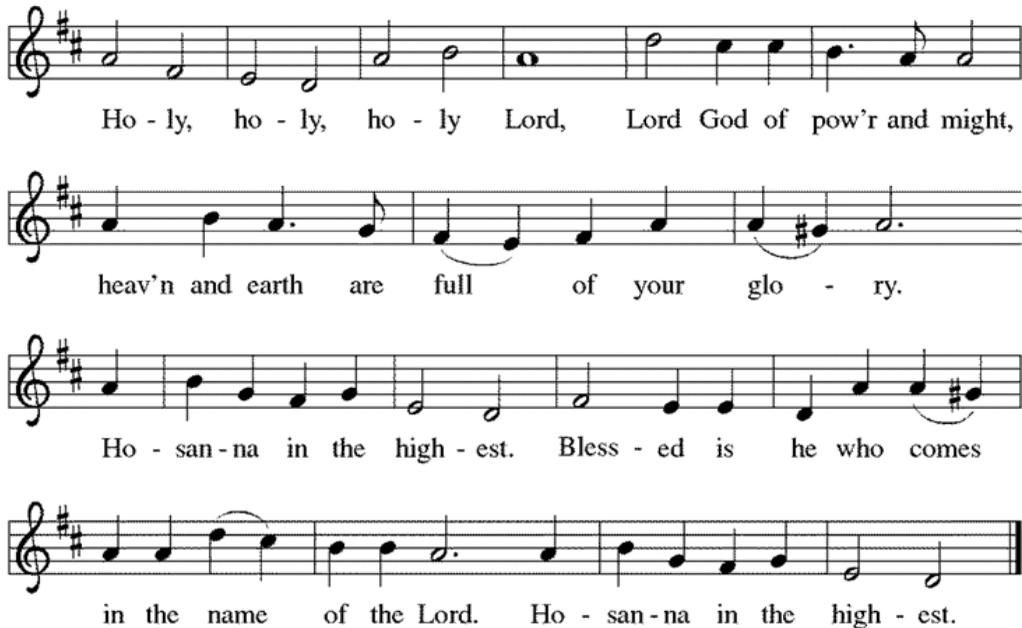
HOLY COMMUNION



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 PREFACE FOR ALL SAINTS' DAY

THE SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san-na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the high - est.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

☐ Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us all to pray:

☑ **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

☐ Speak to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread,

☑ **and make us one with you.**

THE DISTRIBUTION

"Sweet Remembrance"

Felix Mendelssohn
Mary Bircher, Harp

630 “In Heaven Above”



1 In heav'n a - bove, in heav'n a - bove, where God our Fa - ther dwells:
2 In heav'n a - bove, in heav'n a - bove, what glo - ry deep and bright!
3 In heav'n a - bove, in heav'n a - bove, no tears of pain are shed,
4 In heav'n a - bove, in heav'n a - bove, God has a joy pre - pared,



how bound - less there the bless - ed - ness! No tongue its great - ness tells.
The splen - dor of the noon - day sun grows pale be - fore its light.
for noth - ing there can fade or die; life's full - ness round is spread,
which mor - tal ear has nev - er heard, nor mor - tal vi - sion shared,



There face to face, and full and free, the ev - er -
The might - y sun that goes not down, be - fore whose
and like an o - cean, joy o'er - flows, and with im -
which nev - er en - tered mor - tal thought, in mor - tal



liv - ing God we see, our God, the Lord of hosts!
face clouds nev - er frown, is God, the Lord of hosts!
mor - tal mer - cy glows our God, the Lord of hosts!
dreams was nev - er sought, O God, the Lord of hosts!

Text: Laurentius L. Laurinus, 1573–1655; tr. William Maccall, 1812–1888
Music: I HIMMELEN, I HIMMELEN, Norwegian folk tune

785 “When Peace, Like a River”



1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when
2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let
3 He lives—oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; my
4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the

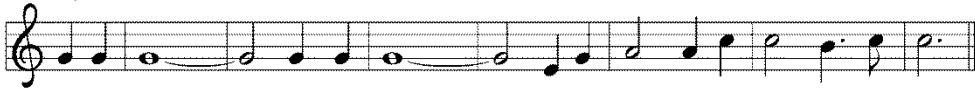


sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast
 this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my
 sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I
 clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the



taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.
 help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.
 bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
 Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.

Refrain



It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

Text: Horatio G. Spafford, 1828–1888
 Music: VILLA DU HAVRE, Philip P. Bliss, 1838–1876

THE BLESSING

- P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- C** Amen.

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- P** Lord God,
- C** you have called us, your servants, to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

DISMISSAL OF EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

THE BENEDICTION

- 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.



- 1 Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod,
- 2 On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,
- 3 Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, lay - we ev - 'ry bur - den down;
- 4 Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, soon our pil - grim - age will cease;



with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow - ing by the throne of God?
 we will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the hap - py gold - en day.
 grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro - vide a robe and crown.
 soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the mel - o - dy of peace.

Refrain

Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, the beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;



gath - er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826–1899
 Music: HANSON PLACE, Robert Lowry

THE DISMISSAL

- Saints of God, go in peace!
 Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

"On Wings of Song"

Felix Mendelssohn
 Mary Bircher, Harp
 Craig Bircher, Trumpet

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WORSHIP + GROW + SERVE

KOUNTZE STAFF

- Pr. Olaf Roynesdal Senior Pastor
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- Pr. Ashley Hall Associate Pastor
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- Donna Moessner Director of Children's Music
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- 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. Steve Jacobson
- Susie Henry
- Kevin Larkowski
- Lector Mattie O'Kane
- Ushers Dick Nelson
- Donna Crouse
- Ralph Diggins
- Brad Madison
- Rodney Nord
- Dan Troxel
- Sharon West
- Dean Winther
- Bob Johnson
- Greeters Colleen Lenners
- Carole Meilahan
- Lois Sorensen
- Bev Troxel
- Crucifer Bailey Gittler
- Acolytes Anthony Bonacci
- Madelyn Hinrichs

SUNDAY, 11:00 AM

- Comm. Asst. June Anderson
- Deb Hinrichs
- Lector Steve Hinrichs
- Ushers Linda Hoagland
- Adam Klinker
- Greeters Barb Chrisman
- Jo Kayton
- Crucifer Torin Edwards
- Acolytes Abby Rigas
- Rachel Stouffer

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 Thanks to Jim West and the kitchen crew, we'll have a hot breakfast buffet served from 8-11 AM this morning. The suggested donation for 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 this (or any other) Sunday morning, 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: Women of the Reformation, pt. 1 **NEXT WEEK:** TBA

GRIEF SEMINAR This 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.

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in honor of Jane Kidder's 12th birthday; in honor of Melissa Osentowski's 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! Please note: rehearsal this week will be at 8 AM and 11:30 AM.

YESTERDAY'S YOUTH Please join us on Tuesday, 11/7, at noon. We have a wonderful program in store for you! Our speaker is our very own, Kountze member, Dr. Richard Sieling. He will present, "Memories and Music". A delicious lunch of ham and scalloped potatoes, with all of the fixings, will be served. Don't miss out on pumpkin pie for dessert! Please RSVP to the church office by Friday, 11/3. Any questions call Sheri Tipton (402-415-6033). All ages welcome!! See you there!

TAIZÉ AT CREIGHTON 2017-2018 It can be difficult to set aside time to be quiet and present to the Lord with our busy schedules. We are invited to spend 30-40 minutes in

meditative prayer, in which Christians of many denominations come together to pray. The service will be held on 11/9 at 8:15 PM in St. John's. Everyone in the Creighton community and greater Omaha community is welcome!

THANKSGIVING POTLUCK Kountze members and their families are invited to a Thanksgiving Potluck on 11/10 at 6 PM. 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.

KMLC MEN'S LUNCHEON Thursday, 11/16, 11:30 AM. Cost: \$10. Pr. Ashley Hall will present "Reformation for Now." All Men of KMLC are invited. Please RSVP to the church office by Monday, 11/13 (402-341-7761 or info@kmlchurch.org).

BAPTISM SEMINAR 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).

ADULT FORUM IN NOVEMBER We will focus on the theme "Women and the Reformation," which will include a special guest speaker,

God's care for us is never-ending.



DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Table with 3 columns: Day, Bible Reference, and Text. Rows include Sunday (Matthew 5:1-12), Monday (1 John 3:1-3), Tuesday (Revelation 7:9-17), Wednesday (John 14:1-7), Thursday (John 11:17-27), Friday (2 Corinthians 1:3-7), Saturday (Psalm 34), and Sunday (Matthew 25:1-13).

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Discover for yourself that the LORD is kind. Come to him for protection, and you will be glad. Psalm 34:8 (CEV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week: Lord God, through Christ our Lord we give you thanks and praise for watching over us now and always. Amen.

Mealttime Prayer: We thank you for this gift of food and especially for your daily bread for those who mourn, those who are humble, those who are merciful, and for all your saints. Amen.

A Blessing to Give: May the Lord deliver for you from

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home or small group:

- In the New Testament, all Christians are saints, people set apart for faith in God and love of others. What does it mean to you that you are a saint?
• All Saints Sunday is a special time to remember those in the church who have died, especially in the past year. Talk about someone you know who has died and who has had an impact on your faith.
• Read Psalm 34:8. When have you experienced God's protection? Tell your story.

DEVOTIONS

Read: Matthew 4:23-5:12.

Five hundred years ago on October 31st, Martin Luther nailed The 95 Theses on a Wittenberg church door, a moment that has been recognized as the beginning of the Reformation. Luther did this intentionally on the eve of All Saints Day, opposing an understanding of the saints that was limited to recognized heroes of the faith who had extra "merits" to give ordinary sinners. Luther promoted the New Testament belief that we are all saints and saved by Christ's work, not ours. Jesus saw the crowds that included people who needed healing and care. As a follower of Jesus and a saint in the church, pray for the needs of others and that they may know the blessings of God. Conclude with the Lord's Prayer.

SERVICE

On All Saints Sunday we are to remember those around us who are grieving. Is there someone you know who is mourning the loss of a loved one? Call, send a card, or a message using social media. Bring them a bouquet of flowers or a plate of treats and share portions of Taking Faith Home with that person.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Set aside time to light candles or ring bells in remembrance of friends or family who have died. Take a moment of silence, then read 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18. Look at pictures of your departed loved ones and share stories about their lives. If possible, visit their gravesites. Take along flowers to leave behind in their memory.

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Michelle DeRusha, author of Katharina and Martin Luther: The Radical Marriage of a Runaway Nun and a Renegade Monk. Please join us!

STEPHEN MINISTRY Our lives are delicately balanced. A small shift in one area of life can set us off-balance. A major change can send us spinning out of control. Stephen Ministers can help when life gets out of balance. They listen and care. If your life or that of someone you know has shifted out of balance, consider Stephen Ministry. Call, Donna Reinig 558-6352 or one of our pastors.

THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE 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.

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 in the church office.

THIS WEEK AT KOUNTZE

November 5 Sunday

- All Saints Sunday
Homebound Communion
7:45 AM & 10:00 AM Adult Choir Rehearsal
8:00 AM MS/HS 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)
10:10 AM Sunday School (2yr-8th gr)
11:30 AM MS/HS Choir Rehearsal
12:00 PM Grief Seminar
8:30 PM LCM Worship @ CU (Halley Chapel)

November 6 Monday

- 10:00 AM Pantry

November 7 Tuesday

- 9:00 AM Staff Meeting
12:00 PM Yesterday's Youth

November 8 Wednesday

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

November 9 Thursday

- 9:30 AM WELCA Board Meeting
11:30 AM Property Committee
4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic
8:15 PM Taize Service @ St. John's

November 10 Friday

- 6:00 PM KMLC Thanksgiving Potluck

November 11 Saturday

- Veterans Day
5:00 PM Worship

November 12 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)
10:10 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 Book Group
12:15PM Endowment Board
8:30 PM LCM Worship @ CU (Halley Chapel)

Table with 2 columns: Next Weekend's Lessons and Bible References. References include Revelation 7:9-17, Psalm 34:1-10, 22, 1 John 3:1-3, and Matthew 5:1-12.

Saturday Attendance: 51

Sunday Attendance: 9:00: 226 11:00: 124

Midweek - Noon: 9 Evening: 18

Total: 428

Pantry Guests Served: 441

Medical Clinic Guests Served: 42

Offering: 10/15/2017

- \$12,681.70 (Regular) \$710.00 (Specials)
\$1,687.00 (In the City for Good)

Offering: 10/22/2017

- \$33,162.63 (Regular) \$1,281.00 (Specials)
\$10,129.50 (In the City for Good)

Offering: 10/29/2017

- \$10,509.09 (Regular) \$3,208.00 (Specials)
\$1,242.00 (In the City for Good)