

# KOUNTZE MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

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9:00 & 11:00 AM

SEVENTH SUNDAY of EASTER



*In these days between Ascension and Pentecost, we gather with the disciples in the upper room, waiting for the Spirit to transform the church around the world. In today's gospel Jesus prays for his followers and for their mission in his name. Amid religious, social, and economic divisions, we seek the unity that Jesus had with his Father. Made one in baptism, we go forth to live our faith in the world, eager for the unity that God intends for the whole human family.*

## PRELUDE

## GATHERING

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*(stand)*

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

☐ In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

☑ **Amen.**

☐ God of all mercy and consolation,

☑ ***come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.***

☐ Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.*

☐ Most merciful God,

☑ ***we confess that we are captive 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.***

☐ In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God 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.

☑ **Amen.**

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

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### GREETING

☐ The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and the Communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all!

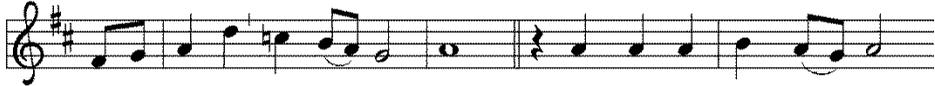
☑ ***And also with you.***

# HYMN OF PRAISE

*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

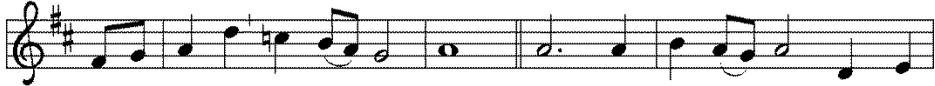


who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

*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 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and

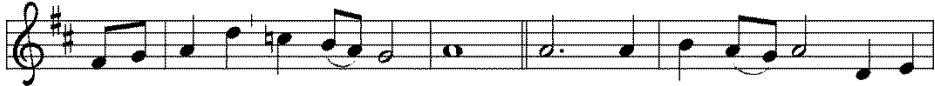


strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*



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



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 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.



*Refrain*

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



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was



slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



*Final refrain*

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



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

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

- ☐ O God of glory,
- ☑ ***your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.***



when you marched through the wilderness,  
<sup>8</sup>the earth quaked, and the skies poured down rain, at the presence of God, the God of Sinai,  
 at the presence of God, the God of Israel.  
<sup>9</sup>You sent a bountiful rain, O God;  
 you restored your inheritance when it languished.  
<sup>10</sup>Your people found their home in it;  
 in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor. 

<sup>32</sup>Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth;  
 sing praises to the Lord.  
<sup>33</sup>You ride in the heavens, O God, in the ancient heavens;  
 you send forth your voice, your mighty voice.  
<sup>34</sup>Ascribe power to God,  
 whose majesty is over Israel; whose strength is in the skies.  
<sup>35</sup>How wonderful you are in your holy places, O God of Israel,  
 giving strength and power to your people! Blessed be God! 

**SECOND READING**

**1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11**

*Our faith in Christ does not make us immune from the scorn of others. Nevertheless, we are to resist the designs of evil when we experience disparagement from others, because we trust God's grace will strengthen and guide us.*

**B**eloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. <sup>13</sup>But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. <sup>14</sup>If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

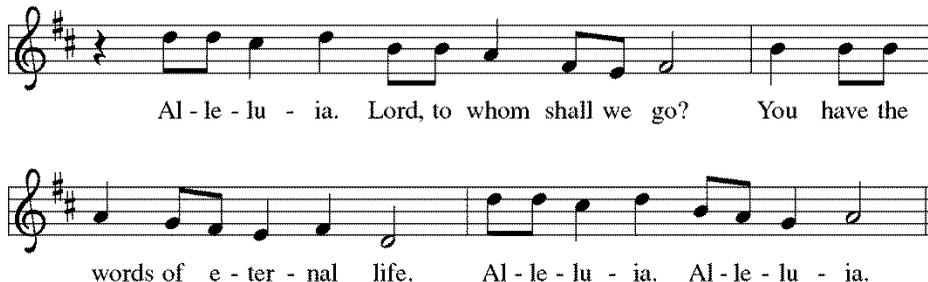
<sup>5:6</sup>Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. <sup>7</sup>Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. <sup>8</sup>Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. <sup>9</sup>Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. <sup>10</sup>And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. <sup>11</sup>To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

 The word of the Lord.

 **Thanks be to God.**

(stand)

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



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

☞ The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

☞ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

## GOSPEL

**John 17:1-11**

*On the night before his crucifixion, Jesus prays to his heavenly Father, asking that those who continue his work in this world will live in unity.*

**A**fter Jesus had spoken these words [to his disciples], he looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, <sup>2</sup>since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. <sup>3</sup>And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. <sup>4</sup>I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. <sup>5</sup>So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

<sup>6</sup>“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup>Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; <sup>8</sup>for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup>I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. <sup>10</sup>All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. <sup>11</sup>And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.”

☞ The Gospel of our Lord

☞ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*(sit)*

## CHILDREN'S BLESSING (9:00 AM)

*Children (aged 3 years through 5<sup>th</sup> grade) are invited to come forward for a blessing. Then, they may either follow the teacher upstairs for an extended children's sermon (joining us again later in time for Communion) or they may return to their seat and use the Spark Bible and/or activity bags during the regular sermon.*

## SERMON

Pastor Hall

*(stand)*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*Where Charity and Love Prevail*

ELW 359

## APOSTLES' CREED

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

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

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

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Response: **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 marriage of David Klug & Melissa Musick; for the baptism of DessieLea Marie Corona, daughter of Melody & Jair

**Illness:** David Carlsen, Dee Hiatt, Norman How (father of Suzanne How), Ruth Larsen, Dee Luchsinger, Joyce Wachal, Charlie Wachholtz, Vernon Ward, Joanne Worm

**Sympathy:** To the family and friends of Iva Dell Carr, sister of Wayne Hahn

**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; Justin Perkins (Young Adults in Global Mission), Argentina/Uruguay; 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.**

*(sit)*

## MEAL

### 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

*Let Us Join Hands*

John Purifoy

*Please join the choir in singing this portion of the anthem when noted by the choir director.*

Let us join hands, work - ing as a fam - i - ly we'll

Dm7                      Gm                      Ebmaj7                      F  
 Eb

all      join      hands,                      Reach - ing      out      to      those      who      may      not

Am7                      D7                      Gm                      Gm7                      C7  
 D                      C

know,                      we'll      share      His      liv - ing      truth,                      then      we      will      walk      to -

Bb                      Eb                      F                      Bb

F

geth - er      as      we      all                      join      hands.

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(stand)

**OFFERTORY HYMN**

*Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful*

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Let the vine-yards      be      fruit-ful, Lord,      and      fill      to      the      brim      our      cup      of

bless-ing.                      Gath - er      a      har - vest      from      the      seeds      that      were      sown,      that

we      may      be      fed      with      the      bread      of      life.      Gath - er      the      hopes      and      dreams      of

all;      u - nite      them      with      the      prayers      we      of - fer.      Grace      our      ta - ble

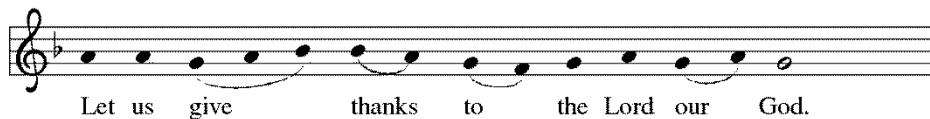
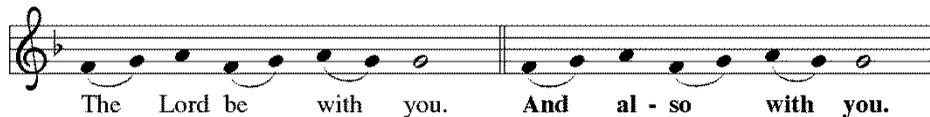
with      your      pres - ence,      and      give      us      a      fore - taste      of      the      feast      to      come.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980  
Music: Ronald A. Nelson, b. 1927  
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## OFFERING PRAYER

- ☐ Be known to us, O Lord,  
☑ *in the breaking of the bread, as you were made known to the disciples. Receive these gifts, and the offering of our lives, that we may be your risen body in the world. Amen.*

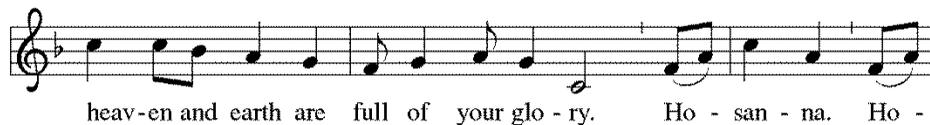
## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



*(The Thanksgiving continues)*

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

## SANCTUS



# 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.*

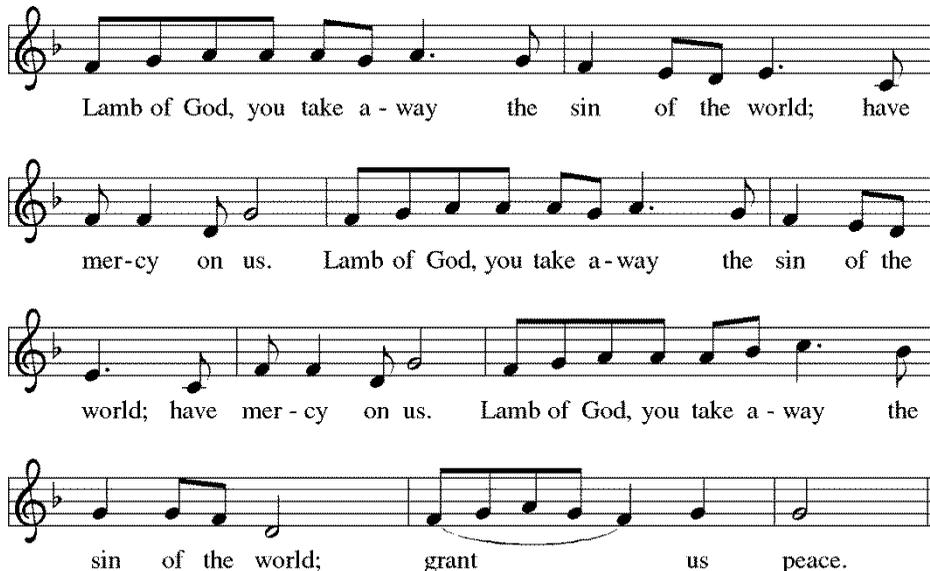
## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

- ☐ Now let us feast this Easter day  
☒ *on Christ, the bread of heaven. Hallelujah!*

*(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.

*For the Bread Which You Have Broken  
Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness*

ELW 494  
ELW 488

(stand)

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- ℙ Life-giving God,  
☩ ***in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of heaven to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to Jesus' resurrection that we may show your glory to all the world; through the same Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.***

## SENDING

### BLESSING

- ℙ May God who has brought us from death to life fill you with great joy. Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.  
☩ ***Amen.***

### HYMN

*Alleluia! Sing to Jesus*

ELW 392

### DISMISSAL

- ℙ Alleluia! Christ is risen.  
☩ ***Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!***  
ℙ You are the body of Christ raised up for the world.  
Go in peace. Share the good news.  
☩ ***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.

**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 sometime this fall 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. Watch the bulletin for specific dates.

**PARKING** Our west parking lot is closed for total renovation. Parking is available in front of deFreese Manor, Douglas & 26<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Barnhart Press' gravel lot across Farnam Street, side streets east of the church, FBG parking lot at 26<sup>th</sup> & Harney.

**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.

**KOUNTZE STAFF**

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- Lauri Askew Staff Treasurer
- Sheri Rose Financial Secretary
- John Bogue Building Superintendent
- Tim Walker Chef
- Søren Johnson Assist. Bldg. Superintendent
- Barbara Carlsen Dir. of Music & Fine Arts
- 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. Lorie Groenjes  
Pam Johnson  
Liz Pemberton
- Lector Karen Fannin
- Ushers Brad Madison  
Donna Crouse  
Ralph Diggins  
Dick Nelson  
Rodney Nord  
Dan Troxel  
Sharon West  
Dean Winther  
Bob Johnson
- Greeters Colleen Lenners  
Bev Troxel  
Lois Sorensen  
Carole Meilahan
- Crucifer Courtney Cameron
- Acolytes Carly Cameron  
Søren Johnson

**SUNDAY, 11:00 AM**

- Comm. Asst. June Anderson  
Kevin Larkowski
- Lector June Anderson
- Ushers Linda Hoagland  
David Jesberg  
Adam Klinker  
Bryon Line
- Greeters Barb Chrisman  
Jo Kayton
- Crucifer Keelan Edwards
- Acolytes Torin Edwards  
Lydia Baum

**TODAY AT KOUNTZE**

**KOUNTZE CAFÉ** Join us on Sundays for a hot, breakfast buffet served from 8-11 AM prepared by Chef Tim and his volunteers. The suggested donation for breakfast is, \$5 adults, \$2.50 children 12 and younger. **MEMORIAL DAY SUNDAY:** A continental breakfast will be served.

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

**THIS WEEK:** No Forum (Memorial Day) **NEXT WEEK:** Building Update

**YOUNG MOTHERS** Join us on Sunday morning for some fresh brewed fun in the Fellowship Lounge between worship services for "Frappy Hour." Come meet other young mothers in the congregation for coffee, conversation, fellowship and fun.

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the Glory of God in memory of Marie Bock and Ed Bock by Richard Bock

**CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES TODAY**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** No Sunday School this weekend, but join us next week on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor for Summer Sunday School Fun (children 2 years—8<sup>th</sup> grade) from 10:10—10:50 AM. Preschool 1 (2—4 yrs) meets from 9—10 AM (child care for those too old for the nursery).

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

**YOUTH MISSION TRIP VIDEOS 2012—2016** If you went on a Youth Mission Trip in the years 2012—2016, we have a trip video for you in the church office. Please come and pick it/them up at your earliest convenience.

**MEET THE CANDIDATE** the senior pastor candidate, recommended by the Call Committee and the Council, will preach at worship next week (6/3 & 4) and meet the congregation.

**YESTERDAY'S YOUTH** Tuesday, 6/6, 12:00 PM. Cost is \$4.00. It's BINGO time! Please join in on the FUN. There will be lots of fabulous prizes and everyone will be a winner! Lunch is served at noon. Please RSVP to the church office by Friday, 6/2. All ages are welcome! Any questions call Sheri Tipton (402-415-6033). Hope to see YOU there! We won't meet in July due to the holiday weekend.

**CENTERING PRAYER WORKSHOP** with Br. James Dowd on Saturday, 6/3, from 9 AM to Noon at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church (925 84th Street). Br. Dowd is the monk-in-residence at Trinity Cathedral who led our most recent Lenten Retreat. Many who attended (or who heard about the retreat afterwards) expressed interest in learning

more about various forms of prayer in the Christian tradition. This workshop is open to everyone, free of charge. If you have any questions, you can speak to Pr. Hall or call St. Andrew's parish at 402-391-1950.

**BAPTISM SEMINAR** Sunday, 6/11 at 12:00 PM. We will meet in the church office conference room, and then Pr. Hall will lead the participants to the Nave to walk through the liturgy. To register, please call the church office at 402-341-7761.

**HERITAGE SERIES** Wednesdays, 6/14 - 7/19, 6 PM. We will read a new and well-respected biography of Luther: Martin Luther: Visionary Reformer by Scott H. Hendrix (Emeritus Professor of Church History at Princeton Theological Seminary). While not required, participants are encouraged to buy or otherwise obtain a copy of the book so they can read along with the group. An online source to purchase a copy (or electronic version) of the book can be found at Amazon.com for about \$20. All are welcome.

Jesus' ascension is our call to be witnesses in the world.



**DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

These readings are related to the Lectionary readings for this Sunday. We invite you to take time each day to read the assigned Bible passages.

Table with 3 columns: Day, Bible Passage, and Summary. Rows include Sunday (John 17:1-11), Monday (Acts 1:6-14), Tuesday (1 Peter 5:6-11), Wednesday (Ephesians 4:1-6), Thursday (1 Peter 3:8-12), Friday (Ephesians 3:14-21), Saturday (Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35), and Sunday (Acts 2:1-21).

**SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK**

"But the Holy Spirit will come upon you and give you power. Then you will tell everyone about me in Jerusalem, in all Judea, in Samaria, and everywhere in the world." Acts 1:8 (CEV)

**PRAYERS AND BLESSING:**

**A Prayer for the Week:** Glorious and ascended Lord, give us your Holy Spirit so that we can be your faithful witnesses in all the world. Amen.

**Mealtime Prayer:** Lord God, thank you for loving us, feeding us, and caring for us. Your praises we shout, and your name we bless. Amen.

**A Blessing to Give:** May God make you complete, steady, strong, and firm as you witness to Christ in the world. (1 Peter 5:10)

**CARING CONVERSATIONS**

- Discuss in your home or small group:
- What do you like to talk about to your family and friends?
- It's easy to talk about sports, the weather, and even a favorite politician. What makes it difficult to talk about Jesus?
- Tell about a time you have had a faith conversation about Jesus with someone. What was it like?

**DEVOTIONS**

Before Jesus was arrested, he prayed especially for his disciples, his closest friends during his time on earth (John 17:6-11). He prayed that God would protect them, and that they would be united. In today's world it is especially important that the church emphasize what unites us in our witness of Jesus to the world instead of what divides us. Be open to learn from Christians not from your own tradition. Pray for our Christian brothers and sisters in your community as well as across the globe, especially for those who are persecuted for their faith.

**SERVICE**

It is often forgotten that many Christians around the globe suffer for their faith, especially in parts of Africa and the Middle East. Pray for those who suffer and advocate to your politicians for just actions in the world. Consider a financial contribution to church efforts that support Christians who experience persecution.

**RITUALS AND TRADITIONS**

Ascension Day is preparation for Pentecost and the coming of the Holy Spirit. The nine days between Ascension Day and Pentecost are referred to as the novena (Latin for nine) and is used as a time to join Christians in prayer as the church awaits the giving of the Holy Spirit. In 1 Peter 5:7 it reads, "God cares for you, so turn all your worries over to him." From now until next Sunday, Pentecost Sunday, name the things you worry about then pray, "Come, Holy Spirit, come."

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**SPECIAL VESPERS FOR ALZHEIMER AWARENESS AND ALL CARETAKERS** Wednesday, 6/21, 7:00 PM. A special spoken liturgy will be offered for caregivers of parents and family members enduring long-term, chronic illness. All are welcome. Kountze Memorial will join other congregations around the city to provide a place for prayer and remembrance for those who are diagnosed with Alzheimer's or other long-term illnesses and their caretakers. As with all our worship opportunities, this is an event for the community as well. Please invite a friend or family member who may find the opportunity to pray and find comfort in one another enriching.

**19th ANNUAL NEIGHBORHOOD GATHERING AND JAZZ SERVICE** Sunday, 6/25. Join us for Jazz Music, Carriage Rides, Free Food, Inflatables, Carnival Games, Face Painting, Balloons, and more! We'll need your help to make the day a success, so watch the bulletin for sign-up sheets so you can let us know how you can help.

**BAPTISM SEMINAR** Sunday, 6/11, 12 PM. We will meet in the church office conference room and then Pr. Hall will lead the participants to the Nave to walk through the liturgy. To register, please call the church office (402-341-7761).

**KOUNTZE PANTRY** Pork 'n Beans, Pasta/Noodles, Pasta Sauce, Oatmeal, Corn, Pancake Syrup, Chicken, Tuna. Your time and monetary offerings are always welcome as well. Please talk to JP if you have questions. Thanks.

**THIS WEEK AT KOUNTZE**

**May 28 Sunday**

- 7:45 AM & 10:00 AM Adult Choir
8:00 AM - 11:00 AM Continental Breakfast
9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Worship
9:00 AM Nursery (0-2 yrs)
10:10 AM No Adult Forum
10:10 AM No Youth Forum (gr 9-12)
10:10 AM Young Mothers "Frappy Hour"
10:10 AM No Sunday School (2yr-8th gr)
12:00 PM Stephen Ministry

**May 29 Monday**

Memorial Day (Observed)
OFFICE CLOSED

**May 30 Tuesday**

- 9:00 AM Staff Meeting
6:00 PM Congregational Activities Committee

**May 31 Wednesday**

12:15 PM Worship

**June 1 Thursday**

- Jun 1 - Jun 3 Synod Assembly
4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic

**June 3 Saturday**

- Homebound Communion
9:00 AM Centering Prayer Workshop (St. Andrew's Episcopal Church)
4:30 PM Blood Pressure Checks
5:00 PM Worship

**June 4 Sunday**

- Pentecost
Homebound Communion
7:45 AM & 10:00 AM Adult Choir
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 Summer Fun (2yr-8th gr)
10:10 AM Young Mothers "Frappy Hour"
12:30 PM Parent Info Meeting

Table with 2 columns: Next Weekend's Lessons and Bible Verses. Verses include Acts 2:1-21, Psalm 104:24-34, 35b, 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13, and John 20:19-23.

Saturday Attendance: 52
Sunday Attendance: 9:00: 215 11:00: 86
Midweek - Noon: 9 Evening: 111
Total: 473
Pantry Guests Served: 341
Medical Clinic Guests Served: 44
Offering: (5/7, 5/14 & 5/21)
\$74,531.97. (Regular) \$2,386.52 (Specials)
\$61,200.50 (In the City for Good)

Who: Heroes grades Kindergarten through 8th
What: Summer Sunday School "Hero Central"
When: June 2 - July 16
10:00 to 10:50 (Hero Headquarters are closed July 2)
Where: Hero Headquarters - Rm. 205
Why: To "Do good! See peace and go after it!" Psalm 34:14b

KMLC invites all children to the Summer Sunday School Session, "Hero Central". We will go on a hero's adventure that includes energetic music, Bible fun, amazing science experiments, delicious snacks, games, crafts and more! Each week we will learn, then explore the Bible verse Psalm 34:14b, "Do good! Seek peace and go after it!" in fun and exciting ways that will be sure to stay with your child through the week.