

KOUNTZE MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

A CITY-WIDE CHURCH WITH A WORLD-WIDE MINISTRY

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9:00 & 11:00 AM

NINTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST



*What is the relationship between **consuming** and **being nourished**? We read that huge amounts of food end up in the landfill. At the same time, the number of people who are **food insecure** is increasing. Our society makes the distinction between **material** and **spiritual**. The Bible does not. Today we hear challenging words from a Prophet and see a miracle at the hands of the Messiah. What is God telling us about priorities—for me personally? ...for us as a society?*

PRELUDE

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(stand)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

℘ Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, full of compassion and mercy, abounding in steadfast love.

☩ **Amen.**

℘ Trusting God's promise of forgiveness, let us confess our sin against God and one another.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.

℘ Eternal God our creator,

☩ ***in you we live and move and have our being. Look upon us, your children, the work of your hands. Forgive us all our offenses, and cleanse us from proud thoughts and empty desires. By your grace draw us near to you, our refuge and our strength; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

℘ Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit given to us. In the mercy of almighty God, Christ died for us while we still were sinners; and for his sake, God ☩ forgives you all your sins.

☩ **Amen.**

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ELW 834

GREETING

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

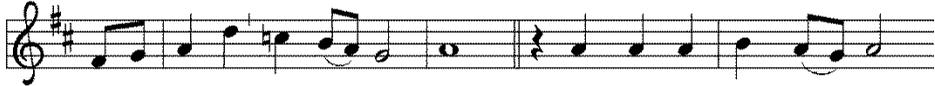
☩ ***And also with you.***

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

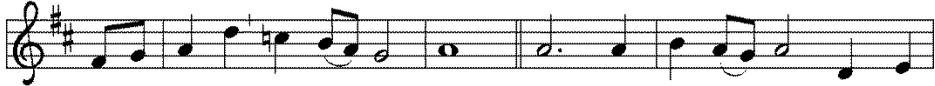


who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

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

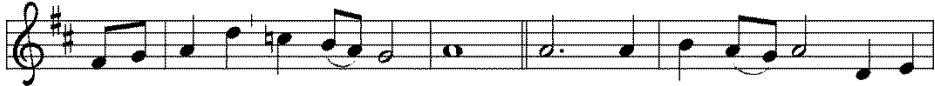


strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

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.



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.



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

- ☐ Glorious God,
- ☑ ***your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.***

WORD

(sit)

FIRST READING

Isaiah 55:1-5

The book of the Prophet Isaiah begins with dire warnings to persons who should have living been faithfully in God's ways. Wealth and power, however, led to complacency and self-centered living. As a result, their good civilization was destroyed, leading to the exile in Babylon (587 – 538 B.C.). The next portions of the book offer some of the best images of God's faithfulness. That is, in spite of our wandering and rebellion, God continues the promises made—verse 3, see Genesis 54:9-10 and 2 Samuel 7:4-17. Here, the prophet invites—challenges—us to consider: What will truly nourish us for real life?

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. ²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. ³Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. ⁴See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. ⁵See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

A The word of the Lord.

G *Thanks be to God.*

PSALM 145:8-9, 14-21 (read responsively)

⁸The Lord is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

⁹*Lord, you are good to all,
and your compassion is over all your works.*

¹⁴The Lord upholds all those who fall
and lifts up those who are bowed down.

¹⁵*The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord,
and you give them their food in due season.*

¹⁶You open wide your hand
and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

¹⁷*You are righteous in all your ways
and loving in all your works.*

¹⁸You are near to all who call upon you,
to all who call upon you faithfully.

¹⁹*You fulfill the desire of those who fear you;
you hear their cry and save them.*

²⁰You watch over all those who love you,
but all the wicked you shall destroy.

²¹*My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord;
let all flesh bless God's holy name forever and ever.*

SECOND READING

Romans 9:1-5

What does it mean to be **chosen**? Perhaps we can understand the Bible best when we see it is the ongoing story of God choosing to create humans, choosing to dwell with humans, choosing to forgive and heal humans, **and** choosing to draw humans into a partnership that cares for and renews all of creation. Key passages include: Genesis 12:1-3, 18:19; Isaiah 42:1; John 15:9, 20:21. The Apostle Paul was proud of his heritage, part of the **chosen people**. He cannot, however, help but wonder what God is going to do with those **who should have known better**, because they had the privilege of being chosen, yet had rejected God's Messiah. In chapters 9–11 of this letter to the Romans, he wrestles with the puzzle, finally coming to the conclusion that **God only knows**. Yet we get to trust that **righteousness** is all about God's knowing and doing. See 1:16-17. Reading this portion of Romans, and considering all of Saint Paul's life, we realize that, in the Bible, **chosen** includes being given a role and a task that will most often be difficult, bringing both suffering and indescribable joy. What is God choosing **me** to do for the sake of his kingdom?

I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—²I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. ⁴They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; ⁵to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

A The word of the Lord.

B *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.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

C *Glory to you, O Lord.*

GOSPEL

Matthew 14:13-21

What was going on in Jesus' mind!? Our pictures of Jesus make it easy to forget that he was 100 % human—the miracle of **Incarnation**. He just received news of personal tragedy—the execution of his cousin, John, at the hands of a spineless low-level official. Did he remember times playing together as children, while their mothers wondered what God was going to do through their sons? Did he think about his own future, where the call for justice for the lowly easily brings deadly retribution from the powerful? Did he look at the crowds in their hunger and feel exasperation, that in a bountiful creation people are still food-insecure, or that solvable problems go unresolved while capable people wait for someone else to give in? What is the interaction of divine power and human capability that God wants for the sake of the world? How will that question be answered in my life this week?

Now when Jesus heard [about the beheading of John the Baptist], he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy

food for themselves.”¹⁶ Jesus said to them, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.”¹⁷ They replied, “We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.”¹⁸ And he said, “Bring them here to me.”¹⁹ Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds.²⁰ And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full.²¹ And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

☐ The Gospel of our Lord

☑ ***Praise to you, O Christ.***

(sit)

CHILDREN’S BLESSING (9:00 AM)

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

SERMON

Pastor Moessner

(stand)

HYMN OF THE DAY

Break Now the Bread of Life

ELW 515

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,
G *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 Nicholas James Hansen, son of Laura & James

Illness: David Carlsen, Dee Hiatt, Bob Jones (father of Allison Albright), Rosemarie Schmidt, Jody Sotello (cousin of Shirley Dietrich), Maggie Weigel (cousin of Erica Weigel)

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.
G *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 Have Come This Far by Faith

Williams & Martin
Janet Diggins & Lowell Harms

(stand)

OFFERTORY HYMN

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

ELW 184

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

- ☐ Merciful God,
☑ ***you open wide your hand and satisfy the need of every living thing. You have set this feast before us. Open our hands to receive it. Open our hearts to embrace it. Open our lives to live it. We pray this through 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 image shows four staves of musical notation in G major, 4/4 time. Each staff contains a melody line with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: '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.', and 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.' The music consists of simple eighth and quarter notes with some ties.

(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'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. 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.

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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

- ☒ Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.
☒ *Our Lord's body let us take together.*

(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.

*We Come to the Hungry Feast
Praise and Thanksgiving*

ELW 479
ELW 689

(stand)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- ☞ Jesus Christ, host of this meal,
☞ ***you have given us not only this bread and cup, but your very self, that we may feast on your great love. Filled again by these signs of your grace, may we hunger for your reign of justice, may we thirst for your way of peace, for you are Lord forevermore. Amen.***

SENDING

DISMISSAL OF EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

BLESSING

- ☞ May God, whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine, grant you the gifts of faith and hope. Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
☞ ***Amen.***

HYMN *Let All Things Now Living* ELW 881

DISMISSAL

- ☞ Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve.
☞ ***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 September 17 & 24 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.

PARKING Our west parking lot is now open on Saturday and Sunday for Worship. During the week parking is available in front of deFreese Manor, Douglas & 26th Avenue, Barnhart Press' gravel lot across Farnam Street, side streets east of the church, FBG parking lot at 26th & 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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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

SUNDAY, 9:00 AM

Comm. Asst.	Tarna Kidder Jeff Perkins Lorie Groenjes
Lector	Liz Pemberton
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Greeters	Carole Meilahan Bev Troxel Lois Sorensen Colleen Lenners
Crucifer	Carter Wachholtz
Acolytes	Britten Johnson Rahn Johnson

SUNDAY, 11:00 AM

Comm. Asst.	
Lector	
Ushers	Norm Sack Ken Johnson Linda Johnson Lee Johnson Julie O'Doherty
Greeters	Barb Chrisman Jo Kayton
Crucifer	Nicole Campbell
Acolytes	Lydia Baum Charlie Campbell

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.

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

THIS WEEK: Building Update **NEXT WEEK:** Looking Ahead to Sunday School and Children's Ministry

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Gordon Callies by Betty Callies

ETERNAL CANDLE is given to the Glory of God in celebration of our anniversary by Darlene and Dean Anderson

CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES TODAY

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

CONFIRMATION MINISTRY – Parents of 7th and 8th Graders Meet on Sunday, 8/13, 10:15, in the Joyful Sound room to review purpose, expectations, and schedule of Confirmation Ministry.

YOUTH-PAC All 9th - 12th graders are invited to conversation, serious and fun, in the Youth-Pastoral-Advisory-Committee. We'll meet at the home of Pastor Paul and Donna Moessner (4417 Woolworth Ave) on Sunday, 8/13, 7 - 8 PM. To know more or check in, contact Pastor Paul.

GIRLS BIBLE STUDY SUNDAY, 8/13. This month we'll join the Youth-PAC conversation at Pr. Paul & Donna Moessner's home (4417 Woolworth Ave). See the Youth-PAC article.

HIGH SCHOOL SWIM PARTY Sunday, 8/20, 2:00 - 4:00 PM. Save the date and then watch the bulletin & weekly e-news for more information.

CROWNED Sunday, 8/20, 3:00 PM. This men's singing quartet, partly from here at Kountze, will be hosting a concert on Sunday, 8/20 at 3:00 PM. They sing a capella and with piano accompaniment. Their heartfelt songs will provide for a wonderful worship hour. This is a free concert but a free-will donation would be appreciated.

YOUTH MISSION TRIP SPONSORSHIP DINNER If you were a sponsor for the Youth Mission Trip this year, please reserve the date Sunday, 9/17 at 5 PM for the sponsorship dinner.

FINAL SUNDAY OF PASTOR DEAN BARD, our Interim Senior Pastor, will be 8/20. There will be a reception at 10:10 in the Fellowship Hall.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING Sunday, 8/27, will be the fall congregational meeting to elect leaders for the Church Council, the Endowment Fund Board and the deFreese Manor Board. Preparations for that meeting will be made before Pastor Bard departs KMLC, by agreement with Pastor Roynesdal, and held as scheduled.

ALL CHURCH PICNIC All KMLC Children, Families, Friends, and Neighbors invited! Sunday, 8/27, 1-4PM at Vennalyst Park Pavilion (9100 N. 31st St). Meet and greet Rev. Dr. Olaf Roynesdal. Please RSVP to the church office by Friday, 8/18. Bring a dessert to share.

PASTOR OLAF ROYNESDAL ACCEPTS SENIOR PASTOR CALL The Church Council has received word that the Rev. Olaf Roynesdal has

God's kingdom is filled with compassion, generosity, and abundance.



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 Reference, and Summary of Reading.

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Jesus replied, "They don't have to leave. Why don't you give them something to eat?" Matthew 14:16 (CEV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING:

A Prayer for the Week:

God, you satisfy our hungry hearts, filling us with your goodness and mercy. Send us out to feed the world with your love. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, the eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season. You open your hand, satisfying the desire of every living thing. Amen. (Psalm 145:15-16)

A Blessing to Give:

May the Lord who is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love fill you with good things now and forevermore. (Psalm 145:8)

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home or small group:

- Tell about a time when you have felt hungry or lacked something important to your life.
• What does it mean to be satisfied and know that you have enough?
• How does it shape your life to know that God is filled with compassion, generosity, and abundance for you and all that God has created?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Matthew 14:1-21.

In Matthew, the story of the feeding of the five thousand is immediately preceded by King Herod's banquet that included the killing of John the Baptist. Herod's grand birthday party would have included a sumptuous feast and, of course, the dancing of Herodias' daughter, rewarded with John's head on a platter. Jesus' feast was simple, filling, and included healings and full stomachs for all, something that would have been highly unusual for Galilean peasants. Herod's rule displayed brute force mixed with celebration for a few. Jesus' rule displays compassion, generosity, and abundance for all people. Reflect on how the "kingdoms" of this age still remain in stark contrast to the kingdom of God and on what it means to be disciples sent out to feed the masses with the love of God. Conclude by praying the Lord's Prayer.

SERVICE

Jesus sent out his disciples to feed the masses, a seemingly impossible task for his disciples. Jesus' directive to his disciples reflects his reign that is filled with compassion, generosity, and abundance. Help promote and work on a congregational food drive. Perhaps the food could be brought to the altar at a Holy Communion service, where the Bread of Life is surrounded with the "bread"—the food—that gives life to others.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

There are many kinds of fasts. Fasts can be cleansing and very healthy to the body. In honor of the feeding of the 5,000 men (plus women and children) in Matthew 14, decide on a fast that eats simple and healthy foods without overeating. Choose the food items and amount to be consumed and the length of the fast, then each day of the fast read Matthew 14:13-21. Use the "Mealtime Prayer" from this Taking Faith Home with each of your meals.

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THIS WEEK AT KOUNTZE

August 6 Sunday

- Homebound Communion
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)

August 7 Monday

- 10:00 AM Pantry

August 8 Tuesday

- 9:00 AM Staff Meeting
6:00 PM Worship & Music Committee

August 9 Wednesday

- 9:00 AM Sewing Group
12:15 Worship

9 Wednesday

- 9:00 AM Sewing Group
12:15 Worship

August 10 Thursday

- Council Reports Due
9:30 AM WELCA Board Meeting
11:30 AM Property Committee
4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic

August 12 Saturday

- 5:00 PM Worship

August 13 Sunday

- 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)
10:15 AM Confirmation Ministry Parent Meeting (gr 7-8)
12:00 PM Book Group
7:00 PM Youth-PAC (gr 9-12)

Table with 2 columns: Next Weekend's Lessons and Bible References (1 Kings 19:9-18, Psalm 85:8-13, Romans 10:5-15, Matthew 14:22-33).

Saturday Attendance: 49

Sunday Attendance: 9:00: 212 11:00: 95

Midweek - Noon: 8

Total: 364

Pantry Guests Served: 408

Medical Clinic Guests Served: 45

Offering: (2 weeks)

- \$12,703.19 (Regular) \$12,645.00 (Specials)
\$14,828.66 (In the City for Good)
\$10,214.35 (Regular) \$3,836.00 (Specials)
\$1,515.00 (In the City for Good)

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accepted the call of Kountze Memorial to be our senior pastor, beginning 9/1. Pastor and Marcia Roynesdal are now making preparations for their move to Omaha. We give thanks to God for this wonderful news!

CONSTRUCTION OF KOUNTZE COMMONS is proceeding on schedule and an important date related to its opening has been set. The dedication of the building will be held Sunday, 10/8 in partnership with Methodist Community Health Clinic and Lutheran Family Services, our two major community partners and tenants of the building.

Mark your calendars for this exciting event!

KOUNTZE PANTRY GARDENING HELP NEEDED If you can help pick produce from our garden for the pantry, Chuck Campbell, Tootie Rhode, and Gordon Boe would appreciate your help. You can meet them at the garden at 6:30 AM on Sunday mornings and we'll put you to work! Thanks for your help.

KOUNTZE PANTRY If you have ever considered helping in the Kountze Food Pantry, now is the time to sign up. If you have questions or are available to help, please contact JP (joyce@kmlchurch.org) or call the church office (402-341-7761) and we'll be glad to help. As always, the pantry is in need of Pork 'n Beans, Pasta/Noodles, Pasta Sauce, Oatmeal, Corn, Pancake Syrup, Chicken, Tuna. Your time and monetary offerings are always welcome as well.

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Announcement of Congregational Meeting
Sunday, August 27, 2017
10:10 AM, Fellowship Hall

For the Purpose of Electing Congregational Leaders