

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

What Wondrous Love is This?

Linda Wells
Sue Mollner

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

- ☐ God of life,
- ☑ ***you give us these gifts of the earth, these resources of our life and our labor. Take them, offered in great thanksgiving, and use them to set a table that will heal the whole creation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Light. 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 features simple, flowing lines with some ties and slurs.

(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

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

☒ *and make us one with you.*

(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.

*Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am
Here I Am, Lord*

(sing 3 times) ELW 814
ELW 574

(stand)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- ☐ Holy and compassionate God,
- ☑ ***in bread and wine you give us gifts that form us to be humble and courageous. May your words come to life in our serving and in our witness, that we might speak a living voice of healing and justice to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our rock and our redeemer. Amen.***

SENDING

DISMISSAL OF EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

BLESSING

- ☐ God, creator of all things, speaking reformation into being; Jesus Christ, savior of the world, raising the dead; Holy Spirit, living voice, calling and enlightening the church: Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
- ☑ ***Amen.***

HYMN *Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways* ELW 772

DISMISSAL

- ☐ Go in peace. Sound the good news.
- ☑ ***Thanks be to God.***

POSTLUDE

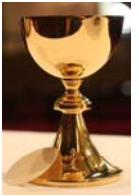
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Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church is a vibrant, historic faith community that welcomes all and provides ministries for all ages and walks of life. We are a “City-wide Church with a World-wide Ministry” and have been worshiping, growing, and serving 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



KOUNTZE STAFF

- Pr. Olaf Roynesdal Senior Pastor
- Pr. Paul Moessner Interim Associate Pastor
- Pr. Ashley Hall Associate Pastor
- Pr. Inba Inbarasu Visitation Pastor
- Kristin Boe Interim Christian Education Coordinator
- Dave Forrest Interim Congregational Life Coordinator
- Debbie Bogue Office Manager
- Amanda Zasada Administrative Assistant
- Lauri Askew Staff Treasurer
- Sheri Rose Financial Secretary
- Tim Walker Chef
- Søren Johnson Assist. Bldg. Superintendent
- Barbara Carlsen Dir. of Music & Fine Arts
- Donna Moessner Director of Children’s Music
- Danny Bos Handbell Director/Assist. to the Bldg. Superintendent
- Mark Jones Organist
- David Gerard Saturday Accompanist
- Sheri Lynn Tipton Night Security Manager
- Norma Pafford Nursery Superintendent
- Joyce Palmer Urban Ministries Coordinator

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

SUNDAY, 9:00 AM

- Comm. Asst. Darlene Anderson
Pam Johnson
- Lector Don Darst
- Ushers Glenn Anderson
Dan Collett
Ted Kaasch
Mark Mahaffey
Gary Westerman
Bob Woodworth
Marcy Madison
- Greeters Sharon Anderson
Karen Wolf
Shirleen Collett
- Crucifer Carter Wachholtz
- Acolytes Britten Johnson
Rahn Johnson

SUNDAY, 11:00 AM

- Comm. Asst. Norm Sack
- Lector June Anderson
- Ushers Adam Klinker
Linda Hoagland
David Jesberg
- Greeters Julie King
Rosemary Tessin
- Crucifer Nicole Campbell
- Acolytes Charlie Campbell
Lily O’Kane

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.

TODAY AT KOUNTZE

KOUNTZE CAFÉ Since it’s the holiday weekend, we’ll be having a continental breakfast today, but join us again next Sunday 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: No Forum (Labor Day) but join us in the Fellowship Hall for a continental breakfast and to visit friends and/or people you don’t know yet. Please wear name tags to help Pr. Olaf and Marcia figure out who’s who. It’ll help the rest of us too! **NEXT WEEK:** Rally Sunday.

HURRICANE HARVEY RELIEF Do you want to help? Responding to the great needs after Hurricane Harvey, one of the best ways to help is through *Lutheran Disaster Response*. To make a contribution, you can use their website or write a check to Kountze Memorial and mark it *Hurricane Relief*.

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in honor of Pr. Olaf & Marcia Roynesdal.

CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES TODAY

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

MIDDLE SCHOOL/HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH CHOIR begins rehearsals in the Adult Choir room this Sunday from 11—11:40 AM. Come and sing!

HANDBELLS Our handbell choir prepares music to be included at a Sunday worship service once a month. Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings at 6 PM. You don’t need to know how to play bells to join. If you are interested in more info about the handbell choir, contact Handbell Choir Director, Danny Bos (402-341-7761).

YESTERDAY’S YOUTH Please join us on Tuesday, 9/5, at noon. You will not want to miss out on this interesting opportunity. Our speaker will be our very own Pr. Paul Moessner. A delicious lunch will be served. Cost is \$4. Please RSVP to the church office by Friday, 9/1. Any questions, call Sheri Tipton (402-415-6033). All ages are welcome!

ADULT CHOIR Come and join our amazing group of musicians who sing praise to God

and have fun together. The Adult Choir will have its first meeting Wednesday, 9/6 from 7—8:30 PM. The choir will return to the worship service on Sunday, 9/10. If you are interested in being a part of this important way of worshiping, we would be very glad to welcome you. Past singing experience in high school or college is recommended. The director, Barb Carlsen, would like to hear you sing before joining the choir just to make sure that this group will blend with your type of voice. If you want more information about choir or would like to reserve a time to sing for Barb, please call the church office at 402-341-7761.

SYNOD AND ARCHDIOCESE COMMON PRAYER Monday, 9/11, 7 PM. Please join us when we will host a service of Common Prayer for the Nebraska Synod and the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Omaha. Bishop Brian Maas will welcome Archbishop George Lucas, who will preach. The Common Prayer service was created by the Vatican and the Lutheran World Federation to high light the ecumenical progress between us and the hope of greater reconciliation to come. The liturgy commits Lutherans and Roman Catholics to five common imperatives. Be sure to invite a friend to join you for this moving and historic event in our city and our world on the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. A reception will follow immediately after the service in the Fellowship Hall.

WOMEN’S FALL SALAD LUNCHEON will be held on Saturday, 9/16 at 11:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall—no reservations are required and there is no cost. Come and enjoy delicious salads and a fun program with Mary Mayfield as she speaks about her Tanzanian experiences and shows her quilts and fabrics.

Take up your cross and follow Jesus.



DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday. Sunday Matthew 16:21-28 Take up your cross and follow Monday Romans 12:9-21 Rules for Christian living Tuesday Matthew 20:17-28 Jesus again predicts his death Wednesday Luke 9:51-62 The cost of following Jesus Thursday Philippians 3:7-16 Running towards the goal Friday 1 Peter 4:12-19 Suffering as a Christian Saturday Psalm 26 The prayer of an innocent person Sunday Matthew 18:15-20 Seeking reconciliation

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Then Jesus said to his disciples: "If any of you want to be my followers, you must forget about yourself. You must take up your cross and follow me." Matthew 16:24 (CEV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week: Dear God, help us to follow you and serve others even when it causes pain to do so. Amen.

Mealttime Prayer: For all we eat and all we wear, for daily bread and nightly care, we thank you, Heavenly Father. Amen.

A Blessing to Give: May God's constant love preserve you and give you peace and good courage as you pick up your cross and follow Jesus.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

- Discuss in your home or small group: Tell about a time you supported a cause or a person who needed help. Sometimes following Jesus involves difficulty or suffering. In what ways have you experienced this? Jesus says, "If you want to save your life, you will destroy it. But if you want to give up your life for me, you will find it" (Matthews 16:25). What do you think Jesus means by this?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Romans 12:9-21. The apostle Paul gives a beautiful and grace-filled list of the new life in Christ. Reflect on Paul's list of virtues for Christians, then make posters illustrating all the things these verses encourage Christians to do (e.g., love others, honor others, be joyful). Place the posters around your home. Pray for God's help and guidance to live the new life in Christ.

SERVICE

Pick out one of the virtues listed in Romans 12:9-21. With prayerful attention and focus pursue this virtue with the goal of making a positive impact on another person's life this week.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Make crosses out of paper or craft sticks. On the crosses write the words, "Take up your cross and follow me." Commit to carrying these crosses with you this week as a reminder of Jesus' call to follow him.

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THIS WEEK AT KOUNTZE

September 3 Sunday Homebound Communion 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM Breakfast 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Worship 9:00 AM Nursery (0-2 yrs) 11:00 AM MS/HS Choir Rehearsal September 4 Monday Labor Day OFFICE CLOSED September 5 Tuesday 9:00 AM Staff Meeting 12:00 PM Yesterday's Youth September 6 Wednesday 12:15 PM Worship 6:00 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal 6:00 PM Dinner 6:30 PM Confirmation 7:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM Closing Worship September 7 Thursday 4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic September 9 Saturday 5:00 PM Worship September 10 Sunday 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) 10:10 AM Rally Day/Sunday School Registration (2yr-8th gr) 11:00 AM MS/HS Choir Rehearsal 12:00 PM Book Group 12:00 PM Sunday School Volunteer Meeting 7:00 PM MS & HS Girl's Bible Study 8:30 PM LCM Worship @ CU (Halley Chapel)

Table with 2 columns: Next Weekend's Lessons, Ezekiel 33:7-11, Psalm 119:33-40, Romans 13:8-14, Matthew 18:15-20

Saturday Attendance: 52 Sunday Attendance: 9:00: 191 11:00: 120 Midweek - Noon: 8 Total: 371 Pantry Guests Served: 449 Medical Clinic Guests Served: 26 Offering: (Not available at time of printing)

(continued from page 1) NEW MEMBER CLASS will be held on 9/17 & 24

(please plan to attend both sessions) at noon, with new members to be received 10/1. The following New Member class is set for 1/14 & 21, 2018. If you have questions, please talk to one of the Pastors. 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 have food allergies or will need childcare.

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.

KMLC MEN'S LUNCHEON Thursday, 9/21, 11:30 AM at Kountze Memorial. All Men of KMLC Invited. Cost: \$10. Please RSVP to the church office or Dave Forrest (402-341-7761 or dave@kmlchurch.org) by Monday, 9/18 at noon. This Month: "Dubai--not Sunni, not Shia: Shoppers." We'll welcome Dr. Kenneth Wise, Kountze member and Creighton University emeritus professor of political science and international relations. Dr. Wise taught international politics at Creighton for 40 years and helped start a public policy think tank in the United Arab Emirates in 2004. He lived in Dubai from 2006-2013, where he continues to consult. Dr. Wise will share some thoughts about life in this Islamic country.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY on Biblical imagery. We will look at some of the rich images that pervade the Bible and what they mean. A six-week session. Come Mondays (beginning 9/25, 6 PM) or Wednesdays (beginning 9/27, 10:30 AM). Instructor: Dr. Sieling

INSTALLATION OF PASTOR ROYNESDAL will be held on Sunday, 10/8 at 3 PM just prior to the dedication of Kountze Commons.

KOUNTZE COMMONS The dedication of Kountze Commons will be held Sunday, 10/8 at 3 PM 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 our garden for the pantry, Chuck Campbell, Tootie Rohde, and Gordon Boe would appreciate your help. You can meet them at the garden at 6:30 AM on Sunday mornings and they'll be glad to put you to work!

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.