

# KOUNTZE MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

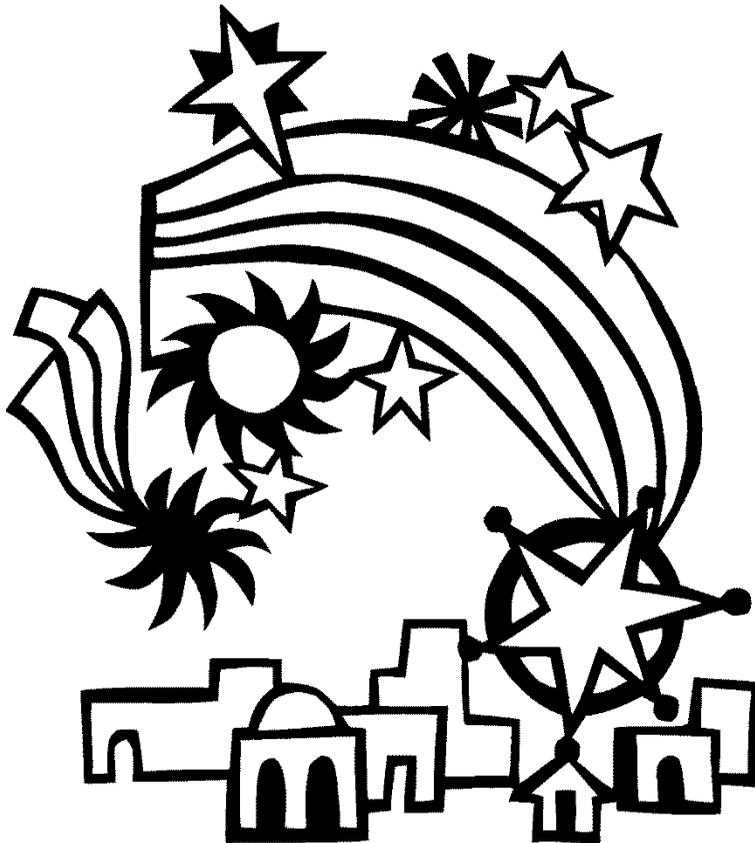
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December 25, 2016

10:00 AM

CHRISTMAS DAY



*On this Christmas morning the people of God gather to celebrate the birth of the Word made flesh, Christ our Lord. Luke recounts the familiar story of shepherds and angels; John's gospel tells of the Word that dwells among us, full of grace and truth. The meaning of Christmas is made clear: the light shines in the darkness. It is in the liturgy that we encounter the Word made flesh—in the people of God gathered together as the body of Christ, and in the meal around the holy table. We go forth to be bearers of light as we proclaim this good news to all the ends of the earth.*

## PRELUDE

# GATHERING

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*(stand)*

### LITANY

**P** We gather in the name of the Trinity—God who is Creator, Redeemer, Life-giving Spirit, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**C** ***Amen.***

**P** Amidst all the sounds of this season,

**C** ***We come seeking words that ring true.***

**P** In a world shouting of conflict and hatred, injustice and greed,

**C** ***We come, our Savior, seeking your righteous Word.***

**P** From homes hurt by self-interest and noisy quarrels, wounded pride and painful silence,

**C** ***We come, our Savior, seeking your loving Word.***

**P** With hearts heavy because of good intentions that failed, willful wrongs committed,

**C** ***We come, our Savior, seeking your forgiving, life-changing Word.***

**P** Weary of so many claims that lead only to confusion or despair,

**C** ***We come, our Savior, seeking your truth.***

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**P** Hear the Good News: to you is born a Savior.

**C** ***In Jesus Christ God has sent us Truth and Grace.  
Come, let us worship him!***

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*Angels, from the Realms of Glory*

ELW 275

## 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.***

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Almighty God,

**C** ***you gave us your only Son to take on our human nature and to illumine the world with your light. By your grace adopt us as your children and enlighten us with your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.***

# WORD

(sit)

## FIRST READING

Isaiah 52:7-10

*A messenger races home to Jerusalem with the marvelous words: "Your God reigns!" In comforting the people, God proves to be the best brother or sister (redeemer) they have ever known. Everyone will witness the victory (salvation) of God.*

**H**ow beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." <sup>8</sup>Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the Lord to Zion. <sup>9</sup>Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the Lord has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. <sup>10</sup>The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

**A** The word of the Lord.

**G** *Thanks be to God.*

## PSALM 98 (read responsively)

<sup>1</sup>Sing a new song to the Lord, who has done marvelous things,  
whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.

<sup>2</sup>*O Lord, you have made known your victory,  
you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.*

<sup>3</sup>You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel;  
all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

<sup>4</sup>*Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands;  
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.*

<sup>5</sup>Sing to the Lord with the harp,  
with the harp and the voice of song.

<sup>6</sup>*With trumpets and the sound of the horn  
shout with joy before the king, the Lord.*

<sup>7</sup>Let the sea roar, and all that fills it,  
the world and those who dwell therein.

<sup>8</sup>*Let the rivers clap their hands,  
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord, who comes to judge the earth.*

<sup>9</sup>The Lord will judge the world with righteousness  
and the peoples with equity.

## SECOND READING

Hebrews 1:1-4

*This letter opens with a lofty declaration of Jesus' preeminent status as the Son through whom God created the world and through whom our sins are cleansed. God speaks to us now through the Son, who is exalted even above the angels.*

**L**ong ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, <sup>2</sup>but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. <sup>3</sup>He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, <sup>4</sup>having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

**A** The word of the Lord.

**G** *Thanks be to God.*

(stand)

# GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

From Heaven Above

ELW 268

Verses 1-3



1 "From heav'n a - bove to earth I come to bear good  
 2 "To you this night is born a child of Mar - y,  
 3 "This is the Christ, God's Son most high, who hears your



news to ev - 'ry home! Glad tid - ings of great joy I  
 cho - sen vir - gin mild; this new - born child of low - ly  
 sad and bit - ter cry, who will him - self your Sav - ior



bring to all the world, and glad - ly sing:  
 birth shall be the joy of all the earth.  
 be and from all sin will set you free."

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- The Holy Gospel according to St. John.
- Glory to you, O Lord.**

## GOSPEL

John 1:1-14

*The prologue to the Gospel of John describes Jesus as the Word of God made flesh, the one who reveals God to be "full of grace and truth."*

**I**n the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup>All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being <sup>4</sup>in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. <sup>5</sup>The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

<sup>6</sup>There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup>He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. <sup>9</sup>The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

<sup>10</sup>He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup>He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. <sup>12</sup>But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, <sup>13</sup>who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

<sup>14</sup>And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

- The Gospel of our Lord
- Praise to you, O Christ.**

*(stand)*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

ELW 270

## 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,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
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,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who 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.*

## 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)*

**Illness:** Patsy Chrisman, Edie Goodwin, LeClare Steffen, Dee Luchsinger, Darlene White

**Sympathy:** To the family and friends of Paul Bonneau, brother of Karen and Shirley Bonneau; to the family and friends of James Johnston, uncle of Sharon West

**Other Prayers: *Those serving in the military*** – Amy Dyer, 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 CHRISTMAS 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

#### MUSICAL OFFERING

*Gesù bambino*

Frederick H. Martens  
Danny Bos, Soloist

*(stand)*

#### OFFERTORY HYMN

*From Heaven Above*  
*Verses 8 & 12*

ELW 268

8 Welcome to earth, O noble Guest,  
through whom this sinful world is blest!  
You turned not from our needs away;  
how can our thanks such love repay?

12 Ah, dearest Jesus, holy child,  
prepare a bed, soft, undefiled,  
a quiet chamber in my heart,  
that you and I may never part.

## OFFERING PRAYER

**P** God with us:

**C** *You came as a baby to a manger. You slept on straw and greeted shepherds. You come again in bread and wine. Remind us how good you are at blessing ordinary things. And then, through these gifts, help us to bless the lives of others in the strength of your holy name. Amen.*

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** *And also with you.*

**P** Lift up your hearts

**C** *We lift them to the Lord.*

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** *It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

**P** It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...  
...and join their unending hymn.

**C** *Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might: Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.*

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

**P** Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life...

...Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**C** *Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.*

**P** With this bread and cup...

...We look with hope for his coming.

**C** *Come, Lord Jesus.*

**P** Holy God, we long for your Spirit...

...Bring the gift of peace on earth.

**C** *Come, Holy Spirit.*

**P** All praise and glory are yours...

...one God, now and forever.

**C** *Amen.*

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**C** *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

- ☐ Joy to the world! The Lord is come. Let every heart receive your Savior.
- ☑ **Amen.**

*(sit)*

## HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

*What Child Is This  
O Little Town of Bethlehem*

ELW 296

ELW 279

*(stand)*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- ☐ On this day, O God, you gave us Christ the Son to save us.
- ☑ ***As you sent the one foretold, send us now with good news for all people. Let the gladness of this feast have no end as we share with others the joy that fills us; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.***

## SENDING

### BLESSING

- ☐ The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor, and give you peace.
- ☑ **Amen.**

### HYMN

*Joy to the World*

ELW 267

### DISMISSAL

- ☐ Go in peace. The Lord—Immanuel—is with you.
- ☑ ***Thanks be to God!***

### POSTLUDE

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Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church is a congregation of the Nebraska Synod, in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), a part of the worldwide Lutheran Church body. We invite you to join us regularly for worship and for a variety of opportunities for growth and service. If you are a new resident in the community and are looking for a church home, we invite you to join this faith community. If you are new here, welcome. If you are "newly returned," we rejoice with you. If you are a member of long-standing, we celebrate your ministry and your faithfulness.

**KOUNTZE STAFF**

Pr. Dean W. Bard	Interim Senior Pastor
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Søren Johnson	Assist to the Bldg Super
Barbara Carlsen	Dir. of Music & Fine Arts
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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 † 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 today. Children not yet communing will receive a blessing. Ushers will direct you. Communion is by intinction: you will receive the Host in your hand; you may then dip the Host into the chalice. 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 and children's bibles and bulletins are available. We also provide a Quiet Room, just off the west side of the main sanctuary, that includes a variety of toys, games, and books for young children. Parents may watch the service via the TV screen.

**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** Please fill out the cards found in your bulletin. If you are a guest, please fill out the additional information, so we can meet your needs. Then, put the cards in the offering plates. Thanks.

**LARGE PRINT BULLETINS AND LISTENING DEVICES** are available. Please speak to an Usher if you would like to have a large print bulletin or to use a listening device.

**WELCOME DESK** Our Welcome Desk in the Fellowship Hall has become a center for hospitality with volunteers on hand each Sunday to help with event information, sign-ups, payments, answering questions, etc. Be sure to check out this resource if you have questions and to stay up to date on events and activities happening at Kountze Memorial. If you'd like to volunteer to help at the Welcome Desk, please contact Ian (402-341-7761 or [ian@kmlchurch.org](mailto:ian@kmlchurch.org)). Amanda Zasada and Sheri Tipton are also available if you need help on Sunday mornings in the church office.

**ALTAR FLOWERS & ETERNAL CANDLE** If you would like to provide altar flowers or the eternal candle in honor or memory of someone or some special event, please put your name on the flower chart in the Narthex by the drinking fountain. Altar flowers are \$20 and the eternal candle is \$7.50.

**NEW MEMBER CLASS** Are you interested in learning more about Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church? Or do you know someone who has expressed an interest in learning more? If so, please let us know on the registration card in your bulletin and we'll let you know when the next class will take place. The next class will be held on February 12 & 19 from 12—2 PM. Please plan to attend both sessions. Lunch will be served. If you have questions, please talk to one of our Pastors. We look forward to hearing from you.

**E-NEWS AND E-NEWSLETTER** 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.

**ETERNAL CANDLE** is given to the Glory of God by Lee & Jean Johnson in honor of their 45<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

**WORSHIP WITH US  
CHRISTMAS MORNING  
Sunday, December 25, 10 AM**

Nursery care is available for 2 yrs. and younger

You are invited to join us for regular weekly worship on Saturdays at 5 PM or on Sundays at 9 or 11 AM.

**KOUNTZE PANTRY NEEDS** This week we need: beef stew, canned chicken, Spam, spaghetti/pasta, pasta sauce, cereal, oatmeal, and canned fruit. Your time and monetary offerings are always welcome as well. Please talk to JP if you have questions. Thanks.

**YEAR-END GIVING** In order to comply with current IRS regulations, all offerings to be included on your 2016 Statement of Giving must be: received in the office by 4:30 PM Friday, 12/30, or submitted online, or postmarked on or before Saturday, December 31, 2016 in order to be included in your 2016 Statement of Giving. Any offerings received or postmarked after those dates will be posted in 2017. If you have any questions please call the church office. If you participate in the Simply Giving program and you changed your giving/pledge amount for 2017, please turn in a new Simply Giving form so we can make that change for you. Forms are available at the Welcome Desk or click the link below. Unless your banking information has changed, it's not necessary to turn in another voided check. Please call the church office with questions.

**KMLC MEN'S LUNCHEON** Thursday, 1/19, 11:30 AM at Kountze Memorial. Cost: \$10. All Men of KMLC are invited. Please RSVP to the church office (402-341-7761) or to Ian Hartfield ([ian@kmlchurch.org](mailto:ian@kmlchurch.org)) by Wednesday, 1/18. This Month we'll welcome KMLC member Justin Perkins via Skype. Justin is serving in the ELCA's Young Adults in Global Mission (YAGM) program in Argentina and Uruguay. He will be with us to share about his wonderful and unique experiences serving in another country.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER LUNCHEON, SUNDAY, 1/29, 11:30 AM** All current Sunday School teachers are invited, as well as those interested in teaching Sunday School. We will meet in the meeting room off the Fellowship Hall. During our time together we will preview the spring curriculum and discuss ideas for the spring. Please RSVP to Katie Larson at [katie@kmlchurch.org](mailto:katie@kmlchurch.org) or 402.341.7761 so we can plan accordingly.

**KMLC COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE DEADLINE - MARCH 1** The KMLC Scholarship Program makes scholarship funds available to any eligible college-bound student member. Active members of Kountze Memorial planning or continuing to attend ANY college, university or seminary may submit an application. Additional eligibility requirements are noted on the application. Applications can be picked up in the Youth Center, Church Office, or downloaded at [www.kmlchurch.org](http://www.kmlchurch.org). Applications are due March 1. Applications received after this date will not be accepted. Please note: Scholarships are not automatically renewable, and recipients must re-apply each year. Funds are sent directly to respective institutions. Submit your applications, along with supporting documentation, by mail, deliver in person to the church office, by fax at 402-341-4841, or e-mail to [ian@kmlchurch.org](mailto:ian@kmlchurch.org). If you have any questions, contact Ian Hartfield in the church office at 402-341-7761.

The Pastors and Staff of  
Kountze Memorial  
Lutheran Church  
wish you a blessed and joyous  
Christmas and a  
Happy New Year!



## Jesus has come as our Savior!



### 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.

Sunday	John 1:1-14	The Word became human
Monday	Luke 2:1-20	The birth of Jesus
Tuesday	Isaiah 62:6-12	God promises salvation
Wednesday	Titus 3:4-7	God sent Jesus
Thursday	Psalms 97	The glory of God's reign
Friday	Hebrews 1:1-12	The Son is superior
Saturday	Psalms 98	Joy to the world
Sunday	Matthew 2:13-23	Escape to Egypt

### SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

God sent Jesus Christ our Savior to give us his Spirit. Titus 3:6 (CEV)

### PRAYERS AND BLESSING:

#### A Prayer for the Week:

God, you are the giver of all good things. We celebrate that you have given us not only our bodies and possessions, but yourself in Jesus. Amen.

#### Mealtime Prayer:

God, we join in celebration of the gift of Jesus our Savior. Bless our meal, and fill all those gathered here and elsewhere today with Christmas joy, love, and peace. Amen.

#### A Blessing to Give:

May God's peace and favor rest on you, this day and always. (Luke 2:14)

### CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your household or small group:

- What do you know about your own birth or the births of others in your family?
- What is your favorite part of the Bible stories about the birth of Jesus?
- Why was Jesus a special baby? What does his birth mean for you?

### DEVOTIONS

Read: Ephesians 6:18.

Make a list of all the people who have sent you Christmas cards, letters, or emails to you. Write each name on a slip of paper. Distribute these to household members and take turns in praying for them. The prayer can be as simple as:

**Dear God, please bless [Name] this Christmas and always.**

### SERVICE

The day after Christmas is traditionally called "Boxing Day" in various parts of the world (e.g. Australia, Britain, Canada, and New Zealand). Boxing Day originated during the Middle Ages. It was the day on which the wealthy landowners gave gifts to their servants and other workers on their lands. It was also the day churches distributed the contents of their alms boxes to the poor. Use this day to prepare "thank you" gifts for people in your community who serve you through their work during the year (e.g. postal workers, police officers, fire fighters, etc.). Have fun delivering your gifts over the next week.

### RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Christians celebrate Christmas Day as the birthday of Jesus. Work together as a household to design and decorate a Happy Birthday card for Jesus. Leave space for each person to write a personal message to him. Place the card underneath your Christmas Tree and join in singing Happy Birthday to Jesus.

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## NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS FROM THE AMERICAN CHURCH IN BERLIN

### JOIN US ON SUNDAY, 1/1/2017, 9 & 11 AM

Four years ago, in anticipation of the 500th Anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation, Kountze Memorial established a sister congregation relationship with the American Church in Berlin, Germany. At that time, our Endowment Fund pledged \$10,000 a year for five years to support their mission, a "thank offering" for our Reformation heritage. In recent years, two KMLC Lutherland Pilgrimage groups worshiped at ACB, Pastors Hall and Inbarasu have visited there, their Pastor, Steve Kienberger, spent a weekend with us, and ACB youth accompanied our youth to the ELCA Youth Gathering in Detroit. We have enjoyed an enriching relationship of mutual support.

At worship on Sunday, January 1, Travis Shaw, the choir director at ACB since 2010, will bring greetings and thanks and sing two vocal solos.

Travis is a native of Council Bluffs, Iowa, and he studied music at Luther College in Decorah, Iowa. His college barbershop quartet, Waterstreet Junction, won the first ever Collegiate Quartet Competition in 1992. Consequently, they were offered a job singing in an American Musical Revue in the former East Berlin Friedrichstadt Palast theater in 1993, and he has been in Berlin since that time. Currently, he performs, conducts choirs, and teaches voice lessons.



## THIS WEEK AT KOUNTZE

### December 25 Sunday

Christmas Day  
10:00 AM Worship

### December 26 Monday

OFFICE CLOSED  
No Pantry

### December 28 Wednesday

12:15 PM Worship

### December 31 Saturday

9:30 AM Women's Prayer Group (at Kountze)  
5:00 PM Worship

### January 1 Sunday

9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Worship  
9:00 AM Nursery (0-2 yrs)

**Next Weekend's Lessons**  
Isaiah 63:7-9  
Psalm 148  
Hebrews 2:10-18  
Matthew 2:13-23

**Saturday Attendance:** 194

**Sunday Attendance: 9:00:** 140 **11:00:** 62

**Midweek:** Not available at time of printing

**Total:** 396

**Pantry Guests Served:** 371 (276 Adults — 95 Children)

**Medical Clinic Guests Served:** 45

**Offering:**

\$37,027.13 (Regular) \$11,298.19 (Specials)

\$58,228.00 (In the City for Good)

## Congregational Meeting

**Sunday**  
**January 29, 2017**  
**10:10 AM**



**THANK YOU** To all who participated in, helped prepare for or attended the 4<sup>th</sup> annual Candlelight Carol Sing on Saturday; a heartfelt THANK YOU for sharing your time, talents and support!! Blessings to each of you for a very Merry Christmas!!

**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.

**YOUTH CHOIR** There will be no Youth Choir rehearsal on December 21 and 28. Thank you for your beautiful music this Fall! See you at rehearsal in the New Year!