

# KOUNTZE MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

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SEVENTH SUNDAY of PENTECOST



*God is the source of our nourishment. Our Lord's invitation to "take and eat . . . take and drink" is a repeated one. In the holy eucharist, in the word read and proclaimed, in the assembly of the people of God, the dominion of God has come near. Rejoice! Your name is written in heaven.*



## **PRELUDE**

*America, the Beautiful*

Traditional

Barbara Carlson, Soloist  
Mark Jones, Organist

## **GATHERING**

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

(stand)

### **CONFESSON AND FORGIVENESS**

**P** Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, abounding in steadfast love toward us, healing the sick and raising the dead, showering us with every good gift.

**C** **Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**P** Just and gracious God,

**C** *we come to you for healing and life. Our sins hurt others and diminish us; we confess them to you. Our lives bear the scars of sin; we bring these also to you. Show us your mercy, O God. Bind up our wounds, forgive us our sins, and free us to love, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.*

**P** The apostle Paul assures us: “When we were dead in our trespasses, God made us alive together with Christ, nailing the record of our sins to the cross.” Jesus says to you, ☩ “Your sins are forgiven.” Be at peace, and tell everyone how much God has done for you.

**C** **Amen.**

### **PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

*Spread, Oh, Spread, Almighty Word*

ELW 663

### **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.**

## 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. 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.

2 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.

*Final refrain*

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,  
for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** O God,  
**C** *the Father of our Lord Jesus, you are the city that shelters us, the mother who comforts us. With your Spirit accompany us on our life's journey, that we may spread your peace in all the world, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.*

## WORD

(sit)

### FIRST READING

**Isaiah 66:10-14**

*Those who returned from the exile found that the hopes for the glorious restoration of Judah were not completely fulfilled. For these disappointed people, the prophet envisions salvation in the image of a nursing woman. Mother Jerusalem and a mothering God remind the community how they are sustained and supported.*

**R**ejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her, all you who love her; rejoice with her in joy, all you who mourn over her—<sup>11</sup>that you may nurse and be satisfied from her consoling breast; that you may drink deeply with delight from her glorious bosom.<sup>12</sup>For thus says the LORD: I will extend prosperity to her like a river, and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing stream; and you shall nurse and be carried on her arm, and dandled on her knees.<sup>13</sup>As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you; you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.<sup>14</sup>You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice; your bodies shall flourish like the grass; and it shall be known that the hand of the LORD is with his servants, and his indignation is against his enemies.

**A** The word of the Lord.

**C** *Thanks be to God.*

## **PSALM 66:1-9** (*read responsively*)

<sup>1</sup>Be joyful in God, all you lands;  
    be joyful, all the earth.

<sup>2</sup>*Sing the glory of God's name;*  
*sing the glory of God's praise.*

<sup>3</sup>Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!  
    Because of your great strength your enemies cringe before you.

<sup>4</sup>*All the earth bows down before you,*  
*sings to you, sings out your name."*

<sup>5</sup>Come now and see the works of God,  
    how awesome are God's deeds toward all people.

<sup>6</sup>*God turned the sea into dry land, so that they went through the water on foot,*  
*and there we rejoiced in God.*

<sup>7</sup>Ruling forever in might, God keeps watch over the nations;  
    let no rebels exalt themselves.

<sup>8</sup>*Bless our God, you peoples;*  
*let the sound of praise be heard.*

<sup>9</sup>Our God has kept us among the living  
    and has not allowed our feet to slip.

## **SECOND LESSON**

## **Galatians 6:[1-6] 7-16**

*In the close of his letter to the Galatians, Paul encourages them to live as people made right with God through faith in Jesus Christ. Here Paul offers practical advice about how believers exercise common concern for one other in "the family of faith."*

**M**y friends, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted.  
<sup>2</sup>Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. <sup>3</sup>For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves. <sup>4</sup>All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbor's work, will become a cause for pride. <sup>5</sup>For all must carry their own loads. <sup>6</sup>Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher.] <sup>7</sup>Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. <sup>8</sup>If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit.

<sup>9</sup>So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up.

<sup>10</sup>So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith. <sup>11</sup>See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! <sup>12</sup>It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised—only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. <sup>13</sup>Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. <sup>14</sup>May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. <sup>15</sup>For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation

is everything! <sup>16</sup>As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

Ⓐ The word of the Lord.

Ⓒ Thanks be to God.

(stand)

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

Ⓑ The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

Ⓒ Glory to you, O Lord.

## GOSPEL

Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

*Jesus commissions harvesters and laborers to go where he would go and do what he would do. Risking hardship and danger in exchange for the experience of great joy, they offer peace and healing as signs that the reign of God is near.*

**A**fter this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go.<sup>2</sup> He said to them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.<sup>3</sup> Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves.<sup>4</sup> Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road.<sup>5</sup> Whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace to this house!’<sup>6</sup> And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you.<sup>7</sup> Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house.<sup>8</sup> Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you;<sup>9</sup> cure the sick who are there, and say to them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’<sup>10</sup> But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say,<sup>11</sup> ‘Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.’”

<sup>16</sup>“Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me.”<sup>17</sup> The seventy returned with joy, saying, “Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!”<sup>18</sup> He said to them, “I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning.

<sup>19</sup> See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you.<sup>20</sup> Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

Ⓑ 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

*Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart*

ELW 750

## APOSTLES' CREED

**C 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)

**Sympathy:** To the friends and family of Tami Heimrod; mother of Sunshine Fonda and mother-in-law of Scott Fonda.

**Illness:** Don Hirsh, Paul Rath

**Other Prayers:** **Those serving in the military** – Amy Dyer, Michael McNeill, Scott Meyer, Daniel Milstead, Sheldon Skovgaard, Michael Vutov and Joel Woosley

**Other Prayers:** **Those serving in mission** – Rev. Chandran Paul Martin, India; Rev. John Lunn, Tanzania; Rev. Justin Eller, Bolivia; Lindsay Mack, Mexico; 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.***

## 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

*Blessings*

Laura Story  
Barbara Carlson, Soloist

(stand)

#### OFFERTORY HYMN      *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

P ***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heav'nly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.***

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711

### OFFERING PRAYER

P God of mercy and grace,  
C ***the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord. Amen.***

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And also 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.

## SANCTUS

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the

high - est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## 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

¶ Christ invites you to a place of honor at this banquet. Welcome to the feast.

(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.

*Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!  
Thy Holy Wings*

ELW 385  
ELW 613

(stand)

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- P O God,
- C as a mother comforts her child, so you comfort your people, carrying us in your arms and satisfying us with this food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Send us now as your disciples, announcing peace and proclaiming that the reign of God has come near; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## SENDING

### DISMISSAL OF EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

### BLESSING

- P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and <sup>☩</sup> give you peace.
- C Amen.

HYMN *Sent Forth by God's Blessing* ELW 547

### DISMISSAL

- P Go in peace. Proclaim the good news.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

### POSTLUDE