

KOUNTZE MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

A CITY-WIDE CHURCH WITH A WORLD-WIDE MINISTRY

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We have no good apart from God. That makes our Lord's call to follow him an invitation to freedom. This is freedom to revel in the Spirit's fruits: love, joy, peace, patience, and the like. This is the path of life.

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(stand)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

- Ⓟ 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.

☩ **Amen.**

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

- Ⓟ Just and gracious God,

☩ ***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.

- Ⓟ 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

☩ **Amen.**

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

This Little Light of Mine

***This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.***

***Ev'ry where I go, I'm gonna let it shine.
Ev'ry where I go, I'm gonna let it shine.
All through the neighborhood, I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.***

***This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.***

***Hold it high so all can see, I'm gonna let it shine.
Hold it high so all can see, I'm gonna let it shine.
Hold it high so all can see, I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.***

***This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.***

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** Sovereign God,
Ruler of all hearts,
- C** ***you call us to obey you, and you favor us with true freedom. Keep us faithful to the ways of your Son, that, leaving behind all that hinders us, we may steadfastly follow your paths, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.***

HYMN

Just a Closer Walk With Thee

*Just a closer walk with thee,
grant it, Jesus, is my plea;
daily walking close to thee,
let it be, dear Lord, let it be.*

*I am weak but thou art strong:
Jesus, keep me from all wrong;
I'll be satisfied as long
as I walk, let me walk close to thee.*

*Through this world of toil and snares,
if I falter, Lord, who cares?
Who with me my burden shares?
None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee.*

*When my feeble life is o'er,
time for me will be no more;
guide me gently, safely o'er
to thy kingdom shore, to thy shore.*

WORD

(Sit)

FIRST LESSON

1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21

In the story preceding today's reading, the prophet Elijah flees for his life to the security of God's mountain. There the Lord reveals to Elijah that there are still other faithful people in Israel and commissions him to anoint new leaders, including his own successor, Elisha.

Then the LORD said to [Elijah,] "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. ¹⁶Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place.

¹⁹So he set out from there, and found Elisha son of Shaphat, who was plowing. There were twelve yoke of oxen ahead of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle over him. ²⁰He left the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said, "Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you." Then Elijah said to him, "Go back again; for what have I done to you?" ²¹He returned from following him, took the yoke of oxen, and slaughtered them; using the equipment from the oxen, he boiled their flesh, and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out and followed Elijah, and became his servant.

A The word of the Lord.

☞ Thanks be to God.

PSALM 16 (read responsively)

- ¹Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;
I have said to the LORD, “You are my Lord, my good above all other.”
- ²***All my delight is in the godly that are in the land,
upon those who are noble among the people.***
- ³But those who run after other gods
shall have their troubles multiplied.
- ⁴***I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods,
never take their names upon my lips.***
- ⁵O LORD, you are my portion and my cup;
it is you who uphold my lot.
- ⁶***My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;
indeed, I have a rich inheritance.***
- ⁷I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel;
my heart teaches me night after night.
- ⁸***I have set the LORD always before me;
because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.***
- ⁹My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;
my body also shall rest in hope.
- ¹⁰***For you will not abandon me to the grave,
nor let your holy one see the pit.***
- ¹¹You will show me the path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures
forevermore.

SECOND LESSON

Galatians 5:1, 13-25

For Paul, the freedom Christ gives is not permission to do whatever we want. It is the invitation to be what we could not be otherwise. The power and guidance of Christ's Holy Spirit produce a different kind of life, one marked by the fruit of this Holy Spirit.

For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

¹³For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. ¹⁴For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁵If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another. ¹⁶Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. ¹⁸But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. ¹⁹Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, ²⁰idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, ²¹envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. ²²By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. ²⁴And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

A The word of the Lord.

G *Thanks be to God.*

(stand)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -
- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -
lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

Music: Caribbean traditional

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

G *Glory to you, O Lord.*

GOSPEL

Luke 9:51-62

Jesus is unwavering in his commitment to his mission in Jerusalem and will not be swayed by pettiness. In a series of striking cases in point, he calls his disciples to a similar single-mindedness.

When the days drew near for [Jesus] to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem.⁵² And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him;⁵³ but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem.⁵⁴ When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?"⁵⁵ But he turned and rebuked them.⁵⁶ Then they went on to another village.⁵⁷ As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go."⁵⁸ And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head."⁵⁹ To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father."⁶⁰ But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God."⁶¹ Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home."⁶² Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.

📖 The Gospel of our Lord

📖 *Praise to you, O Christ*

SERMON

Pastor Inbarasu

(stand)

HYMN OF THE DAY

When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder

***When the trumpet of the Lord shall sound, and time shall be no more,
And the morning breaks, eternal, bright and fair;
When the saved of earth shall gather over on the other shore,
And the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there.***

(Refrain)

***When the roll is called up yonder,
When the roll is called up yonder,
When the roll is called up yonder,
When the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there.***

***On that bright and cloudless morning when the dead in Christ shall rise,
And the glory of His resurrection share;
When His chosen ones shall gather to their home beyond the skies,
And the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there.*** 📖

***Let us labor for the Master from the dawn till setting sun,
Let us talk of all His wondrous love and care;
Then when all of life is over, and our work on earth is done,
And the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there.*** 📖

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS (9:00 AM)

We Welcome: Barbara, Osborne, & Bennett Eckhorn, David Jesberg, Steve Kirkvold & Lynne Mosiman, David Klug & Melissa Musick, Amy & John Kunz

APOSTLES' CREED (11:00)

☩ *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: Ⓟ Lord, in your mercy,
 ☩ *hear our prayer.*

(In our prayers today, during a time of silence, pray for those listed and for others according to their needs)

Thanksgiving: For the marriage of Hannibal Cofield and Simone Nespor

Illness: 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

Ⓟ The peace of Christ be with you always.
☩ *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.



THE TABLE IS PREPARED

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *At a Georgia Camp Meeting* Street Railway Company Jazz Band

Once the offering is collected, it will be brought forward while the offertory anthem may be playing. Pastor will invite you to stand at the right time.

OFFERING PRAYER

- Ⓟ God of mercy and grace,
- ☞ ***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.***
- Ⓟ It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...
 ...and join their unending hymn.

SANCTUS

- ☞ ***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might Heav'n 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

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)

SPECIAL MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Street Railway Company Jazz Band

(stand)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- ☞ O God,
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

BLESSING

☞ 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 ☩ give you peace.

☩ **Amen.**

HYMN

When the Saints Go Marching Out

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*Oh, when the saints go marching out,
oh, when the saints go marching out,
O Lord, I want to be in that number
when the saints go marching out.*

*Oh, when they gather 'round the throne,
oh, when they gather 'round the throne,
O Lord, I want to be in that number
when they gather 'round the throne.*

*Oh, when the Lord in glory comes,
oh when the Lord in glory comes,
O Lord, I want to be in that number
when the Lord in glory comes.*

*Oh, when they crown him King of kings,
oh, when they crown him King of kings,
O Lord, I want to be in that number
when they crown him King of kings.*

*Oh, when the new world is revealed,
oh, when the new world is revealed,
O Lord, I want to be in that number
when the new world is revealed.*

*And on that hallelujah day,
and on that hallelujah day,
O Lord, I want to be in that number
on that hallelujah day.*

DISMISSAL

☞ Go in peace. Proclaim the good news

☩ **Thanks be to God.**

SENDING SONGS

Street Railway Company Jazz Band

☩ ☩ ☩

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