

KOUNTZE MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

A CITY-WIDE CHURCH WITH A WORLD-WIDE MINISTRY

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9:00 & 11:00 AM

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST



In today's second reading Paul questions why we judge one another, since we all stand before the judgment of God. Yet we do sin against one another, and Jesus' challenge that we forgive seventy-seven times reveals God's boundless mercy. When we hear the words of forgiveness in worship and sign ourselves with the cross, we are renewed in baptism to be signs of reconciliation in the world.

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(stand)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

- ☐ Blessed be the ☩ holy Trinity, the one who fashions us, the one who heals us, the one who reforms us again and again.
- ☑ **Amen.**
- ☐ Let us confess our sin, calling for God's transforming power.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.

- ☐ Source of all life,
- ☑ ***we confess that we have not allowed your grace to set us free. We fear that we are not good enough. We hear your word of love freely given to us, yet we expect others to earn it. We turn the church inward, rather than moving it outward. Forgive us. Stir us. Reform us to be a church powered by love, willing to speak for what is right, act for what is just, and seek the healing of your whole creation. Amen.***
- ☐ God hears our cry and sends the Spirit to change us and to empower our lives in the world. Our sins are forgiven, ☩ God's love is unconditional, and we are raised up as God's people who will always be made new, in the name of Jesus Christ.
- ☑ **Amen.**

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

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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.***

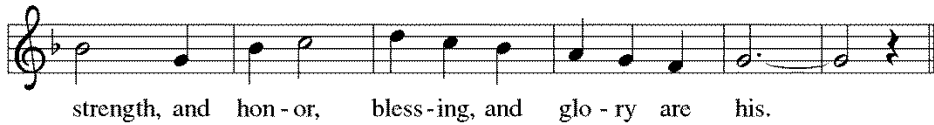
HYMN OF PRAISE

Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
I 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

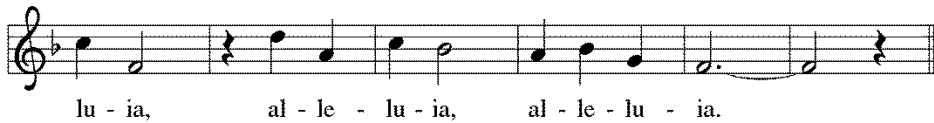


strength, and hon-or, bless-ing, and glo-ry are his.

Refrain

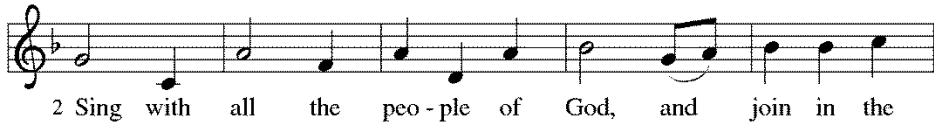


This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le -

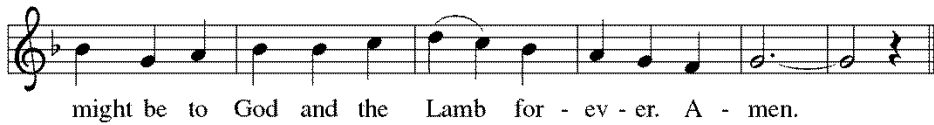


lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

2 Sing with all the peo-ple of God, and join in the



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

- ☐ Almighty, merciful judge,
☑ ***you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.***

MUSICAL OFFERING

I Exalt Thee

Pete Sanchez, Jr.
Kountze Handbell Choir

(sit)

WORD

FIRST READING

Genesis 50:15-21

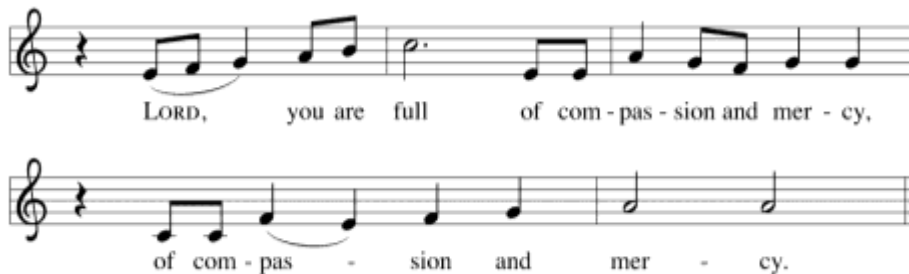
After Jacob's death, the brothers of Joseph begged for forgiveness for the crime they had done against him. You intended to do me harm, Joseph said, but God used this as an opportunity to do good and save many lives.

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "*What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?*"¹⁶ So they approached Joseph, saying, "*Your father gave this instruction before he died,*"¹⁷ "Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' *Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father.*" Joseph wept when they spoke to him.¹⁸ Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "*We are here as your slaves.*"¹⁹ But Joseph said to them, "*Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God?*"²⁰ *Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today.*"²¹ *So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.*" In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

☐ The word of the Lord.


☑ ***Thanks be to God.***

PSALM 103:1-13



Psalm 103:8
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- ¹Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.
²Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and forget not all God's benefits—
³who forgives all your sins
and heals all your diseases;

⁴who redeems your life from the grave
and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy; 

⁵who satisfies your desires with good things
so that your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

⁶O Lord, you provide vindication
and justice for all who are oppressed.

⁷You made known your ways to Moses
and your works to the children of Israel.


⁸Lord, you are full of compassion and mercy,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love; 

⁹you will not always accuse us,
nor will you keep your anger forever.

¹⁰You have not dealt with us according to our sins,
nor repaid us according to our iniquities.

¹¹For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is your steadfast love for those who fear you.

¹²As far as the east is from the west,
so far have you removed our transgressions from us.

¹³As a father has compassion for his children,
so you have compassion for those who fear you, O Lord. 

SECOND READING

Romans 14:1-12

This Christian community has significant struggles with diversity. Here Paul helps us understand that despite different practices in worship and personal piety, we do not judge one another. All Christians belong to the Lord Jesus Christ who died for all of us and will judge each of us.

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. ²Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. ³Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. ⁴Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

⁵Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. ⁶Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

⁷We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. ⁸If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

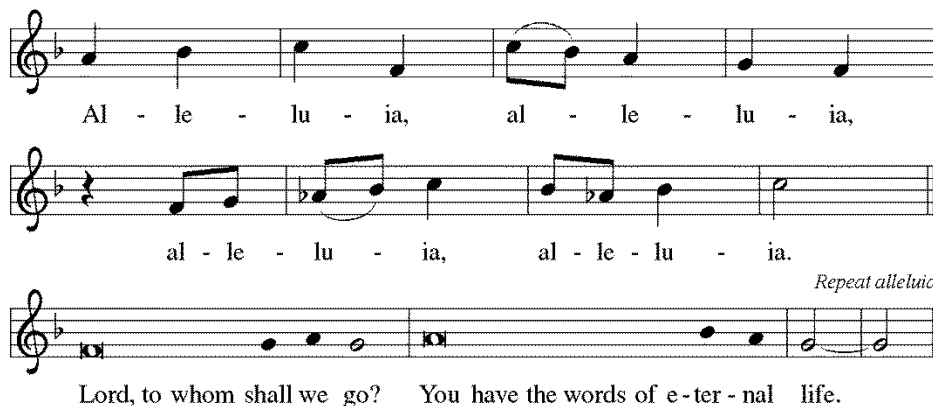
¹⁰Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. ¹¹For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." ¹²So then, each of us will be accountable to 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. *Repeat alleluia*
Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

☐ The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

☑ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL

Matthew 18:21-35

When Peter asks about the limits of forgiveness, Jesus responds with a parable that suggests human forgiveness should mirror the unlimited mercy of God.

Peter came and said to [Jesus], “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?”²² Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

²³“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves.²⁴ When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him;²⁵ and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made.²⁶ So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’²⁷ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt.²⁸ But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’²⁹ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’³⁰ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt.³¹ When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place.³² Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me.³³ Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’³⁴ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt.³⁵ So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

☐ 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 Roynesdal

(stand)

HYMN OF THE DAY

Come, Ye Disconsolate

ELW 607

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: ☒ Lord, in your mercy,

☒ ***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 birth of Emily Marie Jensen, daughter of Mike & Elizabeth; for the birth of Nicolas Alejandro Valquier, son of Leon & Sheila

Illness: Eunice Grunberg, Susie Henry, Dee Hiatt, Virginia Jensen, Bob Jones (father of Allison Albright), Gary Reznik (son-in-law of Shirley Dietrich)

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; 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 or use the giving kiosk in the Fellowship Hall.



THE TABLE IS PREPARED

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Be Joyful, Be Joyful

Eugene Butler

(stand)

OFFERTORY HYMN

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

- ☞ ***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

- ☞ 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 a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The notes are mostly quarter and eighth notes, with some beamed eighth notes. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The first staff has two measures, the second and third have two measures each, and the fourth has two measures.

(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 - er 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.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is more complex than in the Thanksgiving section, featuring eighth and sixteenth notes, often beamed together. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The first staff has two measures, the second and third have two measures each, and the fourth has two measures.

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.*

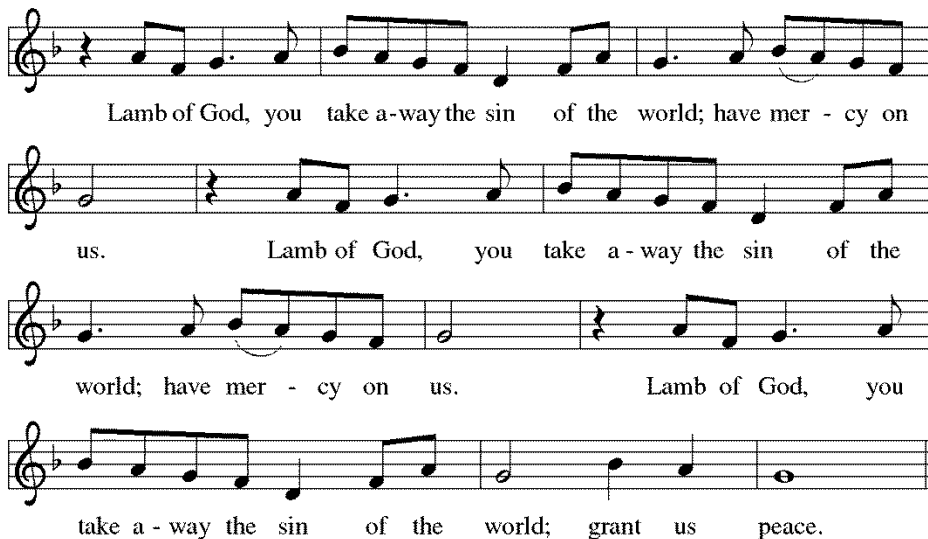
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

- ☞ 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.

*Let Us Break Bread Together
Crown Him with Many Crowns*

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ELW 855

(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

BLESSING

- ☞ Almighty 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

On Our Way Rejoicing

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DISMISSAL

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

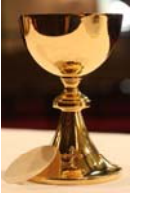
POSTLUDE

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WORSHIP + GROW + SERVE

KOUNTZE STAFF

Pr. Olaf Roynesdal	Senior Pastor
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Pr. Ashley Hall	Associate Pastor
Pr. Inba Inbarasu	Visitation Pastor
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Lauri Askew	Staff Treasurer
Sheri Rose	Financial Secretary
Tim Walker	Chef
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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.	Lorie Groenjes Jeff Senn Liz Pem
Lector	Karen Fannin
Ushers	Glenn Anderson Dan Collett Ted Kaasch Mark Mahaffey Gary Westerman Bob Woodworth Marcy Madison
Greeters	Sharon Anderson Karen Wolf Shirleen Collett
Crucifer	Bailey Gittler
Acolytes	Anthony Bonacci Kenyon Martis

SUNDAY, 11:00 AM

Comm. Asst.	June Anderson Deb Hinrichs
Lector	Deb Hinrichs
Ushers	Adam Klinker Linda Hoagland
Greeters	Julie King Rosemary Tessin
Crucifer	Lily O'Kane
Acolytes	Lydia Baum Charlie Campbell

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 January 14 & 21 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 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: Welcome Reception for Pr. Roynesdal and Marcia **NEXT WEEK:** Youth Trip Review

HURRICANE 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*.

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS Sunday, 9/17, 10:00-11:00 AM in the Fellowship Lounge. Trained volunteers provide blood pressure checks free of charge on the 1st Saturday and 3rd Sunday of each month.

NEW MEMBER CLASS will be held this Sunday and next, 9/17 & 24 (please plan to attend both sessions) at noon, with new members to be received 10/1. The next 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.

YOUTH MISSION TRIP SPONSORSHIP DINNER If you were a sponsor for the Youth Mission Trip this year, please plan to attend the Sponsorship Dinner on Sunday, 9/17, at 5 PM.

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in honor of their 48th wedding anniversary by Ken and Linda Johnson; by Barb Chrisman in memory of her mother, Lois Soll, for her September birthday.

CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES TODAY

SUNDAY SCHOOL on the 2nd floor for children 2 years—8th grade. Preschool 1 (2-4 yrs) meets from 9—10 AM (child care for those too old for the nursery). Sunday School (2 yrs—8th grade) is held from 10:10—10:50 AM.

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

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

KMLC MEN'S LUNCHEON Thursday, 9/21, 11:30 AM at Kountze Memorial. All Men of KMLC Invited. Cost: \$10. Please RSVP (402-341-7761 or info@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.

BAPTISM SEMINAR will be held on Sunday, 11/19 at 12 PM. We'll meet in the church office conference room and then Pr. Hall will lead the participants to the Nave to walk through the liturgy. To register, please call the church office (402-341-7761).

PANTRY VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION LUNCH Monday, 9/25, 1:30 PM. Pantry volunteers, please be sure to RSVP on the sheet by the volunteer sign-up book. We hope to see you there!

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

We are to forgive countless times.



DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Table with 3 columns: Day, Bible Reference, and Summary. Rows include Sunday (Matthew 18:21-35), Monday (Genesis 18:20-33), Tuesday (Genesis 50:15-21), Wednesday (Romans 14:1-12), Thursday (1 Samuel 26:5-25), Friday (Acts 6:8-15, 7:54-60), Saturday (Psalm 103), and Sunday (Matthew 20:1-16).

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Peter came up to the Lord and asked, "How many times should I forgive someone who does wrong to me? Is seven times enough?" Jesus answered: "Not just seven times, but seventy-seven times!" Matthew 18:21-22 (CEV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Dear God, we thank you for your never-failing love and forgiveness. Help us to show our gratitude with mercy to others. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

We thank you for providing for our needs and giving us the strength of a young eagle. Amen. (Psalm 103:5)

A Blessing to Give:

May the Lord who crowns you with steadfast love forgive you all your sins and give you a merciful heart. (Psalm 104:4)

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home or small group:

- Have you ever been hurt by someone again and again? What did you do?
• What makes it difficult to forgive someone repeatedly?
• How is the kingdom of heaven shown in the parable of the unmerciful servant (Matthew 18:23-35)?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Matthew 18:21-35.

Act out the Parable of the Unmerciful Servant or read it together with others speaking as the different characters in the parable. Then, talk about each character. What are they like? Which of the characters are you most like?

Take turns praying for each other, that God may help you to be kind and forgiving towards others.

SERVICE

Think about someone you have not been willing to forgive. Consider ways to free both you and that other person by forgiving them in your heart (including a prayer) and by finding some way to communicate a more gracious relationship with them.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Psalms 103 is one of the great psalms expressing God's love and our response through praise. During this next week, read the psalm daily and pause to reflect on a word or thought that can bless you throughout the day.

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session. Come Mondays (beginning 9/25, 6 PM) or Wednesdays (beginning 9/27, 10:30 AM). Instructor: Dr. Sieling

TAIZÉ SERVICE @ ST. JOHN'S Monday, 9/28 at 8:15 PM in St. John's. It can be difficult to set aside time to be quiet and present to the Lord with our busy schedules. Taizé Prayer is evening prayer for all Christian faiths. It is a simple, meditative form of worship, calling us to dwell deeply on Christ's presence around and within us.

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.

METRO-OMAHA COMMEMORATION OF 500TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE REFORMATION The Nebraska Synod and Western Iowa Synod will co-host a Lutheran Commemoration of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation with a Festive Eucharist at St. John's Roman Catholic parish (Creighton University) at 2 PM, Sunday, 10/29. Reception to follow. Invite a friend! Registration for the event opened on 9/15 and can be found on the Nebraska Synod website. A link will be available in the Wednesday e-news.

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.

THIS WEEK AT KOUNTZE

September 17 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)
10:00 AM Blood Pressure Checks
10:10 AM Adult Forum
10:10 AM Youth Forum (gr 9-12)
10:10 AM Sunday School (2yr-8th gr)
11:00 AM MS/HS Choir Rehearsal
12:00 PM New Member Class
5:00 PM Mission Trip Sponsorship Dinner
8:30 PM LCM Worship @ CU (Halley Chapel)

September 18 Monday

- 10:00 AM Pantry
6:00 PM Clinic Board

September 19 Tuesday

- 9:00 AM Staff Meeting
9:00 AM Creighton Retreat @ KMLC
1:00 PM Prayer Shawl Group
5:00 PM Building Committee
5:30 PM Executive Committee
6:30 PM Church Council

September 20 Wednesday

- 12:15 PM Worship
5:00 PM Communion @ deFreese Manor
6:00 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal
6:00 PM Confirmation Dinner
6:30 PM Confirmation
7:30 PM Closing Worship

September 21 Thursday

- 11:30 AM Men's Luncheon
4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic
7:00 PM Circle 5

September 22 Friday

- 11:30 AM Property Committee (please note date change)

September 23 Saturday

- 5:00 PM Worship

September 24 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 Sunday School (2yr-8th gr)
11:00 AM MS/HS Choir Rehearsal
12:00 PM Baptism Seminar
12:00 PM Stephen Ministry
12:00 PM New Member Class
8:30 PM LCM Worship @ CU (Halley Chapel)

Next Weekend's Lessons

Jonah 3:10--4:11
Psalm 145:1-8
Philippians 1:21-30
Matthew 20:1-16

Saturday Attendance: 34

Sunday Attendance: 9:00: 220 11:00: 131

Midweek - Noon: 15 Evening: 463

Total: 863

Pantry Guests Served: 382

Medical Clinic Guests Served: 19

Offering:

\$16,670.50 (Regular) \$1,453.00 (Specials)
\$2,162.00 (In the City for Good)