

KOUNTZE MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

A CITY-WIDE CHURCH WITH A WORLD-WIDE MINISTRY

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September 4, 2016

9:00 & 11:00 AM

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST



What's in your ... ? Jesus seems to be demanding that we answer. Is he just offering us a better instrument of credit? Is he talking about our priorities and purpose in life, as well as our possessions? Do our actions confirm or contradict what we say we value? As followers of Jesus, what do we discard? What do we carry with us as we want to walk with Jesus?

PRELUDE

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(stand)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the only Sovereign, who dwells in light; Christ Jesus, who came to save sinners; the Holy Spirit, who lives within us.

C ***Amen.***

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

P God of overflowing grace,

C ***we come to you with repentant hearts. Forgive us for shallow thankfulness. Forgive us for passing by the ones in need. Forgive us for setting our hopes on fleeting treasures. Forgive us our neglect and thoughtlessness. Bring us home from the wilderness of sin, and strengthen us to serve you in all that we do and say; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.***

P There is joy in heaven over every sinner who repents. By the grace of God in ☩ Christ Jesus, who gave himself up for us all, your sins are forgiven and you are made free. Rejoice with the angels and with one another! We are home in God's mercy, now and forever.

C ***Amen.***

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Earth and All Stars!

ELW 731

GREETING

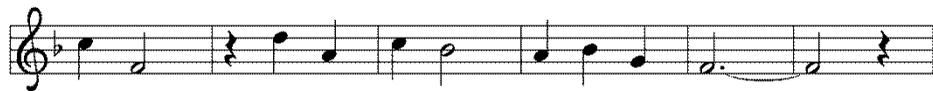
P The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and the Communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all!

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

HYMN OF PRAISE



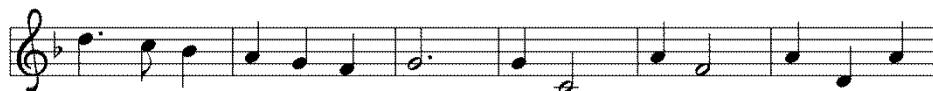
This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -



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



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



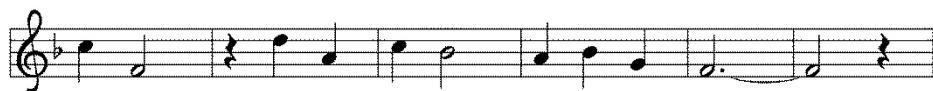
free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



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



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

- ☐ Direct us, O Lord God,
- ☑ ***in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.***

WORD

(sit)

FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Moses speaks to the Israelites, who are about to enter the land promised to their ancestors, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. In this passage, he lays out the stark choice before them: choose life by loving and obeying the Lord; or choose death by following other gods.

See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. ¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, ²⁰loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

☐ The word of the Lord.

☑ ***Thanks be to God.***

PSALM 1 *(read responsively)*

¹Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

²***Their delight is in the law of the Lord,
and they meditate on God's teaching day and night.***

³They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither;

everything they do shall prosper.

⁴***It is not so with the wicked;
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.***

⁵Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

⁶***For the Lord knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.***

SECOND READING

Philemon 1-21

While Paul was in prison, he was aided by a runaway slave named Onesimus. The slave's master, Philemon, was a Christian friend of Paul. Paul told Onesimus to return to his master and encouraged Philemon to receive Onesimus back as a Christian brother.

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, to Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, ²to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house:

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God ⁵because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. ⁶I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. ⁷I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

⁸For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, ⁹yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. ¹⁰I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. ¹¹Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. ¹²I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. ¹³I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; ¹⁴but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. ¹⁵Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, ¹⁶no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

¹⁷So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. ¹⁸If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. ¹⁹I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. ²⁰Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. ²¹Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

A The word of the Lord.

G ***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. Luke.
- ☑ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL

Luke 14:25-33

Jesus speaks frankly about the fearsome costs of discipleship. Those who follow him should know from the outset that completing the course of discipleship will finally mean renouncing all other allegiances.

Now large crowds were traveling with [Jesus;] and he turned and said to them, ²⁶“Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. ²⁷Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, ³⁰saying, ‘This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.’ ³¹Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³²If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. ³³So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.”

- ☐ 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 Moessner

(stand)

HYMN OF THE DAY

Take My Life, That I May Be

ELW 685

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: **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: Vera Bang, Anne Forslund, Edward White

Sympathy: To the family and friends of Helen Johnson

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; 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 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

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Crucified with Christ

Lloyd Larson, Arranger

Phillips, Phillips, Koch, & Clark, Music and Text

Danny Bos, 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** Merciful God,
G *as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever. 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 consists of simple eighth and quarter notes with some ties.

(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.

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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.*

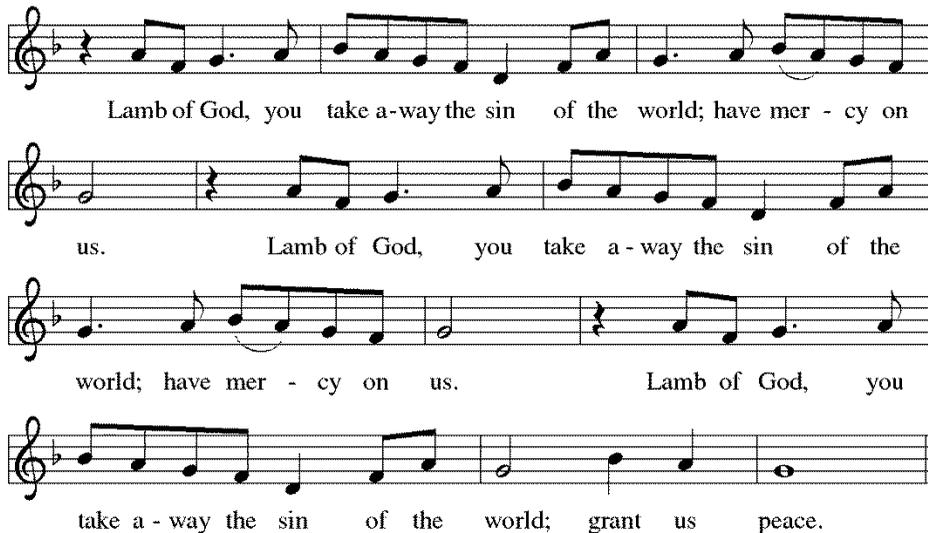
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

- ☒ Take hold of the life that really is life. Come, take your place at the table.

(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.

*Change My Heart, O God
Around You, O Lord Jesus*

ELW 801
ELW 468

(stand)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- ☞ We come again to you, O God,
☞ ***giving you thanks that in this feast of mercy you have embraced us and healed us, making us one in the body of Christ. Go with us on our way. Equip us for every good work, that we may continue to give you thanks by embracing others with mercy and healing; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.***

SENDING

DISMISSAL OF EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

BLESSING

- ☞ God Almighty send you light and truth to keep you all the days of your life. The hand of God protect you; the holy angels accompany you; and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the ☩ Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you now and forever.
☞ ***Amen.***

HYMN *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ* ELW 674

DISMISSAL

- ☞ Go in peace. Remember the poor.
☞ ***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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John Bogue	Building Superintendent
Barbara Carlsen	Dir. of Music & Fine Arts
Danny Bos	Handbell Director
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 Perkins
Lector	Robin Perkins
Ushers	Glenn Anderson Daniel Collett Ted Kaasch Mark Mahaffey Mark Muller Gary Westerman Bob Woodworth Marcy Madison
Greeters	Sharon Anderson Edie Goodwin Karen Wolf Shirleen Collett
Crucifer	Bailey Gittler
Acolytes	Vickie Bratcher Carter Wachholtz

SUNDAY, 11:00 AM

Comm. Asst.	Norm Sack
Lector	Bruce Nissen
Ushers	Dudley Syre Ted Kaasch Adam Klinker Chet Worm
Greeters	Julie King Rosemary Tessin
Crucifer	Keelan Edwards
Acolytes	Jackson Barrett Lydia Baum

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.

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). 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? We have a class beginning this Sunday (9/4). If you are unable to attend this class, another class will be held in February. We meet on two Sundays from 12—2 PM. 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 membership card in your bulletin or text your e-mail address to 22828.

TODAY AT KOUNTZE

KOUNTZE CAFÉ Join us for a hot, breakfast buffet each Sunday served from 8-11:00 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 Weekend) **NEXT WEEK:** Building Update

YOUNG MOTHERS This week we'll be attending the Congregational Meeting, but join us next Sunday for some fresh brewed fun in the Fellowship Lounge between worship services for "Frappy Hour." Come meet other young mothers in the congregation for coffee, conversation, fellowship and fun. For more information, contact Meeghan Hartfield at ma_hartfield@yahoo.com or call 402-212-8145.

NEW MEMBER CLASS If you are interested in learning more about Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church, consider attending the next New Member class that will take place on Sundays, September 11 & 18 from 12—2 PM. Lunch will be served. If you have questions, please talk to one of our Pastors.

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God by Gene & Jan Brady; in honor of Dotty Sum's 70th birthday by her family; in memory of Lois Soll on the anniversary of her birthday by daughter, Barb Chrisman

CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES TODAY

HIGH SCHOOL We'll be in the Fellowship Hall for the Congregational Meeting, but join us again next Sunday in the Youth Center at 10 AM.

MIDDLE SCHOOL/HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR All middle school and high school youth are invited to join the Kountze Youth Choir. We each Wednesday (5:45 - 6:35 PM) throughout the school year and provide special music for Sunday services and other festive services. For more information, please contact Janet Campbell at janet@kmlchurch.org. We hope that you will join us as we share, through word and song, the story of God's amazing love!

HANDBELL CHOIR Danny Bos would like to welcome any and all interested - no matter what your skill level. Please consider giving it a try. We meet each Wednesday at 7 PM. If you're interested in playing bells or have questions regarding the bell choir, please contact Danny at seahawk1984@yahoo.com.

YESTERDAY'S YOUTH Please join us for lunch on Tuesday, 9/6 at 12:00 PM for lunch and then we'll take a trip with one of Rick Steves amazing travelogues featuring beautiful scenery and interesting facts. Cost: \$4. Please RSVP to the church office. Call Sheri Tipton (402-415-6033) if you have questions. All ages are welcome. See you there!

Faith changes us.



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	Luke 14:25-33	The cost of being a disciple
Monday	Matthew 10:34-42	The cost of discipleship
Tuesday	Philemon 1:1-21	Paul's request
Wednesday	Acts 5:17-42	Suffering for Jesus' sake
Thursday	Philippians 3:7-16	Sharing in Jesus' sufferings
Friday	1 Peter 4:12-19	Suffering as Christians
Saturday	Psalms 101	Choosing God's law
Sunday	Luke 15:1-10	The lost sheep and the lost coin

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

My friend, your love has made me happy and has greatly encouraged me. It has also cheered the hearts of God's people. **Philemon 1:7 (CEV)**

SAY, PRAY, AND BLESS:

A Prayer for the Week:

Lord Jesus, help us put you first in our lives and be a source of encouragement to others. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

For the food we share, for loved ones who care, and for days so fair, we thank you, God. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

Grace and peace to you from God the Creator and the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen. (Philemon 1:3)

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your household or small group:

- What is the best thing about being a follower of Jesus?
- What is the most difficult thing?
- In Philemon, the Apostle Paul gives thanks for the faith of Philemon and how he has been a loving servant of Christ. How would you like to be remembered as a follower of Jesus?

DEVOTIONS

In Luke 14:25-33, Jesus points out that there is a cost to discipleship. It puts following Jesus above family, friends, and even our own selves. These are challenging words from the one who comes to give us life and salvation. Jesus' words indicate that the goal of faith is a changed life. Write down a list of ways that following Jesus impacts your decisions and actions. Conclude by offering a prayer that seeks God's guidance and grace in all you say and do.

SERVICE

St. Paul gave his love, care, and support to a young man called Onesimus, whom he met in prison. Who in your community is experiencing hard times? Find ways to reach out to that person or persons with prayer and acts of loving service.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Congregations have mission statements that identify their purpose as a faith community. It is fitting for individuals and households also to have mission statements, believing that the Christian faith makes a difference for our lives. Write out a mission statement and put it in a prominent place in your home. Recite it along with your mealtime prayer this next week. Refer to it regularly. An example would be, "I/We commit to love God and neighbor to the glory of God in Christ Jesus and for the sake of the needs of the world."

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THIS WEEK AT KOUNTZE

September 4 Sunday

Homebound Communion
7:45 AM & 10:00 AM Adult Choir
8:00 AM - 11:00 AM Breakfast
9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Worship
9:00 AM Nursery (0-2 yrs)
10:10 AM Youth Forum (gr 9-12)
10:10 AM Young Mothers "Frappy Hour"

September 5 Monday

Labor Day
OFFICE CLOSED

September 6 Tuesday

9:00 AM Staff Meeting
12:00 PM Yesterday's Youth

September 7 Wednesday

12:15 PM Worship
5:30 PM KETV Management Board
5:45 PM MS/HS Choir Rehearsal
6:00 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal
7:00 PM Adult Choir

September 8 Thursday

11:30 AM Property Committee
4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic

September 10 Saturday

5:00 PM Worship

September 11 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 Reg. (2yr-8th gr)
10:10 AM Young Mothers "Frappy Hour"
12:00 PM Book Group
12:00 PM New Member Class
7:00 PM MS/HS Girl's Bible Study
9:00 PM LCM Worship @ CU (Halley Chapel)

Next Weekend's Lessons

Exodus 32:7-14
Psalm 51:1-10
1 Timothy 1:12-17
Luke 15:1-10

Saturday Attendance: 76

Sunday Attendance: 9:00: 222 **11:00:** 101

Midweek - Noon: 6

Total: 405

Pantry Guests Served: 405 (285 Adults — 120 Children)

Medical Clinic Guests Served: 37

Offering: At this time, weekly offerings are not being listed as we are in the process of finding a Financial Secretary and numbers are not ready by the time of printing this Announcement Sheet.

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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, 9/7 from 7 to 8:30 PM. Past singing experience in high school or college is recommended. If you want more information about choir or would like to reserve a time to sing for Barb Carlsen, please call the church office at 402-341-7761.

RALLY SUNDAY is the day when you and your child(ren) can come and check out the classrooms, meet other kids, families, and their teachers as well as register for Sunday School. Join us on Sunday, 9/11 at 9 AM for Worship and a balloon parade. Register for Sunday School (ages 2—8th grade) at 10 AM. High School Forum & Freshman Welcome will be in the Youth Center at 10 AM as well. Join us!

PANTRY & CLINIC Thank you for your financial and other support of the outreach ministries. These types of gifts are continually needed. Pantry food item suggestions: cereal, jelly/jam (16-22 oz), canned beans(16-22 oz), canned soup, syrup (24 oz), instant coffee, tea bags, white sugar (16 oz), bar soap (medium size), canned meat/fish, canned fruits & vegetables (14-15 oz).

MS/HS GIRL'S BIBLE STUDY for girls in 6th—12th grades will meet on Sunday, 9/11, 7—8:30 PM. Contact Katie Larson for the location.

CONFIRMATION for youth in grades 7 & 8 begins Wednesday, 9/14 at 6:45 PM. Dinner is served at 6 PM. Contact Katie Larson if you have questions.

BIBLE STUDY: A PRELUDE TO READING THE OLD TESTAMENT Mondays (6 PM) or Wednesdays (11 AM) beginning 9/19 & 9/21. This is a 6-week study led by Dr. Richard Sieling. Please register for the Monday or Wednesday course by contacting the church office.

BAPTISM SEMINAR Sunday, 9/25, 10:10 AM. 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. Please call the church office (402-341-7761) to register.