

KOUNTZE MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

A CITY-WIDE CHURCH WITH A WORLD-WIDE MINISTRY

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March 3, 2019

9:00 & 11:00 AM

TRANSFIGURATION of OUR LORD



Witnesses to the glory of God in the face of Jesus will be unable to avoid reflecting that glory in the world. It was true for Moses. It was doubtless true for Peter, James, and John. We pray that it will be true of all of us who see the glory of the Lord in the word and in the supper and who are being “transformed into the same image” by the Spirit of God.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(stand)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – who creates us and forms us, who redeems us and calls us, who unites us and sends us.

G Amen.

P Gathered in God’s presence, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.

P Mighty and loving God,

G we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.

We seek our own way.

We divide the body of Christ.

In your mercy, cleanse us and heal us.

Let the words of our mouths, the thoughts of our hearts,

and everything that we do

be filled with faith, hope, and love. Amen.

P Hear the voice of Jesus: *“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me to proclaim release to the captives.”* In the name of ☩ Jesus Christ, I proclaim to you that your sins are forgiven and you are released. The joy of the Lord is your strength, and the gifts of the Holy Spirit are yours forever.

G Amen.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“Beautiful Savior”

ELW 838

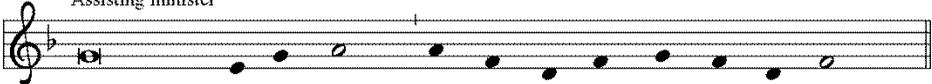
APOSTOLIC GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

G And also with you.

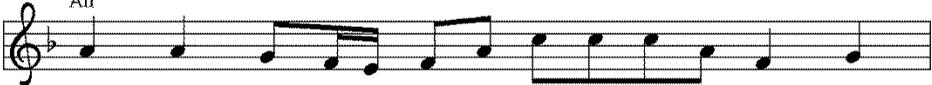
GLORIA

Assisting minister



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

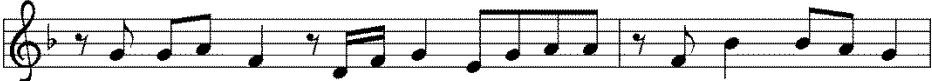
All



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** Holy God, mighty and immortal,
G you are beyond our knowing, yet we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.
Transform us into the likeness of your Son, who renewed our humanity so that we will share in his divinity, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

(sit)

FIRST READING

Exodus 34:29-35

Moses' face shone with the reflected glory of God after he received the ten commandments on Mount Sinai. The sight caused the Israelites to be afraid, so Moses wore a veil to mask the radiance of God's glory, taking it off when he spoke directly with God.

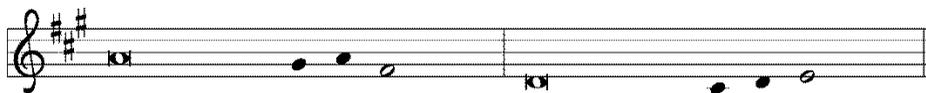
Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. ³⁰When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. ³¹But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. ³²Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. ³³When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; ³⁴but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, ³⁵the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him

L The word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

PSALM 99

(Choir sings lines in regular print, All may sing lines in **bold** print)



¹The LORD is king; let the | people tremble.

The LORD is enthroned upon the cherubim; let | the earth shake.

²**The LORD, | great in Zion,**
is high a- | bove all peoples.

³Let them confess God's name, which is | great and awesome;
God is the | Holy One.

⁴**O mighty king, lover of justice, you have es- | tablished equity;
you have executed justice and righteous- | ness in Jacob.**

⁵Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and fall down be- | fore God's footstool;
God is the | Holy One.

⁶**Moses and Aaron among your priests,
and Samuel among those who call upon your | name, O LORD,
they called upon you, and you | answered them,**

⁷you spoke to them out of the pil- | lar of cloud;
they kept your testimonies and the decree | that you gave them.

⁸**O LORD our God, you answered | them indeed;
you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their | evil deeds.**

⁹Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and worship upon God's | holy hill;
for the LORD our God is the | Holy One.

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 3:12—4:2

In his debates with the Corinthians, Paul contrasts the glory of Moses with the glory of Christ. The Israelites could not see Moses' face because of the veil. But in Christ we see the unveiled glory of God and are transformed into Christ's likeness.

Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, ¹³not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. ¹⁴But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. ¹⁵Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; ¹⁶but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. ¹⁷Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

^{4:1}Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. ²We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

L The word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

(stand)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

C Glory to you, O Lord!

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 9:28-36

The conversation about Jesus' suffering and death is enclosed in a dazzling foreshadowing of the resurrection. God affirms Jesus' identity, the disciples are stunned speechless, and Jesus resumes his mission with a demonstration of his power over evil.

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³⁰Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. ³¹They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³²Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. ³³Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, “*Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah*”—not knowing what he said. ³⁴While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. ³⁵Then from the cloud came a voice that said, “*This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!*” ³⁶When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C 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

THE APOSTLES’ CREED

P God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ.
Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

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 INTERCESSION

Response: **L** 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)

Illness: Betty Bass, Don Burton, La-Day, friend of Nancy Meyer, Ralph Diggins, Rev. Harry Fink, father of Stacy Martin, Chris Meyer, son of Lynn and Nancy Meyer, Joan Nelson, David Penning, Bob Ringo, Gary Rodene, Dorothy Stanzel, Lorna Swingen, Marlys Thomas, Merlyn Ulrich, Ed & Darlene White

Other Prayers: *Those serving in the military* – Amy Dyer, Brennan Hron, Michael McNeill, Daniel Milstead, Cody Ray, 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; Meghan Brown Saavedra, Mexico; Our sister congregation, the American Church in Berlin

WE SHARE GOD’S PEACE

- 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 congregation 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.



MUSICAL OFFERING

“Beautiful Savior”

Lloyd Larson

THE TABLE IS PREPARED

(stand)

OFFERTORY HYMN

“Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring”

ELW 691



- 1 Ac - cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place up - on your ta - ble.
- 2 The vines were plant - ed, seeds were sown. They grew in your good plea - sure.
- 3 Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we lift in prayer be - fore you.

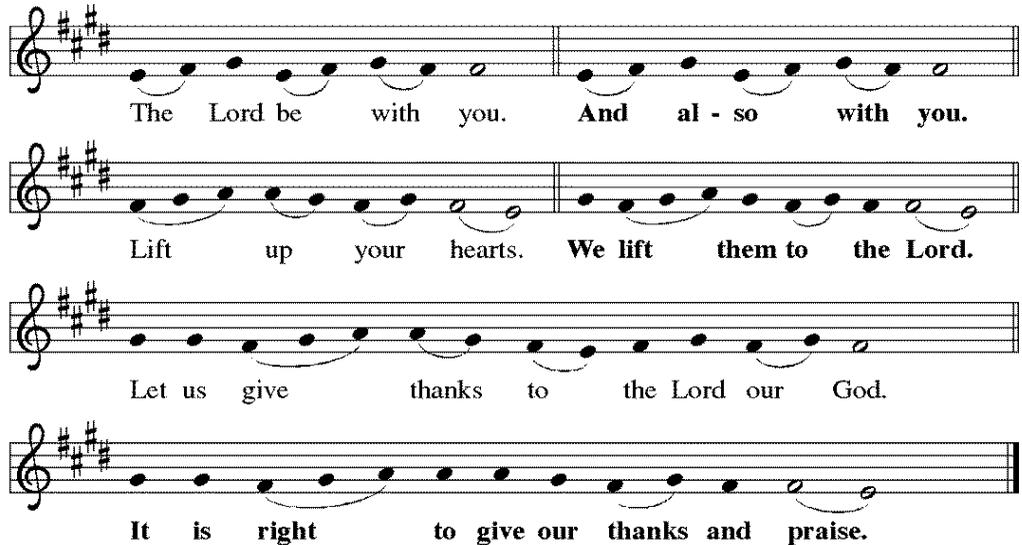


We do not wor - ship as we ought but on - ly as we're a - ble.
What once was com - mon, dail - y food be - comes a ho - ly trea - sure.
Lord, by your grace now come to us, as hum - bly we a - dore you.

OFFERING PRAYER

- P** God of all creation,
- C** all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we will be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

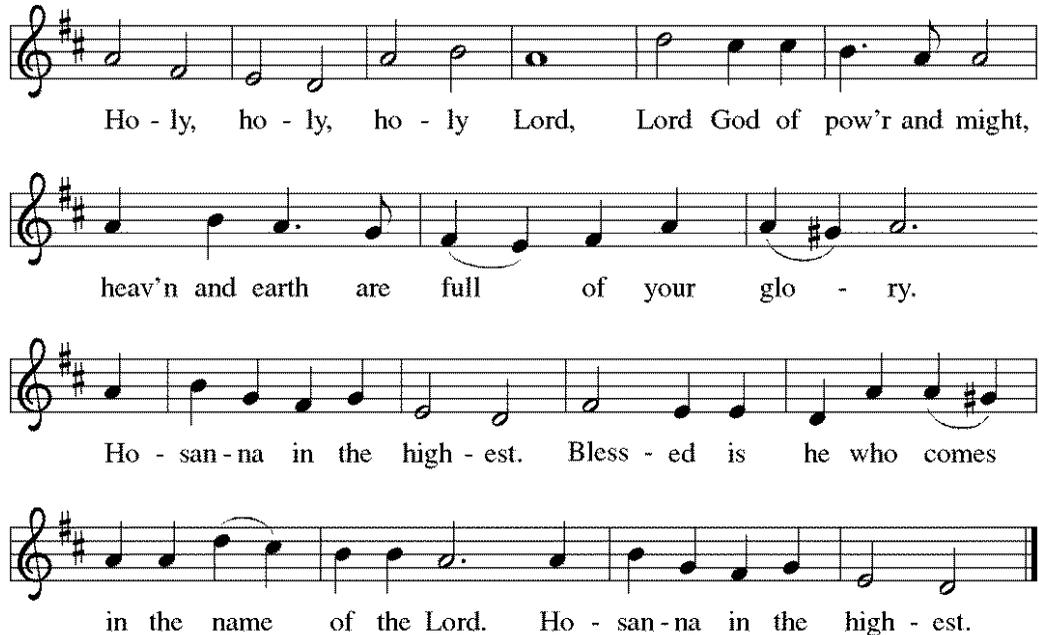
HOLY COMMUNION



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.

PREFACE FOR THE TRANSFIGURATION

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n 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.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us all to pray:

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

P Come to the table.

C **Feast on God's abundant Life for you.**

THE DISTRIBUTION

*All baptized Christians who confess Jesus Christ as Lord and his Real Presence in, with and under the bread and wine, are welcome to the Lord's Supper. We believe that this is the Lord's table and is he who invites you. So you who are strong in faith, come with gratitude. You who feel weak in faith, come to be strengthened. And you who feel you have no faith, come so that the God of steadfast love will touch your heart with hope and joy. The form of distribution is **intinction**, you will receive the consecrated bread and you may then dip it in the wine. Gluten free bread is available; simply request it.*

HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

"Come with Us, O Blessed Jesus"

ELW 501

"We Are Marching in the Light"

ELW 866

"Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies"

ELW 553

(stand)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P We give you thanks, Almighty God,

C **that you have fed us at your banquet table with bread and wine beyond compare, the very life of Jesus Christ for us. Send your Holy Spirit with us now, that we will set the captive free, use your gifts to build one another up, and in everything reflect your glory revealed in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

SENDING

DISMISSAL OF EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

BLESSING

- Ⓟ The God of glory dwell in you richly, name you beloved, and shine brightly on your path; and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the ☩ Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

THREE-FOLD AMEN

FAREWELL TO ALLELUIA

- Ⓟ We are an Easter people.
- Ⓞ **And Alleluia is our song.**
- Ⓟ Alleluia! Alleluia!
- Ⓞ **Alleluia! Alleluia!**
- Ⓟ The author of Ecclesiastes writes: For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven. A time to be born and a time to die.
- Ⓞ **A time to plant and a time to pluck up what is planted.**
- Ⓟ A time to break down and a time to build up.
- Ⓞ **A time to weep and a time to laugh.**
- Ⓟ A time to mourn and a time to dance.
- Ⓞ **A time to keep silence and a time to speak.**
- Ⓟ As a sign of our repentance, we now say Farewell to the Alleluia until our rejoicing at the resurrection of our Lord. How good it is for us to be here.
- Ⓞ **Amen! Alleluia!**



1 Al - le - lu - ia, song of glad - ness, voice of joy that can - not die;
 2 Al - le - lu - ia you are sound - ing, true Je - ru - sa - lem and free;
 3 Al - le - lu - ia can - not al - ways be our song while here be - low;
 4 In our hymns we pray with long - ing: Grant us, bless - ed Trin - i - ty,



al - le - lu - ia is the an - them ev - er dear to choirs on high;
 al - le - lu - ia, joy - ful moth - er, bring us to your ju - bi - lee;
 al - le - lu - ia our trans - gres - sions make us for a while for - go;
 at the last to keep glad Eas - ter with the faith - ful saints on high;



in the house of God a - bid - ing thus they sing e - ter - nal - ly.
 here by Bab - y - lon's sad wa - ters mourn - ing ex - iles still are we.
 for the sol - emn time is com - ing when our tears for sin shall flow.
 there to you for - ev - er sing - ing al - le - lu - ia joy - ful - ly.

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace and do not be afraid. Christ is with you. Alleluia, alleluia!

C Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE



KOUNTZE STAFF

Pr. Olaf Roynesdal	Senior Pastor
Pr. Ashley Hall	Associate Pastor
Pr. Inba Inbarasu	Visitation Pastor
Kristin Boe	Christian Ed Coordinator
Debbie Bogue	Office Manager
Sarah Jewell	Administrative Assistant
Steve Jacobson	Staff Treasurer
Judi Boe	Financial Secretary
Jim Smejkal	Bldg. Super./Dir. of Cong. Activities
Søren Johnson	Custodian
Barbara Carlsen	Dir. of Music & Fine Arts
Donna Moessner	Dir. of Children's Music
Danny Bos	Custodian
Mark Jones	Organist
David Gerard	Saturday Accompanist
Sheri Lynn Tipton	Night Security Manager
Norma Pafford	Nursery Superintendent
Joyce Palmer	Urban Ministries Coordinator

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

SATURDAY, 5:00 PM

Lector	Kathy Englert
Ushers	Kathy Englert Theresa Gruber
Comm. Set-up	Donna Reinig

SUNDAY, 9:00 AM

Comm. Asst.	Tarna Kidder Scott Henneman Susie Henry
Lector	Robin Perkins
Ushers	Glenn Anderson Dan Collett Ted Kaasch Mark Mahaffey Gary Westerman Bob Woodworth Marcy Madison
Greeters	Sharon Anderson Carole Meilahn Karen Wolf
Crucifer	Carter Wachholtz
Acolytes	Anna Kidder Communion Assistant

SUNDAY, 11:00 AM

Comm. Asst.	Ann Miller Deb Hinrichs
Lector	Stephen Urlaub
Ushers	Adam Klinker Linda Hoagland Julie O'Doherty
Greeters	Julie King
Crucifer	Rachel Stouffer
Acolytes	Hadley Rief Henry Rief



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TODAY AT KOUNTZE

KOUNTZE CAFÉ Then join us each Sunday morning for a hot breakfast buffet served from 8:00—11:00 AM prepared by our kitchen crew. The suggested donation for the hot breakfast is \$5 adults, \$2.50 children 12 and younger.

ADULT FORUM Join us on Sunday mornings in the Fellowship Hall from 10:10-10:50 AM. **THIS WEEK:** Preview of Lent **NEXT WEEK:** What Is Private Confession?

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God in honor of Anna Kidder's 16th birthday.

ALL LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTER GATHERING 10:10 AM, Sunday, March 3 | All Lay Eucharistic Ministers, and those interested in learning more about this ministry to bring the Eucharist to the sick and homebound, are invited to this organizational meeting.

CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES TODAY

SUNDAY SCHOOL Join us each Sunday on the 2nd floor for Sunday School. Preschool 1 (2-4 yrs) meets from 9:00—10:00 AM (child care for those too old for the nursery). Sunday School (2 yrs—8th grade) is held from 10:10—10:50 AM.

JOYFUL SOUNDS CHILDREN'S CHOIR Join us each Sunday from 9:00—9:30 AM. All children (K—5th grade) who want to praise our Lord by singing, meet in the Joyful Sounds Studio on the 2nd floor.

HIGH SCHOOL FORUM Join us each Sunday in the Youth Center at 10:10 AM. Our Youth Forums this winter and spring will focus on vocations. Kountze Members will speak to you about their profession, the education necessary to attain the profession, and the work involved. They will also speak about how their faith in God impacts their vocation. Most important, there will be time for you to ask questions about the work they do.

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March 3 Sunday

Transfiguration of Our Lord
 Homebound Communion
 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)
 9:00 AM Joyful Sounds Children's Choir (gr K-5)
 10:10 AM Adult Forum
 10:10 AM Youth Forum (gr 9-12)
 10:10 AM Eucharistic Minister Gathering
 10:10 AM Sunday School (2yr-8th gr)

March 4 Monday

10:00 AM Pantry

March 5 Tuesday

9:00 AM Staff Meeting
 12:00 PM Yesterday's Youth
 5:15 PM Art & Landscaping Committee

March 6 Wednesday

Ash Wednesday
 11:15 AM Lenten Lunch

12:15 PM Worship
 5:45 PM Lenten Dinner
 7:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal
 7:00 PM Worship

March 7 Thursday

4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic

March 9 Saturday

5:00 PM Worship

March 10 Sunday

Daylight Savings—spring ahead 1 hour
 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)
 9:00 AM Joyful Sounds Children's Choir (gr K-5)
 10:10 AM Adult Forum
 10:10 AM Youth Forum (gr 9-12)
 10:10 AM Sunday School (2yr-8th gr)
 12:00 PM Book Group
 12:15 PM Baptism Seminar

TODAY AT KOUNTZE *(continued from page 1)*

March 3	Scientific Research— Don Johnson
March 10	Broadcast Journalism— Sarah Fili , TV News Reporter, KETV
March 17	Pharmacology— Larry Camenzind
March 24	Information Technology or Computer Programming — Speaker TBD
March 31	Food Industry—Speaker TBD



March 10, 2018
 Be sure to set your clocks ahead one hour before going to bed Saturday night, March, 9.

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.

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.

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.

NEW MEMBER CLASS If you are interested in joining our congregation, the next class will be held March 17 & 24 from 12:15—2:00 PM. 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 when you register.

YESTERDAY'S YOUTH Tuesday, March 5, 12:00 PM. \$4.00 for Lunch. All ages are welcome! Join us as we

welcome, our very own Kountze member, Adam Klinker. He will be telling us all about his journey to Ordination, including his studies in Germany! Whether you missed Adam at Adult Forum on 2/17 or not, you won't want to miss his presentation! Looking forward to seeing you there!

USHERS/GREETERS NEEDED FOR LENT We need four ushers/greeters for Ash Wednesday's evening service and two ushers/greeters for the following Lenten evening services. Ushers will hand out bulletins to people as they arrive for service. There is a sign-up sheet in the usher directory at the back of the Sanctuary or you can email jim@kmlchurch.org. We also need your help for Maundy Thursday and Easter Services. More details will follow.

BAPTISM SEMINAR Sunday, March 10, 12:15 PM (immediately following 11:00 AM service). Meet with Pr. Hall in the Nave immediately after the liturgy, and then he will walk through the baptism liturgy with you. To register, call the church office at 402-341-7761.

KMLC MEN'S LUNCHEON Thursday, March 21, 11:30 AM (Please RSVP by March 19). Please join us at Kountze Memorial for the Men's Luncheon. We will have a presentation from ENOA (Eastern Nebraska Office on Aging). Mary Ann Eusebio, who is their Division Director; Information & Assistance/ADRC Program Coordinator, will share with us their different programs that help seniors in our communities. Please RSVP to the church office by Tuesday March 19 or to jim@kmlchurch.org

LUTHERAN YOUTH CHOIR OF THE OMAHA AREA Join this new creative, spiritual, musical, joyful, soulful, vibrant ensemble in sharing the Good News of God's abundant Love! This ensemble welcomes Middle School/High School singers and instrumentalists from all denominations. Join us as we Sing a New Song to the Lord! Our repertoire will draw from many rich sources: Classical literature, Hymn arrangements, Contemporary (though not praise band music) compositions, Spirituals, and Songs of Faith from around the world. Three - five rehearsals will be held in preparation for annual Spring programs. For information/rehearsal schedule, please contact Janet at Janet@kmlchurch.org. Rehearsals are March 24, April 7, 10, 28, and May 25 with the concert on May 29 at Kountze Memorial Church. Please email to let us know that you will joining us!!

ORDER OF SAINT JOHN COMMISSIONING AND APPRECIATION LUNCH Sunday, March 31. Commissioning: 11:00 AM Worship Service Luncheon: 12:15 PM in the Fellowship Hall Cost: Free. The OSJ Sponsors are hosting an appreciation luncheon for all current OSJ members, alums, and parents. Acolytes will take part in a special commissioning during the 11:00 AM worship service. Then, we will gather in the Fellowship Hall at 12:15 PM for an appreciation luncheon and present the 2019 Outstanding Acolyte Award. A group photo will also be taken. Please plan to attend this event as we honor all those who serve in this very meaningful ministry. Make your reservations by calling or texting Jeff and Robin Perkins at 402-917-2461 by Sunday, March 24.

FIRST COMMUNION CLASS An introduction to Holy Communion for those children and youth receiving their First Communion on Maundy Thursday, will be held in a two-part session, on Sundays, March 31 & April 7 from 12:15-1:00 PM. More details to follow. Please register with the church office. For more information, contact Pr. Hall or Kristin Boe.

ATTENDANCE & GIVING

Saturday Attendance: Service cancelled

Sunday Attendance: 9:00: 57 **11:00:** 29

Midweek - Noon: 8 **Evening:** 21

Total: 115

Pantry Guests Served: Snow Day

Medical Clinic Guests Served: 21

Offering:

\$4,416.00 (Regular) \$5,503.01 (Specials)

\$1,177.00 (Phase 2)

LENT AT KOUNTZE

Wednesdays: March 6 (Ash Wednesday), 13, 20, 27,
April 3, 10 and Thursday, April 18
(Maundy Thursday)

Lunch: 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Dinner: 5:45 -6:45 PM

Worship: 12:15 PM and 7:00 PM

Cost: Free-will Offering

All KMLC children, youth, friends, and families are invited to join us for lunch and/or dinner Wednesdays during Lent. Come and celebrate your Lenten journey at Kountze Memorial this year!

MENU FOR MARCH 6

Pasta Bar with a variety of noodles and sauces complete with chicken, meatballs, garlic bread, salad, and dessert!

Have spaghetti or penne pasta with red sauce, alfredo sauce, cheese sauce, and/or pesto with your pasta.

Come hungry and join us!

God's glory shines on the cross.



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

Sunday	Luke 9:28-43a	Jesus is transfigured
Monday	Exodus 34:29-35	The shining face of Moses
Tuesday	2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2	God's new agreement
Wednesday	Psalms 51:1-17	A prayer for forgiveness
Thursday	Acts 10:1-23	God speaks to Peter in a vision
Friday	Acts 10:24-33	Peter tells Cornelius about Jesus
Saturday	Psalms 99	Our Lord is King
Sunday	Luke 4:1-13	The temptation of Jesus

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[Moses and Elijah] appeared in glory and were speaking of [Jesus'] departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. **Luke 9:31 (NRSV)**

A Prayer for the Week:

Dear God of glory and might, help us to see Jesus in mountain top experiences and in the daily needs of others. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear Lord Jesus, may we see in this meal the glory of your care for us. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the mercy of God strengthen you to serve the Lord with gladness. (2 Corinthians 4:1)

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- Talk or think about a time you had an amazing experience.
- When has God seemed to be most present to you?
- We typically separate times of ecstasy and glory from times of suffering. Why does the Bible and Christianity hold these two so closely together?

Read: Luke 9:28-43a.

The presence of Moses and Elijah on the Mountain of Transfiguration unites Jesus with the same God revealed in the Old Testament. Moses represents the law and Elijah the prophets. The two Old Testament figures speak to Jesus about his "departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem" (v. 31). The word for "departure" in Greek is *exodus*, the great act of God's deliverance, God's salvation in the Old Testament. Jesus' *exodus*, his great act of salvation will now be fulfilled in Jerusalem through his suffering, death, and resurrection. Jesus' dazzling white appearance shows God's glory completed through his departure in Jerusalem. Reflect on how Jesus' dazzling white appearance in glory is completed in what he accomplishes in Jerusalem. How does the suffering we experience today help us to experience God's presence in our lives?

Pray: God of power and glory, help us to see your glorious presence in our lives. Be with those who are experiencing times of suffering. Amen.

Jesus descends from the Mountain of Transfiguration and immediately he is seen teaching and healing a father's son (Luke 9:37-43a). Healing diseased bodies and teaching others are both forms of Christian service. How do you offer healing to those who are hurting or teaching to those who could use instruction? Name those in your community who heal and teach as a profession. Consider donating time or money to organizations where they are involved. In what other ways can you support them?

In Luke, the transfiguration of Jesus happens while he is praying. This dramatic encounter with God on the mountain is seen through the dramatic encounter with God in prayer. Transfiguration Sunday is the last Sunday in the season of Epiphany. It is an old tradition to serve grapes, apples, and other fruit to celebrate the transfiguration of Jesus. This week celebrate the transfiguration by serving a tray of grapes in the shape of a cross surrounded by other fruit. When served, top with whipped cream to represent the cloud appearing on the mountain. Discuss how we experience God's glorious presence through prayer.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16
Romans 10:8b-13; Luke 4:1-13