

# KOUNTZE MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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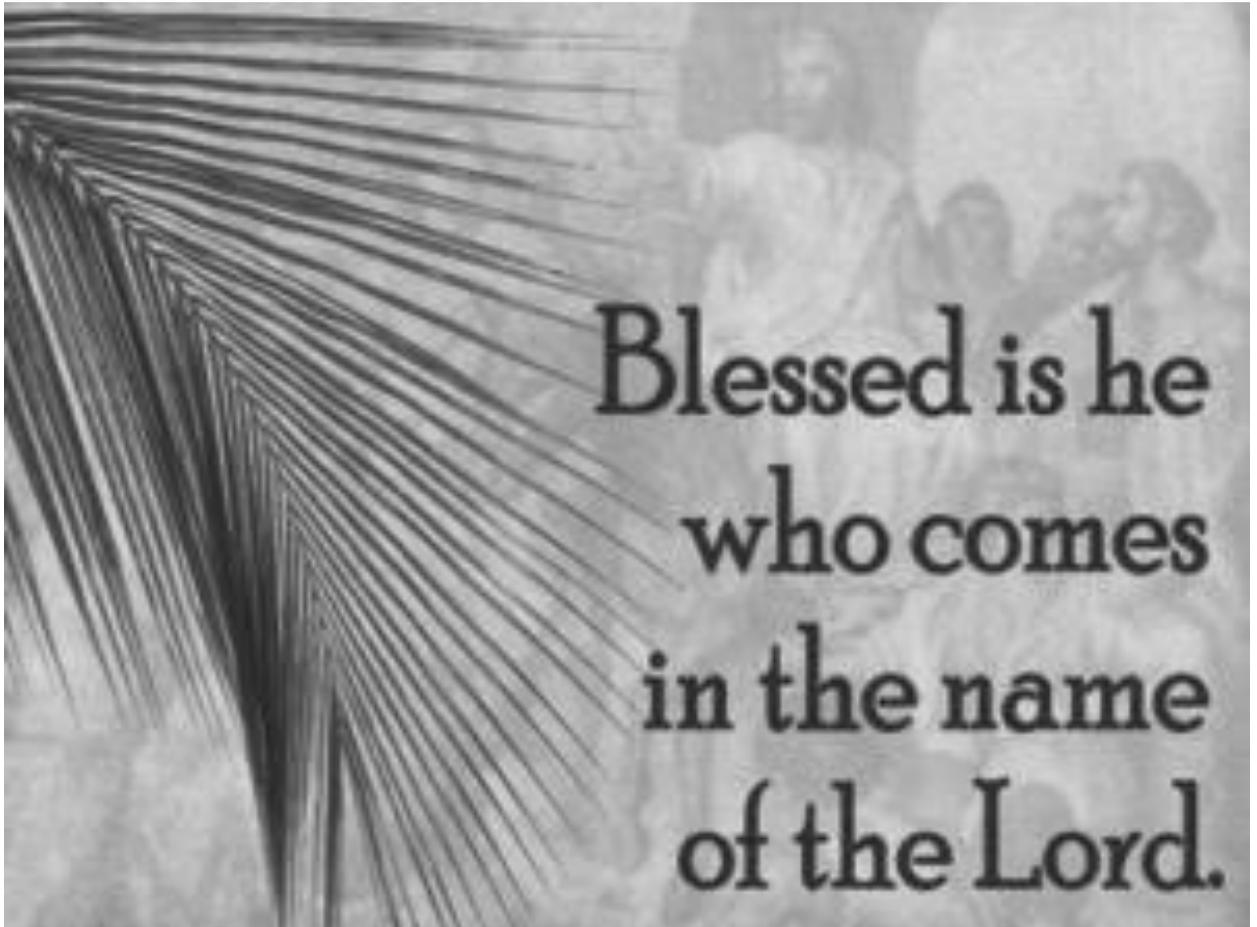
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April 14, 2019

9:00 & 11:00 AM

SUNDAY OF THE PASSION/PALM SUNDAY



## PRELUDE

“Allegro” from Sonata in D Major  
“Prelude on Rhosymedre”

John Parry  
Welsh Hymn Tune  
arr. Rhett Barnwell  
Mary Bircher, harp

## GATHERING

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CHILDREN’S GATHERING AT THE ALTAR

(stand)

### PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL

**Luke 19:28-40**

**P** The holy gospel according to Saint Luke.

**G** Glory to you, O Lord.

**A**fter Jesus had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. <sup>29</sup>When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, <sup>30</sup>saying, “Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. <sup>31</sup>If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it.’” <sup>32</sup>So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. <sup>33</sup>As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?” <sup>34</sup>They said, “The Lord needs it.”

<sup>35</sup>Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. <sup>36</sup>As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. <sup>37</sup>As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, <sup>38</sup>saying,

*“Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!*

*Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!”*

<sup>39</sup>Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, order your disciples to stop.” <sup>40</sup>He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.”

**P** The Gospel of our Lord

**G** Praise to you, O Christ.

## BLESSING OF THE PALMS

**P** The Lord be with you.

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

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

**P** It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. On this day He entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph and was proclaimed as King of Kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palms along His way. Let these branches [raise palm branches] be for us signs of His victory, and grant that we who bear them in His name may ever hail Him as Our King and follow Him in the way that leads to eternal life, who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## PROCESSION WITH PALMS

**P** Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

**C** **Hosanna in the highest!**

## ENTRANCE HYMN

*“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”*

**ELW 344**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Almighty God,

**C** **you have established your rule in the human heart through the servanthood of Jesus Christ. By your Spirit, keep us in the joyful procession of those who with their tongues confess Jesus as Lord and with their lives praise him as Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*(sit)*

## MUSICAL OFFERING

*“Hosanna”*

Avery & Marsh  
Kountze Children’s Choir

# WORD

**GOSPEL**

**Luke 19:28-40**

## The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Luke

**NARRATOR:** When the hour for the Passover meal came, Jesus took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. He said to them,

**JESUS:** "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God."

**NARRATOR:** Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said,

**JESUS:** "Take this and divide it among yourselves; for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes."

**NARRATOR:** Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying,

**JESUS:** "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

**NARRATOR:** And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying,

**JESUS:** "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood. But see, the one who betrays me is with me, and his hand is on the table. For the Son of Man is going as it has been determined, but woe to that one by whom he is betrayed!"

**NARRATOR:** Then they began to ask one another, which one of them it could be who would do this.

A dispute also arose among them as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. But he said to them,

**JESUS:** "The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.

"You are those who have stood by me in my trials; and I confer on you, just as my Father has conferred on me, a kingdom, so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

"Simon, Simon, listen! Satan has demanded to sift all of you like wheat, but I have prayed for you that your own faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned back, strengthen your brothers."

NARRATOR: And he said to him,

PETER: "Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death!"

NARRATOR: Jesus said,

JESUS: "I tell you, Peter, the cock will not crow this day, until you have denied three times that you know me."

NARRATOR: He said to them,

JESUS: "When I sent you out without a purse, bag, or sandals, did you lack anything?"

NARRATOR: They said,

DISCIPLES: "No, not a thing."

NARRATOR: He said to them,

JESUS: "But now, the one who has a purse must take it, and likewise a bag. And the one who has no sword must sell his cloak and buy one. For I tell you, this scripture must be fulfilled in me, 'And he was counted among the lawless'; and indeed what is written about me is being fulfilled."

NARRATOR: They said,

DISCIPLES: "Lord, look, here are two swords."

NARRATOR: He replied,

JESUS: "It is enough."

NARRATOR: He came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples followed him. When he reached the place, he said to them,

JESUS: "Pray that you may not come into the time of trial."

NARRATOR: Then he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, knelt down, and prayed,

JESUS: "Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be done."

NARRATOR: Then an angel from heaven appeared to him and gave him strength. In his anguish he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling

down on the ground. When he got up from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping because of grief, and he said to them,

JESUS: "Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not come into the time of trial."

NARRATOR: While he was still speaking, suddenly a crowd came, and the one called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him; but Jesus said to him,

JESUS: "Judas, is it with a kiss that you are betraying the Son of Man?"

NARRATOR: When those who were around him saw what was coming, they asked,

DISCIPLES: "Lord, should we strike with the sword?"

NARRATOR: Then one of them struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his right ear. But Jesus said,

JESUS: "No more of this!"

NARRATOR: And he touched his ear and healed him. Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple police, and the elders who had come for him,

JESUS: "Have you come out with swords and clubs as if I were a bandit? When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness!"

NARRATOR: Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him into the high priest's house. But Peter was following at a distance. When they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat among them. Then a servant-girl, seeing him in the firelight, stared at him and said,

SERVANT 1: "This man also was with him."

NARRATOR: But he denied it, saying,

PETER: "Woman, I do not know him."

NARRATOR: A little later someone else, on seeing him, said,

ACCUSER 1: "You also are one of them."

NARRATOR: But Peter said,

PETER: "Man, I am not!"

NARRATOR: Then about an hour later still another kept insisting,

ACCUSER 2: "Surely this man also was with him; for he is a Galilean."

NARRATOR: But Peter said,

PETER: "Man, I do not know what you are talking about!"

NARRATOR: At that moment, while he was still speaking, the cock crowed. The Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said to him, "Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times." And he went out and wept bitterly.

Now the men who were holding Jesus began to mock him and beat him; they also blindfolded him and kept asking him,

SOLDIERS: "Prophecy! Who is it that struck you?"

NARRATOR: They kept heaping many other insults on him.

When day came, the assembly of the elders of the people, both chief priests and scribes, gathered together, and they brought him to their council. They said,

***ASSEMBLY: "If you are the Messiah, tell us."***

NARRATOR: He replied,

JESUS: "If I tell you, you will not believe; and if I question you, you will not answer. But from now on the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God."

NARRATOR: All of them asked,

***ASSEMBLY: "Are you, then, the Son of God?"***

NARRATOR: He said to them,

JESUS: "You say that I am."

NARRATOR: Then they said,

***ASSEMBLY: "What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from his own lips!"***

NARRATOR: Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. They began to accuse him, saying,

***ASSEMBLY: "We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king."***

NARRATOR: Then Pilate asked him,

PILATE: "Are you the king of the Jews?"

NARRATOR: He answered,

JESUS: "You say so."

NARRATOR: Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds,

PILATE: "I find no basis for an accusation against this man."

NARRATOR: But they were insistent and said,

***ASSEMBLY: "He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place."***

NARRATOR: When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. And when he learned that he was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him off to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had been wanting to see him for a long time, because he had heard about him and was hoping to see him perform some sign. He questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer. The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. Even Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him; then he put an elegant robe on him, and sent him back to Pilate. That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies.

Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, and said to them,

PILATE: "You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. I will therefore have him flogged and release him."

NARRATOR: Then they all shouted out together,

***ASSEMBLY: "Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!"***

NARRATOR: (This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.) Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; but they kept shouting,

***ASSEMBLY: "Crucify, crucify him!"***

NARRATOR: A third time he said to them,

PILATE: "Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him."

NARRATOR: But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished.

As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus. A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. But Jesus turned to them and said,

JESUS: "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For the days are surely coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.' Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us'; and to the hills, 'Cover us.' For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?"

*(At the mention of the place called the Skull, all should stand, as able.)*

NARRATOR: Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said,

JESUS: "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing."

NARRATOR: And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying,

**ASSEMBLY: *"He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!"***

NARRATOR: The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying,

SOLDIERS: "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!"

NARRATOR: There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying,

CRIMINAL 1: "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!"

NARRATOR: But the other rebuked him, saying,

CRIMINAL 2: "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong."

NARRATOR: Then he said,

CRIMINAL 2: "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

NARRATOR: He replied,

JESUS: "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

NARRATOR: It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said,

JESUS: "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit."

NARRATOR: Having said this, he breathed his last.

*(silence)*

When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said,

CENTURION: "Certainly this man was innocent."

NARRATOR: And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

Now there was a good and righteous man named Joseph, who, though a member of the council, had not agreed to their plan and action. He came from the Jewish town of Arimathea, and he was waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God. This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then he took it down, wrapped it in a linen cloth, and laid it in a rock-hewn tomb where no one had ever been laid. It was the day of Preparation, and the sabbath was beginning. The women who had come with him from Galilee followed, and they saw the tomb and how his body was laid. Then they returned, and prepared spices and ointments.

On the sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

## THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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

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

**Sympathy:** to the family and friends of Dwaine Carlson; to the family and friends of Joanna Sauter, sister of Donna Crouse and Norma Pafford

**Illness:** Don Burton, Ralph Diggins, Rev. Harry Fink, Jr. Green, Marvel Green, Dolores Hiatt, Marcie Lafleur, Chris Meyer, Joan Nelson, David Penning, Bob Ringo, Gary Rodene, 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

## THE PEACE IS SHARED

**P** The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**C** And also with you.

## MEAL

*(sit)*

## THE OFFERING IS RECEIVED

*We glorify God in our giving. Our offering is an act of worship that makes the ministries of this church possible. We encourage everyone to give. If you are visiting with us today, please do not feel obligated to participate in this portion of worship. If you would like, use the QR code scanner on your smart phone to give online.*



## THE TABLE IS PREPARED

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*“Pieta”*

Joseph M. Martin  
Mary Bircher, harp

(stand)

## OFFERTORY HYMN

*“Create in Me a Clean Heart”*

ELW 186

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right  
spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take  
not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store to me the joy of  
your sal-va-tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it.

## OFFERING PRAYER

- ☐ Generous God,
- ☑ you feed us with the harvest of the land, and you provide for our every need. Receive our gifts of money, imagination, and labor, and transform them into a feast that welcomes all, in Jesus Christ, our host and our guest. 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 (one sharp). The first staff contains the lyrics 'The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.' The second staff contains 'Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.' The third staff contains 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.' The fourth staff contains 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.' The music consists of a single melodic line with various note values and rests.

## THE PREFACE FOR THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION

### THE 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. Blessed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The lyrics are: '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. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.' The music features a variety of note values, including quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, with some rests.

## THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## 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

- ☞ Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.  
☞ Lord, I am not worthy to receive you but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

*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 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.*

(sit)

## AGNUS DEI

### "O Christ, Lamb of God"

ELW 196

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take

a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy up - on us.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;

grant us your peace. A - men.

## HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

*“Andante” from Sonata in D Major*

John Parry

Mary Bircher, harp

*“Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross”*

**ELW 335**

*“What Wondrous Love Is This”*

**ELW 666**

(stand)

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- ☐ Tender and merciful one,
- ☑ **at your feast, you fed us who brought nothing, turning our emptiness into joy. Filled with your abundant grace, send us now to be ministers of reconciliation, mending broken hearts, working for justice, and striving for peace among all people, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## SENDING

### BLESSING

- ☐ May God who has called us forth from the dust of the earth, and claimed us as children of the light, strengthen you on your journey into life renewed. 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**

*“Prepare the Royal Highway”*

**ELW 264**

**DISMISSAL**

**P** Marked with the cross of Christ, go forth to love and serve the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE**

*“Come thou Font of Every Blessing”*

John Wyeth,  
Mary Bircher, harp



*We thank Craig and Mary Bircher for their musical offerings this Palm Sunday*

*Passion readers:*

Narrators: Amy & Zoë Fischer

Chief Priest: Lilly Kassal

Disciples: Olivia & Bentley Baker

Jesus: Anna Kidder

Peter: Sofia Dilorenzo

Judas: Clara Kidder

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Centurion: Lillian Wilson

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### SUNDAY, 11:00 AM

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## TODAY AT KOUNTZE

**DID YOU HEAR THE CARILLON TODAY?** Thanks to a major gift from Norman Sack, in loving memory of his wife, Marjean, as well as some gifts from the Memorial Fund the Carillon is back in operation!

**KOUNTZE CAFÉ** 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:** No Forum (Palm Sunday) **NEXT WEEK:** No Forum (Easter Sunday)

**CHURCH PHOTO DIRECTORY** We are getting ready to create a new photo directory and we need you to help make it complete! Our directory will showcase our families, provide contact information, and become a useful resource to keep us connected. By participating, you will receive a printed and electronic version of the new directory at no cost to you. Sign up today for your professional photography session. You may schedule your appointment online on our website ([www.kmlchurch.org](http://www.kmlchurch.org)) or look for a sign-up table on weekends, located in the Fellowship Hall or church office. Our directory won't be complete without you. Photos will be taken May 14-18, 21-25, and 28-June 1. Sign up today!



**ETERNAL CANDLE** is given to the glory of God in memory of Joanna Sauter given by her sisters, Norma Pafford and Donna Crouse.

**TELEVISION MINISTRY** today's television ministry is provided to the glory of God in memory of Robert J. Smejkal, Jr. (11/22/43—4/15/13) by the Smejkal Family.

## CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES TODAY

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**April 14 Sunday**

Palm Sunday

7:45 AM &amp; 10:00 AM Adult Choir Rehearsal

8:00 AM - 11:00 AM Breakfast

9:00 AM &amp; 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 Youth Forum (gr 9-12)

10:10 AM Sunday School (2yr-8th gr)

10:30 AM Executive Committee

12:00 PM Book Group

**April 15 Monday**

Good News Deadline

Monday in Holy Week

10:00 AM Pantry

12:15 PM Worship

4:00 PM Arts Committee

**April 16 Tuesday**

Tuesday in Holy Week

9:00 AM Staff Meeting

12:15 PM Worship

1:00 PM Prayer Shawl Group

6:00 PM Congregation Council

**April 17 Wednesday**

Wednesday in Holy Week

12:15 PM Worship

6:00 PM Confirmation Dinner

6:30 PM Confirmation

7:30 PM Worship

**April 18 Thursday**

Maundy Thursday

11:00 AM Lenten Lunch

12:15 PM Worship

5:45 PM Lenten Dinner

7:00 PM Worship

**April 19 Friday**

Good Friday

10:45 AM Adult Choir Rehearsal

12:00 PM - 3:00 PM Ecumenical Worship

7:00 PM Worship

**April 20 Saturday**

Easter Vigil

9:30 AM Women's Prayer Group

10:00 PM Easter Vigil Worship

**April 21 Sunday**

Easter Sunday—Alleluia! Alleluia!

7:30, 9 &amp; 11 AM Worship

No Sunday School

7:45 AM &amp; 10:00 AM Adult Choir Rehearsal

8:00 AM - 11:00 AM Continental Breakfast

9:00 AM Nursery (0-2 yrs)

10:10 AM Easter Egg Hunt

**TODAY AT KOUNTZE** *(continued from page 1)*

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** Join us each Sunday on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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—8<sup>th</sup> 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— 5<sup>th</sup> grade) who want to praise our Lord by singing, meet in the Joyful Sounds Studio on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

April 14      Banking & Finance: Micah Fannin, Mercer Investment Consulting

April 21      Easter—No Youth Forum

April 28      Agriculture/Natural Sciences

**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.

**FOOT CARE CLINIC** Trinity Episcopal Cathedral (113 N. 18<sup>th</sup> Street) Thursday, April 18, 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Our friends at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral are offering a foot care clinic for all in need. If you would like to volunteer to offer podiatry care (if you have a medical background or pedicure experience) or to help with set up and interacting with guests, please contact Fr. Steven King at Trinity Cathedral (402-342-7010; sking@trinityepiscopal.org) or Pr. Hall. If you would like to donate new socks and/or shoes, please also contact Fr. King or Pr. Hall.

**YOU ARE INVITED** to a recital given by our own Janet Carlsen Campbell, Mezzo-soprano, on Sunday, May 5, 2:00-3:00 PM entitled "Rise Heart; Thy Lord is Risen" which will feature songs of Love, Light, and Life. Be sure to invite your family & friends.

**CAROL JOY HOLLING WORKDAY** Saturday, May 18, 2019, 8:00 AM - Lunch. Carol Joy Holling needs our help to get their site ready for the over 1,500 campers that will be arriving during the summer. Bring friends and family for a day of work in God's creation! Individuals and groups are welcome, and all skill levels are needed. Please bring clothes that can get dirty, close-toed shoes and gloves. Kids are welcome with parent supervision. Check out <https://www.caroljoyholling.org/work-day> for more information or to register to work.

**THE 16<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL LUTHERAN SERVICE CORPS GOLF** Tournament is Saturday, May 18. Registration & lunch starts at noon. Shotgun start at 1:30 PM and Dinner at 6:00 PM Eagle Hills Golf Course (501 Eagle Hills Drive in Papillion). Go to [https://action.lutheranvolunteercorps.org/lsc\\_golf\\_2019](https://action.lutheranvolunteercorps.org/lsc_golf_2019) for more info or to register.

**LUTHERAN YOUTH SERVE OMAHA (LYSO)** June 10 - 14, 2019, 8:30 AM - Noon for grades K - 12<sup>th</sup> at Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church. Register online at <https://form.jotform.com/Kristinboe/LYSOregistration>

**DAY CAMP AT KOUNTZE** June 17 - 21, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM, Monday - Thursday and 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM on Friday. \*After care is available from 3:00 to 5:30 PM Monday through Thursday. Register online at <https://form.jotform.com/Kristinboe/daycamp>



## **LENT AT KOUNTZE**

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! **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED:** If you can help on Thursday, please speak with Marlys Duin or Pastor Olaf.

## **MENU FOR APRIL 18**

Baked Spaghetti,  
Breadsticks, Salad, Dessert

Come hungry and join us!

## **Mark your calendar for these exciting summer ministry opportunities!**

### **Lutheran Youth Serve Omaha (LYSO)**

June 10 - 14, 2019

8:30 AM - Noon

Grades K - 12<sup>th</sup>



At Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church

### **Chain Reaction Day Camp at Kountze**

June 17 - 21

9:00 AM to 3:00 PM, Monday - Thursday

9:00AM to 1:00PM on Friday

\*After care is available from 3:00 to 5:30 PM,

Monday through Thursday.



## **ATTENDANCE & GIVING**

**Saturday Attendance:** 47

**Sunday Attendance:** 9:00: 215 11:00: 101

**Midweek - Noon:** 54 **Evening:** 65

**Total:** 482

**Pantry Guests Served:** 387

**Medical Clinic Guests Served:** 29

**Offering:**

\$29,618.50 (Regular) \$5,457.38 (Specials)

\$2,477.00 (Phase 2)

*Jesus forgives us from the cross.*

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

Sunday	Luke 19:28-40	Blessed is the king who comes
Monday	Isaiah 50:4-9a	God's servant must suffer
Tuesday	Luke 22:14-23:56	The Last Supper and crucifixion
Wednesday	Philippians 2:5-11	Christ shows us true humility
Thursday	John 13:1-17, 31b-35	Jesus washes the disciples' feet
Friday	John 18:1-1:42	The suffering and death of Jesus
Saturday	Psalm 31:1-16	A prayer for protection
Sunday	John 20:1-18	The resurrection of Jesus



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Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." **Luke 23:34a (NRSV)**

#### **A Prayer for the Week:**

Dear God of mercy, thank you for entering our experience of weakness and sin and for sending us out into the world with courage and grace to do your will in the world. Through Christ our Lord, amen.

#### **Mealtime Prayer:**

We thank you for this food, a sign of your steadfast love that shines upon us. Amen. (Psalm 31:16)

#### **A Blessing to Give:**

May the Lord be gracious to you in your distress and may the face of God shine on you with steadfast love. (Psalm 31:9 and 16)

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

- What would you say is one of your strengths? one of your weaknesses?
- Peter saw himself as loyal to Jesus no matter what, but he was wrong. What is it like to learn something disappointing about yourself?
- Jesus does not let human frailty stop him from forgiving and strengthening his followers. How does this help you live out your life each day?

**Read:** Luke 23:1-49.

The crucifixion of Jesus tells us a lot about our human tendencies and about our God who defeats human frailty with forgiveness. The crowds praise Jesus' entry into Jerusalem then within a week say, "Crucify him" (v.21). Peter promises to be faithful to Jesus but denies him three times. The people give false witness about Jesus to make him look bad in front of Pilate (v. 2). The leaders, the crowd, and the soldiers mock Jesus, but their words bear the truth of who he really is. Two criminals are killed along with Jesus. One ridicules Jesus while the other seeks his tender care (vv. 40-43). Sinful self-centeredness blinds us to Jesus and his saving grace. In Christ, God is willing to enter our world and participate in vulnerability, injustices, suffering, and death. It shows the way of Jesus' cross as the way of true peace, true life, and true hope. How does the church today reflect the way of the cross and the power of God?

**Pray: Merciful Lord and Savior, you who endured our lies, our fears, and our sin, we praise you for enduring it all from the cross to bring your hope and salvation to us all. Amen.**

Psalm 31 is filled with feelings of pain and loneliness. Homeless people experience pain and loneliness daily. There are many reasons a person becomes homeless. It may be losing a job, illness, drug abuse, domestic abuse, etc. Take time to learn more about the homeless and find an organization near you that helps the homeless. How can you support this organization?

Palm Sunday is the first day of Holy Week. It begins with Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. As Jesus entered Jerusalem the people waved palm branches in the air saying, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven" (Luke 19:39). It is a tradition for Christians all around the world to receive palm branches during worship on Palm Sunday. Light a candle and read Luke 19:28-40 or use a children's storybook Bible. If you have palms, wave or process with the palms in your home. As you do so, say: **Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!**

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:** Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24  
1 Corinthians 15:19-26; Luke 24:1-12