

KOUNTZE MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

A CITY-WIDE CHURCH WITH A WORLD-WIDE MINISTRY

Olaf Roynesdal, Senior Pastor
H. Ashley Hall, Associate Pastor
Inba Inbarasu, Visitation Pastor

2650 Farnam Street
Omaha, NE 68131-3616
402-341-7761
www.kmlchurch.org

June 2, 2019

9:00 & 11:00 AM

DAY OF PENTECOST



Pentecost is a day of promises fulfilled. The promised Spirit of God is poured out. The baptized have become "children of God" and "joint heirs with Christ." By the power of the Spirit we have seen the face of the Father in his only begotten Son and been saved by him. Bless the Lord, O my soul.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Kountze Brass

K. Craig Bicher, Scott Quackenbush, Trumpets
Jason Stromquist, Jay Wise, Trombones

“Come Holy Spirit”

Fedak
Jean Johnson, Organist

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(stand)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C Amen.

P God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we will confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.

P Gracious God,

C **have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“O Day Full of Grace”

ELW 627

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.

C **And also with you.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

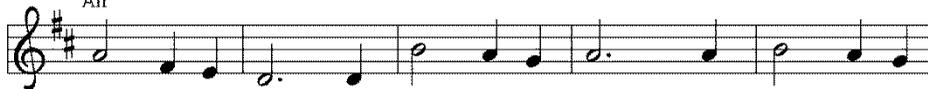
Refrain

Assisting minister

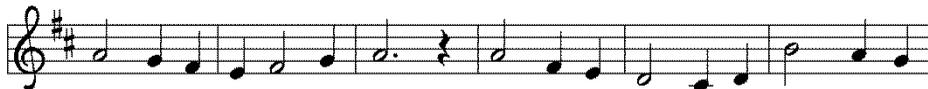


This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

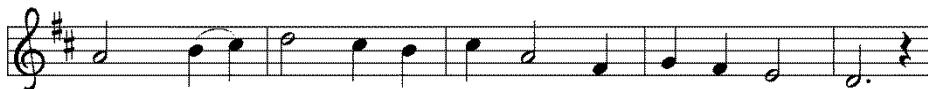
All



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



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



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

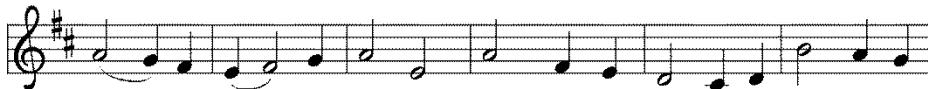
Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. 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 and hon - or and 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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

☞ Almighty God,

☞ **the resurrection of your Son offers life to all the peoples of earth. By your Holy Spirit, kindle in us the fire of your love, empowering our lives for service and our tongues for praise, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

WORD

(sit)

FIRST READING

Genesis 11:1-9

The builders of the tower of Babel try to make a name for themselves by building their tower to the heavens. God scatters them, confusing their language so that they cannot understand one another. The miracle at Pentecost reverses this story, drawing many different peoples together into the new people of God.

Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. ²And as they migrated from the east, they came upon a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. ³And they said to one another, “Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly.” And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. ⁴Then they said, “Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves; otherwise we shall be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.” ⁵The Lord came down to see the city and the tower, which mortals had built. ⁶And the Lord said, “Look, they are one people, and they have all one language; and this is only the beginning of what they will do; nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. ⁷Come, let us go down, and confuse their language there, so that they will not understand one another’s speech.” ⁸So the Lord scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. ⁹Therefore it was called Babel, because there the Lord confused the language of all the earth; and from there the Lord scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.

☞ The word of the Lord.

☞ **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 104:24-34, 35b

(read responsively)

²⁴How manifold are your works, O LORD!

In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

²⁵**Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too many to number,
living things both small and great.**

²⁶There go the ships to and fro,
and Leviathan, which you made for the sport of it.

²⁷**All of them look to you
to give them their food in due season.**

²⁸You give it to them; they gather it;
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

²⁹**When you hide your face, they are terrified;
when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.**

³⁰You send forth your Spirit, and they are created;
and so you renew the face of the earth.

³¹**May the glory of the LORD endure forever;
O LORD, rejoice in all your works.**

³²You look at the earth and it trembles;
you touch the mountains and they smoke.

³³**I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;
I will praise my God while I have my being.**

³⁴May these words of mine please God.

I will rejoice in the LORD.

^{35b}**Bless the LORD, O my soul. Hallelujah!**

SECOND READING

Acts 2:1-21

Before Jesus ascended into heaven, he told his disciples they would be filled with the Holy Spirit. Now, surrounded by signs of fire, wind, and a variety of languages in their midst, the people were amazed and astonished at Jesus' promise coming true.

When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, “*Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?*” ⁸*And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language?* ⁹*Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,* ¹⁰*Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes,* ¹¹*Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.”* ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “*What does this mean?*” ¹³But others sneered and said, “*They are filled with new wine.*”

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “*Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say.*” ¹⁵*Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning.* ¹⁶*No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:* ¹⁷*In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.* ¹⁸*Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.* ¹⁹*And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.* ²⁰*The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day.* ²¹*Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”*

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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.

☐ The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 14:8-17, 25-27

Though the disciples struggle with Jesus' nature and identity, they receive the promise that they too will be identified with God and God's mission. Though he must leave them now, Jesus promises the coming of the Advocate whom God will send to comfort and enlighten them.

Philip said to [Jesus,] “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.”⁹ Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. ¹²Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

¹⁵“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. ...

²⁵“I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.”

☐ The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

(sit)

CHILDREN'S BLESSING (9:00 AM)

Children (aged 3 years through 5th grade) are invited to come forward for a blessing. Then, they may either follow the teacher upstairs for an extended children's sermon (joining us again later in time for Communion) or they may return to their seat and use the Spark Bible and/or activity bags during the regular sermon.

SERMON

Pastor Roynesdal

(stand)

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart”

ELW 800

THE NICENE CREED

**☩ We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. 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: Don Burton, Ralph Diggins, Rev. Harry Fink, Jr. & Marvel Green, Eunice Grundberg, Dolores Hiatt, Mae Johnston, Marcie Lafleur, Joan Nelson, Jean Nippert, 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 Wittenberg Center and Dan & Ginny Rath, international translators

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

*“Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling”
(see insert)*

Michael Burkhardt

THE TABLE IS PREPARED

(stand)

OFFERTORY HYMN

“Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful”

ELW 184



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles-sing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that



we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of



all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble



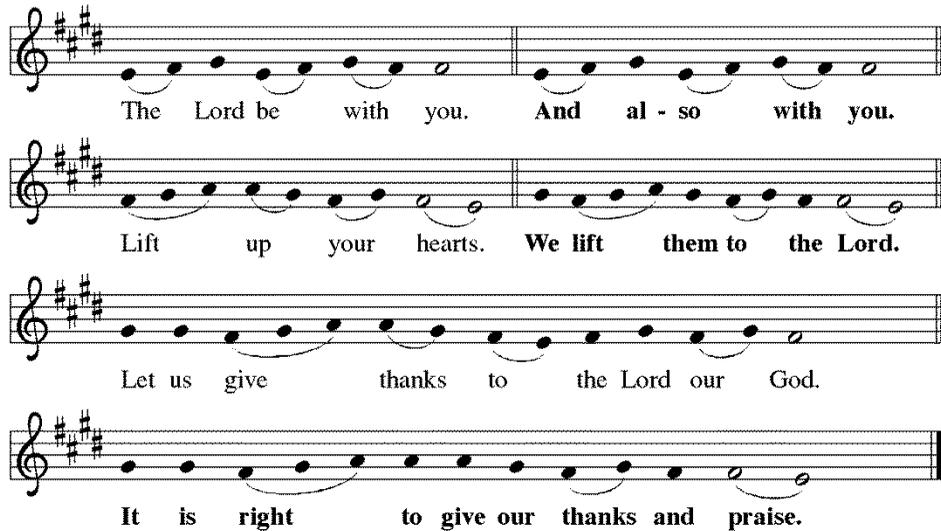
with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

OFFERING PRAYER

P Risen One,

C as you broke bread with the disciples on the shore, meet us now in this meal. Nourish us to follow you, using our gifts to feed the hungry and tend the weary, and for all your love's sake. Amen.

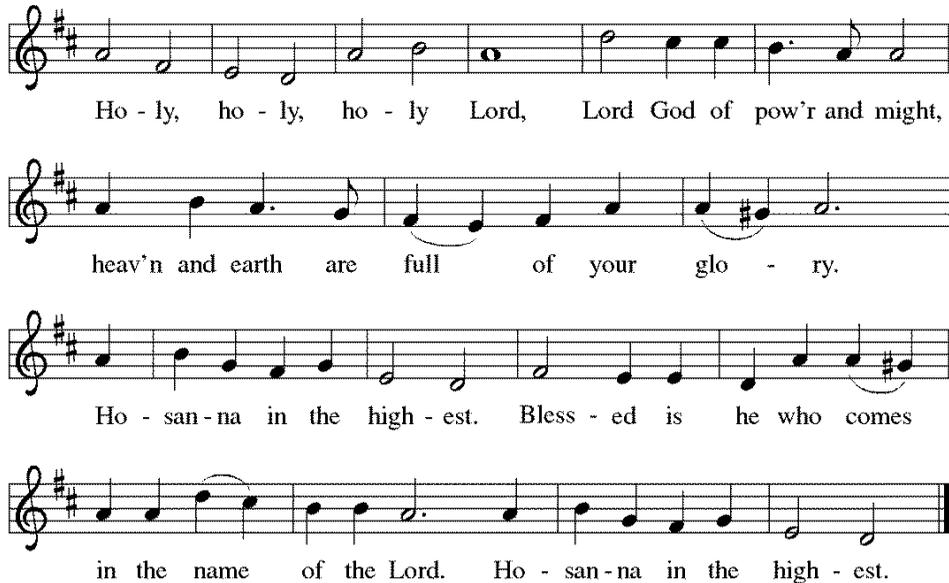
HOLY COMMUNION



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 PENTECOST

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 Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, gives everyone a place at the welcome table.

C **Alleluia! Come to the feast.**

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

"O Holy Spirit, Enter In"

ELW 786

"O Spirit of Life"

ELW 405

(stand)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Living God,

C **you have greeted us in our brokenness and nourished us with the body of Christ, broken for us. Risen to new life with you, send us now to bear your healing love into the wounded world, in the name of our risen Savior and Lord. Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

- ☐ The blessing of the living God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, surround and sustain you, keep you from harm, and fill you with courage.

THREE-FOLD AMEN

HYMN

“Go, My Children, with My Blessing”

ELW 543

DISMISSAL

- ☐ You are the body of Christ raised up for the world. Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!
☑ **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

Kountze Brass



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
Mark Jones	Organist
David Gerard	Saturday Accompanist
Sheri Lynn Tipton	Night Security Manager
Norma Pafford	Nursery Superintendent
Joyce Palmer	Director of the Weber Clinic
Susann Henry	Food Pantry Director

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

SATURDAY, 5:00 PM

Lector	Paul Revord
Ushers	Paul Revord
	Mary Jo Fike
Comm. Set-up	Mary Jo Fike

SUNDAY, 9:00 AM

Comm. Asst.	Tarna Kidder
	Jill Gittler
	Kevin Larkowski
Lector	Robin Perkins
Ushers	Bob Woodworth
	Glenn Anderson
	Dan Collett
	Marcy Madison
	Mark Mahaffey
	Gary Westerman
	Ted Kaasch
Greeters	Karen Wolf
	Sharon Anderson
Crucifer	Carter Wachholtz
Acolytes	Kaitlyn Munguia
	Anna Kidder
Book Bearer	Clara Kidder
Banner Bearer	John Groenjes

SUNDAY, 11:00 AM

Comm. Asst.	Deb Hinrichs
	Lowell Harms
Lector	Kay Wise
Ushers	Lee Johnson
	Ken Johnson
	Linda Johnson
	Norm Sack
Greeters	Julie King
Crucifer	Charlie Campbell
Acolytes	Hadley Rief
	Henry Rief
Book Bearer	Torin Edwards



KOUNTZE

Memorial Lutheran Church

2650 Farnam Street
402-341-7761

Omaha, NE 68131
www.kmlchurch.org

June 8 & 9, 2019

Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church is a vibrant, historic faith community that welcomes all and provides ministries for all ages and walks of life. We are a "City-wide Church with a World-wide Ministry" and have been worshiping, growing, and serving in downtown Omaha for over 160 years. If you are new to Kountze Memorial, we invite you to visit the Welcome Desk in Fellowship Hall for more information about who we are and what we do.

TODAY AT KOUNTZE

KOUNTZE CAFÉ Join us each Sunday for a hot breakfast buffet served from 8-11 AM prepared by Jim West and the 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; Fellowship time **NEXT WEEK:** The Wittenberg Cranach Altar, with Adam Klinker

NEW MEMBER CLASS Pastor Olaf will continue a new member class this Sundays, 9 in the Fellowship Lounge at 12:15 PM. Lunch will be served. Anyone desiring to become a member of Kountze Memorial is welcome to attend.



Peace

I leave with you;

My **Peace**
I give to you.

John 14:27, NRSV

June 9 Sunday

Pentecost

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

12:00 PM Book Group

12:15 PM New Member Class

June 10 Monday

8:30 AM LYSO

10:00 AM Pantry

5:30 PM Neighborhood Gathering Meeting

June 11 Tuesday

8:30 AM LYSO

9:00 AM Staff Meeting

11:00 AM Devotions @ deFreese Manor

June 12 Wednesday

8:30 AM LYSO

9:00 AM Sewing Group

12:15 PM Worship

June 13 Thursday

8:30 AM LYSO

10:30 AM WELCA Board Meeting

11:30 AM Property Committee

4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic

Council Reports Due

June 14 Friday

8:30 AM LYSO

June 15 Saturday

9:30 AM Women's Prayer Group

5:00 PM Worship

June 16 Sunday

Holy Trinity

Father's Day

8:00 AM - 11:00 AM Breakfast

9:00 AM & 11 AM Worship

9:00 AM Nursery (0-2 yrs)

10:10 AM Adult Forum

10:30 AM Executive Committee

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.

GREETERS NEEDED When arriving for Worship on Sunday mornings, it's great to be greeted by a friendly "good morning" and a smile! If you can smile and tell people "good morning" you already know how to be a Greeter and we'd like to be able to add you to our Greeter list. You can also greet as a family if you'd like to. Kids love taking part in this kind of Ministry! Contact the church office (402-341-7761) or Jim Smejkal (jim@kmlchurch.org) if you'd like to be a Sunday morning Greeter.

SOUND BOARD & TV MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED Volunteers are needed to assist with sound at the 11:00 AM worship service as well as special services throughout the year. Training is provided and experience is not necessary. If you are interested, please contact Mike or Julie Bratcher in the TV studio (on the north side of the Youth Center) or call the church office at 402-341-7761.

KOUNTZE FOOD PANTRY The Kountze Food Pantry is serving over 400 people per week; many of whom are children. We expect this number to increase dramatically in the coming months with the schools dismissing for the summer, and the increasing temperature. Donations of bottled water and juice would be greatly appreciated. We are also out of the extras that our guests love, such as coffee, instant coffee, jelly, pancake syrup etc., and personal hygiene items. There is a container in the fellowship hall for donations. If you

would like to volunteer at the pantry, please talk to the church office or Susie Henry. Thank-you for your continued support! Thank-you in advance for your continuing generosity!

MEN'S LUNCHEON The Kountze men's luncheon is held the third Thursday of every month (June 20) at 11:30 AM. Suggested donation for lunch is \$10.00. In June, Jim will give a brief update on progress in the attic space. Please call the church office to sign up by June 18 so we can plan for lunch.

NEIGHBORHOOD GATHERING Mark your calendars for the 21st Annual Neighborhood Gathering on June 23 at 11:30 AM. Come enjoy food, fellowship and a really good time. The Neighborhood Gathering will take place on the North side of the Church in the green space from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM. All are invited - friends, neighbor's, anyone that wants to have a good time, are welcome to stop by and have a hot dog, popcorn or take a trolley ride and of course the Jazz Band will be providing music for the event. We can always use volunteers so please use the insert in the weekly bulletin to sign up or contact the Church office.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY RESTORE 'Tidying Up' and Decluttering Your Home. 'Spark joy' & 'tidying up' have become coin phrases for organizing & decluttering your home, thanks to Marie Kondo. Donating items to organizations with a good cause might make letting go of an item a little easier. Donating items to the ReStore gives those items an opportunity to 'spark joy' and purpose to another family's home. All sales profit the local community and provides sufficient housing to those who need it. You'll also save the landfill and can feel even better about your decluttering process when you donate it.

CAROL JOY HOLLING CAMP EVENTS

40TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION on Saturday, July 13. Enjoy old and new camp activities like archery, zip line, making friends, boating, and much more from 10:00 AM until 4:00 PM. We will end the day with a community worship service at 4:00 PM. All those who register at CarolJoyHolling.org/anniversary before June 26 will receive an exclusive 40th Anniversary cuppie.

ANNUAL QUILT AUCTION will be held on Saturday, July 27. We want friends like you to come and support CJH Camp programs through this event. The 350+ quilts will be on display and the silent auction starts at 9:00 AM. The live auction starts at 9:30 AM.

ATTENDANCE & GIVING

Saturday Attendance: 46

Sunday Attendance: 9:00: 211 11:00: 106

Midweek - Noon: 6

Total: 369

Pantry Guests Served: 260

Medical Clinic Guests Served: 12

Offering:

\$8,899.50 (Regular) \$1,194.00 (Specials)

\$1,435.00 (Phase 2)

Mark your calendar for these exciting summer ministry opportunities!

Lutheran Youth Serve Omaha (LYSO)

June 10 - 14, 2019

8:30 AM - Noon

Grades K - 12th



At Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church

Chain Reaction Day Camp at Kountze

June 17 - 21

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

9:00 AM to 1:00 PM on Friday

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

Monday through Thursday.



Save the Date for Vacation Bible School!

Who: All members of Kountze are welcome. There will be activities for everybody! (Children must be accompanied by an adult.)

What: Worship, singing, crafts, service, fellowship, and more.

When: Friday, July 19th, 6:00 to 8:00. Saturday, July 20th, 9:00 to noon.

Where: Kountze Fellowship Hall

Dinner will be served Friday evening and a Continental breakfast served in the morning.

RSVP to the church office by calling 402-341-7761,



The Holy Spirit lives in us.

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

Sunday	John 14:8-17, 25-27	Jesus promises the Holy Spirit
Monday	Acts 2:1-21	Filled with the Holy Spirit
Tuesday	Romans 8:14-17	Life in the Spirit
Wednesday	Isaiah 44:1-5	God's blessing on Israel
Thursday	Galatians 5:16-25	The fruit of the Spirit
Friday	2 Kings 2:1-15a	Elijah ascends to heaven
Saturday	Psalms 104:24-34, 35b	God the creator and provider
Sunday	John 16:12-15	The Spirit will guide you into truth



© 2018 Vibrant Faith Ministries. All rights reserved.
Written by Pr. Greg Priebbenow and edited by Vibrant Faith Ministries.
Go to www.vibrantfaithathome.org for more faith-forming activities.

But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. **John 14:26 (NRSV)**

A Prayer for the Week:

Dear God, just as you are in Jesus and Jesus is in you, thank you for your Holy Spirit that places Jesus in us as Savior and Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

O Lord, your work in creation is filled with awe and wonder; you open your hand and fill us with good things. Amen. (Psalm 104:24 and 28)

A Blessing to Give:

May the Lord pour out the Holy Spirit upon you that you may be filled with faith in Jesus Christ.

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

- What is it like to feel lost or alone?
- How did the disciples feel after Jesus ascended and was not visibly present to them?
- How does the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, fill the void of Jesus' absence?

Read: John 14:8-17, 25-27.

It can be confusing to understand the role of the Holy Spirit in the life of one's faith. Some are tempted to see the Holy Spirit as an added dimension of the Christian faith beyond faith in Jesus. However, Jesus states in John 14 that the Holy Spirit will simply make his teachings and work alive in them, even though Jesus is not visibly present to them. The Holy Spirit makes Jesus Christ the living Savior in the lives of believers and not just a historical figure to recall from the past. The Apostle Paul names the Holy Spirit as the Spirit of Christ (Romans 8:9). It is Christ's presence that the Spirit gives, not something new and different from the saving, reconciling work of Christ. John 14 names the Spirit as "another Advocate" (v. 16, v. 26). The term advocate means someone who stands alongside someone and is a description used in 1 John 2:1 to describe Jesus Christ. The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, reveals Christ to believers. The identity of the Holy Spirit in believers is the same as that of Jesus Christ. How does Christ's presence through the Holy Spirit, the Advocate, give you comfort? How does it make a difference in your life?

Pray: **Dear Jesus, thank you for giving us the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, so that our lives are strengthened and our faith renewed day by day through your presence in our lives. Amen.**

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b is about God's wisdom in creating "living things both small and great" (v. 25b). The psalmist sings praises to God, "Bless the Lord, O my soul. Praise the Lord!" (v. 35b). Praise of God includes caring for all of God's creation. In what ways do you care for God's creation in your home and in your neighborhood?

Pentecost means fiftieth. Pentecost Sunday is 50 days after Easter. It is when we celebrate the birthday of the church. Find a pattern for making paper flames or doves. Buy or bake a cake and decorate it with red icing. Place the flames (or use candles) and doves on the cake to symbolize the Holy Spirit. Buy birthday party plates and hats and have a party. Sing *Happy Birthday* to the church before cutting the cake. Close the party with a reading from Psalm 104:35b, "Bless the Lord, O my soul. Praise

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31; Psalm 8
Romans 5:1-5; John 16:12-15