

# KOUNTZE MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

## A CITY-WIDE CHURCH WITH A WORLD-WIDE MINISTRY

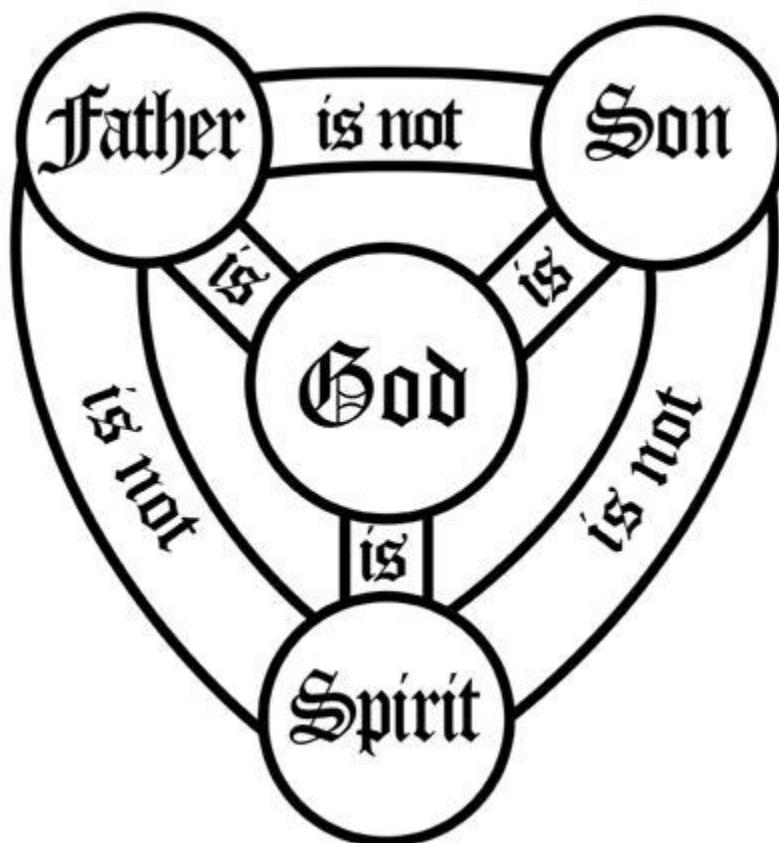
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June 16, 2019

9:00 & 11:00 AM

### HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY



*“O Lord our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!” Today we celebrate the name of God: holy blessed Trinity. There is no other day quite like this one in the church’s year. There is no other god like ours. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Spirit!*

# GATHERING

## PRELUDE

## 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** Seeking reconciliation with God and neighbor, let us remember the gift of baptism and confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.*

**P** God of mercy,

**C** we confess that we have sinned against you,  
against one another,  
and against the earth entrusted to our care.

We are worried and distracted by many things,  
and we fail to love you above all else.

We store up treasures for ourselves  
and turn away from our neighbors in need.

Forgive us, that we may live in the freedom of your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**P** When we were laid low by sin and guilt, God made us alive together with Christ, forgiving us † all our trespasses by taking our sins to the cross. For freedom Christ has set us free: Rejoice in this good news!

**C** Amen.

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*“Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!”*

**ELW 413**

## 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.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** Almighty Creator and ever-living God:
- C** we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## WORD

*(sit)*

### FIRST READING

**Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31**

*In the Bible, wisdom has many faces. It is portrayed in terms sometimes human and sometimes divine. Often, it is personified as feminine. In this passage, Woman Wisdom is depicted not only as the first creation of God but also as God's helper, rejoicing in God's creation, especially in human beings.*

**D**oes not wisdom call, and does not understanding raise her voice? <sup>2</sup>On the heights, beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand; <sup>3</sup>beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries out: <sup>4</sup>*“To you, O people, I call, and my cry is to all that live. ...* <sup>22</sup>*The Lord created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago. <sup>23</sup>Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. <sup>24</sup>When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. <sup>25</sup>Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth—<sup>26</sup>when he had not yet made earth and fields, or the world's first bits of soil. <sup>27</sup>When he established the heavens, I was there, when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, <sup>28</sup>when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep, <sup>29</sup>when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth, <sup>30</sup>then I was beside him, like a master worker; and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always, <sup>31</sup>rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race.”*

**L** The word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## PSALM 8

*(read responsively)*

<sup>1</sup>O LORD our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!—

**<sup>2</sup>you whose glory is chanted above the heavens  
out of the mouths of infants and children;  
you have set up a fortress against your enemies,  
to silence the foe and avenger.**

<sup>3</sup>When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

**<sup>4</sup>what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them,  
human beings that you should care for them?**

<sup>5</sup>Yet you have made them little less than divine;  
with glory and honor you crown them.

**<sup>6</sup>You have made them rule over the works of your hands;  
you have put all things under their feet:**

<sup>7</sup>all flocks and cattle, even the wild beasts of the field,

**<sup>8</sup>the birds of the air, the fish of the sea,  
and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.**

<sup>9</sup>O LORD our Lord,

**how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

## SECOND READING

**Romans 5:1-5**

*Paul describes the life of faith with reference to God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. Even now, we have peace with God through Jesus, and our hope for the future is grounded in the love of God that we experience through Christ's Holy Spirit.*

**T**herefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup>through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. <sup>3</sup>And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup>and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup>and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

**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.

☑ Glory to you, O Lord!

## HOLY GOSPEL

**John 16:12-15**

*Jesus' ongoing presence with the disciples will be borne by the coming Spirit, who will guide them and communicate to them Jesus' will and glory.*

Jesus said,] <sup>12</sup>“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. <sup>13</sup>When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. <sup>14</sup>He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. <sup>15</sup>All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”

☐ The Gospel of the Lord.

☑ Praise to you, O Christ.

*(sit)*

## CHILDREN'S BLESSING (9:00 AM)

*Children (aged 3 years through 5<sup>th</sup> 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 Inbarasu

*(stand)*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

“Father Most Holy”

ELW 415

## THE ATHANASIAN CREED

- Ⓟ Whoever wants to be saved should above all cling to the catholic faith.  
Whoever does not guard it whole and inviolable will doubtless perish eternally.  
Now this is the catholic faith:
- Ⓒ **We worship one God in trinity and the Trinity in unity,  
neither confusing the persons nor dividing the divine being.  
For the Father is one person, the Son is another,  
and the Spirit is still another.  
But the deity of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit  
is one, equal in glory, coeternal in majesty.  
What the Father is, the Son is, and so is the Holy Spirit.**
- Ⓟ Uncreated is the Father; uncreated is the Son; uncreated is the Spirit.  
The Father is infinite; the Son is infinite; the Holy Spirit is infinite.
- Ⓒ **Eternal is the Father; eternal is the Son; eternal is the Spirit:  
And yet there are not three eternal beings, but one who is eternal;  
as there are not three uncreated and unlimited beings,  
but one who is uncreated and unlimited.**
- Ⓟ Almighty is the Father; almighty is the Son; almighty is the Spirit:  
And yet there are not three almighty beings, but one who is almighty.
- Ⓒ **Thus the Father is God; the Son is God; the Holy Spirit is God:  
And yet there are not three gods, but one God.  
Thus the Father is Lord; the Son is Lord; the Holy Spirit is Lord:  
And yet there are not three lords, but one Lord.**
- Ⓟ As Christian truth compels us to acknowledge each distinct person as God and Lord,  
so catholic religion forbids us to say that there are three gods or lords.
- Ⓒ **The Father was neither made nor created nor begotten;  
the Son was neither made nor created,  
but was alone begotten of the Father;  
the Spirit was neither made nor created,  
but is proceeding from the Father and the Son.  
Thus there is one Father, not three fathers;  
one Son, not three sons; one Holy Spirit, not three spirits.**
- Ⓟ And in this Trinity, no one is before or after, greater or less than the other; but all three  
persons are in themselves, coeternal and coequal; and so we must worship the Trinity in  
unity and the one God in three persons.

Whoever wants to be saved should think thus about the Trinity.

It is necessary for eternal salvation that one also faithfully believe that our Lord Jesus became flesh.

- ☒ For this is the true faith that we believe and confess:  
That our Lord Jesus Christ, God's Son, is both God and man.  
He is God, begotten before all worlds from the being of the Father,  
and he is man, born in the world from the being of his mother--  
existing fully as God, and fully as man  
with a rational soul and a human body;  
equal to the Father in divinity,  
subordinate to the Father in humanity.**
  
- ☒ Although he is God and man, he is not divided, but is one Christ.  
He is united because God has taken humanity into himself;  
he does not transform deity into humanity.  
He is completely one in the unity of his person,  
without confusing his natures.  
For as the rational soul and body are one person,  
so the one Christ is God and man.**
  
- ☒ He suffered death for our salvation.  
He descended into hell and rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
At his coming all people shall rise bodily  
to give an account of their own deeds.  
Those who have done good will enter eternal life,  
those who have done evil will enter eternal fire.  
This is the catholic faith.  
One cannot be saved without believing this firmly and faithfully.**

## 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)*

**Sympathy:** to the family and friends of Peggy Johnson

**Illness:** Don Burton, Ralph Diggins, Rev. Harry Fink, Jr. & Marvel Green, Eunice Grundberg, Dolores Hiatt, Mae Johnston, Marcie Lafleur, Joan Nelson, Jean Nippert, Mark Oldaker, Alice Pickinpaugh, Bob Ringo, Gary Rodene, Wayne Simmonds, 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

“My Jesus I Love Thee”      A. Gordon/arr. D. Forrest  
Janet Campbell, Mezzo-soprano

### THE TABLE IS PREPARED

(stand)

## OFFERTORY HYMN

*“Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful”*

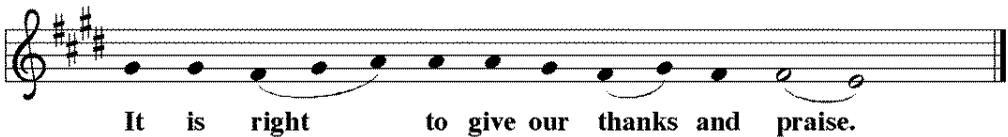
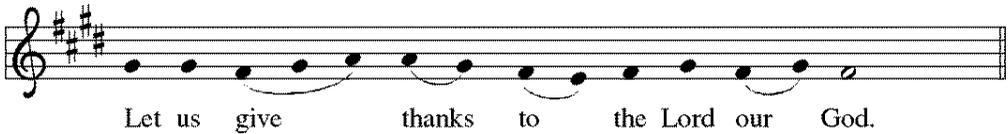
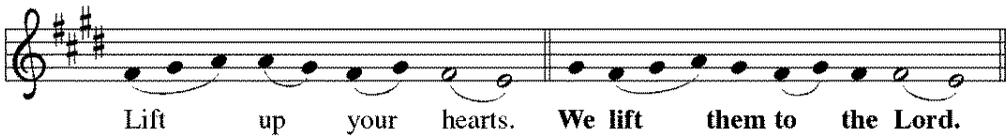
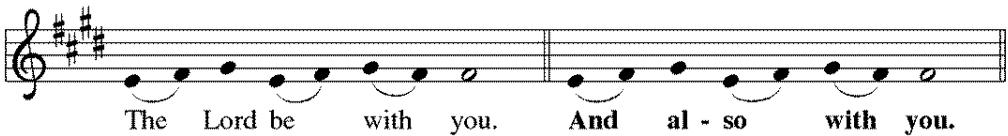
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Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that  
we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of  
all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble  
with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

## OFFERING PRAYER

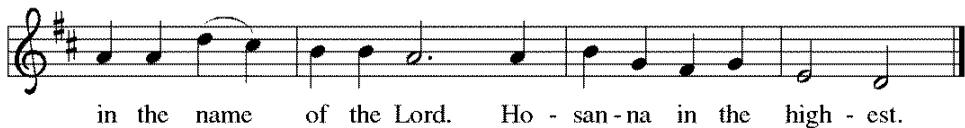
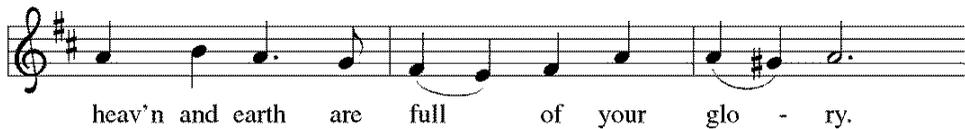
- P** Blessed are you, Lord God,
- C** for the greening earth given for all, for the talents we are given to share, and for this bread and wine. Transform us to be the body of Jesus Christ, that, feasting on this food and drink, our lives will reflect your generosity; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## HOLY COMMUNION



## PREFACE FOR THE HOLY TRINITY

### SANCTUS



## THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

☑ **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

☐ God invites you to this table of bounty.

☑ **Come, the banquet is ready.**

### 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, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"*

**ELW 807**

*"Come, Thou Almighty King"*

**ELW 408**

*(stand)*

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

☐ Gracious God,

☑ **in this holy communion you have welcomed us into your presence, nourished us with words of mercy, and fed us at your table. Amid the cares of this life, strengthen us to love you with all our heart, serve our neighbors with a willing spirit, and honor the earth you have made; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

# SENDING

## BLESSING

- ☐ The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the Name of the Father and of the Son ✝ and of the Holy Spirit.

## THREE-FOLD AMEN

## HYMN

*“Holy God, We Praise Your Name”*

**ELW 414**

## DISMISSAL

- ☐ Go in peace. Christ is sending you.  
☑ **Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

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## 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	Debra Kelly
Ushers	Duane Hovendick Penny Hovendick
Comm. Set-up	Penny Hovendick

### SUNDAY, 9:00 AM

Comm. Asst.	Mike Jensen Adam Klinker Lorie Groenjes Pam Johnson
Lector	Paul Rath
Ushers	Bob Woodworth Glenn Anderson Dan Collett Marcy Madison Mark Mahaffey Gary Westerman Ted Kaasch
Greeters	Karen Wolf Sharon Anderson
Crucifer	Britten Johnson
Acolytes	Rahn Johnson Communion Assistant

### SUNDAY, 11:00 AM

Comm. Asst.	Deb Hinrichs
Lector	Bruce Anderson
Ushers	Lee Johnson Ken Johnson Linda Johnson Norm Sack
Greeters	Julie King
Crucifer	Torin Edwards
Acolytes	Rachel Stouffer Communion Assistant



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*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.*

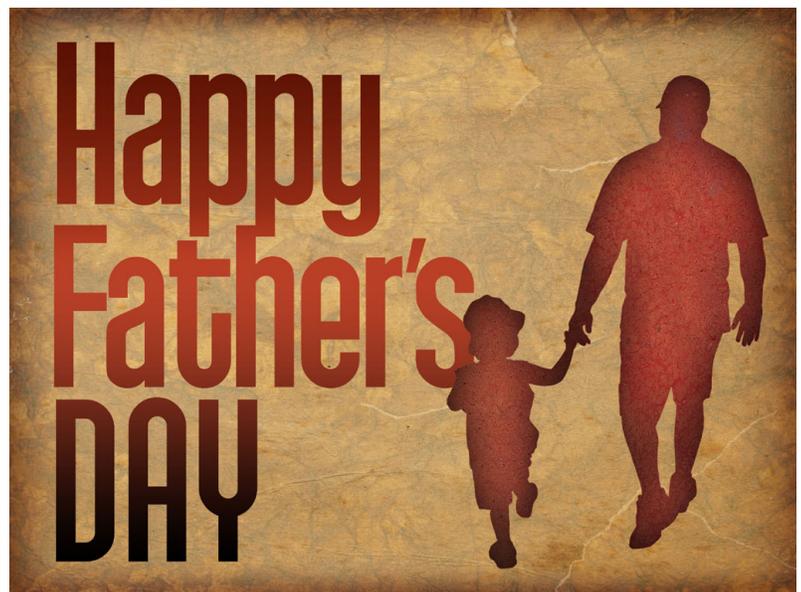
## TODAY AT KOUNTZE

**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. Next Sunday, we'll have doughnuts instead of a full breakfast due to the Neighborhood Gathering.

**ADULT FORUM** Join us on Sunday mornings in the Fellowship Hall from 10:10-10:50 AM. **THIS WEEK:** The Wittenberg Cranach Altar, with Adam Klinker **NEXT WEEK:** No Forum (Neighborhood Gathering)

**ALTAR FLOWERS** last Sunday were given by Marvin & Kay Andersen in honor of their 55<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary (6/12); by Rick and Diana Kolkman in memory of Larry Kolkman, Lyle Prell, and Bob Godert Flowers this weekend are given in honor of Mark & Tarna Kidder's 23<sup>rd</sup> anniversary; in memory of Hannah Rief on her 17<sup>th</sup> birthday by her parents and family.

**TELEVISION BROADCAST** sponsored by Mary Olson in memory of her mother's birthday.



**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

**June 17 Monday**

9:00 AM NLOM Day Camp  
 10:00 AM Pantry  
 6:00 PM Clinic Board

**June 18 Tuesday**

9:00 AM Staff Meeting  
 9:00 AM NLOM Day Camp  
 1:00 PM Prayer Shawl Group  
 6:00 PM Congregational Council

**June 19 Wednesday**

9:00 AM NLOM Day Camp  
 12:15 PM Worship

**June 20 Thursday**

9:00 AM NLOM Day Camp  
 11:30 AM Men's Luncheon  
 4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic  
 7:00 PM Circle 5

**June 21 Friday**

9:00 AM NLOM Day Camp  
 Wedding Rehearsal

**June 22 Saturday**

3:00 PM Hunzeker/Raneri Wedding  
 5:00 PM Worship

**June 23 Sunday**

8:00 AM - 11:00 AM Doughnuts—no breakfast due  
 to the Neighborhood Gathering  
 9:00 AM & 11 AM Worship  
 9:00 AM Nursery (0-2 yrs)  
 9:00 AM Receive New Members  
 10:10 AM Adult Forum  
 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM Neighborhood Gathering  
 12:00 PM Stephen Ministry

**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 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

**YESTERDAY'S YOUTH** B-I-N-G-O! Join us on Tuesday, July 2, for one of our most popular events of the year. There will be prizes galore! We will be eating a delicious summertime lunch at noon. Cost is \$4.00. Please RSVP to the church office by Friday, June 28, so that we can plan on food preparation. Any questions, please call Sheri at 402-415-6033. All ages are welcome and encouraged! Some of our Sunday School students will be joining in the fun! You won't want to miss out! See you there!

**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**

**40<sup>TH</sup> 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/](http://CarolJoyHolling.org/) anniversary before June 26 will receive an exclusive 40<sup>th</sup> 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: 40  
Sunday Attendance: 9:00: 184 11:00: 108  
Midweek - Noon: 7  
Total: 339  
Pantry Guests Served: 341  
Medical Clinic Guests Served: 27  
Offering:  
\$15,181.54 (Regular) \$1,485.55 (Specials)  
\$1,263.00 (Phase 2)

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

### **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 19, 6:00 to 8:00  
Saturday, July 20, 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, or email Kristin Boe at [Kristin@kmlchurch.org](mailto:Kristin@kmlchurch.org).



## Experiencing the peace of God.

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

Sunday	John 16:12-15	The Spirit will guide you
Monday	Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31	The gifts of wisdom
Tuesday	Romans 5:1-5	Experiencing God's peace
Wednesday	Isaiah 55:10-13	God's people celebrate
Thursday	Ephesians 4:1-6	Unity in the body of Christ
Friday	Philippians 4:4-9	Paul encourages believers
Saturday	Psalm 8	The wonderful name of the Lord
Sunday	Luke 8:26-39	Jesus casts out demons



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Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ **Romans 5:1 (NRSV)**

### A Prayer for the Week:

Dear Triune God, you who are filled with mystery and wonder, fill us with peace, the strength to endure, a loving character, and hope that does not fail us. Amen.

### Mealtime Prayer:

We are thankful for food and pray for sharing God's peace. May we speak words of praise to God and never, ever cease. Amen.

### A Blessing to Give:

May the God who creates life and hope, who redeems our lives from the grave, and who sustains us through all our sorrows, be with us now and forever.

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

- What is something you have learned through experience (e.g., travels, playing an instrument, or sports)?
- How have experiences made a difference in your life?
- How have you experienced God through times of joy or times of suffering?

*Read:* Romans 9:5-5.

It is not easy to define the Trinity. The Trinity is better understood by experiencing the God who gives us peace, undeserved kindness, endurance, character, and hope. That is how God is presented in Romans 5. The God of the Bible shown most clearly in the life, death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus and the God "poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit" (Romans 5:5) is the Triune God, one God in three persons. What is critical for us to know is that God comes to us in human experiences, especially the experience of suffering. Happy times can deceive us, but times of suffering and pain give us an experience of life at its most honest and jarring levels. Experiences of suffering force us to face our lives, its limitations, and its hopes. Thanks be to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit that from the cross we have a God who joins us in our suffering and leads us to lives of faith filled with endurance, character, and hope—hope in the God of the Trinity. How has God been revealed to you during difficult experiences?

*Pray:* **Dear God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be my strength and hope through all my experiences of joy and suffering. Amen.**

Today is recognized in the United States as a day to honor fathers. Not all children are fortunate to be raised by a father and for many, it is a day to grieve the loss of a father. Those who experience these losses have a different perspective on fatherhood. Spend a moment in silence to think about the gift of God, the Heavenly Father in your life. Think of a father you know or someone who has been a father figure in your life. Give thanks for this person. Contact them and thank them for being part of your life.

A doxology is an expression of praise to God. A very well-known doxology was written in 1709 by an Anglican bishop, Bishop Thomas Ken. It is a tradition around the world for congregations to sing or say this treasured doxology. Sing or say this hymn of praise to God before meals or before bedtime: **Praise God from who all blessing flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:** Isaiah 65:1-9; Psalm 22:19-28  
Galatians 3:23-29; Luke 8:26-39