

KOUNTZE MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

A CITY-WIDE CHURCH WITH A WORLD-WIDE MINISTRY

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9:00 & 11:00 AM

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST



The grumbling of the Pharisees and the scribes in today's gospel is actually our own holy hope: This Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. That our God wills to seek and to save the lost is not only a holy hope, it is our only hope. As Paul's first letter to Timothy reminds us, *"The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners."* Thanks be to God.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(stand)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

- P** Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, Father, † Son and Holy Spirit, the strength of our ancestors, the host of this meal, the builder of the city that is to come.
- G** Amen.
- P** If we have died with Christ, we will also live with Christ. Let us confess our sin to the one who is faithful.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.

- P** God our helper,
- G** we confess the many ways we have failed to live as your disciples.
We have not finished what we began.
We have feasted with friends but ignored strangers.
We have been captivated by our possessions.
Lift our burdens, gracious God.
Refresh our hearts and forgive our sin.
Raise us to the new life you have chosen for us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.
- P** There is rejoicing in heaven when sinners repent. Put trust in these promises: God will never leave you or forsake you. You who were lost have been found. For the sake of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Rejoice with the angels at this good news.
- G** Amen.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“Lord of Glory, You Have Brought Us”

ELW 707

APOSTOLIC GREETING

- P** The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and the Communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- G** And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** Almighty God, overflowing with mercy and compassion,
C you lead back to yourself all those who go astray. Preserve your people in your loving care, that we will reject whatever is contrary to you and may follow all things that sustain our life in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

(sit)

JOYFUL SOUNDS CHILDREN'S CHOIR

“Sing It”

Joanne Brown LeDoux

WORD

FIRST READING

Exodus 32:7-14

While Moses is on Mount Sinai, the people grow restless and make a golden calf to worship. Today's reading shows Moses as the mediator between an angry God and a sinful people. Moses reminds God that the Israelites are God's own people and boldly asks mercy for them.

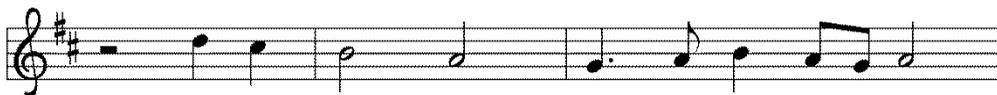
The Lord said to Moses, “Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; ⁸they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, ‘These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!’ ” ⁹The Lord said to Moses, “I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. ¹⁰Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation.”

¹¹But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, “O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? ¹²Why should the Egyptians say, ‘It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth’? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. ¹³Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, ‘I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.’ ” ¹⁴And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

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. Luke.

☑ **Glory to you, O Lord!**

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 15:1-10

Jesus tells two stories that suggest a curious connection between the lost being found and sinners repenting. God takes the initiative to find sinners, each of whom is so precious to God that his or her recovery brings joy in heaven.

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. ²And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “*This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.*”

³So he told them this parable: ⁴“*Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it?*” ⁵When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. ⁶And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ ⁷Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

⁸“*Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it?*” ⁹When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ ¹⁰Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

☐ 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

"O Holy Spirit, Enter In"

ELW 786

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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

☑ I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

(stand)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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 Eileen Gustafson

Illness: Richard Bock, Don Burton, Joe Doremus, Rev. Harry Fink, Michael Gonser, Marvel Green, Eunice Grunberg, Dolores Hiatt, Marcie Lafleur, Joan Nelson, Jean Nippert, Gary Rodene, Jerry Warner, Ed & Darlene White

Other Prayers: *Those serving in the military* – Anthony Bonacci, Amy Dyer, Brennan Hron, Wyatt Johnson, 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; Rev. Rachel Ringlaben, 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

“Amazing Grace”

arr. Jack Schrader

THE TABLE IS PREPARED

(stand)

OFFERTORY HYMN

“Giving God, We Pause and Wonder”

**Giving God, we pause and wonder: What would happen if we tithed —
If we gave our gifts, Creator, Hearts and hands all opened wide?
We might learn, by gladly sharing, Not to trust in things we own
But to risk — it's part of caring — And to trust in you alone.**

**God, we know we cannot pay you For your love in Christ your Son.
Gifts and tithes are just a "thank you" — Ways to pass your blessings on.
We have learned that, in our sharing, We receive more than we give.
By your Spirit, make us daring In this joyful way to live.**

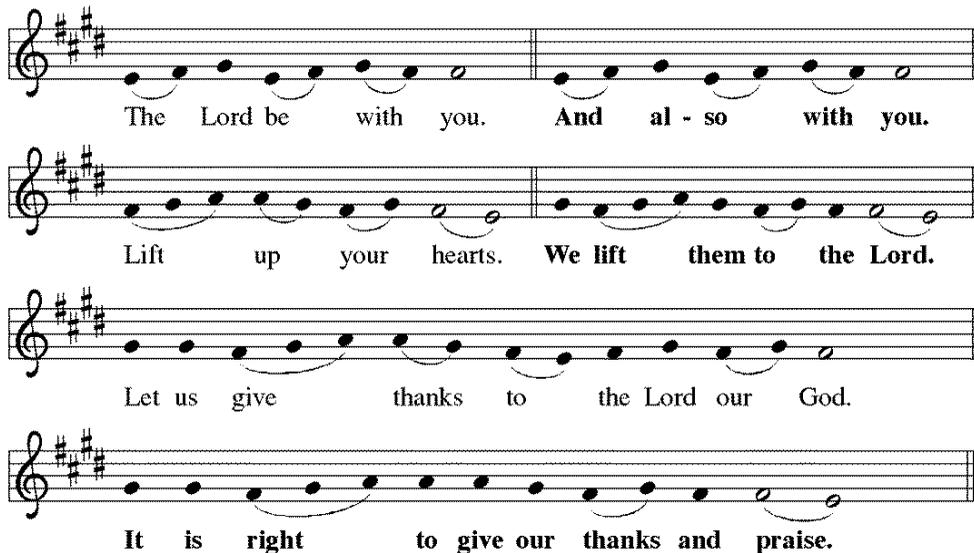
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OFFERING PRAYER

P God our provider,

C we bring nothing into this world and we can take nothing out of it. Accept the gifts you have first given us, which we bring to your table, and with them the offering of our lives. Nourish us now with the life that really is life, revealed to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

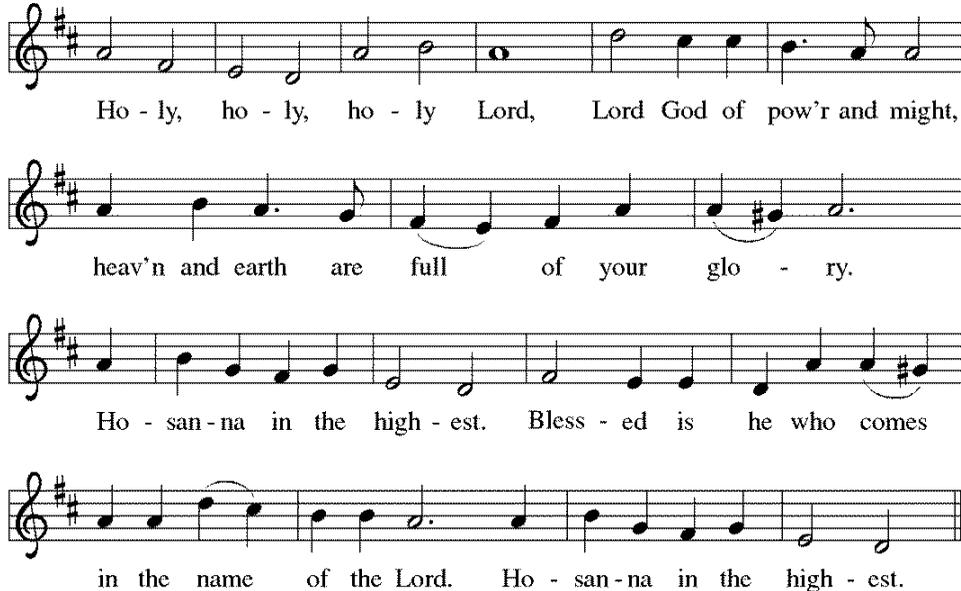
HOLY COMMUNION



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE FOR SUNDAYS

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

☐ 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

☐ Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them.

☑ **Come, take your place at the feast.**

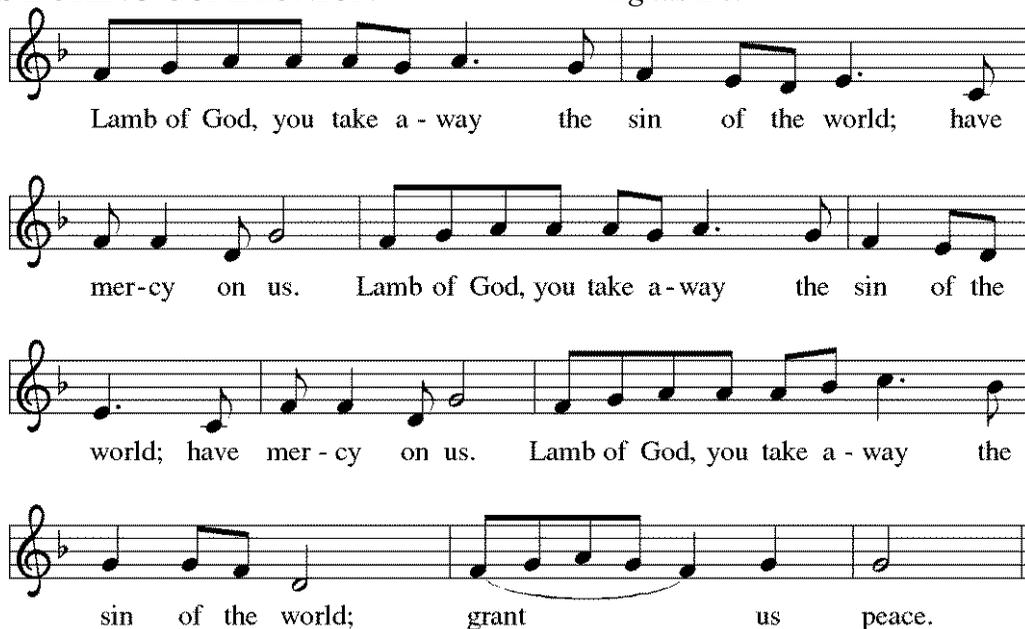
THE DISTRIBUTION

*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.*

(sit)

HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

“Agnus Dei”



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

“The King of Love My Sheperd Is”
“Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”

ELW 502

ELW 779

(stand)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- P** God of blessing,
- C** at this table we have seen you face to face, and in the gift of Christ’s body and blood, our hearts have been refreshed. Send us now to shine with your goodness and bear witness to the one we have received: Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

- ☐ Guard the good treasure entrusted in you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in you. Almighty God, Father , † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you with grace, mercy, and peace, now and forever.

THREE-FOLD AMEN

HYMN

“Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us”

ELW 789

DISMISSAL

- ☐ Go in peace. Live in love as Christ loved us.
☑ **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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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 Lee Johnson Kevin Larkowski Scott Henneman
Lector	Paul Rath
Ushers	Glenn Anderson Dan Collett Ted Kaasch Mark Mahaffey Gary Westerman Bob Woodworth Marcy Madison
Greeters	Karen Wolf Sharon Anderson
Crucifer	Anna Kidder
Acolytes	John Groenjes Communion Assistant

SUNDAY, 11:00 AM

Comm. Asst.	Lowell Harms June Anderson
Lector	Bruce Anderson
Ushers	Linda Hoagland Julie O'Doherty
Greeters	Julie King
Crucifer	Torin Edwards
Acolytes	Anna Kotula Brooks Hinrichs

TODAY AT KOUNTZE

KOUNTZE CAFÉ Join us each Sunday for a hot breakfast buffet served from 8:00-11:00 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 be serving cookies only, but be sure to join us for lunch at the picnic for a potluck!

ADULT FORUM Join us on Sunday mornings in the Fellowship Hall from 10:10-10:50 AM. **THIS WEEK:** Special Congregation Meeting & Update on Campus Ministry at Creighton **NEXT WEEK:** No Forum (Baptism Seminar)

SPECIAL CONGREGATION MEETING A special meeting will be held at the beginning of Adult Forum (10:10 AM) to elect/re-elect three people to the congregation council that was overlooked at the August 27 meeting.

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God in honor of our 50th wedding anniversary by Linda and Ken Johnson; in loving memory of Russ VanHorn's birthday.

ETERNAL CANDLE is given to the glory of God in honor of the 25th wedding anniversary of our children, Angelika & David.

CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES TODAY

JOYFUL SOUNDS CHILDREN'S CHOIR Join us each Sunday from 9-9:30 AM. All children (K-6th grade) who want to praise our Lord by singing, meet in the Joyful Sounds Studio on the 2nd floor.

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

HIGH SCHOOL FORUM Join us each Sunday in the Youth Center at 10:10 AM.

MS/HS CHOIR Rehearsal will be held on Sunday mornings, 11:00-11:30 AM in the Adult Choir room. Contact Janet Carlsen Campbell at Janet@kmlchurch.org with questions.

September 15 Sunday

Good News Deadline
 7:45 AM & 10:00 AM Adult Choir Rehearsal
 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM Breakfast
 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Worship
 9:00 AM Nursery (0-2 yrs)
 9:00 AM Joyful Sounds Children's Choir (gr K-6)
 10:00 AM Blood Pressure Checks
 10:10 AM Sunday School (2yr-8th gr)
 10:10 AM Youth Forum (gr 9-12)
 10:10 AM Special Congregation Meeting/Adult Forum
 10:30 AM Executive Committee
 11:00 AM MS/HS Choir Rehearsal

September 16 Monday

10:00 AM Pantry
 5:30 PM Congregational Life

September 17 Tuesday

9:00 AM Staff Meeting
 1:00 PM Prayer Shawl Group
 5:00 PM Stewardship Committee
 6:00 PM Congregation Council

September 18 Wednesday

12:15 PM Worship
 6:00 PM Confirmation Supper
 6:30 PM Confirmation Class
 7:30 PM Confirmation Worship

September 19 Thursday

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

September 21 Saturday

9:30 AM Women's Prayer Group
 5:00 PM Worship

September 22 Sunday

Acceptance of New Confirmands
 7:45 AM & 10:00 AM Adult Choir Rehearsal
 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM No Breakfast—Cookies only
 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Worship
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 10:10 AM Baptism Seminar (no Adult Forum)
 11:00 AM MS/HS Choir
 12:00 PM KMLC Church Picnic

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.

NURSERY is available from 9 AM—noon for children 0—2 years. Please ask an usher if you are unsure as to where our nursery is and would like to use it.

ATTENDANCE CARDS All those attending worship are encouraged to fill out the card included in your bulletin and place in the offering plate.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS AND LISTENING DEVICES Please speak to an usher if you would like a large print bulletin or an assisted listening device.

E-NEWS & SOCIAL MEDIA If you would like to receive our weekly e-news and monthly e-newsletter, add your e-mail address to the card in your bulletin or text your e-mail address to 22828.

NEW MEMBER CLASS If you are interested in joining our congregation, the next class will be Sundays, September 29 & October 6 from 12:15—2:00 PM. Please plan to attend both sessions. Lunch will be served and childcare is provided. New members will be received on October 13. Please indicate your attendance plans on your attendance card or call the church office by September 22 and let us know if you will need childcare when you register.

JOIN ADULT CHOIR Come and join our amazing group of musicians who sing praise to God and have fun together. We rehearse on the first Wednesday, of each month from 7:00 - 8:30 PM. Past singing experience in high school or college is recommended. The director, Barb Carlsen, would like to hear you sing before joining the choir just to make sure that this group will blend with your type of voice. If you want more information about choir or would like to reserve a time to sing for Barb Carlsen, please call the church office (402-341-7761).

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KOUNTZE MIDDLE SCHOOL/HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR We will sing for: Sunday services (every 5-6 weeks) . Rehearsals will be held on Sunday mornings, 11:00-11:30 AM in the Adult Choir room. We hope you will join us as we sing praises to God, help lead the congregation in worship, and have a great time making music and new friendships! For more



KOUNTZE FOOD PANTRY

The Kountze Food Pantry is collecting register receipts from Family Fare stores. For every \$100,000 in receipts returned, Kountze Food Pantry will receive \$1,000. Many people are unaware that the Pantry food is, for the most part, purchased, not

donated. One of our vendors is Family Fare, so your receipts will be added to the Pantry purchases and we can reach \$100,000 in a short time. Please bring receipts to the office or place in receptacle at information desk in the Fellowship Hall.

USHERS NEEDED By warmly and joyfully greeting and seating those in attendance, passing out bulletins, collecting the offering, and assisting with communion, or simply welcoming others, we are blessed to welcome God's very self. This is the "job description" of an Usher here at Kountze Memorial. We are in need of Ushers at both Sunday services. If you'd like more information or would like to be a part of this ministry, please contact Jim Smejkal at 402-341-7761 or jim@kmlchurch.org. Please consider being a part of this ministry.

ATTENDANCE & GIVING

Saturday Attendance: 24

Sunday Attendance: 9:00: 234 11:00: 114

Midweek - Noon: 8

Total: 380

Pantry Guests Served: 369

Medical Clinic Guests Served: 26

Offering:

\$15,431.50 (Regular) \$13,132.57 (Specials)

\$20,450.00 (Phase 2)

God pursues the lost.

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

Sunday	Luke 15:1-10	The lost sheep and the lost coin
Monday	Exodus 32:7-14	Moses pleads for the people
Tuesday	1 Timothy 1:12-17	Gratitude for mercy
Wednesday	Deuteronomy 7:7-11	A chosen people
Thursday	Acts 26:12-18	Paul's conversion
Friday	Ezekiel 36:22-32	Renewal of Israel
Saturday	Psalms 51:1-10	A prayer for forgiveness
Sunday	Luke 16:1-13	Parable of the shrewd manager



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“And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ ” **Luke 15:6 (NRSV)**

A Prayer for the Week:

Dear God, you who pursue the lost with love and mercy, give us the joy of being found and redeemed through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, amen.

Mealt ime Prayer:

Dear Lord God, fill our hungry hearts with joy for your mercy and steadfast love as you fill our bodies with this food. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the Lord create in you a clean heart and put a new and right spirit within you. (Psalm 51:10)

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

- Talk or think about a time you or someone you know has been lost.
- Tell or think about a time you lost something and then found it.
- In Luke 15, the Pharisees and the scribes cannot express joy that Jesus has found the lost, the “sinners and tax collectors.” Why do you think this is?

Read: Luke 15:1-10.

Sinners and tax collectors show interest in Jesus. They want to listen to him. Jesus, by welcoming them and eating with them shows acceptance of them. In the words of 1 Timothy, “Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners” (1:15). This baffles the religious leaders, the Pharisees and scribes. Jesus points out that what it should bring is joy. He says, “there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents” (v. 10). God pursues us like a shepherd seeking a lost sheep or a poor widow seeking a lost coin. We are the lost sinners who have been found by God’s pursuit. Instead of being disappointed by God’s extravagant love, instead of being baffled by the lost being found, let us give thanks to God for the power and desire of God to save sinners and the joy that comes with being found by God’s love and mercy. Does it bring you joy to know you are the lost who has been found, the sinner who has been saved? Explain.

Pray: **Merciful God, help us to recall our great need and your great love that reaches out to us again and again, through Christ our Lord, amen.**

Jesus gives us strength to do our work and serve him. Paul writes, “he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service” (1 Timothy 1:12b). Paul’s life was changed because of God’s grace. In what ways do we respond to God’s saving grace through service and acts of kindness towards others? How do these acts of kindness change us? How do they change others?

In Psalm 51:10 the image of a clean heart is used to ask for God’s forgiveness. Sin and doing wrong can hurt others. We are all guilty of sin. Read Psalm 51:1-10 and circle all the words that have to do with cleaning: cleanse, clean, wash, etc. and write the word “confession” in the margins. Take a bar of soap and use a pencil or knife (a plastic knife will work) to trace a heart on the bar of soap. Carve out the shape of the heart. When you use the heart to wash your hands, say: **Create in me a clean heart, O God** (Psalm 51:10a), as a daily reminder of confession in your home.

NEXT WEEK’S READINGS: Amos 8:4-7; Psalm 113
1 Timothy 2:1-7; Luke 16:1-13