

# KOUNTZE MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

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October 27, 2019

9:00 & 11:00 AM

### REFORMATION SUNDAY



*On this day we celebrate the heart of our faith: the gospel of Christ—the good news—that makes us free! We pray that the Holy Spirit would continue to unite the church today in its proclamation and witness to the world. In the waters of baptism we are made one body; we pray for the day that all Christians will also be one at the Lord's table.*

# GATHERING

## PRELUDE

**Kountze Brass**

K. Craig Bircher & Scott Quackenbush, *trumpet*

Jason Stromquist & Jay Wise, *trombone*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*(stand)*

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

**P** In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** Amen.

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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

**P** Most merciful God,

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

**We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,**

**by what we have done**

**and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;**

**we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.**

**Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,**

**so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways,**

**to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

**P** Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, 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

*“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”*

**ELW 858**

## APOSTOLIC GREETING

- ☐ The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- ☑ **And also with you.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE

*Refrain*

Assisting minister

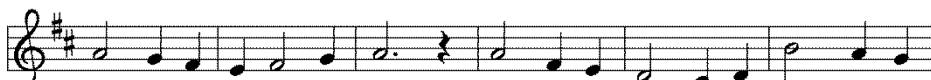


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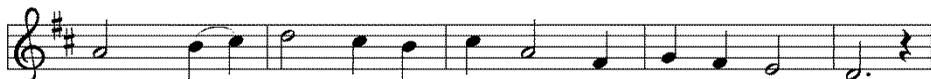
All



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.

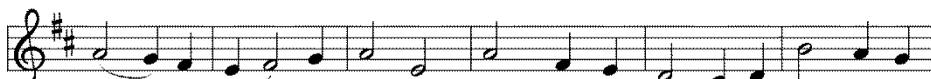
*Refrain*



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.



<sup>7</sup>The LORD of | hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob | is our stronghold.

<sup>8</sup>**Come now, regard the works | of the LORD,  
what desolations God has brought up- | on the earth;**

<sup>9</sup>behold the one who makes war to cease in | all the world;  
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the | shields with fire.

<sup>10</sup>**“Be still, then, and know that | I am God;**

**I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted | in the earth.”**

<sup>11</sup>The LORD of | hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob | is our stronghold.

## SECOND READING

**Romans 3:19-28**

*Paul's words stand at the heart of the preaching of Martin Luther and the other Reformation leaders. No human beings make themselves right with God through works of the law. We are brought into a right relationship with God through the divine activity centered in Christ's death. This act is a gift of grace that liberates us from sin and empowers our faith in Jesus Christ.*

**N**ow we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. <sup>20</sup>For "*no human being will be justified in his sight*" by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

<sup>21</sup>But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, <sup>22</sup>the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, <sup>23</sup>since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; <sup>24</sup>they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup>whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; <sup>26</sup>it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

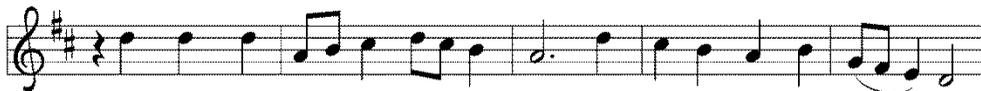
<sup>27</sup>Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. <sup>28</sup>For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

**L** The word of the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.



God's word is our great her - i - tage and shall be ours for - ev - er;



to spread its light from age to age shall be our chief en - deav - or.



Through life it guides our way; in death it is our stay. Lord, grant while



time shall last your church may hold it fast through-out all gen - er - a - tions.

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

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

## HOLY GOSPEL

**John 8:31-36**

*Jesus speaks of truth and freedom as spiritual realities known through his word. He reveals the truth that sets people free from sin.*

**T**hen Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; <sup>32</sup>and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." <sup>33</sup>They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?"

<sup>34</sup>Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup>The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. <sup>36</sup>So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed?"

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

**G** 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 Roynesdal

**1 A mighty fortress is our God,  
a sword and shield victorious;  
he breaks the cruel oppressor's rod  
and wins salvation glorious.**

**The old satanic foe  
has sworn to work us woe!  
With craft and dreadful might  
he arms himself to fight.  
On earth he has no equal.**

**2 No strength of ours can match his might!  
We would be lost, rejected.**

**But now a champion comes to fight,  
whom God himself elected.  
You ask who this may be?  
The Lord of hosts is he!  
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord,  
God's only Son, adored.  
He holds the field victorious.**

**3 Though hordes of devils fill the land  
all threat'ning to devour us,  
we tremble not, unmoved we stand;  
they cannot overpower us.**

**Let this world's tyrant rage;  
in battle we'll engage!  
His might is doomed to fail;  
God's judgment must prevail!  
One little word subdues him.**

**4 God's Word forever shall abide,  
no thanks to foes, who fear it;  
for God himself fights by our side  
with weapons of the Spirit.**

**Were they to take our house,  
goods, honor, child, or spouse,  
though life be wrenched away,  
they cannot win the day.  
The kingdom's ours forever!**

Our God he is a castle strong  
A good mailcoat and weapon  
He sets us free from every wrong  
That wickedness would heap on  
The old knavish foe  
He means earnest now;  
Force and cunning sly  
His horrid policy  
On earth there's nothing like him.

'Tis all in vain, do what we can,  
Our strength is soon dejected.  
But He fights for us, the right man,  
By God himself elected.  
Ask'st thou who is this?  
Jesus Christ it is,  
Lord of Hosts alone,  
And God but him is none.  
So he must win the battle.

And did the world with devils swarm,  
All gaping to devour us,  
We fear not the smallest harm,  
Success is yet before us.  
This world's prince accurst,  
Let him rage his worst,  
No hurt brings about;  
His doom it is gone out,  
One word can overturn him.

The word they shall allow to stand.  
Nor any thanks have for it;  
He is with us, at our right hand.  
With the gifts of his spirit.  
If they take our life.  
Wealth, name, child and wife—  
Let everything go:  
They have no profit so;  
The kingdom ours remaineth.

## 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:** ☞ Lord, in your mercy,  
☞ **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:** Richard Bock, Debbie Buike, office volunteer, Don Burton, Joe Doremus, Rodney Edwards, Rev. Harry Fink, Michael Gonser, Eunice Grunberg, Dolores Hiatt, Rosann Klug, mother of David Klug, Marcie Lafleur, Donna Moessner, Mary Olson, Joan Nelson, Jean Nippert, Gary Rodene, Stacy Tompkins, 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

☞ The peace of Christ be with you always.

☞ **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 Hope is Built on Nothing Less”*

Craig Courtney

#### Verse 1: Choir only

#### Verse 2: All Women (congregation and choir):

When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace;  
In every high and stormy gale My anchor holds within the veil.  
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand.

#### Verse 3: All Men (congregation and choir):

His oath, His covenant, His blood Sustain me in the ragging flood;  
When all supports are washed away, He then is all my hope and stay.  
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand.

#### Verse 4: (All Congregation and Choir):

When He shall come with trumpet sound, Oh, may I then in Him be found.  
Clothed in His righteousness alone, Redeemed to stand before the throne!  
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; All other ground in sinking sand.

**Choir only: Amen!**

### 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.**

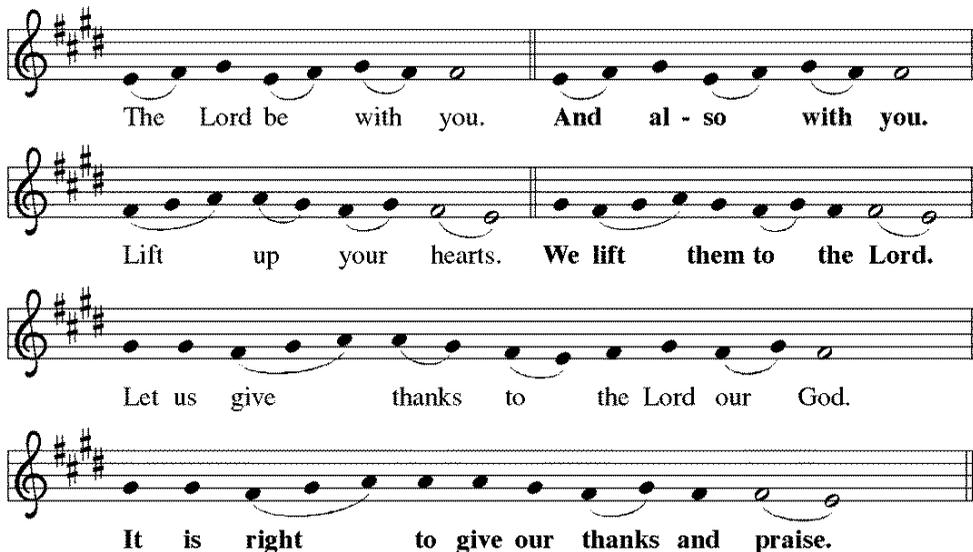
**God, we know we cannot pay you For your love in Christ your Son.  
Gifts and tithes are just a "thank you" — Ways to pass your blessings on.  
We have learned that, in our sharing, We receive more than we give.  
By your Spirit, make us daring In this joyful way to live.**

Biblical References: Malachi 3:8-10; Romans 15:25-26; 1 John 4:7-8 Tune: John Wyeth's *Repository of Sacred Music*, 1813 ("Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing") Text: Copyright © 2005 by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette. All rights reserved. Copied from *Songs of Grace: New Hymns for God and Neighbor* by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette (Upper Room Books, 2009).

## 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.**

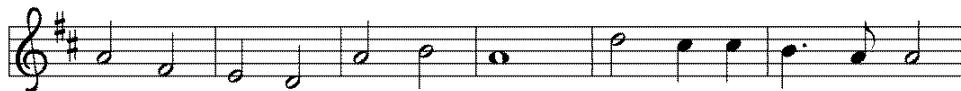
## HOLY COMMUNION



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.

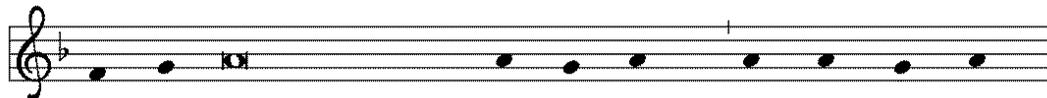


Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

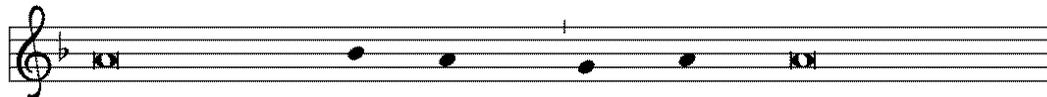


in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

# THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION



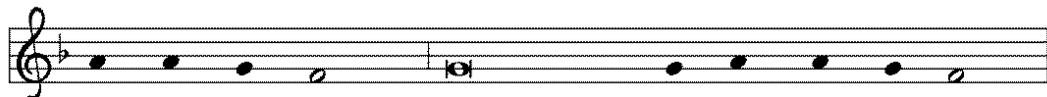
In the night in which he was be-trayed, our Lord Je - sus



took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to



his dis - ci - ples, say - ing: Take and eat; this is my bod - y,



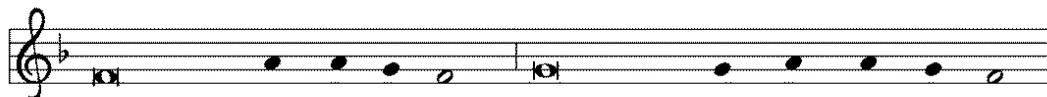
giv - en for you. Do this for the re - mem-brance of me.



A - gain, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink,



say-ing: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people



for the for - give - ness of sin. Do this for the re - mem-brance of me.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER



Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your name,  
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en.  
Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we  
for - give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of tri - al  
and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow'r,  
and the glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men.

## 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.*

## FIRST COMMUNION RECIPIENTS

*(These children will receive Communion with their families first; the choir and rest of the congregation will follow)*

*Alana May Brown  
Evelyn Louise Drickey  
Devin Robert Gardner  
Aviana Faith Graves*

*Jayda Rose Graves  
Dillon Richard Picha  
Henry Graeme Schwieger*

*(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, grant us peace.

*“Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”  
“Built on a Rock”*

**ELW 517  
ELW 652**

*(stand)*  
**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION** *(written by Martin Luther)*

- P** We give you thanks, almighty God,
- C** that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

# SENDING

## BLESSING

- ☐ The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face to shine on 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

*“Lord, Take my Hand and Lead Me”*

**ELW 767**

## DISMISSAL

- ☐ The Living Christ has set you free!  
☑ **Free indeed! Thanks be to God!**

## POSTLUDE

**Kountze Brass**

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## KOUNTZE STAFF

Pr. Olaf Roynesdal	Senior Pastor
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Sarah Jewell	Administrative Assistant
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Judi Boe	Financial Secretary
Jim Smejkal	Bldg. Super./Dir. of Cong. Activities
Søren Johnson	Custodian
Kayla Slight	Housekeeper
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	Charlie Bressman
Ushers	Duane Hovendick Penny Hovendick
Comm. Set-up	Jim Smejkal

### **SUNDAY, 9:00 AM**

Comm. Asst.	Liz Pemberton Lorie Groenjes Dan Collett Kevin Larkowski
Lector	Susie Henry
Ushers	John Georgeson Jim Comfort Joe Council Dave Forrest Jeff Perkins Fred Wachal Janice Falk
Greeters	Darlene Anderson Vickie Wichert
Crucifer	Britten Johnson
Acolytes	Rahn Johnson John Groenjes

### **SUNDAY, 11:00 AM**

Comm. Asst.	Ann Miller Lowell Harms
Lector	Lisa Chinn
Ushers	Ken Johnson Linda Johnson Lee Johnson Norm Sack
Greeters	Myrna Carter
Crucifer	Torin Edwards
Acolytes	Neely Edwards Brooks Hinrichs



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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:** Carol Stoltenberg in Tanzania **NEXT WEEK:** No Forum (Fellowship)

**THE DIRECTORIES ARE HERE!** If you had your photo taken by the photographers for the church directory, your free directory is available at the Welcome Desk in the Fellowship Hall.

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God in honor of Amanda Schneiderman's 26<sup>th</sup> birthday, given by John & Lynn Schneiderman.

## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. The choir will be singing this Sunday during Worship

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** Join us on Sundays 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-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.

**October 27 Sunday**

Reformation 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 1st Communion

9:00 AM Joyful Sounds Children's Choir (gr K-6)

10:10 AM Sunday School (2yr-8<sup>th</sup> gr)

10:10 AM Youth Forum (gr 9-12)

12:00 PM Stephen Ministry

**October 28 Monday**

10:00 AM Pantry

**October 29 Tuesday**

9:00 AM Staff Meeting

12:00 PM Endowment Board

**October 30 Wednesday**

12:15 PM Worship

6:00 PM Confirmation Supper

6:30 PM Confirmation Class

7:30 PM Confirmation Worship

**October 31 Thursday**

Halloween

4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic

**November 2 Saturday**

Homebound Communion

4:30 PM Blood Pressure Checks

5:00 PM Worship

**November 3 Sunday**

All Saints Sunday

Daylight Savings—all back 1 hour

Homebound Communion

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

8:00 AM - 11:00 AM Breakfast

9:00 AM &amp; 11:00 AM Worship

9:00 AM Nursery (0-2 yrs)

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10:10 AM Sunday School (2yr-8<sup>th</sup> gr)

10:10 AM Youth Forum (gr 9-12)

10:10 AM Adult Forum

12:00 PM Grief Seminar

**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, January 19 & 26, 2020, 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 February 2. Please indicate your attendance plans on your attendance card or call the church office by January 12 and let us know if you will need childcare when you register.

**GRIEF SEMINAR** Sunday, November 3, 2019 (All Saint's Sunday), 12:00 – 2:00 PM. Grief is difficult and especially during the holidays. If you have lost a relative or close friend, this would be an opportunity to share that grief with others and share how we can move through that grief. A light lunch will be served. Please call the church office at 402-341-7761 to make a reservation.

**YESTERDAY'S YOUTH** Tuesday, November 5, 12:00 PM. \$4.00 for lunch. All ages are welcome! Please join us for fun and fellowship! We will be making cute, yet simple crafts. You won't want miss out on our delicious

lunch, served at noon. We will be serving scalloped potatoes and ham for our main dish, tasty sides, and pumpkin pie for dessert! Please RSVP to the church office by Friday November 1, (402-341-7761). All ages are encouraged to attend! If you have any questions, please call Sheri Tipton at 402-415-6033. Looking forward to seeing you there!

**WOMEN'S FALL BRUNCH** Saturday, November 9, 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM. Please join us in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a friend! No charge. Musical Entertainment. Please RSVP to the church office by Wednesday, November 6. Hope to see you there!

**THANKSGIVING POTLUCK DINNER!** Friday, November 15, 6:00 PM. All members of Kountze are invited to join in a Thanksgiving Potluck. Bring your favorite Thanksgiving side or dessert to share with others. Turkey and drinks provided.

**MEN'S LUNCHEON** Thursday, November 21, 11:30 AM (Please RSVP by October 19). Suggested donation is \$10.00. Our speaker will be Steve McCoy who is director of the Omaha Airport Authority. You never know what is going to be on the menu but you can bet it will be good. Please RSVP to the church office or jim@kmlchurch.org the Tuesday prior to the lunch.

**THANKSGIVING DINNER WITH ST. PETER'S** Will be held on Thanksgiving Day, November 28, 11:00 AM to 1:30 PM. Co-sponsored with and held at St. Peter's Catholic parish (709 S 28<sup>th</sup> St.) Preparations are under way for our annual Thanksgiving luncheon. Volunteers are needed to: a) set up the night before; b) donate pies/desserts; and, c) serve food, greet, and/or clean tables during the meal. This event brings so many people in our community together in a spirit of Christian love and fellowship. Please join us, either to volunteer or as a guest; all are welcome. In 2018 we served over 400 guests for Thanksgiving Dinner! Watch for the sign up sheets in the bulletin beginning November 3.

**ATTN: COLLEGE STUDENTS IN THE OMAHA AREA** Go on Facebook and ask to join our group: NeMO (Nebraska Ministry-Omaha) for updates on our events, calendars, etc. We meet every Thursday evening at St. Timothy Lutheran Church on 93<sup>rd</sup> & Dodge from 7:00 - 8:30 PM. This fall we are also inviting Creighton students to join us in the Skutt student center two Sunday evenings each month and post that schedule on the NeMO FB group.

**ATTN: YOUNG ADULTS WORKING IN THE OMAHA AREA** Go on Facebook and ask to join the group: "God & Grads". We love to hang out at Spielbound, play trivia at Farnam House, and go out for late night appetizers at Applebee's.

**USHERS STILL NEEDED** 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.

**KOUNTZE FOOD PANTRY** The Kountze Food Pantry could really use donations of toilet paper. We would love to have this vital item available for our guests, but the expense is significant and we have not had the funds available. Any contribution you can make would be greatly appreciated. The Family Fare receipts have been pouring in. Let's keep up the good work! The Food Pantry will qualify for \$1,000 before we know it!

### **ATTENDANCE & GIVING**

**Saturday Attendance:** 53

**Sunday Attendance:** 9:00: 204 11:00: 88

**Midweek - Noon:** 10 **Evening:** 16

**Total:** 369

**Pantry Guests Served:** 445

**Medical Clinic Guests Served:** 17

**Offering:**

\$11,150.50 (Regular) \$814.80 (Specials)

\$995.00 (Phase 2)



**Remember to  
Fall backwards!**

**Daylight Savings Time  
ends at 2:00 AM on  
Sunday, November 3**

## *God establishes a new relationship.*

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

Sunday	John 8:31-36	Jesus sets us free
Monday	Jeremiah 31:31-34	A new covenant
Tuesday	Romans 3:19-28	Righteousness through faith
Wednesday	Habakkuk 2:1-4	The righteous live by faith
Thursday	Exodus 25:17-22	Mercy seat of God
Friday	Galatians 2:15-21	Saved by faith
Saturday	Psalms 46	God is our strength
Sunday	Luke 20:27-38	Jesus speaks of the resurrection



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But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Jeremiah 31:33 (NRSV)

### A Prayer for the Week:

Gracious God, thank you for freeing us from the power of sin and giving us a loving relationship to you and to others, through Christ our Lord, amen.

### Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, we are grateful for the food we see and glad that Jesus set us free, forever thankful let us be. Amen.

### A Blessing to Give:

May the grace of God and our Lord Jesus Christ bless you and free you to love God and others with joy and gladness.

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

- Tell or think about one of your favorite gifts ever received. What made it a favorite?
- Your faith in Jesus Christ is a gift from God. What is your reaction to this statement?
- How does being set free through faith in Jesus Christ make you feel? Why?

### *Read:* Jeremiah 31:31-34.

The Reformation message emphasizes that a relationship with God will come to us from God's work, God's initiative, not ours. It is not a new message. Jeremiah announced it six centuries before Christ. God's people in Israel and Judah had failed on their own. Israel was destroyed and Judah was exiled in Babylon. It looked hopeless. However, God promised a new covenant, which means a new relationship that would unite Israel and Judah in forgiveness and new life. This is the covenant relationship Paul understands in Romans to unite Jews and Gentiles alike. It is the work and faith of Christ that makes us a new people. Through faith in Christ's saving work, God gives us a new heart, that is, a new way of seeing, relating, thinking, feeling, willing, and acting with others and with God. Why? Because through our own broken lives we have shown throughout the ages an inability to do this on our own. God's will for us will be placed within us, on our hearts. We are joined to God and to all people with faith, hope, and love, not judgment, despair, or hate. This gift is like no other. In what ways do you respond to this gift?

*Pray:* God of new beginnings, we thank you for our Lord Jesus Christ who freed us from our sins to be a new people united as a gift of grace through faith in Christ Jesus. Amen.

God does extraordinary things through ordinary people. Martin Luther was a monk. Raised in the Catholic church by hard-working parents, Luther is credited for having begun the Protestant Reformation in 1517. He translated the Bible from Hebrew and ancient Greek to make it available for the common person. This enabled all of us to read scripture so that we may have an understanding of Christ's saving work. Sharing God's word with others is a Christian response to the good news that Jesus Christ sets us free. Is there someone you know who is homebound and unable to attend worship? Plan to visit that person and take time to share caring conversations, scripture readings, and prayer.

Martin Luther wrote the Small Catechism for the "head of the household to teach to the members of the household." There is a daily morning and evening blessing that includes making the physical sign of the cross. As a reminder of the Reformation, add this ritual to your mornings and evenings this week. As you make the sign of the cross on your chest or forehead say: God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit watch over me. Amen. (Luther's Small Catechism)

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:** Isaiah 1:10-18; Psalm 32:1-7  
2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12; Luke 19:1-10