

# KOUNTZE MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

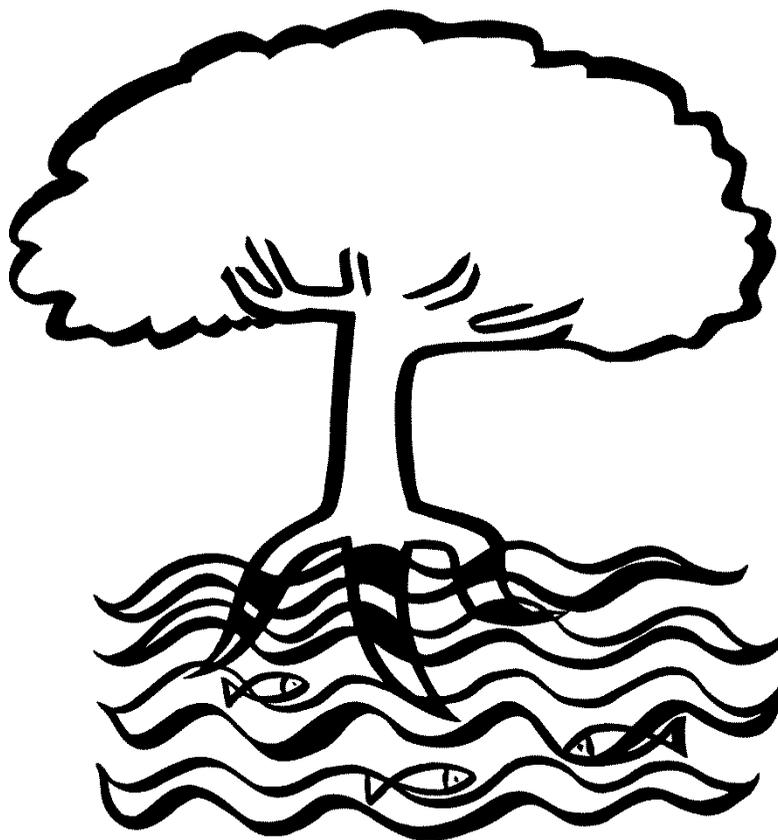
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October 6, 2019

9:00 & 11:00 AM

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST



*A little faith goes a long way is our Lord's point in the gospel. A mustard seed's-worth has miraculous potential. The patience, tenacity, and endurance required for the life of faith are the blessings received in water and the word (holy baptism), bread and wine (holy communion), the word read and proclaimed in this assembly. Anticipate them. Receive them with thanksgiving.*

# 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.

**C** 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,

**C** 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.

**C** Amen.

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!”*

**ELW 634 vs. 1-4**

## 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.



<sup>6</sup>**The LORD will make your vindication as clear | as the light  
and the justice of your case like the | noonday sun.**

<sup>7</sup>Be still before the LORD and wait | patiently.

Do not be provoked by the one who prospers, the one who succeeds in | evil schemes.

<sup>8</sup>**Refrain from anger, leave | rage alone;  
do not be provoked; it leads on- | ly to evil.**

<sup>9</sup>For evildoers shall | be cut off,

but those who hope in the LORD shall pos- | sess the land.

## SECOND READING

## 2 Timothy 1:1-14

*This message written from Paul to Timothy is a personal message of encouragement. In the face of hardship and persecution, Timothy is reminded that his faith is a gift of God. He is encouraged to exercise that faith with the help of the Holy Spirit.*

**P**aul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>2</sup>To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

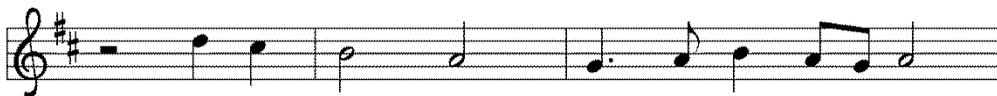
<sup>3</sup>I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. <sup>4</sup>Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. <sup>5</sup>I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. <sup>6</sup>For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; <sup>7</sup>for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

<sup>8</sup>Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, <sup>9</sup>who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, <sup>10</sup>but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. <sup>11</sup>For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, <sup>12</sup>and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. <sup>13</sup>Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. <sup>14</sup>Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

**L** The word of the Lord.

**G** 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 17:5-10**

*On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus instructs his followers about the power of faith and the duties of discipleship. He calls his disciples to adopt the attitude of servants whose actions are responses to their identity rather than works seeking reward.*

**T**he apostles said to the Lord, “*Increase our faith!*”<sup>6</sup> The Lord replied, “*If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you.*”

<sup>7</sup>“*Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, ‘Come here at once and take your place at the table?’*”<sup>8</sup> “*Would you not rather say to him, ‘Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink?’*”<sup>9</sup> “*Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded?*”<sup>10</sup> “*So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, ‘We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!’*”

☐ 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 Hall

*(stand)*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

“*Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart*”

**ELW 750**

## 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)*

**Sympathy:** to the family and friends of Martin Homes, grandfather of Melissa Musick

**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, 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

*“How Firm a Foundation”*

arr. Dale Wood

### 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.**

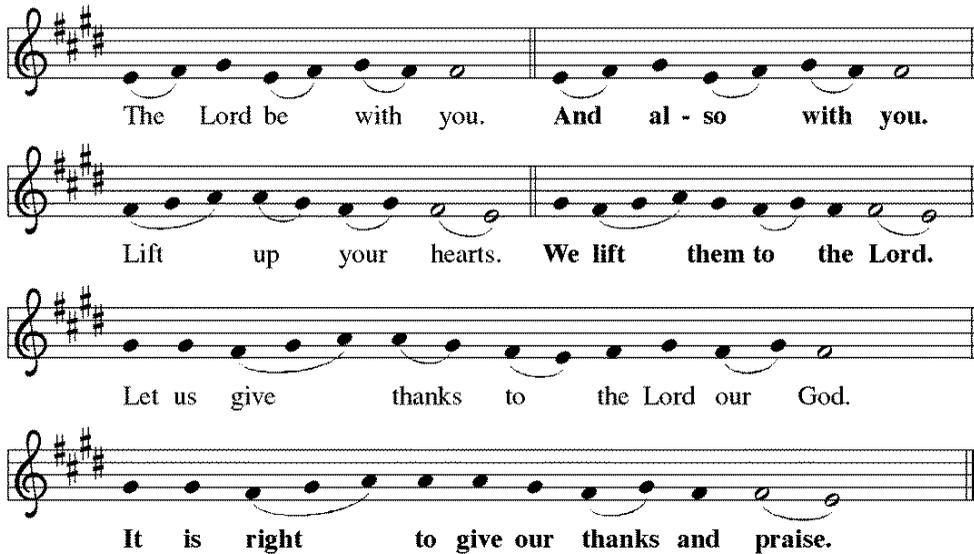
**God, we know we cannot pay you For your love in Christ your Son.  
Gifts and tithes are just a "thank you" — Ways to pass your blessings on.  
We have learned that, in our sharing, We receive more than we give.  
By your Spirit, make us daring In this joyful way to live.**

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

- ☐ God our provider,
- ☑ **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.**

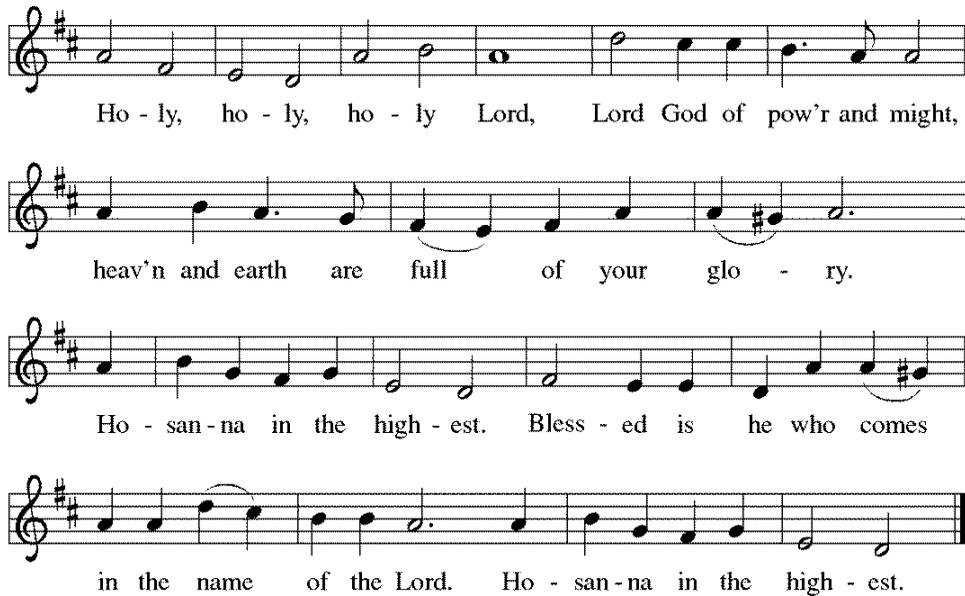
## HOLY COMMUNION



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.

*“At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing”  
“Jouful, Joyful We Adore Thee”*

**ELW 362 vs. 1-4  
ELW 836**

(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

## DISMISSAL OF EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

### 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

*“Now Thank We All Our God”*

**ELW 840**

### DISMISSAL

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

### POSTLUDE

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Noni Cambridge	Staff Treasurer
Judi Boe	Financial Secretary
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Søren Johnson	Custodian
Kayla Slaughter	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	Kathy Englert
Ushers	Kathy Englert Theresa Gruber
Comm. Set-up	Donna Reinig

### SUNDAY, 9:00 AM

Comm. Asst.	Tarna Kidder Scott Henneman Jerry Clanton Kevin Larkowski
Lector	Karen Fannin
Ushers	John Georgeson Jim Comfort Joe Council Dave Forrest Jeff Perkins Fred Wachal Chad Wachholtz Janice Falk
Greeters	Darlene Anderson Vickie Wichert
Crucifer	Anna Kidder
Acolytes	Jane Kidder Kaitlyn Munguia

### SUNDAY, 11:00 AM

Comm. Asst.	Ann Miller Deb Hinrichs
Lector	Jennifer Bunge
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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 worshipping, 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:** New Member Welcome Reception

**NEW MEMBER CLASS** continues this Sunday, October 6, from 12:15—2:00 PM. New members will be received on October 13.

**FIRST COMMUNION CLASS** Kristin Boe and Pr. Hall will offer a First Communion Class from 12:15-2:00 PM this Sunday and next, October 6 & 13. We will meet in the Nave and also use the Rotunda. The curriculum will be "Fed & Forgiven." All ages are welcome; the course is geared toward second graders.

**FAMILY & FRIENDS LUNCHEON** This Sunday, October 6, 12:30 PM. The Social Ministry Committee is hosting a luncheon followed by holy Communion for all homebound members and friends of Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church. We also invite our Eucharistic Ministers to participate.

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God by Myrna Esluer in honor of her birthday (10/10) and 50 years as a Kountze member; in honor of Lorin & Lorna Swingen on their 65<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary by Karen and Shirley Bonneau

**ETERNAL CANDLE** is given to the glory of God by Marge Bock in honor of all those serving in the Armed Forces.

## 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

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**October 6 Sunday**

Homebound Communion  
 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)  
 10:10 AM Sunday School (2yr-8<sup>th</sup> gr)  
 10:10 AM Youth Forum (gr 9-12)  
 10:10 AM Adult Forum  
 11:00 AM MS/HS Choir  
 12:15 PM New Member Class  
 12:15 PM 1st Communion  
 12:30 PM Friends & Family Lunch

**October 7 Monday**

10:00 AM Pantry

**October 8 Tuesday**

9:00 AM Staff Meeting

**October 9 Wednesday**

9:00 AM Sewing Group  
 12:15 PM Worship  
 6:00 PM Confirmation Supper  
 6:30 PM Confirmation Class  
 7:30 PM Confirmation Worship

**October 10 Thursday**

9:30 AM WELCA Board  
 11:30 AM Property Committee  
 4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic

**October 11 Friday**

Oct 11 - Oct 13 Confirmation Retreat

**October 12 Saturday**

5:00 PM Worship

**October 13 Sunday**

Receive New Members  
 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)  
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 10:30 AM Executive Committee  
 10:10 AM deFreese Manor Board  
 11:00 AM MS/HS Choir  
 12:00 PM Book Group  
 12:15 PM 1<sup>st</sup> Communion

**CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES TODAY** *(Continued from page 1)*

praise our Lord by singing, meet in the Joyful Sounds Studio on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. The children will be singing during Worship next Sunday, October 13.

**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 REHEARSALS** will be held on Sunday mornings, 11:00-11:30 AM in the Adult Choir room. Contact Janet Carlsen Campbell at [Janet@kmlchurch.org](mailto:Janet@kmlchurch.org) with questions.

**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.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to Ann McKenna, a long-time member of Kountze Memorial, who will be celebrating her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on October 9. Cards may be sent to Ann at 2909 S 217th Cir, Elkhorn NE 68022-2506

**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.

**SEWING GROUP** Our sewing group meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month (October 9) at 9:00 AM until however long you can stay. The group sews quilts for Lutheran World Relief. Even if you can't sew, you can still help. The quilts are not quilted but are tied, so if you can tie a knot, you can help! Bring a sack lunch and join the ladies for fun, fellowship, and service. The quilts will be on display next weekend, October 12 & 13 before they are packed up to be sent on to Lutheran World Relief. The cost to ship each quilt is approximately \$2.50 each. There are envelopes on each of the quilts if you would like to take care of the cost of shipping. You could also place a donation in the offering plate and mark it "LWR Quilts."

**MEN'S LUNCHEON** The Kountze men's luncheon is held the third Thursday of every month. Join us on Thursday, October 17, 11:30 AM (Please RSVP by October 15) Suggested donation is \$10.00. Our October speaker is our very own Brent Rasmussen who will be sharing with us some of the special sporting activities he is involved with. Our November 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.

**FIRST AID & CPR CLASS** Saturday, October 19. All Ushers and Sunday School teachers are encouraged to attend the training and the Church will take care of the registration fee which covers the training materials and certificates. CPR, 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Light lunch "Food by Jim" in the link, 12:00 - 12:45 PM. First Aid Training 12:45 - 4:15 PM. All other members of the congregation are invited to take part in the class as well for a small fee of \$20.00. If you attended the CPR training last year, you can attend the first aid training free of charge. Training will take place lower level of the Kountze Commons. Please RSVP to the Church office or you can email jim@kmlchurch.org to reserve your spot.

**BIBLE SUNDAY** October 20, 9:00 AM Worship Service. Bibles will be presented to children who are 2 and 4 years old, and to children in grades 1, 3, 5, and 7.

**BELLEVUE BERRY FARM** Join us on Sunday, October 20, from 2:00 - 6:00 PM for a cookout of hot dogs, chips, drinks, and s'mores! There will also be time to explore the pumpkin patch (11001 South 48<sup>th</sup> Street, Papillion). We hope to see you there!

**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.

### **ATTENDANCE & GIVING**

**Saturday Attendance:** 41

**Sunday Attendance: 9:00:** 177 **11:00:** 100

**Midweek - Noon:** 12 **Evening:** 20

**Total:** 350

**Pantry Guests Served:** 428

**Medical Clinic Guests Served:** 23

**Offering:**

\$13,560.89 (Regular) \$8,805.57 (Specials)

\$2,115.00 (Phase 2)

**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.



*No matter what happens, put your trust in God.*

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

Sunday	Luke 17:5-10	Faith the size of a mustard seed
Monday	Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4	The righteous live by faith
Tuesday	2 Timothy 1:1-14	Thanksgiving and encouragement
Wednesday	Isaiah 26:1-9	The Lord can be trusted
Thursday	James 1:2-11	Faith produces endurance
Friday	Proverbs 37:1-9	Trust God
Saturday	Psalms 37:1-9	Trust the Lord
Sunday	Luke 17:11-19	One leper gives thanks to God



... and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. **2 Timothy 1:12 (NRSV)**

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

Lord God, thank you for making your defense of us shine like the light and the justice of your cause like the noon-day, through Christ our Lord, amen. (Psalm 37:6).

### **Mealtime Prayer:**

May this food our body and soul feed and may we be blessed with faith the size of a mustard seed. Amen.

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

May the Lord protect you and bless you with faith in Christ.

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

- What words describe someone you can trust?
- What does it mean when we say in God we trust?
- How does faith in God help you to trust God in difficult times?

*Read:* 2 Timothy 1:1-14.

Faith does not rely on one victory followed by another victory, day in and day out. Paul knows current suffering yet trusts in God's "own purpose and grace," a grace that "was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began" (v. 9). In the meantime—and without being ashamed— Paul, Timothy, and all the saints will endure sufferings (vv. 8, 12). What does faith look like? It takes delight in God, even when the wicked are present (Psalm 37:1-9). Faith gives thanks when good health is not present, when income is low, when others would not know it is time to praise God. When Jesus says all we need is the faith of a mustard seed (Luke 17:6), he is pointing out that it is not how much faith you have, but in whom you place your trust. This is the life of faith that guided Jesus, Paul, and saints throughout the ages. As Paul writes, "Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God" (v. 8).

**Pray: Lord God, give us faith to trust in our Lord Jesus who suffered and died that we may live in trust and hope in your goodness and mercy, now and always. Amen.**

Being a servant of Jesus does not mean everything works out the way you—or God—desires. Evil still continues. We can obsess over the presence of sin and end up doing evil ourselves. Being preoccupied with the sins of others does not help. Psalm 37 simply says "Trust in the LORD, and do good" (v. 3a) even when wrongdoing occurs. Be the hands and voice of God's love this week. Reach out to someone experiencing difficulties and be a support for them.

When the disciples asked Jesus to increase their faith, he answered by telling them if they had faith the size of a mustard seed, they could move a tree. (Luke 17:5-6) Draw a large tree on a sheet of paper. Take just one mustard seed (or small seed) and tape it in the center of the tree. Think about how powerful faith is if something as small as a mustard seed can move trees. Faith is not measured by size when Christ is present. In what small ways can you make a difference by practicing faith in your home (e.g., praying for others or blessing someone)?

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:** 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c; Psalm 111  
2 Timothy 2:8-15; Luke 17:11-19