

# KOUNTZE MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

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7:00 PM

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### HYMN

*“For the Beauty of the Earth”*

ELW 879

**1 For the beauty of the earth,  
for the beauty of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth  
over and around us lies:**

*Refrain*

**Christ, our God, to thee we raise  
this our sacrifice of praise.**

**2 For the wonder of each hour  
of the day and of the night,  
hill and vale and tree and flow'r,  
sun and moon and stars of light:**

*Refrain*

**3 For the joy of ear and eye,  
for the heart and mind's delight,  
for the mystic harmony  
linking sense to sound and sight:  
*Refrain***

**4 For the joy of human love,  
brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth and friends above;  
for all gentle thoughts and mild:  
*Refrain***

**5 For each perfect gift of thine,  
peace on earth and joy in heav'n;  
for thyself, best gift divine,  
to our world so freely giv'n: Refrain**

Text: Folliott S. Pierpoint, 1835-1917, alt.

- P** In the Name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**
- P** Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
- C** **Mystery beyond our knowing, close to us as our breathing, in humble awe we pray.**
- P** Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
- C** **We pray for your vision of justice and mercy to be made real in our world even now.**
- P** Give us this our daily bread.
- C** **We pray for your vision of enough; enough sustenance, enough warmth, enough healing for all of your children.**
- P** We pray, "Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven ..."
- C** **We confess that we often put our own interests first — exploiting your creation, and living for our own convenience and self-interest.**
- P** Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
- C** **We pray for the grace to let go of that which is death dealing as we embrace your vision for life, that we might follow you safely through the obstacle course.**
- P** For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever and ever.
- C** **Giving thanks for your presence that defies definition in this life and beyond.**
- P** Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- C** **Heavenly Father,  
 May all revere thee,  
 And become thy dutiful Children and faithful Subjects.  
 May thy Laws be obeyed on Earth as perfectly as they are in Heaven.  
 Provide for us this Day as thou has hitherto daily done.  
 Forgive us our Trespasses, and enable us likewise to forgive those that offend us.  
 Keep us out of Temptation, and deliver us from Evil.**

1768 Benjamin Franklin

## GOSPEL

Matthew 7:7-11

**J**esus says, “Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for bread, will give a stone? Or if the child asks for a fish, will give a snake? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good things to those who ask him.”

☐ The Gospel of the Lord.

☑ Praise to you, O Christ.

## FROM MARTIN LUTHER’S SMALL CATECHISM (1529)

☐ In the Fourth Petition of the Lord’s Prayer we pray:

☑ Give us this day our daily bread.

☐ What does this mean? Answer:

☑ To be sure, God provides daily bread, even to the wicked, without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that God may make us aware of his gifts and enable us to receive our daily bread.

☐ How is this done? Answer:

☑ Everything required to satisfy our bodily needs, such as food and clothing, house and home, fields and flocks, money and property; a pious spouse and good children, trustworthy servants, godly and faithful rulers, good government; seasonable weather, peace and health, order and honor; true friends, faithful neighbors, and the like.

## SERMON

*Pastor Hall*

- 1 Break now the bread of life,  
dear Lord, to me,  
as once you broke the loaves beside  
the sea.  
Beyond the sacred page  
I seek you, Lord;  
my spirit waits for you,  
O living Word.
- 2 Bless your own word of truth,  
dear Lord, to me,  
as when you blessed the bread by  
Galilee.  
Then shall all bondage cease,  
all fetters fall;  
and I shall find my peace,  
my All-in-All!
- 3 You are the bread of life,  
dear Lord, to me,  
your holy word the truth that  
rescues me.  
Give me to eat and live  
with you above;  
teach me to love your truth,  
for you are love.

Text: Mary A. Lathbury, 1841-1913, alt.

## CLOSING PRAYERS

**P** Almighty God,

**C** you have called us, your servants, to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**P** We give thanks to you, heavenly Father,

**C** through Jesus Christ your dear Son, that you have graciously protected us today. We ask you to forgive us all our sins, where we have done wrong, and graciously to protect us tonight. Into your hands we commend ourselves: our bodies, our souls, and all that is ours. Let your holy angels be with us, so that the wicked foe may have no power over us. Amen.

**P** We are again bold enough to pray as our Lord taught us:

**C** Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**P** Almighty God, the Father, ✠ the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.

**C** Amen.

- 1** God, who made the earth and heaven,  
darkness and light:  
you the day for work have given,  
for rest the night.  
May your angel guards defend us,  
slumber sweet your mercy send us,  
holy dreams and hopes attend us  
all through the night.
- 2** And when morn again shall call us  
to run life's way,  
may we still, whate'er befall us,  
your will obey.  
From the pow'r of evil hide us,  
in the narrow pathway guide us,  
never be your smile denied us  
all through the day.
- 3** Guard us waking, guard us sleeping,  
and, when we die,  
may we in your mighty keeping  
all peaceful lie.  
When the last dread call shall wake us,  
then, O Lord, do not forsake us,  
but to reign in glory take us  
with you on high.
- 4** Holy Father, throned in heaven,  
all-holy Son,  
Holy Spirit, freely given,  
blest Three in One:  
grant us grace, we now implore you,  
till we lay our crowns before you  
and in worthier strains adore you  
while ages run.

Text: Reginald Heber, 1783-1826, st. 1, alt.;  
William Mercer, 1811-1873, sts. 2, 4, alt.;  
Richard Whately, 1787-1863, st. 3, alt.

**DISMISSAL**

**POSTLUDE**

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**Spending Time (again!) with an Old Friend**  
**Wednesdays, 7:00 PM**  
**In-Person (please register by noon on Tuesday)**  
**Live-Stream**



Last year our midweek Lenten Worship was to give us an opportunity to visit an old friend: The Lord's Prayer. That was cut short by the pandemic. So again each week we will reflect on various petitions(s) of this great prayer gaining insights from Martin Luther's Small Catechism. The Pastors are looking forward to this special time and encourage you to come (or live-stream) and hopefully gain a new perspective and a new appreciation for the prayer we say most often.

Our Schedule will be as follows:

**Wednesday, March 10**

The Fifth Petition

“And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.”

**Wednesday, March 17**

The Sixth Petition

“And lead us not into temptation.”

**Wednesday, March 24**

The Seventh Petition and the Conclusion

“But deliver us from evil. Amen.”

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