

Special Notice

If you plan to attend Worship in person, please call/e-mail the church office no later than noon on the Thursday before the Saturday or Sunday you want to attend. Please note that the plans set forth are subject to immediate change. You may still join us for Worship on Cox channel 13 or live streamed at <https://www.kmlchurch.org/live-streaming/>



KOUNTZE

Memorial Lutheran Church

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Kountze Food Pantry Volunteers and Clothing Needed

Mondays, 7:30 - 9:00 AM

9:00 - 11:00 AM

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Fridays, 4:00 - 7:00 PM

Have you ever bought what you needed at Kohl's or JC Penney, received either Kohl's Cash or a Penney's Reward, and then wondered "What should I use this for?" Use it to buy underwear, socks, hats and gloves! If you wait until the end of a season and buy on clearance, you can get a lot for your money. There is a need for everything in our community! Please put your donations in the Food Pantry Box in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you very much! If you are able to volunteer, please sign up by using the link below:
<https://form.jotform.com/200834787701155>

Easter Sunday Attendance—9:00 & 11:00 AM

If you are interested in attending Easter worship please register as soon as possible. Please note that we are having two services. Please register for Holy Week and Easter services as soon as possible.

Note: If you have reservations for 9:00 AM on Easter morning but would be willing to move to 11:00 AM, please call the church office (402-341-7761) or email info@kmlchurch.org to let us know.

Easter Egg Hunt!

10:15 AM (following the 9:00 AM service)

All children, registered for the Easter Sunday services, are

welcome to join in an Easter Egg Hunt at 10:15 AM. Bring a basket and join us in the Green Space following the 9:00 AM service.

Youth Summer Trip

The Vans for the Summer Youth Trip to Tulsa Oklahoma are reserved. Now we need to see who is planning on joining us in filling the vans, with social distance considerations. The registration is open to 8th - 12th graders and is due by April 6. If you have any questions, Pastor Shari would be happy to talk with you.

Today at Kountze

Eternal Candle is given to the glory of God in memory of Kelcey Renae Fike given by Mary Jo Fike

Online Sunday School

Lessons are videotaped and posted on the KMLC Parents Facebook page as well as our Kountze Facebook Page.

Youth Forum

In-Person & Zoom on Sundays, 10:15 - 11:00 AM

All 9th - 12th Graders are invited to join us!

We will meet in person in the Youth Room and on Zoom each week

- 1st Sunday: Bible Ponderings
- 2nd Sunday: High School Hang Out
- 3rd Sunday: Serving in the World
- 4th Sunday: Host Middle School Hangout
- 5th Sunday: Adventures (if on Zoom, we will carry you along with us.)

Contact Pastor Shari (402-341-7761 or shari@kmlchurch.org if you need the Zoom Link info. We will continue to be masked and physically distanced for all meetings in person at the church.

Camp Carol Joy Holling and Sullivan Hills Summer positions available

Do you want to make a difference this summer? Nebraska Lutheran Outdoor Ministries is inviting you to consider working at Camp Carol Joy Holling and Sullivan Hills. There are a variety of positions for 12 graders - College Age Adults looking for a summer job. Go to nlom.org/smt to get started.

Attendance and Giving

Saturday Attendance: 29

Sunday Attendance: 9:00: 86

Wednesday Attendance: 32

Total: 147

Streaming Attendance: 150

Cox Cable Attendance: 280280

Pantry Guests Served: 845

Medical Clinic Guests Served: 28

Offering:

\$11,277.00 (Regular) \$1,724.70 (Specials)

\$882.00 (Debt Reduction)

Jesus' journey to the cross.

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

Sunday	Mark 14:1–15:47	The passion of Jesus
Monday	John 12:12-16	Jesus enters Jerusalem
Tuesday	Isaiah 50:4-9a	A servant song
Wednesday	Philippians 2:5-11	The Christ hymn
Thursday	John 13:1-17, 31b-35	Jesus washes disciples' feet
Friday	John 18:1–19:42	The passion of Jesus
Saturday	Psalms 31:9-16	Prayer for deliverance
Sunday	Mark 16:1-8	The tomb is empty



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*[Jesus] humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name. **Philippians 2:7b-8 (NRSV)***

A Prayer for the Week:

Lord Jesus, we thank you that you humbled yourself on the cross so that we may know you as Savior of the world. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear Jesus, we thank you for this food we are about to eat. May we open our hearts and minds to receive you in our lives with love and devotion. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God's face shine upon you, and save you with the steadfast love of the Lord. (Psalm 31:16)

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

- We often don't know important things about others. Who is someone you would like to learn more about? What would you like to ask them?
- Jesus' work as Savior comes through his rejection by others. Think or tell about a time when you were rejected. How did it make you feel?
- What do you learn about Jesus through his death on the cross?

Read: Mark 14:1–15:47.

This long text creates its own devotional mood by walking with Jesus days prior to his death to his anguish in the garden, the trial, suffering, and crucifixion. There is much to choose from and you can consider for yourself what is meaningful to focus on. Is it the hospitality of Simon the leper or the adoration of an unnamed woman anointing Jesus? Is it Judas Iscariot and how we might betray Jesus today or be one of the deserting disciples who scatter like sheep? Do you identify with the disciples in Gethsemane, unable to stay awake for prayer along with Jesus during his time of anguish? How would it be to be a bystander like Simon of Cyrene who is drawn in to carry Jesus' cross? How is it that the centurion from the occupying forces of Rome is the only one to acknowledge Jesus with the words, "Truly this man was God's Son" (15:39)? What was it like for Joseph of Arimathea to take down Jesus' lifeless body and place it in a tomb? Or what other part of the account grips you this year? Whatever it is, reflect on Jesus' great love and sacrifice and our own need for Jesus as Savior. How do you honor Jesus as Savior today?

Pray: For your great sacrifice and love, help us to adore you and witness to you as the Son of God and hope for the world. Amen.

Do you know someone who will spend Easter alone? Consider sharing the resurrection joy by inviting that person to join you for a meal or call them to let them know that you are thinking about them.

Palm Sunday is the day Christians remember Jesus entering Jerusalem. It signals the beginning of Holy Week. As the week begins, take time in your home to use palms received during worship or make palms out of construction paper and wave them to re-enact the crowds shouting as they met Jesus. As you wave the palms, imagine Jesus riding on a donkey past you and shout, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord" (John 12:13b).

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Isaiah 25:6-9; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
1 Corinthians 15:1-11; John 20:1-18