

# KOUNTZE MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

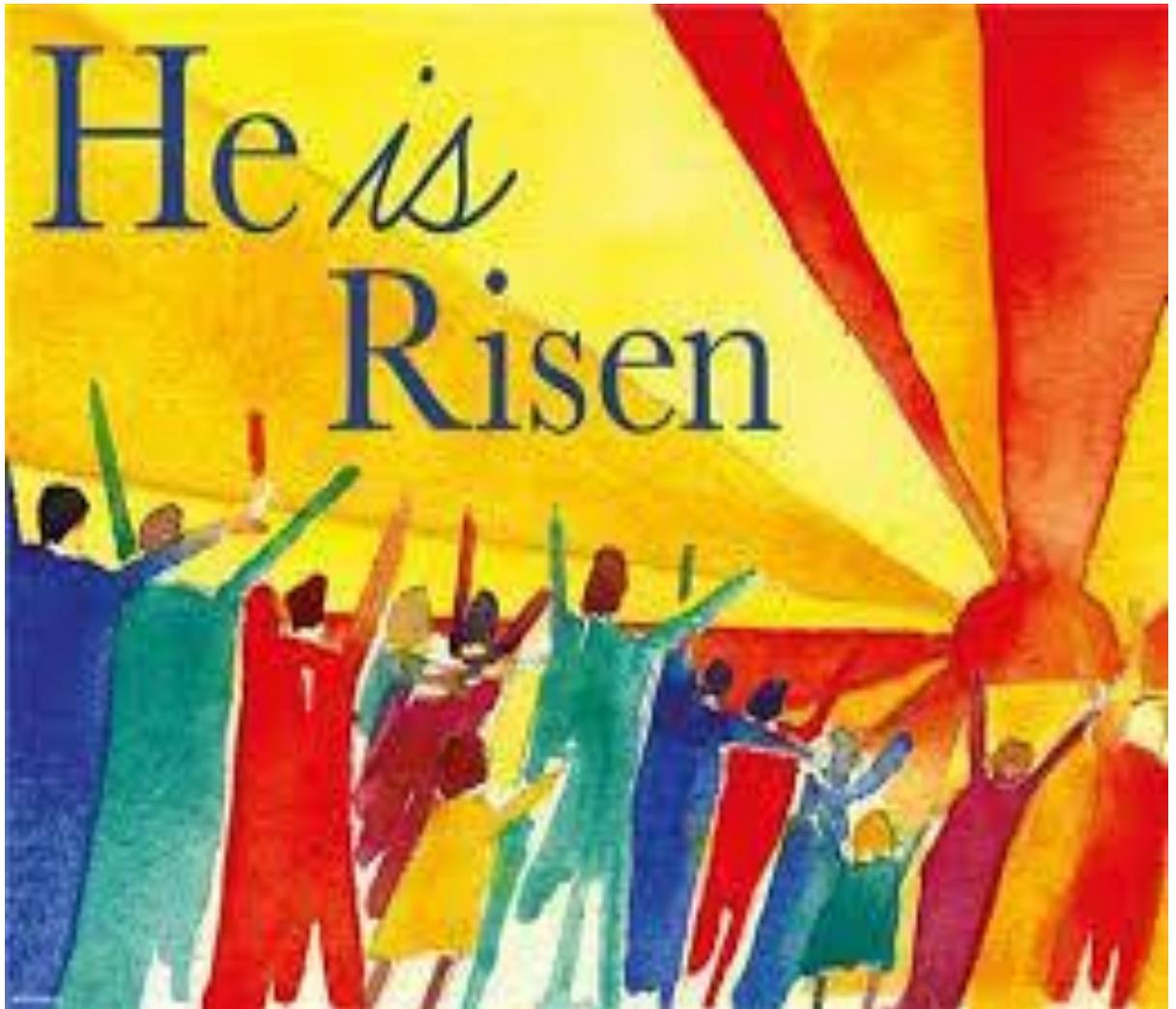
## A CITY-WIDE CHURCH WITH A WORLD-WIDE MINISTRY

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9:00 AM & 11:00 AM



# GATHERING

## PRELUDE

Kountze Brass  
Dan Nesbitt, Scott Quackenbush, *trumpet*  
Jason Stromquist, Jay Wise, *trombone*

*(stand)*

## THE EASTER ACCLAMATION!

- P** Christ is risen!      **C** Christ is risen!  
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**P** Christ is risen!      **C** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”*

ELW 365

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| <p>1 Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!<br/>our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!<br/>who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!<br/>suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!</p> <p>2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!<br/>unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia!<br/>who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!<br/>sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!</p> | <p>3 But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!<br/>our salvation have procured; Alleluia!<br/>now above the sky he's king, Alleluia!<br/>where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!</p> <p>4 Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!<br/>praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!<br/>praise him, all you heav'nly host, Alleluia!<br/>Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!</p> |
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Text: Latin carol, 14th cent., sts. 1-3; tr. J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708, alt.; Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, st. 4

## EASTER GREETING

- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen.  
**C** Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!
- 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.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** Almighty God,  
**C** you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we will live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

# WORD

(sit)

## FIRST READING

**Isaiah 25:6-9**

*More than 700 years before Christ, the prophet Isaiah proclaims the good news of God's salvation and calls all people to rejoice! God will make a rich feast for all people. God will wipe the tears from their eyes. And most importantly, God will destroy death itself.*

**O**n this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. <sup>7</sup>And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; <sup>8</sup>he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. <sup>9</sup>It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

☐ The word of the Lord.

☑ **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24** (read responsively)

<sup>1</sup>Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good;  
God's mercy endures forever.

<sup>2</sup>**Let Israel now declare, "God's mercy endures forever."**

<sup>14</sup>The LORD is my strength and my song,  
and has become my salvation.

<sup>15</sup>**Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:  
"The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"**

<sup>16</sup>The right hand of the LORD is exalted!  
The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"

<sup>17</sup>**I shall not die, but live,  
and declare the works of the LORD.**

<sup>18</sup>The LORD indeed punished me sorely,  
but did not hand me over to death.

<sup>19</sup>**Open for me the gates of righteousness;  
I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.**

<sup>20</sup>"This is the gate of the LORD; here the righteous may enter."

<sup>21</sup>**I give thanks to you, for you have answered me  
and you have become my salvation.**

<sup>22</sup>The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the chief cornerstone.

<sup>23</sup>**By the LORD has this been done;  
it is marvelous in our eyes.**

<sup>24</sup>This is the day that the LORD has made;  
**let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

## SECOND READING

## 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

*The core of the Christian faith and Paul's preaching is the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. As the crucified and risen Christ appeared to the earliest of his followers, so we experience the presence of the Risen One in the preaching of this faith.*

**N**ow I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, <sup>2</sup>through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

<sup>3</sup>For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>4</sup>and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>5</sup>and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. <sup>6</sup>Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. <sup>7</sup>Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. <sup>8</sup>Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. <sup>9</sup>For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. <sup>10</sup>But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. <sup>11</sup>Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

☐ The word of the Lord.

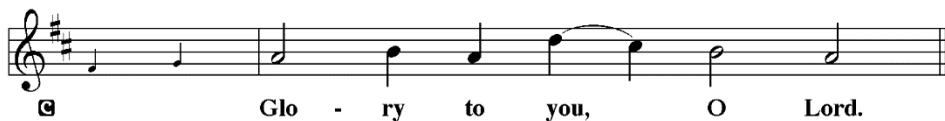
☑ Thanks be to God.

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## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



☐ The Holy Gospel according to St Mark.



## GOSPEL

Mark 16:1-8

*The resurrection of Jesus is announced, and the response is one of terror and amazement.*

**W**hen the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint Jesus' body. <sup>2</sup>And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. <sup>3</sup>They had been saying to one another, "*Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?*" <sup>4</sup>When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. <sup>5</sup>As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. <sup>6</sup>But he said to them, "*Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him.*" <sup>7</sup>But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." <sup>8</sup>So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

### ☐ The Gospel of our Lord



## HYMN

*"Peace, to Soothe Our Bitter Woes"*

ELW 381

Peace, to soothe our bitter woes,  
God in Christ on us bestows;  
Jesus bought our peace with God  
with his holy, precious blood;  
peace in him for sinners found  
is the gospel's joyful sound.

Peace within the church still dwells  
in our welcomes and farewells;  
and through God's baptismal pow'r  
peace surrounds our dying hour.  
Peace be with you, full and free,  
now and through eternity.

Text: Nicolai F. S. Grundtvig, 1783-1872; tr. George T. Rygh, 1860-1943, alt.

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## CHILDREN'S BLESSING

## SERMON

*Pastor Roynesdal*

*(stand)*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*“The Day of Resurrection!”*

**ELW 361**

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| <p><b>1</b> The day of resurrection!<br/>Earth, tell it out abroad,<br/>the passover of gladness,<br/>the passover of God.<br/>From death to life eternal,<br/>from sin's dominion free,<br/>our Christ has brought us over<br/>with hymns of victory.</p> <p><b>2</b> Let hearts be purged of evil<br/>that we may see aright<br/>the Lord in rays eternal<br/>of resurrection light,<br/>and list'ning to his accents,<br/>may hear, so calm and plain,<br/>his own "All hail!" and hearing,<br/>may raise the glad refrain.</p> | <p><b>3</b> Now let the heav'ns be joyful,<br/>let earth its song begin,<br/>the round world keep high triumph<br/>and all that is therein.<br/>Let all things, seen and unseen,<br/>their notes of gladness blend;<br/>for Christ the Lord has risen,<br/>our joy that has no end!</p> <p><b>4</b> All praise to God the Father,<br/>all praise to Christ the Son,<br/>all praise to God the Spirit,<br/>eternal Three in One!<br/>Let all the ransomed number<br/>fall down before the throne,<br/>and honor, pow'r, and glory<br/>ascribe to God alone!</p> |
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Text: John of Damascus, c. 696-c. 754; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866, alt.

**NICENE CREED**

**☩ We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

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:** Lois Andresen, Richard Bock, Kristin Boe, Don Burton, Carol Duncan, Mike Edris, Rodney Edwards, Richard Holzer, Renee Johnson, Jason Klonglan, Marcie Lafleur, Ron Muchmore, Julie O’Doherty, Mary Olson, Marce Picha, David Penning, Toby Rees, Gary Rodene, Al Schewe, Mark Sullivan, Helen Taylor, Sheri Tipton, Nancy Tunzer, Dorothy Vancaster, John Waterman, Darlene White

**Other Prayers:** *Those serving in the military* – Amy Dyer, Brennan Hron, Wyatt Johnson, Josh Kropenske, Michael McNeill, Daniel Milstead, Cody Ray, Sheldon Skovgaard, Michael Vutov, 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; and Dan & Ginny Rath, international translators

**Other Prayers:** *Seminarians*—Adam Klinker, Katie Larson, Giselle Loucks, Justin Perkins

## **THE PEACE IS SHARED**

**☞** The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**☞** **And also with you.**

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# MEAL

## THE OFFERING IS RECEIVED

Please Support the overall ministry of Kountze Memorial during these difficult times. 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. If you are able, please mail in your offering or donate on-line. Thank you!



## THE TABLE IS PREPARED

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

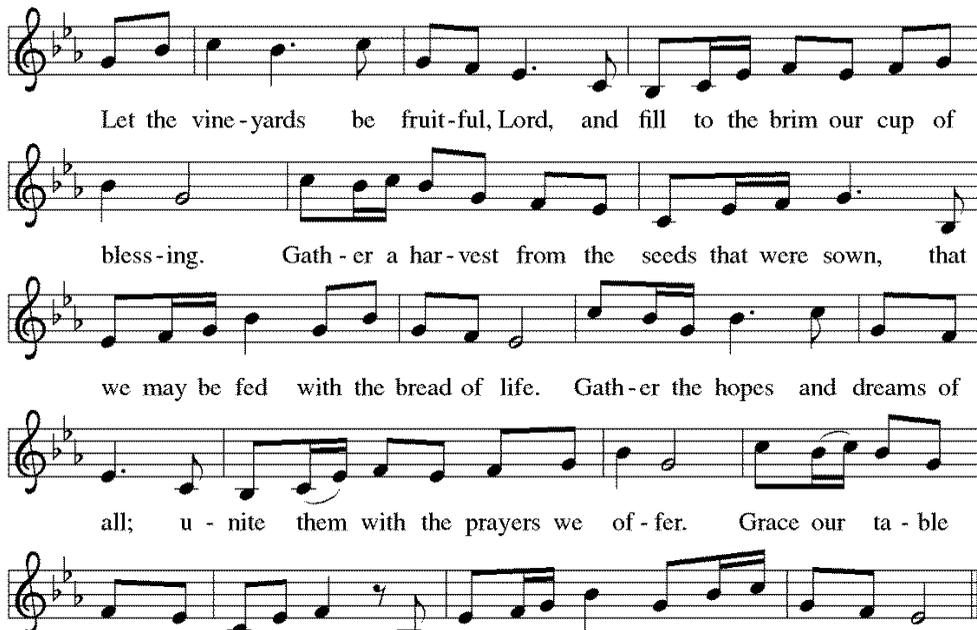
*“Thine Is The Glory”* arr. Sue Mitchell-Wallace, John Head  
Mark Jones, Dan Nesbitt, Scott Quackenbush

(stand)

### OFFERTORY HYMN

*“Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful”*

ELW 184



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that  
we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of  
all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble  
with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

### OFFERING PRAYER

- God of love,
- you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table. Receive our lives and the gifts we offer. Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world; for the sake of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

### 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.

## **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

☐ Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign. You have filled all creation with light and life; heaven and earth are full of your glory. We praise you for the grace shown to your people in every age: the promise to Israel, the rescue from Egypt, the gift of the promised land, the words of the prophets; and, at this end of all the ages, the gift of your Son, who proclaimed the good news in word and deed and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.

☑ **Amen.**

☐ In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

☐ For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

☑ **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

☐ Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup we remember the life our Lord offered for us. And, believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast.

☑ **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

☐ Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, that we who share in Christ's body and blood may live to the praise of your glory and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

☑ **Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

☐ Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all. Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

☑ **Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

- ☒ 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

- ☒ The risen Christ invites us to this table.  
☒ Come, eat and be satisfied.

(sit)

## 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.

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| <p><b>1 I know that my Redeemer lives!<br/>What comfort this sweet sentence gives!<br/>He lives, he lives, who once was dead;<br/>he lives, my ever-living head!</b></p> <p><b>2 He lives triumphant from the grave;<br/>he lives eternally to save;<br/>he lives exalted, throned above;<br/>he lives to rule his church in love.</b></p> <p><b>3 He lives to grant me rich supply;<br/>he lives to guide me with his eye;<br/>he lives to comfort me when faint;<br/>he lives to hear my soul's complaint.</b></p> <p><b>4 He lives to silence all my fears;<br/>he lives to wipe away my tears;<br/>he lives to calm my troubled heart;<br/>he lives all blessings to impart.</b></p> | <p><b>5 He lives to bless me with his love;<br/>he lives to plead for me above;<br/>he lives my hungry soul to feed;<br/>he lives to help in time of need.</b></p> <p><b>6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;<br/>he lives and loves me to the end;<br/>he lives, and while he lives, I'll sing;<br/>he lives, my prophet, priest, and king!</b></p> <p><b>7 He lives and grants me daily breath;<br/>he lives, and I shall conquer death;<br/>he lives my mansion to prepare;<br/>he lives to bring me safely there.</b></p> <p><b>8 He lives, all glory to his name!<br/>He lives, my Savior, still the same;<br/>what joy this blest assurance gives:<br/>I know that my Redeemer lives!</b></p> |
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Text: Samuel Medley, 1738-1799, alt.

*“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing”*

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| <p><b>1 Good Christian friends, rejoice and sing!<br/>Now is the triumph of our king!<br/>To all the world glad news we bring:<br/>Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!</b></p> <p><b>2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day;<br/>death's mighty stone is rolled away;<br/>let all the world rejoice and say:<br/>Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!</b></p> | <p><b>3 Praise we in songs of victory<br/>that love, that life, which cannot die,<br/>and sing with hearts uplifted high:<br/>Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!</b></p> <p><b>4 Your name we bless, O risen Lord,<br/>and sing today with one accord,<br/>the life laid down, the life restored:<br/>Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!</b></p> |
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Text: Cyril A. Alington, 1872-1955, alt. Text © 1952, ren. 1986 *Hymns Ancient & Modern*, admin. Hope Publishing Company, Carol Stream, IL 60188. All rights reserved. Used by permission.

**1 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;  
his the scepter, his the throne;  
Alleluia! his the triumph,  
his the victory alone.  
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion  
thunder like a mighty flood:  
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation  
has redeemed us by his blood."**

**2 Alleluia! Not as orphans  
are we left in sorrow now;  
Alleluia! he is near us;  
faith believes, nor questions how.  
Though the cloud from sight received  
him  
when the forty days were o'er,  
shall our hearts forget his promise:  
"I am with you evermore"?**

**3 Alleluia! Bread of heaven,  
here on earth our food, our stay;  
Alleluia! here the sinful  
flee to you from day to day.  
Intercessor, friend of sinners,  
earth's redeemer, hear our plea  
where the songs of all the sinless  
sweep across the crystal sea.**

**4 Alleluia! King eternal,  
Lord omnipotent we own;  
Alleluia! born of Mary,  
earth your footstool, heav'n your throne.  
As within the veil you entered,  
robed in flesh, our great high priest,  
here on earth both priest and victim  
in the eucharistic feast.**

**5 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;  
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Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion  
thunder like a mighty flood:  
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation  
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Text: William C. Dix, 1837-1898, alt.

*(stand)*

## **THE BLESSING**

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**☞** Wellspring of joy,  
**☞** through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts. Satisfy the hunger still around us, and send us as joyful witnesses, that your love will bring joy to the hearts of all people, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

## SENDING

### BLESSING

- ☞ May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus.  
The God of life, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

### THREE-FOLD AMEN

#### HYMN

*“Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds”*

ELW 367

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| <p>1 Now all the vault of heav'n resounds<br/>in praise of love that still abounds:<br/>"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"<br/>Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!<br/>Repeat their song of glory here:<br/>"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"<br/>Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!</p> <p>2 Eternal is the gift he brings,<br/>therefore our heart with rapture sings:<br/>"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"<br/>Now still he comes to give us life<br/>and by his presence stills all strife.<br/>"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"<br/>Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!</p> | <p>3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with dauntless love;<br/>set heart and will on things above<br/>that we conquer through your triumph;<br/>grant grace sufficient for life's day<br/>that by our lives we truly say:<br/>"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"<br/>Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!</p> <p>4 Adoring praises now we bring<br/>and with the heav'nly blessed sing:<br/>"Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!"<br/>Be to the Father, and our Lord,<br/>to Spirit blest, most holy God,<br/>all the glory, never ending!<br/>Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!</p> |
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Text: Paul Z. Strodach, 1876-1947, alt.  
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### DISMISSAL

- ☞ Alleluia! Christ is risen.  
☛ **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**
- ☞ The worship has ended. The service begins.  
☛ **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

### POSTLUDE

Mark Jones, *organ*

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# Easter 2021



## Lilies are given to the glory of God... in memory of:

our beloved son, Randy Anderson Szemplenski  
 Uncle Tom Sullivan, who we miss very much  
 Grandma Jane Bailey, who we miss very much  
 Grandma Marge Sullivan, who we miss very much  
 in memory of Mom & Dad  
 loved ones  
 Joseph Bonfante  
 loved ones  
 loved ones  
 our parents and grandparents, David & Lois Carlsen  
 grandparents and great grandparents, Viggo & Viola Carlsen and Floyd & Alice Chase  
 Bill Lepper and Dale & Jean Clatterbuck  
 J. Lawrence & Marion Cooke  
 family members  
 Kelcey Renae Fike  
 Randall S Fike  
 parents, Ann D Forslund and Charles T Forslund  
 Duane and Don Madison  
 Curt Grabow  
 my grandparents, parents, and sister  
 Nettie Compagna  
 Pauline Brager  
 family and loved ones  
 Elizabeth Kentopp  
 Jean Holcombe  
 loved ones  
 Our parents, Albin & Laura Johnson and Gerhard & Cecilia Moller  
 Jack & Marilyn Baker  
 Geri Laney, and Carol Olson  
 Marvin Linemann  
 Anne Lienemann  
 our parents, Patrick & Ann McKenna  
 beloved brother, Peter Andrew Miller  
 grandparents, Andy & Helen and Moe & Dorothy  
 Don Morse  
 Burdett and Arline Ledell

given by Dean & Darlene Anderson  
 given by Brett, Jack and Grandma Kathe Bailey  
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 given by Richard Bock  
 given by Richard Bock  
 given by wife, Elaine  
 given by Karen and Shirley Bonneau  
 given by Callies, Green, and Ray families  
 given by Carlsen and Campbell families  
 given by Carlsen and  
 Campbell families  
 given by Gary & Debi Clatterbuck  
 given by Warren Cooke  
 given by Robert Ellison  
 given by Mary Jo Fike and family  
 given by Mary Jo Fike and family  
 given by daughter, Christine Forslund  
 given by the Gittler family  
 given by wife, Marge  
 given by Kimberly Grassmeyer  
 given by Susie Henry  
 given by Susie Henry & Don Zinnecker  
 given by Linda Hoagland  
 given by Linda Hoagland  
 given by Tom Holcombe  
 given by Duane & Penny Hovendick  
 given by Ken & Linda Johnson  
 given by Ken & Linda Johnson  
 given by Ken & Linda Johnson  
 given by Rick Lienemann & Jane Estabrook  
 given by Rick Lienemann & Jane Estabrook  
 given by their children  
 given by Ann Miller  
 given by Ann Miller  
 given by Ralph & Anita Joy Morse  
 given by Ralph & Anita Joy Morse

Don & Jean Nippert  
our grandparents  
loved ones  
Alan Larsen  
our parents  
Pat's sister, Jean  
Barbara Saklar  
Charles & Augusta Laushman  
Joy Beavers  
Chris & Nadine Saklar  
George and Corky Boonstra  
Carl and Dean Sum  
family and friends  
Lee Sealer  
Arnold Steffen  
John & Elaine Studts  
Arthur Gersib  
Leo & Clara Gardiner  
Mae & Carl Johnston and Susan Counsel  
Betty West  
my beloved husband, Don  
our beloved sister, Kay Bock  
our parents  
Frieda Wenzlaff

given by Marvin & Kris Olson  
given by Marvin & Kris Olson  
given by Mary Olson  
given by Rachel Porter  
given by Robert & Pat Ranney  
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given by Tracey Saklar & James Holzer, Kris Placzek and family  
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given by Paul Sum and family  
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given by Laurine Savine  
given by Judy Sealer  
given by wife, LeClare and family  
given by Pat & David Studts  
given by Pat & David Studts  
given by daughter, LeClare  
given by Sharon & Jim West  
given by Sharon & Jim West  
given by Vickie Wichert  
given by sisters, Vickie Wichert & Darlene Anderson  
given by Chet & Sara Worm  
given by Don Zinnecker

**In honor of:**

all those who have so faithfully served Kountze this past year  
many friends and helpers  
Pastors, staff, and TV/Live Streaming Team  
The Congregation of Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church  
The Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church Staff  
my children and grandchildren  
our precious children and 12 grandchildren  
all God's blessings  
David Gerard and Mark Jones for extra special music on Saturday and Sunday

given by Anonymous  
given by Richard Bock  
given by Karen and Shirley Bonneau  
given by Pastor Shari Duminy and family  
given by Pastor Shari Duminy and family  
given by Kimberly Grassmeyer  
given by Ken & Linda Johnson  
given by Mary Olson  
given by Laurine Savine

**Love Offering:**

given by the Inbarasu family  
given by Jacque Johnson family  
given by Sharon Miley for many blessings  
given by Mary Olson for God's blessings  
given by Laurine Savine  
given by LeClare Steffn for my Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church



## 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/>



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April 3 & 4, 2021

## 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>

## 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 8<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> graders and is due by April 6. If you have any questions, Pastor Shari would be happy to talk with you.

## Today at Kountze

### 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.

**Eternal Candle** is given to the glory of God in honor of Pr. Hall - especially for his assistance with Altar Guild given in gratitude by Pam Johnson & Dotty Sum, Altar Guild co-leaders

**Television Broadcast** is sponsored by Laurine Savine "from me to you."

### 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](http://nlom.org/smt) to get started.

## Attendance and Giving

**Saturday Attendance:** 28

**Sunday Attendance: 9:00:** 122

**Total:** 150

**Streaming Attendance:** 99

**Cox Cable Attendance:** 268

**Pantry Guests Served:** 564

**Medical Clinic Guests Served:** 27

### Offering:

\$10,082.00 (Regular)      \$22,679.07 (Specials)

\$3,092.00 (Debt Reduction)



## *The resurrected Jesus is with us, alleluia!*

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

Sunday	Mark 16:1-8	The tomb is empty
Monday	Acts 10:34-43	God shows no partiality
Tuesday	1 Corinthians 15:1-11	Christ died for our sins
Wednesday	John 21:1-18	Jesus is risen
Thursday	John 11:1-27	Jesus is the resurrection
Friday	Matthew 28:1-20	The resurrection of Jesus
Saturday	Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24	Give thanks to the Lord
Sunday	John 20:19-31	Come and see and believe



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*This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. Psalm 118:1 (NRSV)*

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

God of resurrection hope, overcome our fears and gladden our hearts, for you are near with saving grace through Christ our Lord. Amen. Alleluia.

### **Mealtime Prayer:**

O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good; God's steadfast love endures forever! Amen. Alleluia. (Psalm 118:1)  
(Traditional prayer for ending a meal)

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

May the Lord Jesus Christ be your strength and your salvation. (Psalm 118:14)

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

- What event have you experienced that left you speechless?
- What do you think it was like for Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James to stand before an angel at the empty tomb and receive awesome yet unbelievable news?
- The women left the tomb and said nothing to anyone. Why do you think they were afraid?

*Read:* Mark 16:1-8.

Which is harder to believe: that Jesus rose from the dead or that the Gospel of Mark ends with the words, "they said nothing to any one, for they were afraid"? In fact, later Scripture text copiers were so dismayed by the original ending that they added more verses. It just didn't make sense that the original text seemed so bleak. Instead of saying to the world, "Christ is risen, alleluia," they leave committed to say nothing for they were afraid. Perhaps part of the Gospel message is the realization that our human frailty will always get in the way. What is evident is that the message did get out. We are reflecting on that message now. In the midst of human frailty and failures what we celebrate on Easter Sunday is that God wins and continues to win by delivering on God's promises no matter what. Alleluia, we as Jesus' followers have a ministry to do for the world because Jesus rose from the dead. Yes, we may be imperfect workers, but the promise still holds true and we still have good news to tell the world. Alleluia, Jesus has been raised, is loose in the world, and is out ahead of us now. "[Jesus] is going ahead of you to [name your own destination]; there you will see him, just as he told you" (v. 7). How does knowing that Jesus goes ahead of you wherever you go impact your life as a follower?

*Pray:* **God of glory and might, we give you thanks for the resurrected Christ who walks with us daily. Amen. Alleluia.**

There are many people who serve others and work on Easter Sunday in such places as in hospitals, nursing homes, police and fire stations, and restaurants. Is there a way you can share Easter resurrection cheer with those who are working?

Easter Day is full of church and family traditions to enrich our lives of faith. One tradition is to shout out and sing alleluias after its absence during the season of Lent. Alleluia means "praise the Lord." Begin each day this week with the words, "Christ is risen. He is risen, indeed. Alleluia." If others are present, say these words together with a high-five.

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:** Acts 4:32-35; Psalm 133  
1 John 1:1--2:2 ; John 20:19-31