

# KOUNTZE MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST



*Someone who isn't part of Jesus' own circle is casting out demons in Jesus' name, and the disciples want him stopped. They appeal to Jesus, as Joshua did to Moses about the elders who prophesied without official authorization. Like Moses, Jesus refuses to see this as a threat. Jesus welcomes good being done in his name, even when it is not under his control. The circle we form around Jesus' word must be able to value good being done in ways we wouldn't do it, by people we can't keep tabs on.*

# GATHERING

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*(stand)*

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

**G** 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.

**G** Amen.

**P** Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

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

**P** Most merciful God,

**G** 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** In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God 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.

**G** Amen.

- 1** All creatures, worship God most high!  
 Sound ev'ry voice in earth and sky:  
 Alleluia! Alleluia!  
 Sing, brother sun, in splendor bright;  
 sing, sister moon and stars of night:  
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,  
 alleluia, alleluia!
- 2** Sing, brother wind; with clouds and rain  
 you grow the gifts of fruit and grain:  
 Alleluia! Alleluia!  
 Dear sister water, useful, clear,  
 make music for your Lord to hear:  
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,  
 alleluia, alleluia!
- 3** Sing, brother fire, so mirthful, strong,  
 drive far the shadows, join the throng:  
 Alleluia! Alleluia!  
 Dear mother earth, so rich in care,  
 praise God in colors bright and rare:  
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,  
 alleluia, alleluia!
- 4** All who for love of God forgive,  
 all who in pain and sorrow grieve:  
 Alleluia! Alleluia!  
 Christ bears your burdens and your fears;  
 still make your song amid the tears:  
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,  
 alleluia, alleluia!
- 5** And you, most gentle sister death,  
 waiting to hush our final breath:  
 Alleluia! Alleluia!  
 Since Christ our light has pierced your  
 gloom,  
 fair is the night that leads us home.  
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,  
 alleluia, alleluia!
- 6** O sisters, brothers, take your part,  
 and worship God with humble heart:  
 Alleluia! Alleluia!  
 All creatures, bless the Father, Son,  
 and Holy Spirit, Three in One:  
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,  
 alleluia, alleluia!

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## 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.
- G** And also with you.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** Generous God,
- G** your Son gave his life that we might come to peace with you. Give us a share of your  
 Spirit, and in all we do empower us to bear the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and  
 Lord. Amen.

# WORD

(sit)

## FIRST READING

**Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29**

*What constitutes legitimate need and legitimate leadership is the focus of this reading. God provides manna in the wilderness, yet the people crave meat. What is truly needful? God bestows the spirit on seventy elders, yet two men not designated as leaders prophesy in the power of God's spirit. What constitutes real leadership?*

**T**he rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, *“If only we had meat to eat! <sup>5</sup>We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; <sup>6</sup>but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at.”*

<sup>10</sup>Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the Lord became very angry, and Moses was displeased. <sup>11</sup>So Moses said to the Lord, *“Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? <sup>12</sup>Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, ‘Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child, to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors’? <sup>13</sup>Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, ‘Give us meat to eat!’ <sup>14</sup>I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. <sup>15</sup>If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery.”*

<sup>16</sup>So the Lord said to Moses, *“Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you.”*

<sup>24</sup>So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. <sup>25</sup>Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

<sup>26</sup>Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. <sup>27</sup>And a young man ran and told Moses, *“Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.”* <sup>28</sup>And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, *“My lord Moses, stop them!”* <sup>29</sup>But Moses said to him, *“Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord’s people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his spirit on them?”*

**L** The word of the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

**PSALM 19:7-14** (*read responsively*)

<sup>7</sup>The teaching of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul;  
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.

<sup>8</sup>**The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart;  
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.**

<sup>9</sup>The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever;  
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

<sup>10</sup>**More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,  
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**

<sup>11</sup>By them also is your servant enlightened,  
and in keeping them there is great reward.

<sup>12</sup>**Who can detect one's own offenses?  
Cleanse me from my secret faults.**

<sup>13</sup>Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me;  
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

<sup>14</sup>**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight,  
O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.**

**SECOND READING**

**James 5:13-20**

*Marks of the Christian community include praying for those who are sick and in need, celebrating with those in good health, restoring those who have strayed, confessing sins to one another, and offering forgiveness to each other.*

**A**re any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. <sup>14</sup>Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. <sup>15</sup>The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. <sup>16</sup>Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. <sup>17</sup>Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. <sup>18</sup>Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

<sup>19</sup>My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, <sup>20</sup>you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

📖 The word of the Lord.

🙏 Thanks be to God.

(stand)

## 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. Al - le - lu - ia.

☐ The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

☑ **Glory to you, O Lord!**

## HOLY GOSPEL

**Mark 9:38-50**

*On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus teaches his disciples about ministry that involves service and sacrifice. His disciples are slow to realize that these words apply to them as well as to others.*

**J**ohn said to Jesus, “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.”<sup>39</sup> But Jesus said, “Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me.”<sup>40</sup> Whoever is not against us is for us.<sup>41</sup> For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

<sup>42</sup> “If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea.”<sup>43</sup> If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire.<sup>45</sup> And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell.<sup>47</sup> And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell,<sup>48</sup> where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

<sup>49</sup> “For everyone will be salted with fire.”<sup>50</sup> Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

☐ The Gospel of the Lord.

☑ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

(sit)

## CHILDREN’S BLESSING (9:00 AM)

## SERMON

*Pastor Roynesdal*

(stand)

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*“O Christ the Same”*

With One Voice 778

- 1 **O Christ the same, through all our story’s pages--  
our loves and hopes, our failures and our fears;  
eternal Lord, the king of all the ages,  
unchanging still amid the passing years:  
O living Word, the source of all creation,  
who spread the skies and set the stars ablaze;  
O Christ the same, who wrought our whole salvation,  
we bring our thanks for all our yesterdays.**
  
- 2 **O Christ the same, the friend of sinners, sharing  
our inmost thoughts, the secrets none can hide;  
still as of old upon your body bearing  
the marks of love in triumph glorified.  
O Son of Man, who stooped for us from heaven--  
O Prince of life, in all your saving power;  
O Christ the same, to whom our hearts are given:  
we bring our thanks for this the present hour.**
  
- 3 **O Christ the same, secure within whose keeping  
our lives and loves, our days and years remain;  
our work and rest, our waking and our sleeping,  
our calm and storm, our pleasure and our pain:  
O Lord of love, for all our joys and sorrows,  
for all our hopes when earth shall fade and flee;  
O Christ the same, beyond our brief tomorrows,  
we bring our thanks for all that is to be.**

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## 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.**

## **INSTALLATION OF LEADERS IN THE CONGREGATION**

- ☐ The following people have been elected by our congregation to positions of leadership. We give thanks for their willingness to serve. In baptism we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God; we rejoice now that these sisters and brothers will lead us in our common life and our mutual mission as a congregation.

*Robin Perkins*  
*Jane Ross, Secretary*  
*Ashley Sum*  
*Stephen Urlaub*

*Tim Backora, Treasurer*  
*Anne Dey*  
*Kate Jones*  
*Melissa Osentowski*

*Dr. Steve Hinrichs*  
*Michael Jensen, Vice Pres*  
*Ann Miller*  
*Bruce Nissen*

- ☐ A reading from First Corinthians: *There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.* (1 Corinthians 12:4-7)

**P** You have been elected to positions of leadership and trust in this congregation. You are to see that the words and deeds of this household of faith bear witness to God, who gathers us into one together with the whole church. You are to seek to involve all members of this congregation in worship, learning, witness, service, and support, so that the mission of Christ is carried out in this congregation, in the wider church, in this community, and in the whole world. You are to be faithful in your specific area of serving, that the Spirit who empowers you may be glorified. You are to be examples of faith active in love, fostering peace, harmony, and mutual understanding in this congregation.

**P** On behalf of your sisters and brothers in Christ, I ask you: Will you accept and faithfully carry out the duties of the offices to which you have been elected?

*Response:* I will, and I ask God to help me.

**P** People of God, I ask you: Will you support these, your elected leaders, and will you share in the mutual ministry that Christ has given to all who are baptized?

**C** **We will, and we ask God to help us.**

**P** Almighty God bless you, and direct your days and your deeds in peace, that you will be faithful servants of Christ.

**C** **Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

**Response:** **P** Lord, in your mercy,  
**C** **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, Karen Buchholz, Don Burton, Gail Durban, Mike Edris, Rodney Edwards, Mary Hilkemann, Richard Holzer, Renee Johnson, Mark Kidder, Jason Klonglan, Rosanne Klug, mother of David Klug, Marcie Lafleur, Mary Olson, Theresa Powell, daughter of Don & Gwen Berney, Toby Rees, Gary Rodene, Sheri Tipton, John Waterman, Darlene White

**Other Prayers:** *Those serving in the military* – Amy Dyer, 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

## **WE SHARE GOD’S PEACE**

- ☐ The peace of Christ be with you always.
- ☑ **And also with you.**

## **MEAL**

*(sit)*

### **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!*



### **MUSICAL OFFERING**

*“Jesus Calls Us”*

arr. Robert A. Reid

Jesus calls us o’er the tumult of our life’s wild restless sea.  
Day by Day His sweet voice soundeth, saying, “Christian, follow me.”

Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain world’s golden store.  
From each idol that would keep us, saying, “Christian, love me more.”

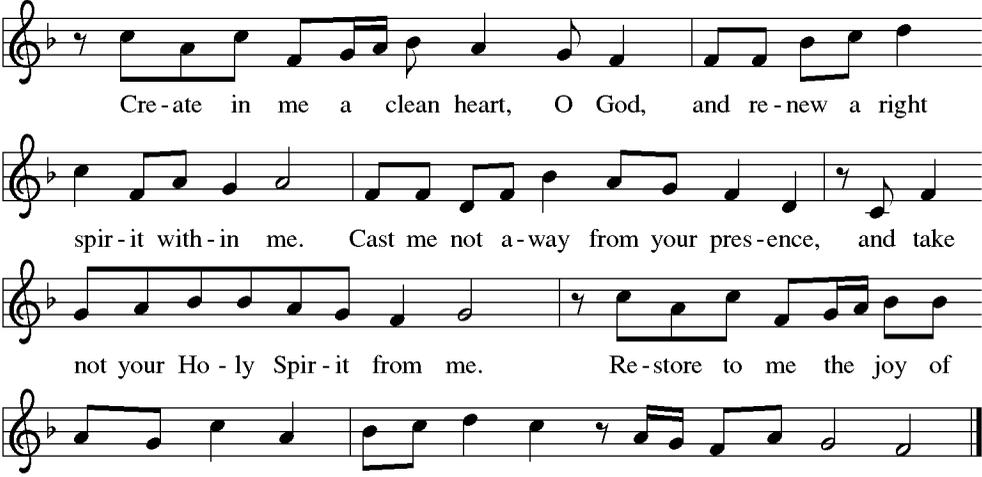
In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease,  
still He calls in cares and pleasures, “Christian, love me more than these.”

Jesus calls us by Thy mercies, Savior, may we hear Thy call.  
Give our hearts to Thine obedience.  
Serve and love Thee, love Thee best of all.  
Love Thee best of all. Love Thee best of all.

## THE TABLE IS PREPARED

(stand)

### OFFERTORY HYMN



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right  
spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take  
not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store to me the joy of  
your sal - va - tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir - it.

### OFFERING PRAYER

- ☐ Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.
- ☑ **Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. Each staff contains a melody line with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: '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.', and 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.'

## PREFACE FOR SUNDAYS IN PENTECOST

### SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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## THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**P** Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us all to pray:

**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.

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

**P** All who hunger and thirst, come.

**C** **The table is ready.**

## 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 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.*

*Gluten free bread is available; simply request it.*

## 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.

- 1** O God, my faithful God,  
true fountain ever flowing,  
without whom nothing is,  
all perfect gifts bestowing:  
give me a healthy frame,  
and may I have within  
a conscience free from blame,  
a soul unstained by sin.
- 2** Give me the strength to do  
with ready heart and willing  
whatever you command,  
my calling here fulfilling--  
to do it when I ought,  
with all my might--and bless  
whatever I have wrought,  
for you must give success.
- 3** Keep me from saying words  
that later need recalling;  
guard me, lest idle speech  
may from my lips be falling;  
but when, within my place,  
I must and ought to speak,  
then to my words give grace,  
lest I offend the weak.
- 4** When dangers gather round,  
oh, keep me calm and fearless;  
help me to bear the cross  
when life seems dark and cheerless;  
help me, as you have taught,  
to love both great and small,  
and, by your Spirit's might,  
to live at peace with all.

Text: Johann Heermann, 1585-1647;  
tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.

*"If You But Trust in God to Guide You"*

- 1** If you but trust in God to guide you  
with gentle hand through all your ways,  
you'll find that God is there beside you  
when crosses come, in trying days.  
Trust then in God's unchanging love;  
build on the rock that will not move.
- 2** What gain is there in anxious weeping,  
in helpless anger and distress?  
If you are in your Savior's keeping,  
in sorrow will he love you less?  
For Christ who took for you a cross  
will bring you safe through ev'ry loss.
- 3** The Lord our restless hearts is holding,  
in peace and quietness content.  
We rest in God's good will unfolding,  
what wisdom from on high has sent.  
God, who has chosen us by grace,  
knows very well the fears we face.
- 4** Sing, pray, and keep God's ways  
unswerving,  
offer your service faithfully.  
Trust heaven's word; though  
undeserving,  
you'll find this promise true to be.  
This is our confidence indeed:  
God never fails in time of need.

Text: Georg Neumark, 1621-1681; tr. composite  
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**1 Soul, adorn yourself with gladness,  
leave the gloomy haunts of sadness,  
come into the daylight's splendor,  
there with joy your praises render.  
Bless the one whose grace unbounded  
this amazing banquet founded;  
Christ, though heavenly, high, and  
holy,  
deigns to dwell with you most lowly.**

*Refrain*

**Be thankful!  
Soul, adorn yourself with gladness, and  
rejoice!  
Bless the one whose grace unbounded  
is our joy.**

**2 Now in faith I humbly ponder  
over this surpassing wonder  
that the bread of life is boundless  
though the souls it feeds are countless;  
with the choicest wine of heaven  
Christ's own blood to us is given.  
Oh, most glorious consolation,  
pledge and seal of my salvation.  
*Refrain***

**3 Jesus, source of lasting pleasure,  
truest friend, and dearest treasure,  
peace beyond all understanding,  
joy into all life expanding:  
humbly now, I bow before you,  
love incarnate, I adore you;  
worthily let me receive you,  
and, so favored, never leave you.  
*Refrain***

Text: Johann Franck, 1618-1677, stanzas; Esther Bertieaux, b. 1944, refrain; tr. composite  
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*(stand)*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

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

# SENDING

## BLESSING

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. 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, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”*

**ELW 545**

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| <p><b>1 Lord, dismiss us with your blessing,<br/>fill our hearts with joy and peace;<br/>let us each, your love possessing,<br/>triumph in redeeming grace.<br/>Oh, refresh us; oh, refresh us,<br/>trav'ling through this wilderness.</b></p> | <p><b>2 Thanks we give and adoration<br/>for your gospel's joyful sound.<br/>May the fruits of your salvation<br/>in our hearts and lives abound.<br/>Ever faithful, ever faithful<br/>to your truth may we be found.</b></p> |
| <p><b>3 Savior, when your love shall call us<br/>from our struggling pilgrim way,<br/>let no fear of death appall us,<br/>glad your summons to obey.<br/>May we ever, may we ever<br/>reign with you in endless day.</b></p>                   |   |

Text: attr. John Fawcett, 1740-1817, sts. 1-2, alt.;  
Godfrey Thring, 1823-1903, st. 3, alt.

## DISMISSAL

- P** Go in peace. Jesus Christ is with you always.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE

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# KOUNTZE

## Memorial Lutheran Church

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September 25 & 26, 2021

*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 worshiping, 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.*

### **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**

Our 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.

### **TODAY AT KOUNTZE**

#### **Who's in "My Pew"?**

The choir is back! But where are they? So many of our choir members are back (we are very grateful) and the choir loft is not large enough for proper distancing—especially while singing. So, for now, they will be seated in the first rows on the east side of the Narthex close to the piano. If they happen to be sitting in "your pew," please find another seat and enjoy new neighbors and a new view during Worship.

#### **Children's Choir**

**9:20 AM**

#### **Ages K-6<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Carlsen will be leading the singers during the 9:00 AM sermon. Those interested in participating in choir will attend the first part of the 9:00 service with their families, come forward for the children's blessing, and then go to the upstairs choir room for practice before returning for Communion.

#### **Coffee Hour**

Please feel free to stop for coffee in the Fellowship Hall following service today. We need volunteers to help serve coffee and cookies. If you can help, please see Jim Smejkal 402-341-7761 or [jim@kmlchurch.org](mailto:jim@kmlchurch.org).

#### **Adult Forum**

**10:10 AM**

The first few Sundays in September will be "generally program free" to allow for greater conversation and the change to reconnect.

**Altar Flowers** are given to the glory of God in honor of Richard Bock's birthday given by his sister, Janis Dagerman; in celebration of Shirley Gersib, Pat Studt's mom

**Eternal Candle** is given to the glory of God in honor of Richard Bock

### **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-6<sup>th</sup> grade) is held from 10:10—10:50 AM.

### **High School Youth Forum**

Join us each Sunday in the Youth Center at 10:10 AM. Today is a Bible Study on God's Boundless love for humanity.

### **Worship Leader Training Continues (Communion Assistants, Lectors, and Ushers) September 26**

**10:15 AM**

We will meet in the Nave after the 9:00 AM Worship Service

### **New Member Class Continues Sunday, September 26**

**12:15 PM**

The class continues today. Lunch will be served.

## **This Week at Kountze Memorial**

### **September 26 Sunday**

Pentecost 18

8:00 AM & 10:00 AM Adult Choir

9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Worship

9:00 AM Nursery (0-2 yrs)

9:10 AM Children's Choir (K-6<sup>th</sup> gr)

10:10 AM Sunday School (2yr-6<sup>th</sup> gr)

10:10 AM Youth Forum—Community Fun (gr 7-12)

10:10 AM Adult Forum

10:15 AM Worship Leader Training

12:00 PM Stephen Ministry

12:15 PM New Member Class

### **September 27 Monday**

10:00 AM Pantry

### **September 28 Tuesday**

9:00 AM Staff Meeting

7:00 PM Circle 3

### **September 29 Wednesday**

Michael & All Angels

12:15 PM Worship

6:00 PM Confirmation Supper

6:30 PM Confirmation Class

### **September 30 Thursday**

4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic

### **October 1 Friday**

Coat Drive—October 1—October 24

5:00 PM Pantry

### **October 2 Saturday**

Homebound Communion

5:00 PM Worship

### **October 3 Sunday**

Pentecost 19

Homebound Communion

Ordination Anniversary Celebrations

Receive New Members

8:00 AM & 10:00 AM Adult Choir

1:00 PM Pumpkin Patch

### **October 3 Sunday**

9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Worship

9:00 AM Nursery (0-2 yrs)

9:10 AM Children's Choir (K-6<sup>th</sup> gr)

10:10 AM Sunday School (2yr-6<sup>th</sup> gr)

10:10 AM Youth Forum (gr 7-12)

10:10 AM Adult Forum

### **Blessing of the Animals**

**Saint Cecilia Cathedral**

**701 N. 40<sup>th</sup> Street**

**Saturday, October 2, 2021**

**Music and Socializing at 10:30 AM;**

**Blessing at 11:00 AM**

Participating Churches: Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church, Saint Cecilia Cathedral, Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, Saint Barnabas Church, Christ the King Church  
Bring your pet(s) and join us for the annual Blessing of the Animals.

### **Milestone Ordination Anniversary Celebrations**

**Sunday, October 3**

Join us in Worship and Fellowship Time to celebrate those who have served in ministry of the church. Former Bishop Rev. David deFreese, a son of the congregation, will be preaching at both services. A reception time with cake and remembrances will happen between services. We invite the congregation to bring cards of congratulations and thanks to place in a gift bag for each one.

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Kountze Memorial is hosting an afternoon at the Bellevue Berry Farm and Pumpkin Patch. Join us at a reserved campfire pit for hotdogs, chips, smores, and beverages. Admission is \$10 per person with children aged 2 and under free. The Bellevue Berry Farm offers pick-your-own vegetables, a three-story pirate ship, hayrack rides, and many other attractions. There will also be yard games around the campfire. Please RSVP to the church office at 402-341-7761, by Friday, October 1. Contact Kristin Boe at [Kristin@kmlchurch.org](mailto:Kristin@kmlchurch.org) with any questions.

### **Yesterday's Youth Tuesday, October 5 Lunch at 12:00 PM**

The Nebraska Humane Society had to cancel due to a date conflict. Watch the bulletin and e-news for more information.

### **How to Use Your Bible Seminar Sunday, October 10**

**12:15 PM (following 11:00 AM service)**

Parents and children are invited to a seminar on how to use your Bible. In anticipation of Bible Sunday, we will be teaching skills on how to introduce your child to the scriptures, gain confidence in using the Bible, and ways to study the stories of the Bible as a family. This seminar is geared toward elementary aged students. Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP to the church office at 402-341-7761 by Friday, October 8. Contact Kristin Boe at [Kristin@kmlchurch.org](mailto:Kristin@kmlchurch.org) with any questions.

### **Kountze Memorial, Inc. Annual Meeting Sunday, October 17**

A Meeting of Members of Kountze Memorial, Inc. ("KMI") will be held at Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church at 2650 Farnam Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68131, on October 17, 2021, at 10:15 a.m. local time in the Fellowship Hall to consider the following:

1. To approve and ratify and sale of deFreese Manor to House of David Preservation, Inc. While this sale was previously approved by the members in June, the October 17 meeting will formalize such approval in a manner that complies with Nebraska law and what Nebraska Attorney General's office requires for non-profit organizations.
2. To amend the Articles of Incorporation to allow KMI to distribute upon dissolution all funds remaining after the payment of debts to Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church.
3. To dissolve KMI, contingent on the closing of the sale of deFreese Manor.

A formal notice of the Meeting has been mailed to all members. All members are cordially invited and strongly encouraged to attend the meeting. All questions may be directed to Scott Henneman, President of the Board of Kountze Memorial Inc. via email [scotthenneman@aol.com](mailto:scotthenneman@aol.com).

See the September Good News for detailed information

### **First Communion Class Sunday, October 17 and 24 12:15 PM**

Communion is open to all baptized Christians. Those children who are already communing or those children interested in receiving Holy Communion, are invited to a First Communion class. We will begin with lunch in the conference room followed by instruction in the Nave with Kristin Boe and Pastor Hall. Participants will receive their First Communion on Reformation Sunday, October 31, at 9:00 AM. A good guide for determining when your children are ready to receive Communion is when they begin to ask about receiving it during the liturgy. The curriculum will be "Fed & Forgiven." All ages are welcome; the course is geared toward second graders. Please register with the church office at 402-341-7761 or [info@kmlchurch.org](mailto:info@kmlchurch.org).

### **Kountze Food Pantry**

The Kountze Food Pantry is once again collecting full-sized hygiene items. We compile bags including shampoo/conditioner, bar soap or body wash, razors and shaving cream, feminine hygiene products, toothbrushes, toothpaste, and floss. We will hand these out in gift bags for the upcoming holidays. Thank you for your contributions, prayers and continued support for our ministry!

### **Pantry Volunteers Needed:**

Mondays: 7:30 - 9 AM; 9 - 11 AM; 11 AM - 1 PM

Fridays: 4 - 7 PM

If you would like to help, please sign up to volunteer at the following link:

<https://form.jotform.com/200834787701155>

### **ATTENDANCE & GIVING**

**Saturday:** 37

**Sunday:** 9:00: 139 11:00: 38

**Wednesday:** 12:15: 10 **Confirmation:** 13

**Total:** 262

**Streaming:** 63

**Cox Cable:** 217

**Pantry Guests Served:** 1,046 (includes 335 children)

**Medical Clinic Guests Served:** 28

**Offering:**

\$12,705.00 (Regular)

\$1,368.71 (Specials)

\$897.00 (Debt Reduction)

Confess your sins and pray for one another.

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

Sunday	Mark 9:38-50	Avoiding sin
Monday	Numbers 11:4-29	Moses and the seventy elders
Tuesday	James 5:13-20	The power of prayer
Wednesday	Psalm 4	An evening prayer
Thursday	1 Thessalonians 5:12-28	Final instructions
Friday	Romans 8:18-27	Future glory for God's people
Saturday	Psalm 19:7-14	The wonders of God
Sunday	Mark 10:2-16	Jesus blesses the children



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Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. James 5:16 (NRSV)

A Prayer for the Week:

God of heaven and earth, guide us in our words and actions that we may sing your praises and love all those in our care. In Christ we pray, amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, as you fill us with this meal, fill our hearts with a desire for your message of divine love and faithfulness. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the truth and beauty of God's word revive your soul and make you wise. (Psalm 19:7-11)

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

- What have you heard lately that filled you with joy?
- What have you heard recently that made you sad?
- In what ways can you communicate a message of healing, joy, and peace this week?

Read: James 5:13-20.

James is concerned about speech. Speech that is not of God leads to division, chaos, hatred, and death. Speech that is of God brings peace, purity, and gentleness (James 3:16-18). It has been argued that talk and dialogue on social media has not helped humanity. There are times it has caused division, chaos, and hate rather than peace, purity, and gentleness. In James 5, prayer, confession, and songs of praise are listed as worthy ways to speak. James is concerned about the misuse of the human tongue and of human speech. James is also concerned that Christians live up to their calling and communicate God's healing, forgiveness, and peace to others. Let's join James in the Christian movement that seeks the good, the true, and the beautiful for all through faith in Christ. How can you use speech, written or oral, for the good of all and to give praise to God?

Pray: God of healing and peace, use our words so that truth, hope, and healing may reign through Christ Jesus. Amen.

Access to social media can make everyone feel important. Seeing our own words can make us feel powerful and influential. The Letter of James knows that words are powerful but not always helpful. How can you use a social media platform or other means to offer words of prayer, praise, a song, or a Bible verse to bless others this week?

In Mark 9:38-40, Jesus' disciples complain that someone was casting out demons in Jesus' name but was not following Jesus' disciples. Sadly, it has been the case throughout our history that people who follow Jesus in a way different "from us" are condemned. This week, take time to list Christian traditions that are different from yours. Pray a prayer of thanksgiving for their faith and witness in the world in the name of Jesus Christ.

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:** Genesis 2:18-24; Psalm 8  
Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12; Mark 10:2-16