

KOUNTZE MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

A CITY-WIDE CHURCH WITH A WORLD-WIDE MINISTRY

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HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY



"O Lord our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!" Today we celebrate the holy Trinity. Paul writes that through Jesus we have peace with God, whose love pours into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, giving us lasting hope. We celebrate the gracious One-in-Three, eternal Three-in-One, as we worship in community; as we share water and word, bread and wine; and as we bring God's love and hope to our neighbors.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(stand)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose steadfast love endures forever.

C Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Merciful God,

C we confess that we have not followed your path
but have chosen our own way.

**Instead of putting others before ourselves,
we long to take the best seats at the table.**

**When met by those in need,
we have too often passed by on the other side.**

Set us again on the path of life.

**Save us from ourselves
and free us to love our neighbors. Amen.**

P Hear the good news!

God does not deal with us according to our sins
but delights in granting pardon and mercy.

In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

You are free to love as God loves.

C Amen.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“God, Whose Almighty Word”

ELW 673

1 God, whose almighty word
chaos and darkness heard
and took their flight:
hear us, we humbly pray,
and where the gospel day
sheds not its glorious ray,
let there be light.

2 Christ, who once came to bring,
on your redeeming wing,
healing and sight;
health to the troubled mind,
sight where illusions blind;
oh, now to humankind
let there be light.

3 Spirit of truth and love,
life-giving, holy dove,
speed forth your flight;
move on the water's face
bearing the lamp of grace,
and in earth's darkest place
let there be light.

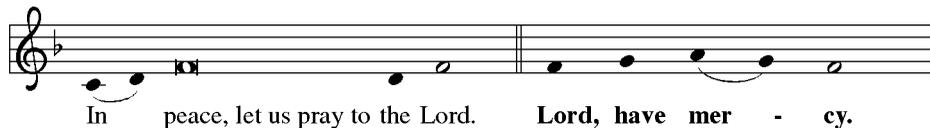
4 Holy and blessed three,
glorious Trinity,
Wisdom, Love, Might:
boundless as ocean's tide,
rolling in fullest pride,
through the earth, far and wide,
let there be light.

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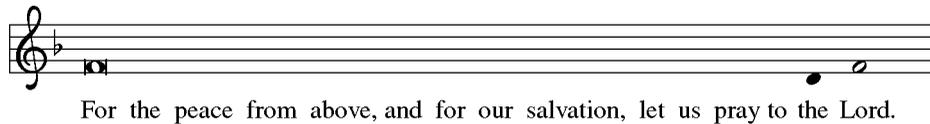
APOSTOLIC GREETING

- 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.

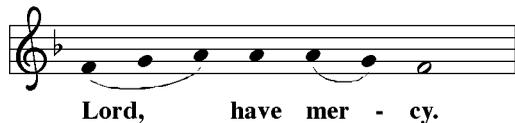
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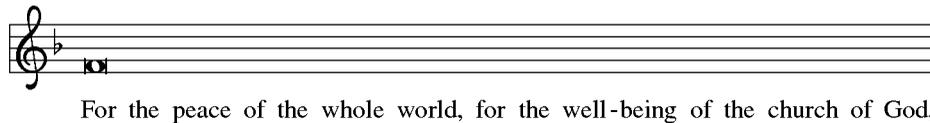
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



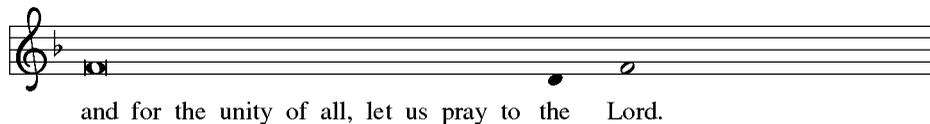
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



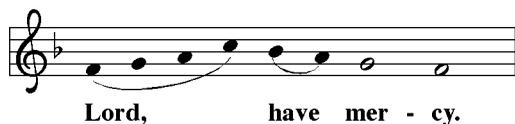
Lord, have mer - cy.



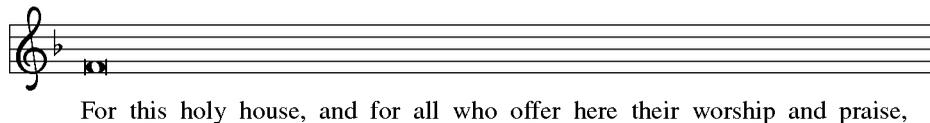
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



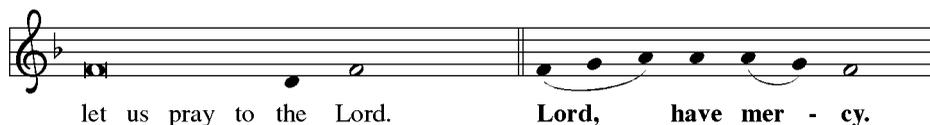
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



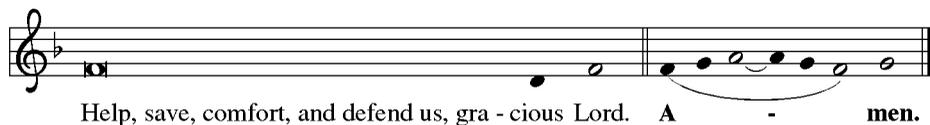
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

Assisting minister

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

All

Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,

we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;

you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,

in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Almighty Creator and ever-living God:

C we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

(sit)

FIRST READING

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

In the Bible, wisdom is portrayed in terms sometimes human and sometimes divine. Often, wisdom is personified as feminine. In this passage, Woman Wisdom is depicted not only as the first creation of God, but also as God's helper, rejoicing in God's creation, especially in human beings.

Does not wisdom call, and does not understanding raise her voice? ²On the heights, beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand; ³beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries out: ⁴"To you, O people, I call, and my cry is to all that live.

²²The Lord created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago. ²³Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. ²⁴When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water.

²⁵Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth—²⁶when he had not yet made earth and fields, or the world's first bits of soil. ²⁷When he established the heavens, I was there, when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, ²⁸when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep, ²⁹when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth, ³⁰then I was beside him, like a master worker; and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always, ³¹rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race."

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 8 (read responsively)

¹O Lord our Lord,

how majestic is your name in all the earth!—

**²you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and children;
you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe and avenger.**

³When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

**⁴what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them,
human beings that you should care for them?**

⁵Yet you have made them little less than divine;
with glory and honor you crown them.

**⁶You have made them rule over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under their feet:**

⁷all flocks and cattle,
even the wild beasts of the field,

**⁸the birds of the air, the fish of the sea,
and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.**

⁹O Lord our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

SECOND READING

Romans 5:1-5

Paul describes the life of faith with reference to God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. Even now, we have peace with God through Jesus, and our hope for the future is grounded in the love of God that we experience through Christ's Holy Spirit.

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

L The word of the Lord.

C 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.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 16:12-15

Jesus' ongoing presence with the disciples will be made known through the coming Spirit who will guide them and communicate to them Jesus' will and glory.

Jesus said, ¹²“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

G Praise to you, O Christ.

(sit)

CHILDREN'S BLESSING 9:00 AM

Children (aged 3 years through 5th grade) are invited to come forward for a blessing. Then, they may return to their seat and use the Spark Bible and/or activity bags during the regular sermon.

SERMON

Pastor Griffith

(stand)

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Come, Join the Dance of Trinity”

ELW 412

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| <p>1 Come, join the dance of Trinity,
before all worlds begun—
the interweaving of the Three,
the Father, Spirit, Son.
The universe of space and time
did not arise by chance,
but as the Three, in love and hope,
made room within their dance.</p> | <p>3 Come, speak aloud of Trinity,
as wind and tongues of flame
set people free at Pentecost
to tell the Savior's name.
We know the yoke of sin and death,
our necks have worn it smooth;
go tell the world of weight and woe
that we are free to move!</p> |
| <p>2 Come, see the face of Trinity,
newborn in Bethlehem;
then bloodied by a crown of thorns
outside Jerusalem.
The dance of Trinity is meant
for human flesh and bone;
when fear confines the dance in death,
God rolls away the stone.</p> | <p>4 Within the dance of Trinity,
before all worlds begun,
we sing the praises of the Three,
the Father, Spirit, Son.
Let voices rise and interweave,
by love and hope set free,
to shape in song this joy, this life:
the dance of Trinity.</p> |

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THE APOSTLES' CREED

☐ God has made us God's 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.**

(sit)

CELEBRATION OF MINISTRY THROUGH deFREESE MANOR

☐ Today we give thanks for 40 years of ministry at deFreese Manor. We recognize the care that has been given, the homes we have provided for the elderly, the support that has sustained residents and family members. We celebrate the times of fellowship and joy shared by those who have lived there. We feel again the sorrow and tears when friends and loved ones have died.

☐ Now we acknowledge that this part of the ministry of Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church is concluded. We give thanks for Sharon West, our administrator, and for the board of directors: Mark Fredrickson, Scott Henneman, James Holzer, Dave Klug, Marv Olson, Melissa Osentowski, Liz Pemberton, Jeff Perkins, Jane Ross, Judy Sealer, Ashley Sum, Don Zinnecker. We give thanks for pastors and leaders of vision who listened and followed God's call to begin this ministry. We are grateful for the many people who led and nurtured this work faithfully through the years. Now we trust God to lead others to continue the work of deFreese Manor. We pray for House of David Preservation, as they take up the mantle of providing housing, asking that God will continue to bless what we have begun.

COMMENTS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

PRAYER

☞ O Living God, you call your people to ministries of compassion and care. We thank you for the work accomplished at deFreese Manor these past 40 years: for social workers and maintenance crews; for cleaners and administrators; for volunteers and board members. We celebrate the many hours of fellowship, the countless meals and desserts, games, puzzles, and receptions. We thank you for laughter and tears shared, for comfort given, and time simply spent in silence together. Now as we hand this ministry to others, give us grace to let go, and guide us into new ways of serving your people in the community. Give us wisdom to discern where you are leading us, courage to follow, and strength to respond to your call. Sustain the continuing ministry of deFreese Manor, we pray. Show us ways to support and encourage that work, and help us trust you as you guide the new owners. We pray in the name Christ our Lord.

☞ Amen.

(stand)

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Response: ☞ God, 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)

Thanksgiving: for the baptism of Autumn Joyette, daughter of Tim & Ashley Laudenback

Sympathy: to the family and friends of Sandy Poulsen

Illness: Patty Baker, Richard Bock, Don Burton, Myrna Carter, Martha Eckman, Mike Edris, Rodney Edwards, Philip Frye, Judy Hamaker, Susie Henry, Richard Holzer, Joan Jacobson-Trotter, Renee Johnson, Jason Klonglan, Rosanne Klug, Jane Meyer, Lara McCormick, Stephanie Stephens, John Waterman, Darlene White

Other Prayers: *Those serving in the military* – Brenden Frerck, Wyatt Johnson, 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; our sister congregation, the American Church in Berlin, as they assist refugees from the war in Ukraine

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.**

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 church 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 or place your offering in the plates that are located at the entrances to the Sanctuary. For those of you watching through our media outlets, if you are able, please mail in your offering or donate online. Thank you!



THE TABLE IS PREPARED

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *“Homage to Thomas Campion”* Charlie Campbell, trumpet

View Me, Lord, A Work of Thine; Shall I then lie drown'd in night?
Might Thy grace in me but shine, I should seem made all of light.

Worldly joys like shadows fade, When the heav'nly light appears;
But the cov'nants Thou has made, Endless, know not days, nor years.

In Thy word, Lord, is my trust; To Thy mercies fast I fly;
Though I am but clay and dust, Yet Thy grace can lift me high.

(stand)

OFFERTORY HYMN *“For the Fruit of All Creation”* ELW 679 vs. 1-2



1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.



For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.
In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,



fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.

OFFERING PRAYER

P God of abundance:

C **you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

PREFACE FOR HOLY TRINITY

SANCTUS

C **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the Highest.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Creator: Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign.

. . . .

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is your, almighty God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus 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.

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Come to the banquet.

C In Christ's presence there is fullness of joy.

(sit)

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 then you may dip the bread into the wine. Gluten free bread is available upon request.

HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

"O Holy Spirit, Root of Life"

ELW 399

**1 O Holy Spirit, root of life,
creator, cleanser of all things:
anoint our wounds, awaken us
with lustrous movement of your wings.**

**2 Eternal vigor, Saving One,
you free us by your living Word,
becoming flesh to wear our pain,
and all creation is restored.**

**3 O holy Wisdom, soaring pow'r,
encompass us with wings unfurled,
and carry us, encircling all
above, below, and through the world.**

Text: Jean Janzen, b. 1933; based on Hildegard of Bingen, 1098-1179
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"Let All Things Now Living"

ELW 881

**1 Let all things now living
a song of thanksgiving
to God the creator triumphantly raise,
who fashioned and made us,
protected and stayed us,
who still guides us on to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us,
God's light goes before us,
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night,
till shadows have vanished
and darkness is banished,
as forward we travel from light into
light.**

**2 God rules all the forces:
the stars in their courses
and sun in its orbit obediently shine;
the hills and the mountains,
the rivers and fountains,
the deeps of the ocean proclaim God divine.
We too should be voicing
our love and rejoicing;
with glad adoration a song let us raise
till all things now living
unite in thanksgiving:
"To God in the highest, hosanna and
praise!"**

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(stand)

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- P** Life-giving God,
G through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

- P** The God of peace, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life this day and always.

THREE-FOLD AMEN

RECESSIONAL HYMN

“Go, My Children, with My Blessing”

ELW 543

- 1 **“Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.
In my love’s baptismal river
I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.”**
- 2 **“Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Here you heard my dear Son’s story,
here you touched him, saw his glory.
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.”**
- 3 **“Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit’s power filled you,
here my tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.”**

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DISMISSAL

- P** Go in peace. Love your neighbor.
G Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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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 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. Our form of distribution is Intinction.

Sharing of the Peace

As we return to worship practices, we encourage you to begin again sharing the peace in a way that is comfortable for you. Please be mindful that your way might not be for everyone. Handshakes, elbow or fist bump, a bow, a nod, a wave all work. Take this time to connect with others in a way that allows for the Peace of Christ to flow through and amongst us.

Children in Worship

We believe that all are welcome in worship and encourage families to worship together. Activity bags, children's bibles, and bulletins are available, as well as a 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 attendance card in your bulletin or text your e-mail address to 22828.

Today at Kountze

Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God in celebration of the marriage of Alan & Laura (Arndt) King

Holy Play
Through August 28
10:00 – 11:00 AM

All youth are invited to join in Summer Holy Play from 10 to 11 AM each Sunday morning through August 28. (July 3, no activities provided). We will meet in the Link/Green Space unless otherwise noted. Different activities will be offered each Sunday with treats.

Adult Forum
Fellowship Hall
10:10 AM

Join us on Sunday mornings in the Fellowship Hall from 10:10-10:50 AM. **This Sunday**—Fellowship or join in on the Growing Young Book Study/Planning Session in the Fellowship Lounge.

Growing Young Book Study/Planning Sessions
Fellowship Lounge
10:10 AM

How might we cultivate a community that helps younger generations discover and love being a part of the church? The KMLC Christian Education Committee is inviting you to join in the conversation of Growing Young. All are welcome to join in the book study through the month of June. We will meet in the Fellowship Lounge and encourage you to join as you are available. This week, Chapters 3 & 4; Next week, Chapters 5 & 6.

deFreese Manor
40th Anniversary Celebration
Sunday, June 12

11:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Presentation @ 12:15 PM
Everyone is welcome!

deFreese Manor has served the last 40 years fulfilling Kountze's

Today at Kountze, *continued*

mission of providing safe, secure, affordable housing for Seniors with the help of HUD subsidies for those with low income. We opened our doors on June 2, 1982, to a waitlist with many of our members included. We are pleased to celebrate this anniversary with an Ice Cream Social on June 12 from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Please join us at our open house where several of our residents would love to show you their beautiful apartments, have some ice cream, and attend a small presentation at 12:15 PM. We welcome all the members of Kountze as well as our neighbors and those involved in the founding of the deFreese Manor. Rev. David

deFreese will be with us as we celebrate this wonderful milestone.

Service Project for the Youth of Kountze

Sunday, June 12

11:30 AM

Morning Star Lutheran Church

331 S. 85th St.

The volunteer activity for June will be assisting in making decorations for the VBS at Morningstar.

This Week at Kountze Memorial

June 12 Sunday

Holy Trinity

9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Worship

9:00 AM Nursery (0-2 yrs)

10:10 AM Holy Play

10:10 AM Adult Forum—Synod Assembly Review

10:10 AM Growing Young Book Study

11:30 AM Youth Servant Project @ Morning Star Lutheran for VBS

12:15 PM Book Group

June 13 Monday

10:00 AM Pantry

6:00 PM VBS (Dinner @ 5:30 PM)

6:00 PM Call Committee

June 14 Tuesday

9:00 AM Staff Meeting

6:00 PM Adam Klinker Ordination

June 15 Wednesday

12:15 PM Worship

6:00 PM Executive Committee

6:00 PM VBS (Dinner @ 5:30 PM)

June 16 Thursday

Council Reports Due

11:30 AM Men's Lunch

4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic

6:00 PM Circle 5

6:00 PM VBS (Dinner @ 5:30 PM)

June 17 Friday

5:00 PM Pantry

6:00 PM VBS (Dinner @ 5:30 PM)

June 18 Saturday

5:00 PM Worship

June 19 Sunday

Jun 19 - Jun 24 KMLC Camp Week

Pentecost 2

Father's Day

9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Worship

9:00 AM Nursery (0-2 yrs)

10:10 AM Holy Play

10:10 AM Adult Forum

10:10 AM Growing Young Book Study

Vacation Bible School

June 13 - 17

5:30 - 8:00 PM - Dinner at 5:30 PM

Save the date! Kountze will be partnering with Morning Star Lutheran Church for Vacation Bible School! Dinner will be served at the start, with learning through activities to follow. VBS will be held at Morning Star Church (331 S. 85th St.). We will be looking for volunteers to help serve food, teach, and assist. If you are interested, please contact Kristin Boe at kristin@kmlchurch.org.

Ordination of Adam Klinker

Held at Kountze Memorial

Tuesday, June 14

6:00 PM, Dinner Reception to Follow

By the grace of God and the call of the Church, Adam John Klinker is to be ordained into the Ministry of Word and Sacrament in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Bishop Brian Maas of the Nebraska Synod, presiding and The Rev. Dr. H. Ashley Hall, preaching. Color of the day is red. After three years as vicar at

Augustana Lutheran in Genoa, Nebraska, Adam has been called to serve at First Lutheran, Avoca, Nebraska.

Men's Lunch

Thursday, June 16

11:30 AM

Cost: \$10

Please RSVP to the church office by Tuesday, June 14.

World Refugee Day

Saturday, June 18

1 - 5 PM

Levi Carter Park—809 Carter Lake Shore Drive

World Refugee Day is an annual international day designated by the United Nations to honor refugees around the globe and is celebrated globally on June 20. Omaha is celebrating World Refugee Day on Saturday, June 18, 2022. Omaha's World Refugee Day is hosted by the Omaha Refugee Task Force to celebrate the vibrancy that refugees and immigrants add to the Omaha community. The event is a wonderful way to learn more

about the refugee groups in our community, see cultural performances, play in a sports tournament, and eat delicious food. There is a great lineup of events, activities, and performances. Omaha World Refugee Day is a free community event!

Card Shower for LeClare Steffen

LeClare will be 99 years old on June 20! If you would like to celebrate with her by sending a card, you can find her address in the church directory or call the church office. Let's see how many cards we can send to LeClare!

Camp Carol Joy Holling

You can still register for Camp this summer. Go to <https://www.caroljoyholling.org>. Kountze camp week will take place June 19 – 24, 2022. Get to know your friends from Kountze while having a great time at bible camp. A pastor might even stop by to see what fun activities you are participating in during the week. We hope you will join in this great opportunity! (If that week will not work, we encourage you to attend anytime you are free this summer. There are First-Time Camper Discounts of \$100.00)

Kountze Food Pantry

There are many volunteer opportunities for every desired level of participation in our pantry. You can serve for one hour, for the whole pantry service which goes from 10:00 AM until 1:00 PM, or any combination that best fits your schedule. We also need people at 8:00 AM to unload the delivery trucks. Volunteers can even serve by picking up donated bread and pastries from Rotella and Hy-Vee. You will find a sign up notebook outside the kitchen in Meeting Room A of Fellowship Hall, or you may sign up at the following link:

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

Eucharistic Ministers Needed

We have several people that aren't able to come to church on a regular basis. so we need to take communion

to them. However, we don't have enough Eucharistic Ministers to take communion to them. If you might be willing to serve in this way or would like more information on what Eucharistic Ministers do, please contact the church office or talk to one of the Pastors. Thanks.

Update on the Refugee family:

The Bowari family is making great progress adapting to life in Omaha. The biggest need right now is for Guldin to find a job and transportation to that job. Two companies are hiring refugees who don't speak English, Nebraska Beef and Airlite Plastics – neither one is reachable by public transportation. Neither can offer transportation to Guldin. The Bowari family lives at 137th & Harrison, Airlite Plastics is near the airport, and Nebraska Beef is in South Omaha near 36th & L. Your help is needed! If you know of any companies who might hire Guldin (he's willing to do any type of work), or if you know of anyone willing to help with transportation 5 or 6 days a week, please let us know. We have some funds available to reimburse for gas costs. Call Jonna Holland at 402-669-4575. And please keep this family in your prayers!

Attendance & Giving

Saturday: 29

Sunday: 9:00: 101 **11:00:** 56

Wednesday: 12:15: 15 **deFreese: Manor** 6

Total: 207

Streaming: 58

Cox Cable: 131

Pantry Guests Served: 921 (inc. 303 children)

Medical Clinic Guests Served: 19

Offering:

\$21,764.00 (Regular) \$5,056.93 (Specials)

\$11,667.50 (Debt Reduction)

KOUNTZE MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
NEIGHBORHOOD GATHERING
SUNDAY, JUNE 26
11:30 AM - 1:30 PM
IN THE COURTYARD NEXT TO KOUNTZE COMMONS

We have an amazing God full of love and wisdom.

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

Sunday	John 16:12-15	The Spirit will guide you
Monday	Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31	The gifts of wisdom
Tuesday	Romans 5:1-5	Experiencing God's peace
Wednesday	Luke 2:41-52	The boy Jesus in the temple
Thursday	Proverbs 19:20	Ways to gain wisdom
Friday	Romans 11:33-36	Praise to God
Saturday	Psalms 8	The wonderful name of the Lord
Sunday	Luke 8:26-39	Jesus casts out demons



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*Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. **Romans 5:1 (NRSV)***

A Prayer for the Week:

Triune God, you come to us to save us and to bless us with peace and wisdom. Give us the faith to trust your love that never fails. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Loving God, we are in awe of your goodness and mercy that blesses us with this food. How majestic is your name in all the earth! Amen. (Psalm 8:1, 9)

A Blessing to Give:

May the God who created you, redeems you, and sustains you give you peace.

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

- When you think of your faith in God, what is most important to you?
- What questions do you have about God as Trinity (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit)?

Read: John 16:12-15.

The Gospel of John speaks of God as Father, Jesus (*"the Word made flesh"* in 1:14), and the Spirit. John makes clear that God has come near to us, to be with us intimately and not far away as a God to fear or avoid. There is an intimacy in the use of the word *"Father"* (John 16:15). There is an intimacy shown in the God who becomes flesh and dwells among us. There is an intimacy in the work of the Spirit that reveals all we need to know about Jesus. The Ortho-dox tradition speaks of a dance of love in the Triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The language of dance points to a mystery we will never fully grasp. What we are to understand is that the God of the dance shares a glory, a power of love that is intended for us all. Through faith we have a God who embraces us in a dance of love, of mercy, and of peace forever.

Discuss: How does using the language of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit help you in your relationship to God? How is using that language difficult for you?

Pray: **God of glory and love, help us to receive what we need so that we may trust you and love the world you love through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, what is something you could do to show the great love of our Triune God?

In honor of the Trinity make the sign of the cross. Bring the thumb, index and middle finger together (representing the Trinity), touch your forehead while saying: **In the name of the Father**, then touch your lower chest while saying: **and of the Son**, then touch the one shoulder (left first for western Christian traditions, right first for eastern Christian traditions) while saying: **and of the Holy Spirit**, and then cross to the other shoulder. Finish by saying: **Amen**. Making the sign of the cross reminds us of our baptism and the grace we have received through the cross of Jesus. Do this when you wake, eat meals, or during devotions this week.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31; Psalm 8
Romans 5:1-5; John 16:12-15