

# KOUNTZE MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

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EIGHTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST



*Today's texts offer instruction and encouragement for all who are occasionally overwhelmed by the "unhappy business" of life. Jesus urges us to take care and be on guard against all kinds of greed. We who have died with Christ in holy baptism have also been raised with him and are encouraged to elevate our thinking, seeking the "things that are above." To that end we seek the sustenance of the Lord's supper and the encouragement of God's word.*

# 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**

*“All Depends of Our Possessing”*

**ELW 589 vs 1, 3, 5**

**1 All depends on our possessing  
God's free grace and constant blessing,  
though all earthly wealth depart.  
They who trust with faith unshaken  
by their God are not forsaken  
and will keep a dauntless heart.**

**3 When with sorrow I am stricken,  
hope my heart anew will quicken,  
all my longing shall be stilled.  
To your lovingkindness tender  
all my being I surrender:  
Lord, on you alone I build.**

**5 If on earth my days should lengthen,  
God, my weary soul still strengthen;  
all my trust in you I place.  
Earthly wealth is not abiding;  
like a stream away it's gliding;  
safe I anchor in your grace.**

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Nürnberg, 1676;  
tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.

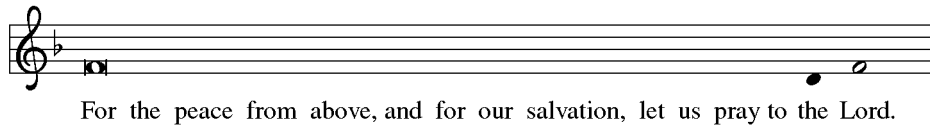
**APOSTOLIC GREETING**

- ☐** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- ☑** **And also with you.**

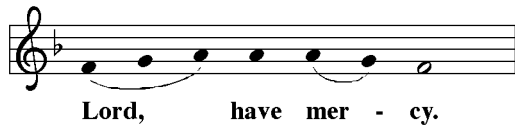
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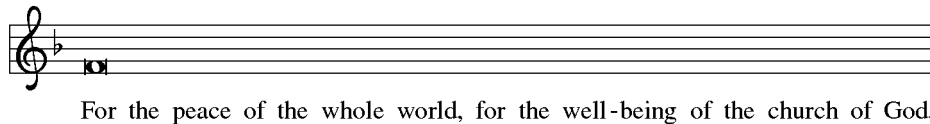
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



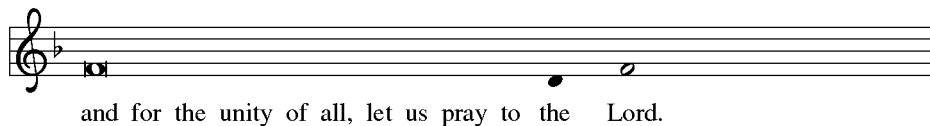
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



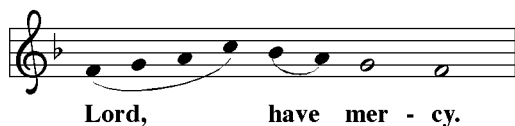
**Lord, have mer - cy.**



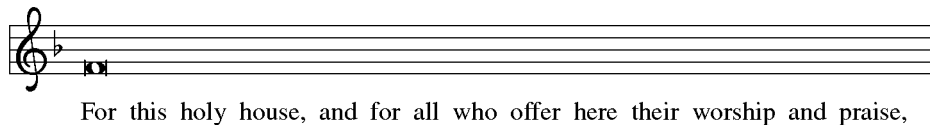
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



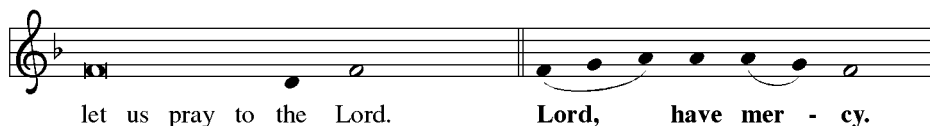
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



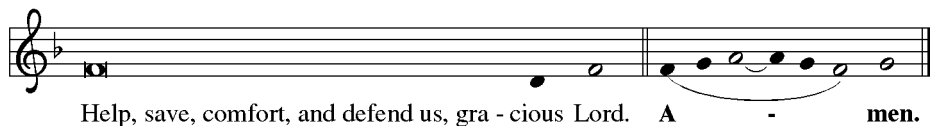
**Lord, have mer - cy.**



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** Benevolent God,  
**C** you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## WORD

(sit)

### FIRST READING

**Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23**

*The teacher of wisdom who wrote Ecclesiastes sees that working for mere accumulation of wealth turns life into an empty game, a “vanity of vanities.” Nevertheless, he asserts in the next verse, it is good to find enjoyment in one’s work because such enjoyment is a gift from God.*

**V**anity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. <sup>12</sup>I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, <sup>13</sup>applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. <sup>14</sup>I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

<sup>2:18</sup>I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me <sup>19</sup>—and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. <sup>20</sup>So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, <sup>21</sup>because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. <sup>22</sup>What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? <sup>23</sup>For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

**L** The word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**PSALM 49:1-2** (*read responsively*)

<sup>1</sup>Hear this, all you peoples;  
give ear, all you who dwell in the world,

<sup>2</sup>**you of high degree and low,  
rich and poor together.**

<sup>3</sup>My mouth shall speak of wisdom,  
and my heart shall meditate on understanding.

<sup>4</sup>**I will incline my ear to a proverb  
and set forth my riddle upon the harp.**

<sup>5</sup>Why should I be afraid in evil days,  
when the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds me,

<sup>6</sup>**the wickedness of those who put their trust in their own prowess,  
and boast of their great riches?**

<sup>7</sup>One can never redeem another,  
or give to God the ransom for another's life;

<sup>8</sup>**for the ransom of a life is so great  
that there would never be enough to pay it,**

<sup>9</sup>in order to live forever and ever  
and never see the grave.

<sup>10</sup>**For we see that the wise die also; like the dull and stupid they perish  
and leave their wealth to those who come after them.**

<sup>11</sup>Their graves shall be their homes forever, their dwelling places from generation to generation,  
though they had named lands after themselves.

<sup>12</sup>**Even though honored, they cannot live forever;  
they are like the beasts that perish.**

**SECOND READING**

**Colossians 3:1-11**

*Life in Christ includes a radical reorientation of our values. Just as the newly baptized shed their old clothes and put on new garments, so Christians are called to let go of greed and take hold of a life shaped by God's love in Christ.*

**S**o if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup>Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, <sup>3</sup>for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup>When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

<sup>5</sup>Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). <sup>6</sup>On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. <sup>7</sup>These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. <sup>8</sup>But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. <sup>9</sup>Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices <sup>10</sup>and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. <sup>11</sup>In that renewal there is no longer Greek and

Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

**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. Luke.

**C** Glory to you, O Lord.

## HOLY GOSPEL

**Luke 12:13-21**

*In God's reign, the "rich will be sent away empty." Jesus uses a parable to warn against identifying the worth of one's life with the value of one's possessions rather than one's relationship with God.*

Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus,] "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." <sup>14</sup>But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" <sup>15</sup>And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." <sup>16</sup>Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. <sup>17</sup>And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' <sup>18</sup>Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. <sup>19</sup>And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' <sup>20</sup>But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' <sup>21</sup>So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to you, O Christ.

(sit)

## CHILDREN'S BLESSING 9:00 AM

*Children (aged 3 years through 5<sup>th</sup> grade) are invited to come forward for a blessing. Then, they may either return to their seat and use the Spark Bible and/or activity bags during the regular sermon, or follow Ms. Boe upstairs for an activity in the Sunday School room.*

## SERMON

*Pastor Duminy*



*(stand)*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*“Jesus, Priceless Treasure”*

**ELW 775**

**1 Jesus, priceless treasure,  
source of purest pleasure,  
truest friend to me:  
ah, how long I've panted,  
and my heart has fainted,  
thirsting, Lord, for thee!  
Thine I am, O spotless Lamb;  
nothing in this world can hide thee,  
naught I ask beside thee.**

**2 In thine arm I rest me;  
foes who would molest me  
cannot reach me here.  
Though the earth be shaking,  
every heart be quaking,  
Jesus calms my fear.  
Lightnings flash and thunders crash;  
yet, though sin and hell assail me,  
Jesus will not fail me.**

**3 Hence, all fears and sadness,  
for the Lord of gladness,  
Jesus, enters in.  
God, who dearly loves us,  
from all trial saves us,  
gives sweet peace within.  
I have borne this worldly scorn;  
still in thee lies purest pleasure:  
Jesus, priceless treasure!**

Text: Johann Franck, 1618-1677;  
tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.

## **THE APOSTLES' CREED 9:00 AM**

- ℟** 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.**

## **HOLY BAPTISM 11:00 AM**

see ELW pg 227

## THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Response: **P** God of grace,  
**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)*

**Thanksgiving:** for the baptism of Sylvia Madeline Chida, daughter of Andrew and Maria Chida; for the marriage of Adam Arispe and Christine Stasi

**Illness:** Patty Baker, Richard Bock, Don Burton, Myrna Carter, Shirley Dietrich, Martha Eckman, Mike Edris, Rodney Edwards, Philip Frye, Susie Henry, Richard Holzer, Joan Jacobson-Trotter, Jason Klonglan, Rosanne Klug, Orville Knapp, Amy Kunz, Chris Meyer, Jane Meyer, Lara McCormick, Paul Rath, John Ray, son of Betty Callies, Stephanie Stephens, Dorothy Yeshnowski

**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; Katie Larson, Columbia; Rev. Robert and Kathy Moore, Wittenburg Center, Germany; 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*— Katie Larson, Giselle Loucks, Justin Perkins

## THE PEACE IS SHARED

**P** The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**C** 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

*“We Are Called”*

by David Haas  
Grace & Siri Dey, vocalists

(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

☐ God of abundance:

☑ 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 SUNDAYS IN PENTECOST

### 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 Christ, with Christ, in Christ, 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 away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**  
**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**  
**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

- ☩** Come to the banquet.  
**☩** 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 Living Bread from Heaven"*

**ELW 542**

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| <p><b>1 O living Bread from heaven,<br/>how well you feed your guest!<br/>The gifts that you have given<br/>have filled my heart with rest.<br/>O wondrous food of blessing!<br/>O cup that heals our woes!<br/>My heart, this gift possessing,<br/>in thankful song o'er flows.</b></p> <p><b>2 My Savior, you have led me<br/>within your holiest place,<br/>and here yourself have fed me<br/>with treasures of your grace;<br/>for you have freely given<br/>what earth could never buy,<br/>the bread of life from heaven,<br/>that now I shall not die.</b></p> | <p><b>3 You gave me all I wanted;<br/>this food can death destroy.<br/>And you have freely granted<br/>the cup of endless joy.<br/>My Lord, I do not merit<br/>the favor you have shown;<br/>and all my soul and spirit<br/>bow down before your throne.</b></p> <p><b>4 Oh, grant me then, well-strengthened<br/>with heav'nly food, while here<br/>my course on earth is lengthened,<br/>to serve you, free from fear;<br/>and bring me home to praise you<br/>where none can peace destroy,<br/>where I will ever raise you<br/>glad songs in endless joy.</b></p> |
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Text: Johann Rist, 1607-1667;  
tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.

- 1 Faith begins by letting go,  
giving up what had seemed sure,  
taking risks and pressing on,  
though the way feels less secure:  
pilgrimage both right and odd,  
trusting all our life to God.**
- 2 Faith endures by holding on,  
keeping mem'ry's roots alive  
so that hope may bear its fruit;  
promise-fed, our souls will thrive,  
not through merit we possess  
but by God's great faithfulness.**
- 3 Faith matures by reaching out,  
stretching minds, enlarging hearts,  
sharing struggles, living prayer,  
binding up the broken parts;  
till we find the commonplace  
ripe with witness to God's grace.**

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944  
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*(stand)*

## **POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

- ☐** Life-giving God,
- ☑** **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

- ☞ 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

*“God of Grace and God of Glory”*

ELW 705

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| <p><b>1 God of grace and God of glory,<br/>on your people pour your pow'r;<br/>crown your ancient church's story;<br/>bring its bud to glorious flow'r.<br/>Grant us wisdom, grant us courage<br/>for the facing of this hour,<br/>for the facing of this hour.</b></p> <p><b>2 Lo! the hosts of evil round us<br/>scorn the Christ, assail his ways!<br/>From the fears that long have bound us<br/>free our hearts to faith and praise.<br/>Grant us wisdom, grant us courage<br/>for the living of these days,<br/>for the living of these days,</b></p> | <p><b>3 Cure your children's warring madness;<br/>bend our pride to your control;<br/>shame our wanton, selfish gladness,<br/>rich in things and poor in soul.<br/>Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,<br/>lest we miss your kingdom's goal,<br/>lest we miss your kingdom's goal.</b></p> <p><b>4 Save us from weak resignation<br/>to the evils we deplore;<br/>let the gift of your salvation<br/>be our glory evermore.<br/>Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,<br/>serving you whom we adore,<br/>serving you whom we adore.</b></p> |
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Text: Harry E. Fosdick, 1878-1969

## DISMISSAL

- ☞ Go in peace. Love your neighbor.  
☞ 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.

### **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 Adam & Christina (Stasi) Arispe

**Eternal Candle** is given to the glory of God by Dean & Darlene Anderson in honor of their 67<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary

### **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. 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. Fellowship **Next week:** Update on the Stained Glass Windows.

## This Week at Kountze Memorial

### July 31 Sunday

Pentecost 8

9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Worship

9:00 AM Nursery (0-2 yrs.)

10:10 AM Holy Play

10:10 AM Adult Forum

### August 1 Monday

10:00 AM Pantry

### August 2 Tuesday

9:00 AM Staff Meeting

### August 3 Wednesday

12:15 PM Worship

### August 4 Thursday

4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic

### August 5 Friday

5:00 PM Pantry

### August 6 Saturday

Homebound Communion

5:00 PM Worship

### August 7 Sunday

Pentecost 9

Homebound Communion

9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Worship

9:00 AM Nursery (0-2 yrs.)

10:10 AM Holy Play

10:10 AM Adult Forum

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## For Your Calendar/News & Notes

### 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Youth

#### Sunday, August 14

#### 10:10 to 10:50 AM

Join us for a time to gather. Bring your calendars and talk with your parents about your schedule for the fall. Many ideas have come forward and we want to get things scheduled for the first half of the school year. A time to share summer best and summer bummers with prayer will close our time. See you on the 14<sup>th</sup>!

### Scholarships

#### Application Deadline is August 15

The Scholarship Program makes funds available to any active member of Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church who is a student enrolled and attending any post secondary education college or seminary. In order for a student to be deemed an active member of Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church, the student, or the student's parent/guardian, must be an actively communing and contributing member of Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church as evident in their worship life. Applications for this scholarship can be found on the website at: Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church under tab Grow/Youth Ministries/Scholarships. Due to the reforming of the Scholarship Committee, the last day to submit an application this year is August 15. If mailed, the postmark must be August 15 or earlier. No applications will be accepted after that date.

### Bible Studies Begin Again!

#### Mondays, 6:00 PM or

#### Wednesdays, 11:00 AM

#### Beginning August 15 & 17

Join with others and Pastor Shari in the Fellowship Lounge. We will gather around the Word and explore how the Bible speaks to our lives today. We will try out a few different ways to approach study of the Bible before deciding as a group how to proceed. Looking forward to a weekly journey with you and your Bibles.

### A Gathering for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Graders

#### Sunday, August 21

#### 10:10 AM

All are welcome to join us in the Youth Center between worship times! This will be a time to learn more about each other, play some games, have devotions, and share in prayer. We hope to see you!

### Help Wanted – Night Manager

Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church is currently accepting applications and resumes for the position of Night Manager. The individual would live on site in the Church apartment and be responsible for the Kountze Campus afterhours and when the facility is closed for inclement weather. Some light janitorial duties, opening and closing the building for worship services and special functions, verifying doors are locked etc. Please call or stop by the church office to request a complete job description and submit an application and resume. Applications are due into the church office by August 21, 2022.

### Transportation for Refugee Family

### **(Change in Request)**

We give thanks for the donation of a car! Guldin is working hard at passing his tests to drive. The help needed going forward is your donations toward registration, insurance, etc. Just mark your check "for refugee family." Kountze has done wonderful work supporting this family. Thank you for your continued gifts and prayers.

### **Sunday School Volunteers**

We are looking for volunteers to teach and assist for the upcoming school year one week-end a month. We are in need of Preschool volunteers, Kindergarten through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teachers and assistants, and 3<sup>rd</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grade teachers and assistants. The lesson is prepared and scripted with all activities ready to go for that day. If you have any questions, please contact Kristin Boe at kristin@kmlchurch.org. Your leadership would be greatly appreciated!

### **Let's get Back to Sunday Morning Breakfast!**

Could you assist once a month on a breakfast crew or bring 2 dozen pastries for the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month? We are also looking for individuals that would be on a list for people to call if they are not able to make it one weekend. Consider how you might help bring back this popular ministry for our congregation. Sign-up is located on the welcome desk.

### **Kountze Food Pantry**

The Kountze Food Pantry is requesting donations of hygiene products for our guests. We are in need of toothbrushes and toothpaste, shampoo and conditioner, razors and shave cream, bar soap and/or body wash and deodorant. Toilet tissue is another high-demand item. Please leave your donations in the box in Fellowship Hall. Thank you to all the willing hands doing God's work at the Food Pantry! Please continue to sign up in the Meeting Room A in Fellowship Hall, or at the following link:

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

### **Attendance & Giving**

**Saturday:** 37

**Sunday: 9:00:** 103 **11:00:** 75

**Wednesday: 12:15:** 13

**Total:** 228

**Streaming:** 49

**Cox Cable:** 129

**Pantry Guests Served:** 1,308 (inc. 421 children)

**Medical Clinic Guests Served:** 20

**Offering:**

\$18,271.00 (Regular) \$2,859.32 (Specials)

\$3,923.50 (Debt Reduction)

# CONGREGATIONAL

# MEEETTING

**Sunday, August 14 | 10:15 AM | Fellowship Hall**

**Election of Council Members**

*Our lives are renewed daily in Christ.*

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

Sunday	Luke 12:13-21	Parable of the rich fool
Monday	Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23	Wisdom makes sense
Tuesday	Colossians 3:1-11	New life in Christ
Wednesday	Ephesians 4:17-24	The old life and the new
Thursday	Psalm 19:7-13	The wonders of God
Friday	2 Corinthians 4:16-18	Living by faith
Saturday	Psalm 49:1-12	Do not depend on wealth
Sunday	Luke 12:32-40	Seek treasures in heaven



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Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. Colossians 3:2-3 (NRSV)

**A Prayer for the Week:**

Almighty and Eternal God, we thank you that you bring us new life each day, a life that one day will be fully revealed with Christ in glory. Amen.

**Mealtime Prayer:**

For life and health and every blessing, including this gift of food today, we give you thanks, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**A Blessing to Give:**

May the glory of Christ lead you into each new day with hope.

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

- What is something most people do not know about you?
- How would you describe to someone else a life in Christ?

**Read:** Colossians 3:1-11.

This is a beautiful passage that brings comfort and encouragement for a life in Christ. God sees what the world cannot see. Our lives are hidden in the grace and mercy of Christ. How wonderful is that? Our true identities will not always be hidden: "When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory" (v. 4). The scripture reading begins, "So if you have been raised with Christ." It really means "since you have been raised with Christ." There is no conditional "if" implied, but an absolute "since." Because of God in Christ, we have a beautiful and joyous life that will be fully revealed one day. In the meantime, we live believing this. We continue to "put to death" those behaviors and attitudes that are inconsistent with a life in Christ. We already live the resurrection life, being renewed each day confessing our shortcomings, our sin, and receiving grace, mercy, and forgiveness. Wow!

**Discuss:** What does it mean to you to know that through the resurrection your life is renewed each day?

**Pray:** Almighty God, help us to trust that our future is filled with goodness and mercy and that our lives are being renewed each day, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, how might you serve others with grace and mercy?

Being "rich towards God" (Luke 12:21) means growing in generosity toward those who are in need. Giving regularly to God's work in and through the church is a practice for keeping our accumulation of earthly things in check. Setting aside a portion of our income for giving to those in need reminds us that God is the giver of all we have. Think or talk about how you determine your financial giving to others and why it is important to give in this way. Encourage children by teaching them about: Giving – for the needs and benefit of others; Saving – to reach a goal, instead of instant gratification; and, Spending – making wise purchasing decisions.

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:** Genesis 15:1-6; Psalm 33:12-22  
Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16; Luke 12:32-40