

# **KOUNTZE MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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

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**FOURTH SUNDAY of ADVENT  
CANDLELIGHT CAROL SERVICE**



## PRELUDE

*Silence is kept for reflection and meditation.*

### ***O magnum mysterium***

Thomás Luis de Victoria, c. 1548 – 1611  
arr. David R. Thomas

Kountze Brass  
Dan Nesbitt and Jaime Tyser, Trumpets  
Jason Stromquist and Jay Wise, Trombones

### ***Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence***

Picardy and Une Jeune Pucelle/arr. A. Borzova

Mark Jones, Organ

### ***O Come, O Come Emmanuel***

French processional, 15<sup>th</sup> c./arr. J. Wise

Sara Renner, Oboe

### ***Jesu-Noel***

J.S. Bach, 1685-1750/arr. E. Whitsett

David Gerard, Piano  
Mark Jones, Organ

### ***Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming***

M. Praetorius, c. 1571-1621/arr. Rondeau

Kountze Brass

### ***Break Forth O Beauteous Heavenly Light***

J.S. Bach

Kountze Brass



## **Instructions for Communion**

*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.*

## GATHERING AND WORD

### Bell tolls

(stand)

### Choral Introit

***Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus***, excerpt  
*Southern Harmony*, 1835/arr. R. Hobby

Kountze Choir

### Scripture Readings

***John 1:1-9***

Pastor Duminy

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.

The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world.

### Processional Hymn

***Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus***

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788

Music: *Southern Harmony*, 1835

ELW 254

Oboe

Handbells

### Greeting

Pastor Duminy

- ☞ Blessed be the holy Trinity one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, the Lord of Israel who comes to set us free, the mighty Savior who comes to show mercy, the Dawn from on high who guides us into peace.

☞ Amen

## Prayer of the Day

*Book of Common Prayer*

Pastor Duminy

☞ Purify my conscience, Almighty God,

☞ **by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in me a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

*(sit)*

**Welcome**

Pastor Griffith

## Scripture Reading

***Luke 1:26-38***

Pastor Griffith

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

## Reading

from *Martin Luther's Christmas Book* (Annunciation, Visitation)  
and Luther's commentary on the Magnificat  
Martin Luther, 1483-1546

Pastor Duminy

We must both read and meditate upon the Nativity. If the meditation does not reach the heart, we shall sense no sweetness, nor shall we know what solace for humankind lies in this contemplation. There is such richness and goodness in this Nativity that if we should see and deeply understand, we should be dissolved in perpetual joy. . . [Mary] held fast to the word of the angel because she had become a new creature. Even so must we be transformed and renewed in heart from day to day.

When she knew that her cousin Elizabeth was with child, she had no peace until she had gone to her. She went with joy, love, and humility, but the chief reason was the word of the angel and that she believed it. "And it came to pass, that, when Elizabeth heard the salutation of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Ghost: And she spoke out with a loud voice, and said, Blessed art thou among women." Then Mary broke forth into singing. Her song is called the Magnificat because it begins with the words: "My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior. For he hath regarded the low estate of his handmaiden" . . . "My soul magnifies Him." — that is, my whole life and being, mind and strength, esteem Him highly. She is caught up, as it were, unto Him, and feels herself lifted up into His good and gracious will ... such a lively inclination [will] be awakened in us when we experience the favor of God, which is exceedingly great in His works. All words and thoughts fail us, and our whole life and soul must be set in motion, as though all that lived in us would like to break forth into praise and singing.

(stand)

## Gospel Acclamation

### *My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness, O God*

Nicole Campbell, Flute

Text: adapted from *Magnificat*

Music: Holden Evening Prayer

Marty Haugen

**Stanza 1: All Women**

**Stanza 2: All**

**Stanza 3: All Women**

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). It consists of five staves of music with lyrics underneath. The first staff begins with a repeat sign and the tempo marking 'All:'. The lyrics are: '1., 3. My — soul pro - claims your / 2. You have cast the might - y'. The second staff continues with: 'great - ness, O God, and my spir - it re - joic - es in / down from their thrones, and up - lift - ed the hum - ble of'. The third staff has: 'you, You have looked with love on your / heart, You have filled the hun - gry with'. The fourth staff includes the phrase 'fine last time' above a fermata on the final note, with lyrics: 'ser - vant here, and blessed me all my life through. / won - drous things, and left the wealth - y no part.'. The fifth staff concludes with: 'Great and might - y are you, O Ho - ly One, / Great and might - y are you, O Faith - ful One,'.

*All:*

1., 3. My — soul pro - claims your  
2. You have cast the might - y

great - ness, O God, and my spir - it re - joic - es in  
down from their thrones, and up - lift - ed the hum - ble of

you, You have looked with love on your  
heart, You have filled the hun - gry with

*fine last time*

ser - vant here, and blessed me all my life through.  
won - drous things, and left the wealth - y no part.

Great and might - y are you, O Ho - ly One,  
Great and might - y are you, O Faith - ful One,



strong is your kind - ness ev - er - more.  
 strong is your jus - tice strong your love,  
 How you fa - vor the weak — and low - ly one,  
 As you prom - ised to Sar - ah and A - bra - ham,  
 hum - bling the proud of heart.  
 kind - ness for - ev - er - more.

Text and Music: Marty Haugen, b. 1950; © 1990, GIA Publications, Inc.

*(sit)*

## Scripture reading

***Luke 2: 1-7***

Pastor Duminy

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

## Reading

from *God Is In the Manger*

Dietrich Bonhoeffer, 1906-1945

Bruce Nissen

...a child is placed here at the midpoint of world history - a child born of human beings, a son given by God (*Isa. 9:6*). That is the mystery of the redemption of the world; everything past and everything future is encompassed here. The infinite mercy of the almighty God comes to us, descends to us in the form of a child, his Son. That this child is born *for us*, this son is given *to us*, that this human child and Son of God belongs to me, that I know him, have him, that I am his and he is mine - on this alone my life now depends. A child has our life in his hands . . .

## *Silent Night*

Text: Joseph Mohr, 1792-1848

Music: Franz Gruber, 1787-1863

ELW 281

**Stanza 1, All**

Stanza 2, *Choir only*

**Stanza 3, All**

## Poetic Reading

*Beside Thy Manger Here I Stand*

Paul Gerhardt, 1607-76 /tr. William Czamanske

Bruce Nissen

☑ **Beside Thy manger here I stand,  
Dear Jesus, Lord and Savior  
A gift of love within my hand  
To thank Thee for Thy favor.  
O take my humble offering;  
My heart, my soul, yea, everything  
Is Thine to keep forever.**

**O grant me this abundant grace  
And let it be Thy pleasure  
That I would be Thy dwelling place,  
Dear Savior, sweetest treasure!  
O let me be Thy manger bed,  
Then shall I lift my lowly head  
With joy beyond all measure.**

## Reading

from *God Is In the Manger*  
Dietrich Bonhoeffer, 1906-45

Pastor Duminy

“Joy to the world!” Anyone for whom this sound is foreign, or who hears in it nothing but weak enthusiasm, has not yet really heard the gospel. For the sake of humankind, Jesus Christ became a human being in a stable in Bethlehem: Rejoice, O Christendom! For sinners, Jesus Christ became a companion of tax collectors and prostitutes: Rejoice, O Christendom! For the condemned, Jesus Christ was condemned to the cross on Golgotha: Rejoice, O Christendom! For all of us, Jesus Christ was resurrected to life: Rejoice, O Christendom! All over the world today people are asking: Where is the path to joy? The church of Christ answers loudly: Jesus is our joy! (1 Pet. 1:7-9). Joy to the world!

*(stand)*

### ***Joy to the World***

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

Music: English melody, 18th c./arr. L. Mason and Nelhybel

ELW 267

Kountze Brass

**Stanza 1: All**

**Stanza 4: All**

*(sit)*

### **Scripture Reading**

***Luke 2:8-14***

Pastor Duminy

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

“Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”

*(stand)*

## **Angels We Have Heard on High**

Text: French Carol, 1862

Music: French Carol/arr. Edward S. Barnes, 1887-1958/arr. Nelhybel

ELW 289

Kountze Brass

Handbells

**Stanza 1: All**

**Stanza 2: All**

*(sit)*

## **Scripture Reading**

**Luke 2:15-16**

Pastor Duminy

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger.

## **Christmas Proclamation**

***This Holy Night***

Text: Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Augsburg Fortress

Music: Scott Weidler

Jessica Rajewich

Soprano

Handbells

Rejoice, O heavens! This holy night the stars of the sky dance with laughter and the doors to paradise burst open.

Rejoice, O earth! This holy night the mountains and hills leap for joy and the valleys rise in splendor, for a rose blooms in the desert.

Rejoice, O people! This holy night the animals murmur with delight and the shepherds run with great joy, for a child is born in Bethlehem.

Rejoice, O heavens, O earth, O people! This holy night the whole creation marvels as the grace of God appears, joining heaven and earth forever and ever.

## Scripture Reading

*Luke 2:17-20*

Pastor Duminy

When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

## Choral Anthem

*Sing We Now of Christmas*

Kountze Choir

Text: French Traditional, 15th c./adapted by K. Pederson

Oboe

Music: French carol, 15th c./arr. by K. Pederson

Sing we now of Christmas, Noel here.  
Hearts in expectation, Noel drawing near.  
Sing we Noel, Noel, Noel;  
Sing we now of Christmas, Sing we now Noel.

In stillness lay the world in silent reverie;  
longing for the birth of love and mercy.  
Yearning for hope, good news to fill our souls;  
turning to the manger that grounds all mystery.

Angels bending low, shepherds bend their knee,  
Wise men from the east, all have come the child to see.  
All of creation where love has come to dwell;  
Sing we now of Christmas, the good news that we tell.

Sing Noel!

## Poetic Reading

Robert Louis Stevenson, 1850-1894

Bruce Nissen

☑ **Loving Father,**  
**Help us remember the birth of Jesus,**  
**that we may share in the song of the angels,**  
**the gladness of the shepherds,**  
**and the worship of the wise men.**

☑ Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!

## Meal

### Offertory

#### *Go Tell it on the Mountain*

Text and Music: African American Spiritual

Organ  
Piano  
Tambourine

#### **Refrain, All**

Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere:  
go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!

#### **Stanza 1, All**

While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,  
behold throughout the heavens there shone a holy light.

Refrain

#### **Stanza 2, All**

The shepherds feared and trembled when, lo, above the earth  
rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's birth.

Refrain

#### **Stanza 3, All**

Down in a lonely manger the humble Christ was born;  
and God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn.

Refrain

Refrain (Yes!)

## Reading

excerpts from *Meditations on Psalms*  
Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Bruce Nissen

### *Psalm 41:4*

I said, "O Lord, have mercy on me;  
heal me, for I have sinned against you."

This is a confession. The manger, where the Son of God came in flesh, is the right place for our confession. The one who assumed our flesh and blood knows our heart. We are all damaged and torn by our manifold sins. Where else should we seek grace . . . than the manger where God humbled himself? Where else would we seek healing for our soul, for our life, than with him who appears to us as Savior?

To the one who is alone and lacking brotherly companionship and support, God reveals in a wonderful way true companionship, wherever we are. We speak then in the spirit that so often comes upon us at the Table of the Lord: Heal my soul; for I have sinned against thee. So shall we be thankful, on this Holy Night, once more for the grace of God.

*(stand)*

## Holy Communion

- 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.**

## The Words of Institution

Pastor Duminy

## The Lord's Prayer



Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your name,



your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en.



Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we



for-give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of tri - al



and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow'r,



and the glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men.

### Invitation to Communion

Hunger no more. Thirst no more.

Come to the banquet of life.

Pastor Duminy

### The Distribution

*(See instructions on page 2)*

(sit)

## Hymns During Communion

### *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

Text: Phillips Brooks, 1835-1893

Music: Lewis Redner, 1831-1908

ELW 279

Flute

**Stanza 1: Women and Girls**

**Stanza 3: Men and Boys**

**Stanza 4: All**

### *Where Shepherds Lately Knelt*

ACS 909



1 Where shep-herds late - ly knelt and kept the an - gel's word,  
2 In that un - like - ly place I find him as they said:  
3 How should I not have known I - sa - iah would be there,  
4 Can I, will I for - get how Love was born, and burned



I come in half - be - lief, a pil - grim strange - ly stirred.  
sweet new - born babe, how frail! and in a man - ger bed:  
his proph - e - cies ful - filled? With pound - ing heart I stare:  
its way in - to my heart— un - asked, un - forced, un - earned,



But there is room and wel - come there for me;  
a still, small voice to cry one day for me;  
a child, a son, the Prince of peace for me;  
to die, to live, and not a - lone for me;



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a child, a son, the Prince of peace for me.  
to die, to live, and not a - lone for me?

Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda, 1919–2008

Music: MANGER SONG, Carl F. Schalk, b. 1929

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## ***Beautiful Savior***

ELW 838

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Münster, 1677

Oboe

Music: Silesian folk tune, 19th c./arr. Anders Öhrwall, 1932-2012

**Stanza 1: Men and Boys**

**Stanza 3: Women and Girls**

**Stanza 4: All; *Please stand***

## **Prayer After Communion**

***O Jesus, My Life***

Pastor Duminy

Coppini, ca. 1608

☞ Let us pray.

☞ **O Jesus, my life,  
in whom there is true salvation,  
O light of glory,  
beloved Jesus,  
O precious beauty  
Grant that I may taste your sweetness  
flowing sweet as honey.  
O my life,  
O glory of the heavens,  
Ah, bind me to you forever.**

## **Sending**

### **Scripture Readings**

***John 1:14***

Pastor Griffith

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

***1 John 1:1-4***

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us - we declare to you

what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

*(sit)*

## **Choral Blessing**

***Jul, Jul***

Text: Based on *Jul, Jul, strålande, Jul*, E. Evers, 1853-1919

Music: G. Nordqvist, 1886-1946/arr. Chris de Silva

Kountze Choir

Oboe

Jul, Jul, glorious Jul, shine bright for all creation.  
Starlight from heaven, illumine the night;  
in every heart, God's love shines and burns bright.  
Heaven's song sung time and time again;  
all the world longs for Love's peaceful refrain.  
Jul, Jul, glorious Jul, shine bright for all creation.

Come, come, Christmas Light, come,  
wrap us in wings of splendor.  
Turn us from turmoil, from darkness of sin;  
save us from sadness; birth gladness within.  
Watch over all those who journey to peace.  
Love, joy and wonder in each heart increase.  
Come, come, Christmas Light, come,  
wrap us in wings of splendor.

Shine bright.  
Love's peaceful refrain.  
Light, Christmas Light.  
Jul, Jul, glorious Jul.  
Jul, Jul, glorious Jul, shine bright for all creation.  
(*Jul* means *Christmas* in Swedish, Norwegian and Danish)

*(stand)*

## **Closing Prayer**

Aaronic Blessing

***Numbers 6:24-26***

Pastor Griffith

The Lord bless you and keep you;  
the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you;  
the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace. Amen.

## Recessional Hymn

### *Festival First Nowell*

Text: English Traditional

Music: English Traditional, 17th c./arr. Dan Forrest

Kountze Choir

Kountze Brass

#### **Stanza 1, All**

The first Nowell the angels did say Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;  
In fields where they lay, keeping their sheep, On a cold winter's night that was so deep:

#### **Refrain, All**

Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Born is the King of Israel.

Stanza 2, *Choir only*

Refrain, *Choir Only*

#### **Stanza 3, All**

Then let us all with one accord Sing praises to our heav'nly Lord  
That hath made heav'n and earth of nought, and with His blood mankind hath bought:

#### **Refrain, All**

Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Born is the King of Israel.

## Sending

Pastor Duminy

☞ Go in peace, share the news of salvation!

☛ **Thanks be to God!**

## Postlude

### *Wexford Carol*

Irish Traditional

Kountze Brass



## **THANK YOU!**

Thank you for joining us in word and song!  
Thank you to all who have given of their time and talents this evening!  
Please join us for a cheese and dessert reception following the service.

### **Many thanks to ...**

The Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church Pastors, Staff, and Volunteers

Readers

Pastor Stephen Griffith

Pastor Shari Duminy

Bruce Nissen

Barbara Carlsen, Director of Music and Fine Arts  
Adult Choir and Handbell Choir Director

Mark Jones, Organist/Accompanist

David Gerard, Pianist

Kountze Adult Choir

Kountze Handbells

Jacque Johnson, Jean Johnson

Judi Bergjord and Janet Campbell

Jessica Rajewich, Soprano

Kountze Brass

Jaime Tyser & Dan Nesbitt, trumpet

Jason Stromquist & Jay Wise, trombone

Sara Renner, Oboe

Nicole Campbell, Flute

Barbara Carlsen, Tambourine

Ron Brown, Sound Engineer

### **Merry Christmas!**

## **Worship with us this Christmas Season!**

### **Christmas Eve**

4:00 PM

Family Worship

7:00 PM

Candlelight Worship (in person, TV, and Livestream)

11:00 PM

Candlelight Worship

### **Christmas Day**

10:00 AM

NOTE TIME CHANGE

Worship (in person, TV, and Livestream)

### **New Year's Eve**

5:00 PM

Lessons and Carols

### **New Year's Day**

9:00 AM

NOTE TIME CHANGE

(Pre-recorded for TV and Livestream only)

10:00 AM

Lessons and Carols (in person)

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