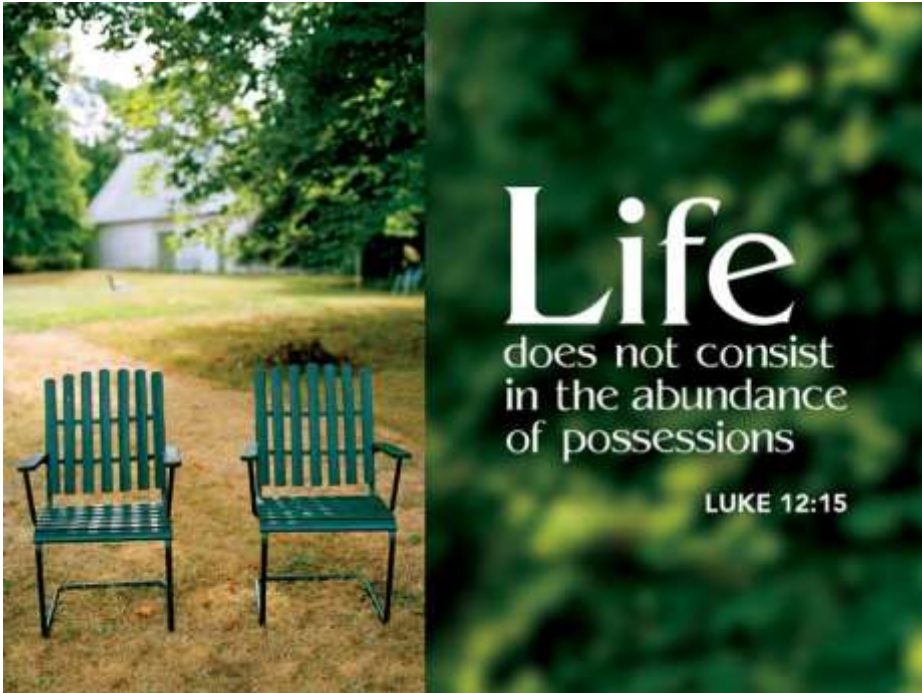


Eighth Sunday after Pentecost



July 31, 2022 | 9:00 a.m.

*Kviteseid Lutheran Church
308 North Third Street
Milan, Minnesota*

ORDER OF SERVICE

Welcome to Kviteseid Lutheran Church... as we gather to worship God — Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN

“You Servants of God”

ELW #825

INTRODUCTION

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.

CALL TO WORSHIP

P Our lives are in the care of God.

C **God has given us abundance and hope.**

P This day we have come to praise and thank God for all that God has done for us.

C **We gather to celebrate God's love and to offer our lives in service.**

P Come, let us open our hearts to the Lord!

C **Let us rejoice in God's goodness and love. Amen.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

C **Gracious God,
in our wanderings and selfish desires:
we have forsaken fellowship with our families,
our friends, and our neighbors;
we have neglected our communion with you,
choosing worldly pleasures and desires
over truth, justice, and righteousness.
In a world of plenty,
we have hoarded our earthly blessings,
rather than storing up our heavenly treasures.
Free us from such bondage,
that we may truly reveal
the presence of Christ in our lives. Amen.**

P In faith, we call out to a loving and forgiving God,
seeking to put aside our old life and put on Christ.
God surely answers our prayers.
In the name of Christ Jesus, our sins are forgiven.

C **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE “Glorious Things of You Are Spoken” (vs. 1, 2, & 4) ELW #647

GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

C **Benevolent God, 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.**

LESSON: 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.*

PSALM 49:1-12

L ¹Hear this, all you peoples; give ear, all you who dwell in the world,

C ²**you of high degree and low, rich and poor together.**

L ³My mouth shall speak of wisdom,
and my heart shall meditate on understanding.

C ⁴**I will incline my ear to a proverb and set forth my riddle upon the harp.**

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

C ⁶**the wickedness of those who put their trust in their own prowess,
and boast of their great riches?**

L ⁷One can never redeem another,
or give to God the ransom for another’s life;

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

L ⁹in order to live forever and ever and never see the grave.

C ¹⁰**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.**

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

C ¹²**Even though honored, they cannot live forever;
they are like the beasts that perish.**

LESSON: 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.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 12th chapter.

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

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.

P The Gospel of our Lord.

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

ELW #678
(Alt. tune: ELW #836)

APOSTLES' CREED

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C **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 Pilot,
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.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Each portion of the prayers ends with these words:

P Merciful God,

C **receive our prayer.**

The prayers are concluded with these words:

P Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom.

C **Amen.**

SHARING THE PEACE

P “Peace I leave with you,” said Jesus.
Let us now share this extravagant gift with one another.

P The peace of Christ be with you.

C **And also with you.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY RESPONSE “We Give Thee but Thine Own” (vs. 1 & 2) ELW #686

OFFERING PRAYER

C **O God, we stand before you as a people of faith, investing our lives and our treasures for the glory of your kingdom. Bless these gifts and those who gave them, in Jesus’ precious name. Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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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.**

**CHARGE

P Since you have been raised with Christ
seek the things that are of God,
and go forth to live lives worthy of your calling.

Col. 3:1-2

****BLESSING**

P May the God who gives us every good gift
bless you and keep you in the mind of Christ,
by the power of the Spirit who sustains us all.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“In Christ There Is No East or West”

ELW #650

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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