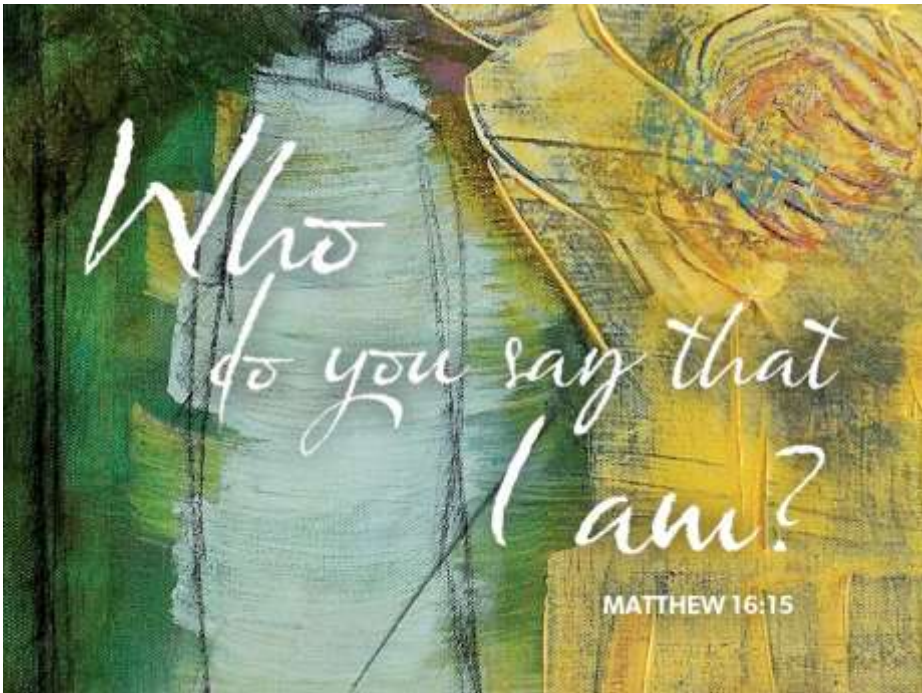


Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost



August 27, 2023 | 10:30 a.m.

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

ORDER OF SERVICE

Welcome to worship at Kviteseid Lutheran Church... and a time of fellowship as the family of Christ. I invite you to greet those around you in the peace of the Lord.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN "The Church's One Foundation" (vs. 1-2, 4-5) ELW #654

INTRODUCTION FOR THE DAY

In Isaiah the people are advised to look to their spiritual ancestors as the rock from which they were hewn. Jesus declares that the church will be built on the rock of Peter's bold confession of faith. God's word of reconciliation and God's mercy are keys to the church's mission. Paul urges us to not be conformed to this world but to offer our bodies as a living sacrifice, using our individual gifts to build up the body of Christ. From the table we go forth to offer our spiritual worship through word and deed.

**CALL TO WORSHIP

P We give thanks to God with our whole heart. *Ps. 138:1*
C **We give thanks for God's steadfast love and faithfulness!** *Ps. 138:2*
P Though high above all things, God sees the lowly. *Ps. 138:6*
C **Even when we are in deep trouble,
God makes us live again. The love of God lasts forever!** *Ps. 138:7a, 8b*

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Brothers and sisters, *Rom. 12:1*
with hope in the mercies of God,
we confess our sins before God and one another.
Merciful God,
we confess that we have conformed our lives *Rom. 12:2*
to the ways of the world and not the ways of your kingdom.
C **We think of ourselves too highly and regard others as lowly.** *Rom. 12:3*
P We exalt possessions and power, when you alone are to be exalted. *Ps. 138:2b*
C **We let conflicts prevail over grace and divisions over harmony.**
P Have mercy upon us, we pray.
C **Forgive and transform us,
that we may be holy and acceptable to you,
discerning and doing your will.
Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.**

P The steadfast love of the Lord never ends. *Ps. 138:8*
When we call out to God, God answers. *Ps. 138:3*

C **God saves us with a strong and outstretched hand.** *Ps. 138:7b*
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and helped to live in grace. Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE "Built on a Rock" (vs. 1-3) ELW #652

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 **O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

LESSON: Isaiah 51:1-6

Just as God had called Abraham and Sarah and given them many descendants, so now God offers comfort to Zion. God's deliverance will come soon and will never end.

PSALM 138

L ¹I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart;
before the gods I will sing your praise.

C ²**I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name,
because of your steadfast love and faithfulness;
for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.**

L ³When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me.

C ⁴**All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O LORD,
when they have heard the words of your mouth.**

L ⁵They will sing of the ways of the LORD, that great is the glory of the LORD.

C ⁶**The LORD is high, yet cares for the lowly,
perceiving the haughty from afar.**

L ⁷Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe;
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
your right hand shall save me.

C ⁸**You will make good your purpose for me; O LORD, your steadfast love
endures forever; do not abandon the works of your hands.**

LESSON: Romans 12:1-8

In response to God's merciful activity, we are to worship by living holistic, God-pleasing lives. Our values and viewpoints are not molded by the time in which we live but are transformed by the Spirit's renewing work. God's grace empowers different forms of service among Christians, but all forms of ministry function to build up the body of Christ.

HYMN

"We All Are One in Mission"

ELW #576

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 16th chapter.

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

GOSPEL: Matthew 16:13-20

At a climactic point in Jesus' ministry, God reveals to Peter that Jesus is "the Messiah, the Son of the living God," and Jesus responds with the promise of a church that will overcome the very gates of Hades.

P The Gospel of our Lord.

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

ELW #597

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 Hear us, O God,

C **Your mercy is great.**

The prayers are concluded with these words:

P Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, in the name of the one who reconciled all creation to himself, Jesus Christ our Savior.

C **Amen.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY RESPONSE "We Give Thee but Thine Own" (vs. 1-2) ELW #686

OFFERING PRAYER

P Generous God who always gives to each one of us the best, we thank you for this opportunity to share from our abundance. Bless these gifts, offered through the ministries and mission of this church. In Jesus' name, we pray.

C **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 Do not be conformed to this world,
but be transformed to live as the body of Christ in the world. *Rom. 12:2*

****BLESSING**

P May God who restores, Christ who calls,
and the Spirit who empowers
bless you and increase your joy and gladness,
now and always. *Isa. 51:3*

C **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN "O Savior, Precious Savior" ELW #820

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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