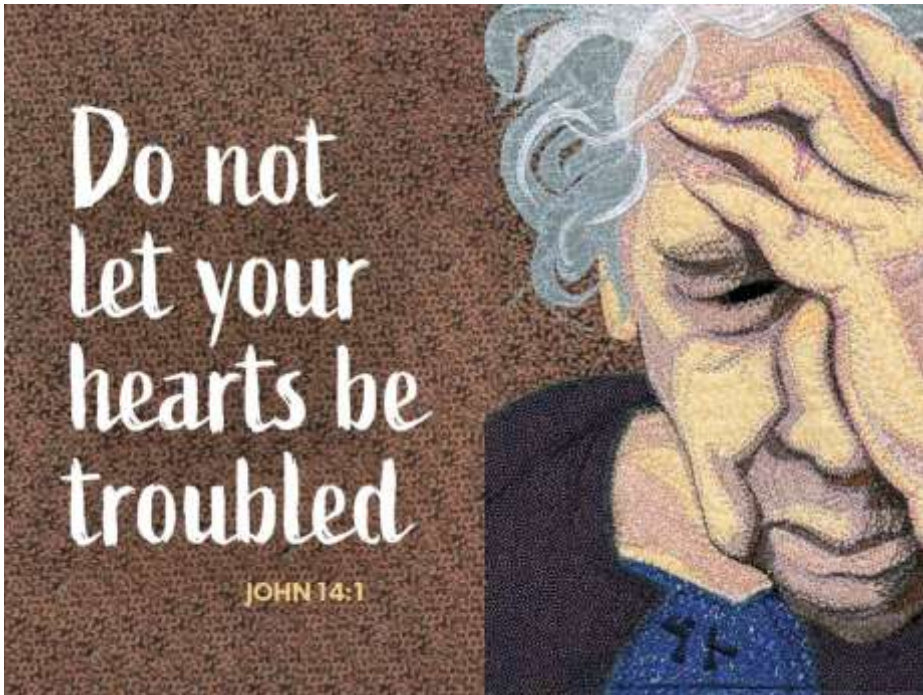


Fifth Sunday of Easter



May 7, 2023 | 9:00 a.m.

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

ORDER OF SERVICE

Welcome to Kviteseid Lutheran Church... You are a royal priesthood, God's own people. Welcome to worship, that we may proclaim the mighty acts of God, who called us into his marvelous light. (Based on 1 Peter 2:9.)

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING OF QUILTS

OPENING HYMN "Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing" (vs. 1, 4 & 5) ELW #389

INTRODUCTION FOR THE DAY

As we continue to celebrate the fifty days of Easter, today's gospel includes Jesus' promise that he goes to prepare a place for his followers in his Father's house. Our baptism commissions us to share Jesus' mission in the world. As 1 Peter reminds us, we are a holy people, called to proclaim the one who called us out of darkness into light. In words and deeds we bear witness to the risen Christ—our way, our truth, our life.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 31

P In you, Lord, I have taken refuge.

C **Let me never be put to shame. Deliver me in your righteousness.**

P Turn your ear to me. Come quickly to my rescue.

C **Be my rock of refuge, a strong fortress to save me.**

P Since you are my rock and my fortress,

C **lead and guide me, for the sake of your name.**

P Let your face shine upon your servant.

C **Save me in your unfailing love!**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.

C **Amen.**

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

P To you, O God,

C **all hearts are open, to you all desires known. We come to you, confessing our sins. Forgive us in your mercy, and remember us in your love.**

Show us your ways; teach us your paths; and lead us in justice and truth, for the sake of your goodness in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

P By water and the Holy Spirit God gives you a new birth, and through the death and resurrection of † Jesus Christ, God forgives you all your sins. The God of mercy and might strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life.

C Amen.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHOIR

SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDENT AND TEACHER RECOGNITION

CHILDREN'S SERMON

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 **Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

LESSON: Acts 7:55-60

Stephen was one of the seven men chosen by the apostles to serve tables so that the apostles could be free to serve the word (Acts 6:1-6). Stephen does more than distribute food, however. For his preaching of God's word, he becomes the first martyr of the faith.

PSALM 31: 1-5, 15-16

L ¹In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; deliver me in your righteousness.

C ²**Incline your ear to me; make haste to deliver me.**

L ³Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold; for the sake of your name, lead me and guide me.

C ⁴**Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, for you are my tower of strength.**

L ⁵Into your hands I commend my spirit, for you have redeemed me, O LORD, God of truth.

C ¹⁵**My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.**

L ¹⁶Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.

LESSON: 1 Peter 2:2-10

Christ is the cornerstone of God's saving work and the foundation of our lives. We are God's chosen, holy people who continuously celebrate and declare the mercy of God we experience through Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 14th chapter.

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

GOSPEL: John 14:1-14

On the night that he is to be arrested, Jesus shares final words with his disciples. As the one through whom God is known, he promises to go before them and act on their behalf.

P The Gospel of our Lord.

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

“You Are the Way”

ELW #758

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 Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

C **Amen.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY RESPONSE "Create in Me a Clean Heart" ELW #186

OFFERING PRAYER

P Receive these gifts O God, author of every good gift. Out of the bounty of our hearts, we respond with faithful generosity and love. May these gifts become blessings for others as they have been blessings for us.

C **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.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.**

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION HYMNS	"Lamb of God"	page 154
	"Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!"	ELW #377
	"Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!"	ELW #380
	"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!"	ELW #385

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being.
With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together.
Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name.

C **Amen.**

****BLESSING**

P May Jesus Christ, the way, the truth, and the life, be with you. *John 14:6*
May the Spirit empower you to serve in Christ's name.
May God, who raised Christ from the dead, keep you forevermore.

C **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN "I Know That My Redeemer Lives!" (vs. 1, 2, 7 & 8) ELW #619

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

C **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

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