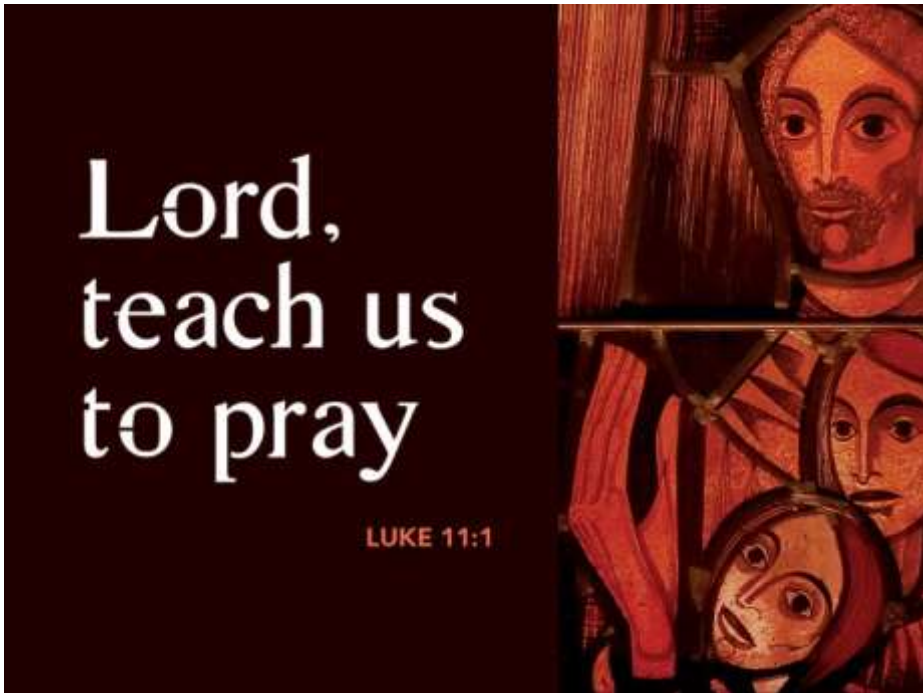


Seventh Sunday after Pentecost



July 24, 2022 | 9:00 a.m.

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

RDER OF SERVICE

Welcome to Kviteseid Lutheran Church... Dear family, welcome to this time of worship. Share a word of peace with someone now.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN “Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty” ELW #533

INTRODUCTION

Persistence in prayer is encouraged by Jesus and wins the attention of God when Abraham intercedes for Sodom. The life of the baptized—to be rooted and built up in Christ Jesus—is to be nurtured with prayer. God hears and answers prayer and so strengthens God’s own. “When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me.”

OPENING PRAYER

**C God of grace and God of glory,
come and be known to us in our gathering together;
come and be present in the songs we sing and in the prayers we raise.
From the busy byways of life, we come to find once again that you are
always present and always ready to receive us.
As we affirm our faith this day, deepen the roots of our commitment,
that we may learn your calling upon our lives.
Surround us now with the love and comfort of your Holy Spirit
and the direction and redemption of Christ. Amen.**

****CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**P Let us turn to the most Holy One and confess our sin, *Ps. 138:2*
confident in God’s faithful and steadfast love for us.**

**C Holy One, although we come to church on Sundays, *Luke 11:1*
we too often live the rest of the week as though you don’t exist.
We act as though we created ourselves,
with no connection to you,
with no hope of perfection.
Open us to your constant presence, Holy One.
Teach us to pray, and restore our sight,
that we may commune with you each day
in the light of eternity. Amen.**

P Hear this from God's Word: Neither death nor life, powers nor rulers, things present nor future, nor anything else in all creation can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. *Rom. 8:38*
Therefore do not let anyone condemn you or disqualify you from the body, but hold fast to its head, who nourishes growth from God. *Col. 2:16-19*
And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts. *Col. 3:15*

C Amen.

HYMN "Day by Day" ELW #790

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

C **Almighty and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience, and give us those good things that come only through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

LESSON: Genesis 18:20-32

In today's reading, Abraham undertakes the role of a mediator between God and sinful humanity. Appealing to God's justice, Abraham boldly asks for mercy for the city of Sodom for the sake of the few righteous people there, including Abraham's nephew, Lot.

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: Colossians 2:6-15

The writer of this letter warns the congregation in Colossae about “the empty lure” of philosophies and traditions that compromise faith. Through the gift of faith, the church is mystically connected with Christ in his death and resurrection which is enacted in baptism.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 11th chapter.

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

GOSPEL: Luke 11:1-13

In teaching his disciples this prayer, Jesus also reminds them to focus on God’s coming reign, God’s mercy, and the strengthening of the community. Jesus encourages his disciples to childlike trust and persistence in prayer.

P The Gospel of our Lord.

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

HYMN “Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying” (3 times) ELW #752

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY “I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say” ELW #611

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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 The peace of Christ, be with you always.

C And also with you.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY RESPONSE "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" ELW #884

OFFERING PRAYER

C Before you, O God, we offer our prayers, our presence, our gifts, and our service. We lay our gifts before you in thanksgiving for your many blessings. May these offerings continue the transforming work of your Spirit in and through our congregation. 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 Ask, and it will be given to you;
search, and you will find;
knock, and the door will be opened to you.

Luke 11:9

BENEDICTION

P Beloved of God, you have been healed and forgiven.
God has poured God's love upon you that you may be faithful disciples,
offering healing love and forgiveness to all.
Go in peace and may God's peace always be with you.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

ELW #742

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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