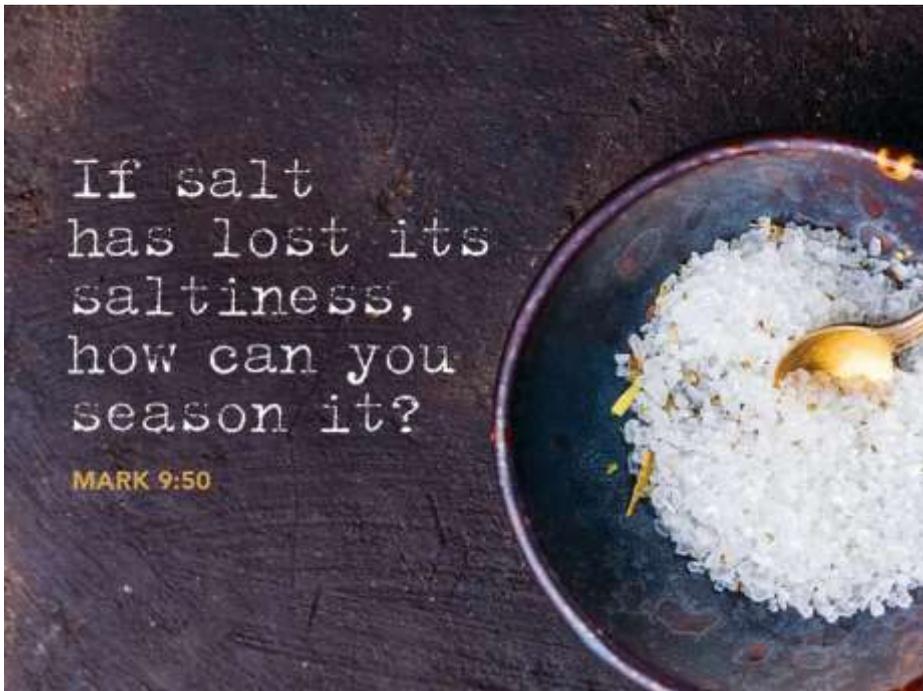


Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost



September 26, 2021 | 10:30 a.m.

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

ORDER OF SERVICE

Welcome to worship at Kviteseid Lutheran Church... As our Creator designed green leaves to turn fiery yellow, orange and red, may today's worship rekindle your faith with the fire of the Holy Spirit.

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN "God of Grace and God of Glory" ELW #705

INTRODUCTION

Someone who isn't part of Jesus' own circle is casting out demons in Jesus' name, and the disciples want him stopped. They appeal to Jesus, as Joshua did to Moses about the elders who prophesied without official authorization. Like Moses, Jesus refuses to see this as a threat. Jesus welcomes good being done in his name, even when it is not under his control. The circle we form around Jesus' word must be able to value good being done in ways we wouldn't do it, by people we can't keep tabs on.

**CALL TO WORSHIP

P Upon this gathering of your people, *Num. 11:16-29*

C **pour out your Spirit, O Lord.**

P Be near to us and speak to us,

C **and we will proclaim your glory.**

GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. *2 Corinthians 13:13*

C **And also with you.**

DIALOG

P You are the treasured people of the LORD,

C **a people holy to the LORD our God.**

P Keep the words of the LORD in your heart; teach them to your children.

C **Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away,
when you lie down and when you rise.**

P One does not live by bread alone,

C **but by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.** *Deut. 26, 11, 8*

HYMN OF PRAISE "Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven" ELW #864

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

C **Generous God, your Son gave his life that we might come to peace with you. Give us a share of your Spirit, and in all we do empower us to bear the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

LESSON: Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

What constitutes legitimate need and legitimate leadership is the focus of this reading. God provides manna in the wilderness, yet the people crave meat. What is truly needful? God bestows the spirit on seventy elders, yet two men not designated as leaders prophesy in the power of God's spirit. What constitutes real leadership?

PSALM 19:7-14

L ⁷The teaching of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul;
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.

C ⁸**The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.**

L ⁹The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever;
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

C ¹⁰**More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**

L ¹¹By them also is your servant enlightened,
and in keeping them there is great reward.

C ¹²**Who can detect one's own offenses? Cleanse me from my secret faults.**

L ¹³Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me;
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

C ¹⁴**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.**

LESSON: James 5:13-20

Marks of the Christian community include praying for those who are sick and in need, celebrating with those in good health, restoring those who have strayed, confessing sins to one another, and offering forgiveness to each other.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

P The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 9th chapter.

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

GOSPEL: Mark 9:38-50

On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus teaches his disciples about ministry that involves service and sacrifice. His disciples are slow to realize that these words apply to them as well as to others.

P The Gospel of our Lord.

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY "Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service" ELW #712

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

P In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

C **We believe in him and are marked with the seal
of the promised Holy Spirit.**

Ephesians 1:13-14

APOSTLES' CREED

P Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

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 Pilate,
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.**

DIALOG

P Build yourselves up on your most holy faith;

C **pray in the Holy Spirit.**

Jude 20

P Keep yourselves in the love of God;

C **look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

Jude 21

P If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

C **Everything old has passed away;
behold, everything has become new!**

2 Corinthians 5:17

****CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P In faithful prayer there is power to save the sick;
anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. *Jas. 5:15–16*
Therefore let us confess our sins and pray for one another
so that we may be healed.

C **God, our strength and savior,
you know our great transgressions,
our hidden faults, our secret sins.** *Ps. 19:12–14;
Mark 9:43–47*
**With our hands we grasp at power;
with our feet we stumble into evil;
with our eyes we look out for ourselves.**
**Forgive us, gracious God,
and lead us in your holy way of life and love and peace;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P Though we wander from the truth, *Jas. 5:19–20*
God brings us back and saves our souls from death.
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

C **Thanks be to God.**

SHARING THE PEACE

P Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another,
agree with one another, live in peace. *2 Corinthians 13:11*

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY RESPONSE “Create in Me a Clean Heart” *ELW #186*

OFFERING PRAYER

P Let us pray.

P God, our Creator,

C **you open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living creature.**
**With these gifts we bless you for your tender nurture and care. Help us to
delight in your will and walk in your ways, through Jesus Christ our Lord.**
Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Each portion of the prayers ends with these words:

P Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

The prayers are concluded with these words:

P Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

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 Let the name of Christ be the word you speak,
the grace you show, and the love you share.

Mark 9:38–41

C **Amen.**

****BLESSING**

P May the spirit of the Lord rest upon you,
the word of the Lord live within you,
and the glory of the Lord shine around you,
this day and always.

Num. 11:25

C **Alleluia!**

CLOSING HYMN “Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”

ELW #545

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Live in love as Christ loved us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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