

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost



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

ORDER OF SERVICE

Welcome to Kviteseid Lutheran Church... A joyous and blessed Sabbath to you, brothers and sisters in Christ! Welcome to worship.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN “O God, Our Help in Ages Past” (vs. 1-2, 5-6) ELW #632

INTRODUCTION FOR THE DAY

Elijah finds the presence of God not in earthquake, wind, or fire, but in the sound of sheer silence. When the disciples face a great storm on the sea, they cry out with fear. Jesus says: “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.” Amid the storms of life, we gather to seek the calm presence of Christ that soothes our fears. In comforting words of scripture and in the refreshing bread and cup of holy communion, God grants us peace and sends us forth to be a sign of God’s presence to others.

GATHERING PRAYER

P No matter how strong the storm, how threatening the waves, Jesus calls us to trust in his love and mercy. Rejoice in his goodness; rely on his power in all things. In his name we pray,

C Amen.

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P God makes no distinctions among us— *Rom. 10:12–13*
the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous.
Indeed, everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.
Confessing our sins, we depend on God’s generosity and grace.

C **Gracious God,** *Matt. 13:40*
you call us to step out in faith, trusting in you for all things.
We respond to your command but then sink in doubt and fear.
We hide from the challenges of bold discipleship. *1 Kgs. 19:9–10*
We are not able to fulfill your commandments, *Rom. 10:5*
for our purposes are never in full accord with yours.
Forgive us, we pray, when we confess with our lips *Rom. 10:9*
but do not believe in our hearts.
Help us to practice our faith in all circumstances.
Lift us out of sin into the arms of your mercy.
Though we are distracted by noise all around, allow us to hear
your voice even when it is the sound of sheer silence. . . . *1 Kgs. 19:12*

A time of silence is kept.

P We pray in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

P Jesus is Lord!

Rom. 10:9

God raised him from the dead and we are saved through him.

C **This is the good news we believe in our hearts
and confess with our mouths: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!
This is good news to share with all people! Amen.**

Rom. 10:10, 15

HYMN "When Peace like a River (*It is Well with My Soul*)"

ELW #785

SUFFRAGES

P Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,

C **have mercy on us.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.**

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.**

SUFFRAGES

P O Lord, I cry to you for help.

C **In the morning my prayer comes before you.**

P Let my mouth be full of your praise
 C **and your glory all the day long.**
 P Every day will I bless you,
 C **and praise your name forever and ever.**
 P Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of our salvation,
 C **O hope of all the ends of the earth and of the seas that are far away.**
 P Bless the Lord, O my soul,
 C **and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.**
 P You redeem my life from the grave,
 C **and crown me with mercy and steadfast love.**
 P Lord, hear my prayer,
 C **and let my cry come before you.**

HYMN

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

ELW #773

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.
 C **And also with you.**
 P Let us pray.
 C **O God our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

LESSON: 1 Kings 19:9-18

On Mount Horeb, where God had appeared to Moses with typical signs of God's presence—earthquake, wind, and fire—Elijah now experienced God in “sheer silence.” God assured Elijah that he is not the only faithful believer. Seven thousand Israelites are still loyal. God instructed Elijah to anoint two men as kings and to anoint Elisha as his own successor.

PSALM 85:8-13

L ⁸I will listen to what the LORD God is saying; for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to you.
 C ⁹**Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you, that your glory may dwell in our land.**
 L ¹⁰Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

C ¹¹**Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth,
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**

L ¹²The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, and our land will yield its increase.

C ¹³**Righteousness shall go before the LORD
and shall prepare for God a pathway.**

LESSON: Romans 10:5-15

A right relationship with God is not something we achieve by heroic efforts. It is a gift received in the proclamation whose content is Jesus Christ. This proclaimed word creates our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Hence Christian proclamation is an indispensable component of God's saving actions.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew 14th chapter.

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

GOSPEL: Matthew 14:22-33

Matthew's gospel typically portrays Jesus' disciples as people of "little faith," who fail despite their best intentions. In this story, Matthew shows how Jesus comes to the disciples when they are in trouble and sustains them in their time of fear and doubt.

P The Gospel of our Lord.

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY "Eternal Father, Strong to Save" ELW #756

SHARING THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY RESPONSE "Praise and Thanksgiving" (vs. 1 & 2) ELW #689

OFFERING PRAYER

P Not only with our lips, but with our lives and with our treasure we will proclaim that you are in our midst, Loving God. Take these gifts, and use them so all might know that your love, your life, your hope, your healing is near to them.

C **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.**

****CHARGE**

P Step out in faith, trusting that the God who has called you is able to keep you from falling and holds you in love.

****BLESSING**

P May the steadfast love and faithfulness of God surround you; *Ps. 85:10*
the peace of Christ enfold you;
and the Holy Spirit encourage you, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN “My Life Flows On in Endless Song” **ELW #763**

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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