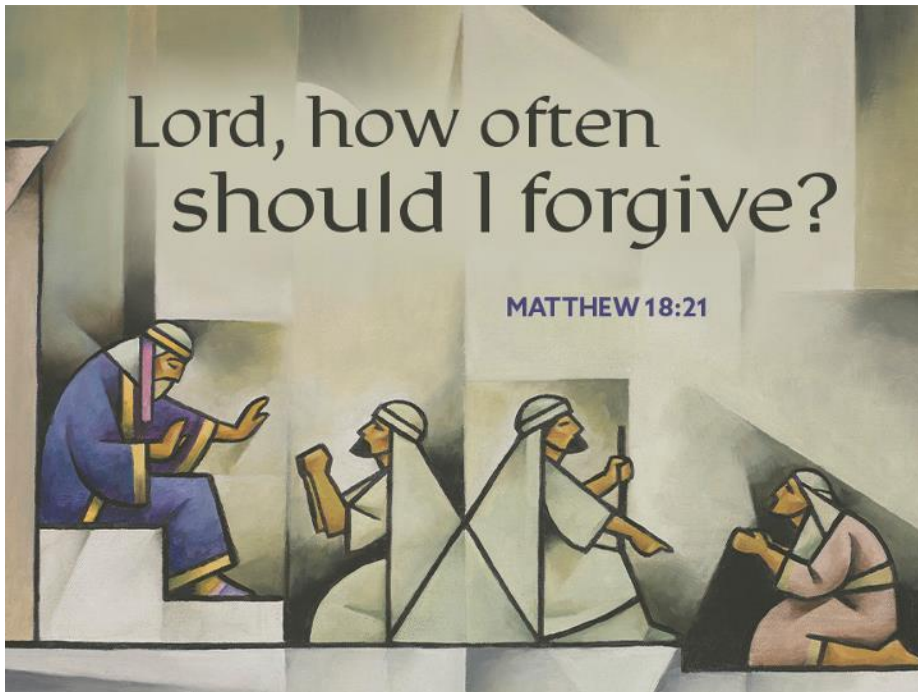


Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost



September 13, 2026 | 9:00 a.m.

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

ORDER OF SERVICE

Welcome to worship at Kviteseid Lutheran Church... *It is a genuine joy to welcome all who have come to praise our Lord. Let us begin this service as we should begin every day: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.**

GATHERING HYMN **“Gather Us In”** vs.1-3 ELW # 532

CONFESSION

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth.

C **Amen**

P Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Compassionate God,

C **we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts. Creation groans from overuse. Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships. Indifference keeps us from seeking justice. Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others. Turn our hearts back to you. Restore our world and reconcile us to one another. Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

- P Hear this good news: We have peace with God through † Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. Receive freely this healing gift of grace.
- C **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P O Lord God
- C **merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

FIRST READING

Genesis 50:15-21

PSALM

Psalms 103:1-13

- L ¹ Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.
- C ² **Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all God's benefits—**
- L ³ who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases;
- C ⁴ **who redeems your life from the grave and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy;**
- L ⁵ who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like an eagle's.
- C ⁶ **O LORD, you provide vindication and justice for all who are oppressed.**
- L ⁷ You made known your ways to Moses and your works to the children of Israel.
- C ⁸ **LORD, you are full of compassion and mercy, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love;**
- L ⁹ you will not always accuse us, nor will you keep your anger forever.
- C ¹⁰ **You have not dealt with us according to our sins, nor repaid us according to our iniquities.**

L ¹¹ For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is your steadfast love for those who fear you.

C ¹² **As far as the east is from the west, so far have you removed our transgressions from us.**

L ¹³ As a father has compassion for his children, so you have compassion for those who fear you, O LORD.

SECOND READING

Romans 14:1-12

P The word of the lord

C **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

C **Alleluia. We have an advocate, Jesus Christ the righteous; * your sins are forgiven on account of his name. Alleluia.** (*1 john 2:1, 12*)

GOSPEL

Matthew 18:21-35

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 18th Chapter.

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

P The Gospel of our Lord.

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

SERMON

HYMN

“Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling”

ELW # 608

CREED

**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**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each portion of the prayers ends with these words:

P Hear us, O God

C Your mercy is great

At the conclusion

C Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you all.

C And also with you.

JINGLE OFFERING

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

“Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful”

ELW #184

We bring our offerings to God in show of worship and gratitude for his love and blessing. Online giving is available at our website

Milanslutheranchurch.com.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P God of creation

C you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always. 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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.

COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray.

C **Amen.**

BLESSING

P The God of love
draw you into full accord and one mind,
in the body of Christ Jesus

C **Amen.**

P The God of hope
grant you strength and joy in all circumstances
through the interceding of the Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P The God of grace
✠ bless you now and forever.

C **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN “Sent Forth by God’s Blessing” ELW # 547

DISMISSAL

P Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

C **Thanks be to God**

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Holy Communion: We invite all those who are baptized to share this special meal of forgiveness and renewal. Children who do not commune may come forward for a blessing. Gluten free wafers and apple juice are available.

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**This week's happenings:**

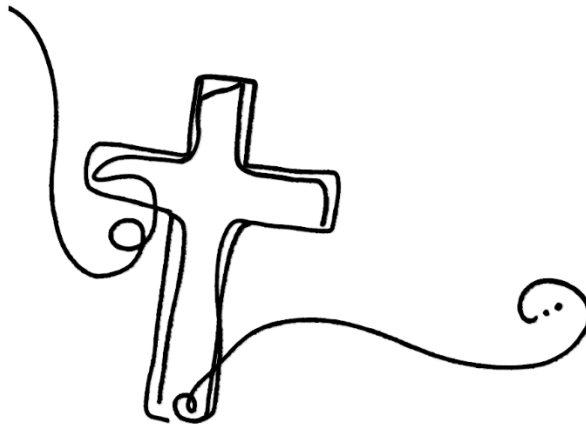
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This week's happenings:

Wed., Sept. 16	Board of Deacons meeting	6:00 p.m.
	Board of Trustees meeting	6:30 p.m.
	Joint Church Council meeting	7:00 p.m.
	No Confirmation	

Sun., Sep. 20	Worship	9:30 a.m.
	Coffee Fellowship	10:00 a.m.
	Sunday School	10:00 a.m.

Fri., Sept. 22	<i>October Newsletter deadline</i>	
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*The Vision of Kviteseid Lutheran Church is to grow
and send disciples of our Lord Jesus Christ,
to serve in families, communities and the world,
witnessing to the love of God and the empowerment
of Christ's Spirit.*



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