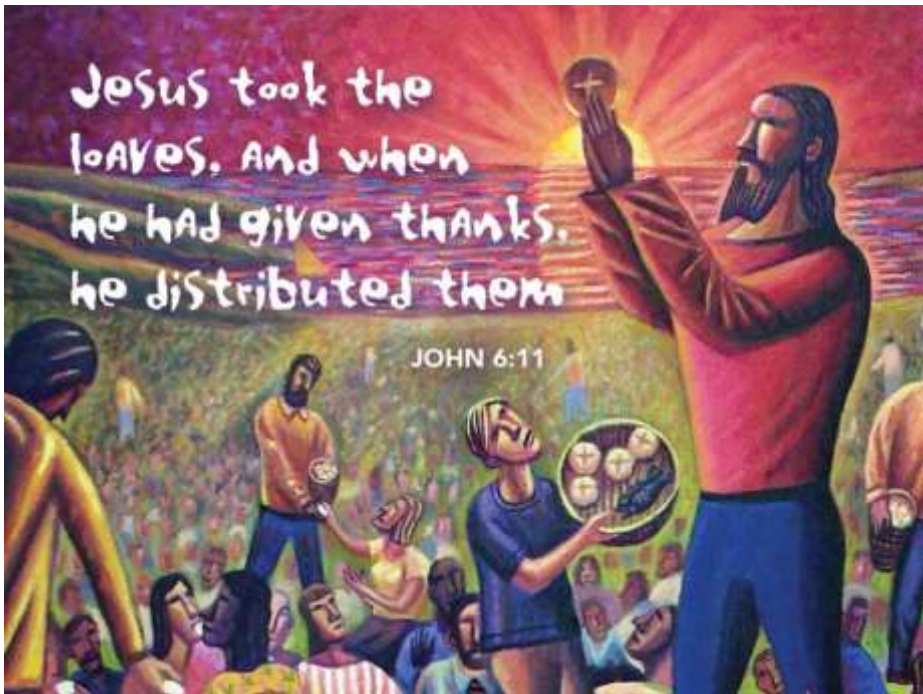


Ninth Sunday after Pentecost



July 25, 2021 | 10:30 a.m.

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

ORDER OF SERVICE

Welcome to worship at Kviteseid Lutheran Church... This morning may Christ “dwell in your hearts through faith,” and may you “grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ” (Ephesians 3:17-18, NIV).

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN “Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty” (vs. 1-2, 4-5) ELW #533

INTRODUCTION

Today is the first of five Sundays with gospel readings from John 6, the first four of which focus on Jesus as bread of life. Today Jesus feeds thousands of people with five loaves and two fish. What we have, what we bring to Jesus’ table, seems like it is not nearly enough to meet all the needs we see around us. But it is not the adequacy of our supplies or our skills that finally makes the difference: it is the power of Jesus working in the littlest and least to transform this world into the world God desires, a world where all the hungry are satisfied.

**CALL TO WORSHIP

P Your creation gives thanks to you, O God. *Ps. 145:10–12*
C **And we, your faithful, bless you.**
P We shall speak of the glory of your realm and tell of your power.
C **We shall let all people know your mighty deeds and glorious splendor.**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Let us confess to our God, *Ps. 145:17–18*
for the Lord is just in all his ways and kind in all his doings.
The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.
C **God, you uphold those who are falling
and raise up all who are bowed down.** *Ps. 145:14*
**Therefore we confess our sins—both things we have done
And things we have left undone—in every confidence that
you will open your hands to us** *Ps. 145:16*
in an embrace of forgiveness and love. Amen.
P Dearly beloved, *Eph. 3:16–19*
through the power of the Spirit that is at work within us
God forgives our sins and strengthens our inner beings.
So now live knowing the love of Christ,
which surpasses all knowledge
and fills us with the fullness of God. Amen.

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 **Gracious God, you have placed within the hearts of all your children a longing for your word and a hunger for your truth. Grant that we may know your Son to be the true bread of heaven and share this bread with all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

LESSON: 2 Kings 4:42-44

Today’s reading is part of a larger section of 2 Kings that describes the miracles of Elisha, the successor to Elijah. Here the prophet gives food to a hungry crowd. Though there is not enough food to go around, Elisha trusts God, who provides enough and even more to satisfy the need.

PSALM 145:10-18

L ¹⁰All your works shall praise you, O LORD, and your faithful ones shall bless you.

C ¹¹**They shall tell of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your power,**

L ¹²that all people may know of your power and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

C ¹³**Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures throughout all ages. You, LORD, are faithful in all your words, and loving in all your works.**

L ¹⁴The Lord upholds all those who fall and lifts up those who are bowed down.

C ¹⁵**The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD, and you give them their food in due season.**

L ¹⁶You open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

C ¹⁷**You are righteous in all your ways and loving in all your works.**

L ¹⁸You are near to all who call upon you, to all who call upon you faithfully.

LESSON: Ephesians 3:14-21

We have been rooted and grounded in the love of Christ, which surpasses all human knowledge. Because Christ dwells in our hearts, our lives are continuously strengthened and empowered by the ongoing presence of the Spirit.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 6th chapter.

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

GOSPEL: John 6:1-21

In John's gospel, the miracles of Jesus are called "signs," because they reveal the true character of God. As such, they remain within the mystery of God and cannot be brought under human control.

P The Gospel of our Lord.

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

"We Are Called"

ELW #720

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 We lift these and all our prayers to you, O God, confident in the promise of your saving love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

P Gracious Lord,
you have lavished upon us the riches of your glory.
As Jesus fed the masses, providing enough for all
with more than enough left over,
so you have fed us and provided for us.
You shelter us, and care for us.
As you have given to us out of your abundance,
we return our offering to you
with praise and thanksgiving.
In the name of the Savior, we pray.

C 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 Go now, rooted and grounded in love,
to make known to all people
the mighty deeds of God!

Eph. 3:17

Ps. 145:12

BLESSING

Ephesians 3

P May you know the richness and fullness of God's grace.
May you experience every dimension of the love of Christ.
May the Spirit dwell within you through faith.
To the Holy One, whose power works within us
to accomplish more than we could ask
or imagine or comprehend,
be glory forever and ever!

C Amen.

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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