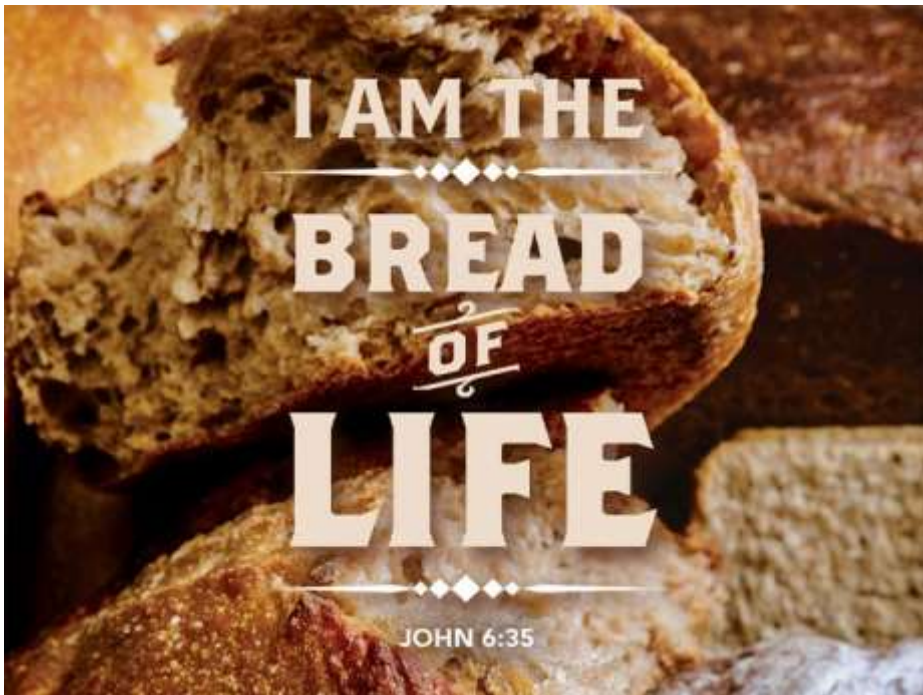


# *Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost*



*August 8, 2021 | 10:30 a.m.*

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

# ORDER OF SERVICE

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*Welcome to Kviteseid Lutheran Church...* Jesus invites all with these words: “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty” (John 6:35). Welcome to worship.

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## OPENING HYMN

“As We Gather at Your Table”

ELW #522

## INTRODUCTION

*Jesus says that the bread he gives for the life of the world is his flesh, and whoever eats this bread has eternal life now and will be raised on the last day. In Ephesians Paul tells us what this life Jesus gives us looks like, this life we live as those marked with the seal of the Holy Spirit in baptism. We live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us. The whole purpose of life is giving yourself for the other.*

## \*\*CALL TO WORSHIP

P I will bless the Lord at all times;

*Ps. 34:1, 3*

**C his praise shall continually be in my mouth.**

P O magnify the Lord with me,

**C and let us exalt God’s name together.**

## 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

“God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind”

ELW #400

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

C **Gracious God, your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread that gives life to the world. Give us this bread always, that he may live in us and we in him, and that, strengthened by this food, we may live as his body in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**LESSON: 1 Kings 19:4-8**

*First Kings chapter 18 describes the contest between Elijah and the prophets of Baal. The contest proves that the Lord is God, and afterward Elijah orders the killing of the Baal prophets. Angered by the deaths of her prophets, Queen Jezebel threatens to kill Elijah. This reading finds Elijah fleeing, fatigued, and in utter despair.*

**PSALM 34:1-8**

L <sup>1</sup>I will bless the LORD at all times; the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.

C <sup>2</sup>**I will glory in the LORD; let the lowly hear and rejoice.**

L <sup>3</sup>Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD; let us exalt God's name together.

C <sup>4</sup>**I sought the LORD, who answered me and delivered me from all my terrors.**

L <sup>5</sup>Look upon the LORD and be radiant, and let not your faces be ashamed.

C <sup>6</sup>**I called in my affliction, and the LORD heard me and saved me from all my troubles.**

L <sup>7</sup>The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear the LORD and delivers them.

C <sup>8</sup>**Taste and see that the LORD is good; happy are they who take refuge in God!**

**LESSON: Ephesians 4:25 - 5:2**

*Christians are called to be imitators of God. This does not mean Christians are perfect. Rather, the Spirit is at work in our lives so that our actions and attitudes genuinely reflect the love and forgiveness we have received through Christ and his death.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

**GOSPEL: John 6:35, 41-51**

*After feeding more than five thousand people in the wilderness, Jesus teaches them regarding the true significance of this remarkable sign.*

P The Gospel of our Lord.

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

## SERMON

### HYMN OF THE DAY

“O Living Bread from Heaven”

ELW #542

### 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 Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

C **Amen.**

P Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P God, our provider,

**C** help us.  
**It is hard to believe there is enough to share.**  
**We question your ways when they differ from the ways**  
**of the world in which we live.**  
**We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you.**  
**We take offense at your teachings and your ways.**  
**Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn?**  
**Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world.**  
**Amen.**

**P** Beloved people of God:  
in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished.  
By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough.  
Through Jesus, † the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy:  
you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

**C** Amen.

#### **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** Generous, transforming God, *Eph. 4:28; 5:2*  
thank you for the blessing of honest labor,  
through which you have provided these gifts  
for our hands to share with those in need.  
We dedicate them now as an expression of your love for the world,  
through Christ our Lord.

**C** Amen.

#### **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

*Each portion of the prayers ends with these words:*

**P** God, in your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

*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.**

### **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 Drawn by the Father, nourished by Christ, *John 6:44, 35*  
and sealed by the Holy Spirit, *Eph. 4:30*  
go now to imitate God's love, *Eph. 5:1; 4:28, 32*  
feeding the hungry, forgiving the hateful,  
and spreading the fragrance of grace wherever there is need. *Eph. 5:2; 4:29*

### **\*\*BLESSING**

P God feeds us forever with the bread of life *John 6:35*  
and upholds us with steadfast love. *Ps. 130:7*  
You are blessed, redeemed, and gifted with grace through Christ our Lord!

C **Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN** "Go, My Children, with My Blessing" ELW #543

### **DISMISSAL**

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

C **Thanks be to God.**

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