

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost



September 19, 2021 | 10:30 a.m.

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

ORDER OF SERVICE

Welcome to Kviteseid Lutheran Church... Welcome to worship, Christian education and fellowship. We gather as beloved children of God, members of the body of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN "God Is Here!" (vs. 1, 3, 4) ELW #526

INTRODUCTION

Today we hear James warn against selfish ambition, while the disciples quarrel over which one of them is the greatest. Jesus tells them the way to be great is to serve. Then, to make it concrete, he puts in front of them a flesh-and-blood child. We are called to welcome the children God puts in front of us, to make room for them in daily interaction, and to give them a place of honor in the assembly.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P While we try to live in God's way, we know how often we follow the wrong advice, or walk down sin's shadowed streets. Yet, God watches over us and calls us to confess, so we might be welcomed into the embracing arms of mercy and healing. Let us pray as we say,

C **We confess how much we are like those first disciples of Jesus. Our cravings for more and more toss us about like leaves in the fall winds. We boast of our great wisdom, yet do not understand your ways of peace and gentleness. We do not plant ourselves in your hope and grace, and so reap harvests of disorder and conflict.**

Draw near to us, Gracious God, and forgive us. Draw us into your tender arms, and teach us peace, gentleness, the willingness to put the other first, the wisdom to serve instead of seize, so we might bring forth a harvest of righteousness, justice, and peace in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Silence for reflection and meditation.

P This is the wisdom from above: God plants in us the forgiveness and healing we need, so we might share the good harvest of joy and mercy with everyone we meet.

C **Bathed in the living waters, fed by the Bread of life, we are given new life and hope. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! 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 O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

PSALM 54

L ¹Save me, O God, by your name; in your might, defend my cause.

C ²Hear my prayer, O God; give ear to the words of my mouth.

L ³For strangers have risen up against me, and the ruthless have sought my life, those who have no regard for God.

C ⁴Behold, God is my helper; it is the Lord who sustains my life.

L ⁵Render evil to those who spy on me; in your faithfulness, destroy them.

C ⁶I will offer you a freewill sacrifice and praise your name, O LORD, for it is good.

L ⁷For you have rescued me from every trouble, and my eye looks down on my enemies.

LESSON: James 3:13 - 4:3, 7-8a

The wisdom God gives unites our hearts and minds. Instead of living to satisfy our own wants and desires, we manifest this wisdom in peace, gentleness, mercy, and impartiality toward others.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

C Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: Mark 9:30-37

Jesus' teaching and action in this text are directed to the church whenever it is seduced by the world's definition of greatness: prestige, power, influence, and money. The antidote to such a concern for greatness is servanthood.

P The Gospel of our Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Sunday School Choir

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Children of the Heavenly Father”

ELW #781

INSTALLATION OF SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES

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 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.

SHARING THE PEACE

James 3

**P Jesus came to bring peace among us. Let us sow the seeds for peace in our world
by sharing the peace of Christ with one another, stranger and friend alike.**

P The peace of Christ, be with you always.

C And also with you.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY RESPONSE "We Give Thee but Thine Own" (vs. 1-2) ELW #686

OFFERING PRAYER

P Merciful God,

**C we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves,
our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for
the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.**

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION HYMNS	“Lamb of God”	page 154
	“Let Us Break Bread Together”	ELW #471
	“We Come to the Hungry Feast”	ELW #479
	“For the Bread Which You Have Broken”	ELW #494

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P God of blessing,
at this table we have seen you face to face, and in the gift of Christ's body and blood, our hearts have been refreshed. Send us now to shine with your goodness and bear witness to the one we have received: Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

BLESSING

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor
and ☩ give you peace.

C **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

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

C **Thanks be to God.**

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