

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost



October 10, 2021 | 10:30 a.m.

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308 North Third Street
Milan, Minnesota*

ORDER OF SERVICE

Welcome to worship at Kviteseid Lutheran Church... “Seek the Lord and live,” declares the prophet Amos (5:6). So we gather now to hear from God and to be nourished with abundant life.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN “Gather Us In” (vs. 1, 2, & 4) ELW #532

INTRODUCTION

The rich man who comes to ask Jesus what he should do to inherit eternal life is a good man, sincere in his asking. Mark’s gospel is alone in saying that Jesus looked on him and loved him. Out of love, not as judgment, Jesus offers him an open door to life: sell all you own and give it to the poor. Our culture bombards us with the message that we will find life by consuming. Our assemblies counter this message with the invitation to find life by divesting for the sake of the other.

CALL TO WORSHIP

P Let us start this service by reminding ourselves:
That it is not we who chose Christ,
C but Christ who chose us,
P That we are not here because of our goodness
C but because of Christ’s grace,
P That we are not here to enlighten ourselves,
C but to allow Christ to enlighten us,
P That we have not come to be entertained
C but to worship God with heart, soul, mind and strength.

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P We have a great high priest *Heb. 4:14–16*
who can sympathize with our weakness: Jesus, God’s Son, our Savior.
Therefore, with confidence, let us confess our sin.

C God of justice and mercy, we confess *Amos 5:6–7, 10–15;*
that we put ourselves first *Mark 10:21, 31*
and trust in things that will not last.
We desire the evil and scorn the good;
we gather up power and wealth
and push aside the needy in our way.
O Lord, be gracious to us in spite of our great sin.
Teach us to love your justice and share in your mercy.

**Help us to seek the treasure of heavenly life with you;
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

P We have a great high priest
who has passed through the heavens: Jesus, God's Son, our Savior.
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Heb. 4:14

C **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 **Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith, that,
forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may
follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting
joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

LESSON: Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

Amos was a herdsman by profession and a prophet by God's call. During a time of great prosperity in the northern kingdom of Israel, the prophet speaks to the wealthy upper class. He warns his listeners that fulfilling God's demand for justice brings blessing, while corruption and oppression incur God's wrath.

PSALM 90:12-17

L ¹²So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

C ¹³**Return, O LORD; how long will you tarry? Be gracious to your servants.**

L ¹⁴Satisfy us by your steadfast love in the morning;
so shall we rejoice and be glad all our days.

C ¹⁵**Make us glad as many days as you afflicted us
and as many years as we suffered adversity.**

L ¹⁶Show your servants your works, and your splendor to their children.

C ¹⁷**May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us;
prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.**

LESSON: Hebrews 4:12-16

We cannot hide our thoughts, desires, and actions from God, to whom we are completely accountable. Nevertheless, Jesus understands our human weakness and temptations, because he also experienced them. Therefore we can approach the throne of grace to receive divine mercy from Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

P The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 10th chapter.

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

GOSPEL: Mark 10:17-31

Jesus has been teaching his disciples about what is most valued in God's eyes. Now, a conversation with a rich man brings his message home to the disciples in a way that is surprising but unforgettable.

P The Gospel of our Lord.

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Son of God, Eternal Savior”

ELW #655

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

P The peace of Christ, be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY RESPONSE “Create in Me a Clean Heart”

ELW #186

OFFERING PRAYER

P Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **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 “We Come to the Hungry Feast”

ELW #479

“Blessed Assurance”

ELW #638

“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”

ELW #697

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

**CHARGE

P Let us hold fast to confessing *Heb. 4:14–16*
that Jesus is the Son of God,
brought to this earth to understand our weaknesses
and to show us how to live as his disciples.
Be bold and courageous,
trusting in God’s grace, love, and mercy.

BLESSING

P Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN “The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve” ELW #551

DISMISSAL

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

C **Thanks be to God.**

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