

Sixth Sunday of Easter



Mother's Day
May 14, 2023 | 9:00 a.m.

Kviteseid Lutheran Church
308 North Third Street
Milan, Minnesota

ORDER OF SERVICE

Welcome to worship at Kviteseid Lutheran Church... Today we acknowledge mothers and special mother-figures in our lives — thank God for you!

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” ELW #631

INTRODUCTION FOR THE DAY

Jesus does not abandon his followers. Through the Holy Spirit, Jesus comes to abide with his disciples of every generation. As Pentecost draws near, we are reminded that the risen Christ dwells in us as the Spirit of truth. We receive this Spirit in baptism and pray that in our gathering around the Lord’s table the Spirit will transform us to be the body of the risen Christ in the world.

OPENING PRAYER

Acts 17, Psalm 66, John 14

P Source of all creation, maker of the world and everything in it,
you are never far from each one of us. We come into your house seeking you.

C **Reveal yourself to us; dwell with us; and abide in us.
We live because of you. We hope because of you.**

P In the name of Jesus Christ in whom we live,
and the Spirit of Truth who abides in us. Amen.

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Brothers and sisters, *Ps. 66:20; Acts 17:30*
God not only asks us to repent, but also assures us of forgiveness.
Therefore, let us confess our sins to the one who is steadfast love.

C **Loving God,** *1 Pet. 3:16, 21;*
we do not always keep your commandments; *John 14:15, 21*
we fail to love you; our conscience is not clear.
Wash us in the water of life that we may live again
through the grace and mercy of Jesus, our resurrected Savior. Amen.

P Sisters and brothers, *1 Pet. 3:21, 22;*
God forgives, restores, and strengthens us *John 14:16, 18*
through the risen Christ.
Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE “Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!” (vs. 1 & 4) ELW #382

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, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

LESSON: Acts 17:22-31

In Athens, Paul faces the challenge of proclaiming the gospel to Greeks who know nothing of either Jewish or Christian tradition. He proclaims that the “unknown god” whom they worship is the true Lord of heaven and earth who will judge the world with justice through Jesus, whom God has raised from the dead.

PSALM 66:8-20

L ⁸Bless our God, you peoples; let the sound of praise be heard.

C **⁹Our God has kept us among the living and has not allowed our feet to slip.**

L ¹⁰For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us just as silver is tried.

C **¹¹You brought us into the net; you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.**

L ¹²You let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and water,
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

C **¹³I will enter your house with burnt offerings and will pay you my vows—**

L ¹⁴those that I promised with my lips and spoke with my mouth
when I was in trouble.

C **¹⁵I will offer you burnt offerings of fatlings with the smoke of rams;
I will give you oxen and goats.**

L ¹⁶Come and listen, all you who believe,
and I will tell you what God has done for me.

C **¹⁷I called out to God with my mouth, and praised the Lord with my tongue.**

L ¹⁸If I had cherished evil in my heart, the Lord would not have heard me;

C **¹⁹but in truth God has heard me and has attended
to the sound of my prayer.**

L ²⁰Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer,
nor withheld unfailing love from me.

LESSON: 1 Peter 3:13-18a

The author of 1 Peter encourages Christians to remain faithful even in the face of defamation and persecution. In baptism we are made clean to act in accordance with what is right.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 14th chapter.

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

GOSPEL: John 14:15-21

In final words to his disciples on the night of his arrest, Jesus encourages obedience to his commandments and speaks of the Spirit, who will be with them forever.

P The Gospel of our Lord.

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

“We Know That Christ Is Raised”

ELW #449

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 Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen 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 Loving God, we give you thanks *1 Pet. 3:16;*
that you have placed in the hearts of your *John 14:15-21*
faithful people the gift of generosity and the desire to keep your commands.
Bless these gifts and use them to reveal to all peoples your love in Jesus Christ.

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.**

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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

“Let Us Break Bread Together” ELW #471

“All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly” ELW #461

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being.
With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together.
Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name.

C **Amen.**

CHARGE

Acts 17, 1 Peter 3, John 14

P Wherever we are, we are in God.

C **Wherever we are, we are in Christ, and Christ is in us.**

P Wherever we are, the Spirit abides with us and in us.

C **We go forth in peace and hope, upheld by God in every way.**

P Let us go forth in faithfulness and trust.

C **May all see the Divine in and through us.**

**BLESSING

P May God, who creates, redeems, and sustains,
keep you steadfast in faith, buoyant in hope, and abounding in love.
And the blessing of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

C **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

“Thine Is the Glory”

ELW #376

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Share the good news.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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