

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost



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308 North Third Street
Milan, Minnesota*

ORDER OF SERVICE

Welcome to worship at Kviteseid Lutheran Church... “O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together” (Psalm 34:3, NRSV).

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN

“God, Whose Almighty Word”

ELW #673

INTRODUCTION

Can we pray the way Bartimaeus prays? People try to hush him up because by addressing Jesus as “Son of David” he is making a politically dangerous claim that Jesus is the rightful king. Could our prayers ever be heard as a threat to unjust powers that be? Bartimaeus won’t give up or go away quietly, but repeats his call for help more loudly. Do we ask so boldly? And are our prayers an honest answer to Jesus’ question, “What do you want me to do for you?”

**CALL TO WORSHIP

P The Lord has filled our mouths with laughter
and our tongues with shouts of joy.

Ps. 126:2–3

C The Lord has done great things for us, and we are glad indeed.

**CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P The God of mercy hears our cries.
Let us confess our failings and needs to each other
and to the one who commands us to come and be healed.

**C Holy God,
you know us better than we know ourselves.
You see our need when we are blind to it.
You have made us to be yours.
In your compassion, forgive us for our lack of faith
and the harm we do to others and to your earth.
Forgive us for turning away from your will,
for ignoring the cries of our neighbors,
for failing to listen to what is most nourishing even for ourselves.
Let our faults fall from your eyes as you open ours.
Hear this and answer, in Jesus’ holy name. Amen.**

P People of God, beloved of the Lord,
the one who created you and maintains your every breath
calls you to receive mercy and be forgiven.

Go in peace, in the firm assurance of pardon,
so that today and every day your path may be strong and free,
in the name of the holy Trinity, one God, now and forever. Amen.

SUFFRAGES

P Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,

C have mercy on us.

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 forever. Amen.**

APOSTLES' CREED

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.**

SUFFRAGES

P O Lord, I cry to you for help.

C **In the morning my prayer comes before you.**

P Let my mouth be full of your praise

C **and your glory all the day long.**

P Every day will I bless you,

C **and praise your name forever and ever.**

P Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of our salvation,
C **O hope of all the ends of the earth and of the seas that are far away.**

P Bless the Lord, O my soul,
C **and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.**

P You redeem my life from the grave,
C **and crown me with mercy and steadfast love.**

P Lord, hear my prayer,
C **and let my cry come before you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

C **Eternal light, shine in our hearts. Eternal wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance. Eternal compassion, have mercy on us. Turn us to seek your face, and enable us to reflect your goodness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

“O Savior, Precious Savior”

ELW #820

LESSON: Jeremiah 31:7-9

This passage speaks not only of the southern kingdom, Judah, and its homecoming from exile in Babylon, but also of the northern kingdom (“Israel” or “Ephraim”) and its restoration. The northern tribes of Israel had been lost in exile to Assyria more than a century before Jeremiah prophesied.

PSALM 126

L ¹When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, then were we like those who dream.

C ²**Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy. Then they said among the nations, “The LORD has done great things for them.”**

L ³The LORD has done great things for us, and we are glad indeed.

C ⁴**Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like the watercourses of the Negeb.**

L ⁵Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy.

C ⁶**Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.**

LESSON: Hebrews 7:23-28

Human priests of old offered sacrifice for their own sins and served only until their death. In contrast, Jesus is God's Son, the holy, sinless, resurrected high priest. Death did not terminate his priestly service, but through his death he has interceded for our sins.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

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

GOSPEL: Mark 10:46-52

Bartimaeus comes to Jesus with faith, asking that he might see again. Recognizing Jesus' identity, Bartimaeus is the first person to call him "Son of David" in the Gospel of Mark.

P The Gospel of our Lord.

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound" ELW #779

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 Holy God, bless our offerings with healing that comes from your work and our hands. We give with joy and thanks for what we have, in the name of Jesus, our great high priest.

C **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 Confident that you hear us, O God, we boldly place our prayers into your hands; through Jesus Christ, our truth and life.

C **Amen.**

****CHARGE**

P As you go from here, walk in the way of the Lord:
with thanksgiving, with gladness, with insight.

BLESSING

P Darkness has been banished. Sight has been restored. Your lives are reformed in Christ's love. Go now in peace to serve with great joy. Bring the love of God with you so that the light which has brightened your life may shine for others. Go now, beloved, to serve. 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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