

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost



August 7, 2022 | 9:00 a.m.

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

ORDER OF SERVICE

Welcome to Kviteseid Lutheran Church... In the name of Jesus — teacher, friend, healer, Lord, Messiah, Savior — welcome to worship.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

ELW #733

INTRODUCTION

Jesus says, “It is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom.” It is God’s promise from the beginning—to Abraham, to the early church, and to the “little flock” of which we are a part in today’s assembly. Faith, God’s baptismal gift, trusts the promises of God. Have no fear.

OPENING PRAYER

C **Creator God, maker of stars and seashores, reveal your word to us this day. Redeemer God, caller of disciples, light our lamps this day, dress us for action, and open the doors of our hearts and minds. Sustainer God, sender of the Holy Spirit, renew in us the faith of our ancestors, that we might claim it as our own in covenant with you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Even in our faithlessness, God loves us still
and waits in mercy to forgive.
Trusting in the promises given at our baptism,
let us confess our sin before God and one another.

C **Holy God,
you promise us a life full of blessing,
but we do not always believe.
You incite us to hope, but we fall back into fear.
You urge us to give freely,
but we cling to what we have.
You call us to watch at all times for you,
but we grow lazy and self-absorbed.
Forgive us.
Increase our hope, enlarge our hearts,
and keep us alert to the wonders you work
in the world every day.
For the sake of Jesus we pray. Amen.**

*Gen. 15:5; Heb. 11:1;
Luke 12:34, 40*

P By faith we have been saved,
our guilty hearts washed clean.
Refreshed, revived, and renewed,
empowered by the Holy Spirit,
live as ones who are forgiven and freed,
giving thanks to God.

C Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE “God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens”

ELW #771

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

C Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

LESSON: Genesis 15:1-6

God promises childless and aging Abram that a child of his own will be his heir and that his descendants will number as many as the stars. Abram trusts God’s promise, and through this faith he is considered righteous.

PSALM 33:12-22

L ¹²Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD!
Happy the people chosen to be God’s heritage!

C ¹³**The LORD looks down from heaven, and sees all humankind.**

L ¹⁴God sits firmly enthroned and watches all who dwell on the earth.

C ¹⁵**God fashions all their hearts and observes all their deeds.**

L ¹⁶A king is not saved by the size of the army,
nor are warriors rescued by their great strength.

C ¹⁷**The horse gives vain hope for victory;
despite its great strength it cannot save.**

L ¹⁸Truly, your eye is upon those who fear you, O LORD,
upon those who wait for your steadfast love,

C ¹⁹**to deliver their lives from death, and to keep them alive in time of famine.**

L ²⁰Our innermost being waits for you, O LORD, our helper and our shield.

C ²¹**Surely, our heart rejoices in you, for in your holy name we put our trust.**

L ²²Let your lovingkindness, O LORD, be upon us,
even as we place our hope in you.

LESSON: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Abraham and Sarah exemplify the vision of faith that people of God enact in every age. Their hope and trust in God's promise allowed them to face an unknown future and to receive the promise of God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 12th chapter.

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

GOSPEL: Luke 12:32-40

Jesus encourages disciples to invest their hearts and live fully into God's reign. Instead of facing life with fear, those who know God's generosity are always ready to receive from God and to give to others.

P The Gospel of our Lord.

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Blessed Assurance”

ELW #638

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 Merciful God,

C **receive our prayer.**

The prayers are concluded with these words:

P Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom.

C **Amen.**

SHARING THE PEACE

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 God of abundance:
you have set before us a plentiful harvest.
As we feast on your goodness,
strengthen us to labor in your field,
and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all,
in the name of Jesus.

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 “Lamb of God”

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“Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”

ELW #779

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Life-giving God,
through this meal you have fed us with your mercy.
Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger,
that all may come to know your love.
This we pray in the name of Jesus.

C Amen.

CHARGE

P Have your lamps lit. Be dressed for action.
Be generous; give alms. Be unburdened by possessions.
Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.
Go in peace. Amen.

****BLESSING**

P May the blessing of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be with you this day and every day
until Christ comes to make all things well.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN “My Life Flows On in Endless Song”

ELW #763

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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