

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost



The kingdom
of heaven
is like a
merchant
in search
of fine pearls

MATTHEW 13:45

July 26, 2026 | 9:00 a.m.

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

RDER OF SERVICE

Welcome to worship at Kviteseid Lutheran Church... *Welcome! We rejoice in your presence as we gather in unity around the throne of grace.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING HYMN “Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty” ELW # 533

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

WL In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen**

WL Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen**

WL Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Most merciful God

C **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**
Amen.

WL In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. Trusting in God's promise of mercy through Jesus Christ, I announce to you that your sins are forgiven. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

WL Let us pray.

Beloved and sovereign God, through the death and resurrection of your Son you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy. By your Spirit, give us your wisdom, that we may treasure the life that comes from Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

“Gather Us In”

ELW # 532 vs.1 & 4

READINGS

1 Kings 3:5-12

PSALM 119:129-126

L ¹²⁹ **Your decrees are wonderful; therefore I obey them with all my heart.**

C ¹³⁰ When your word is opened it gives light; it gives understanding to the simple.

L ¹³¹ **I open my mouth and pant because I long for your commandments.**

C ¹³² Turn to me and be gracious to me, as you always do to those who love your name.

L ¹³³ **Order my footsteps in your word; let no iniquity have dominion over me.**

C ¹³⁴ Rescue me from those who oppress me, and I will keep your commandments.

L ¹³⁵ **Let your face shine upon your servant and teach me your statutes.**

C ¹³⁶ My eyes shed streams of tears, because people do not keep your teaching.

GOSPEL

WL The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 13th Chapter.

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

GOSPEL: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

WL The Gospel of our Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN “Be Thou My Vision”

ELW #793 vs. 1-4

SHARING THE PEACE

JINGLE OFFERING

OFFERTORY RESPONSE “Create in Me a Clean Heart”

ELW #186

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 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:

WL God of grace

C hear our prayer

At the conclusion with:

C Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

BLESSING

WL Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
C Amen

SENDING HYMN “Will You Come and Follow Me” ELW #798 vs. 1, 4, 5

WL Go in Peace and serve the Lord
C Thanks be to God!

Dismissal

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and send disciples of our Lord Jesus Christ,
to serve in families, communities and the world,
witnessing to the love of God
and the empowerment of Christ's Spirit.*



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