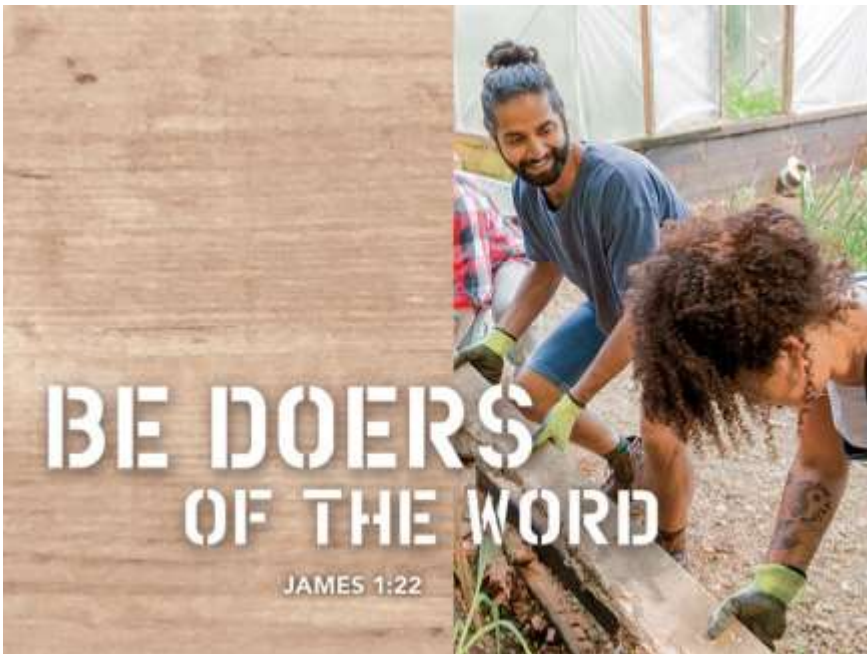


Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost



August 29, 2021 | 10:30 a.m.

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

ORDER OF SERVICE

Welcome to worship at Kviteseid Lutheran Church... Life is full of ups and downs, twists and turns, but with God's love "there is no variation or shadow due to change." Let us worship the "Father of lights" (James 1:17).

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN

"Dearest Jesus, at Your Word"

ELW #520

INTRODUCTION

Jesus protests against human customs being given the weight of divine law, while the essence of God's law is ignored. True uncleanness comes not from external things, but from the intentions of the human heart. Last week Jesus told us "the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life" (John 6:63). Now James says God has given us birth by the word of truth. We who were washed in the word when we were born in the font return to it every Sunday to ask God to create in us clean hearts.

**CALL TO WORSHIP

P Who may abide in the presence of God?

Ps. 15:1-2

C **Who may live on God's holy mountain?**

P All those who walk blamelessly and do what is right.

C **All those who speak truth from their heart.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

C **Amen.**

P Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P God, our provider,

C **help us.**

It is hard to believe there is enough to share.

**We question your ways when they differ from the ways
of the world in which we live.**

We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you.

We take offense at your teachings and your ways.

Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn?

Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world.

Amen.

P Beloved people of God:
in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished.
By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough.
Through Jesus, † the bread of life, you are shown God’s mercy:
you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

C Amen.

BAPTISMAL HYMN “Borning Cry” ELW #732

HOLY BAPTISM OF GABRIELLE WILDUNG page 227

WELCOME THE NEWLY BAPTIZED “Jesus Loves Me” ELW #595

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 **O God our strength, without you we are weak and wayward creatures.
Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside, and cleanse us
from all evil that arises from within ourselves, that we may be preserved
through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

LESSON: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

The Israelites believed the law was a divine gift that provided guidelines for living out the covenant. Moses commands the people to obey the law and to neither add to nor subtract from it. The Israelites are also to teach the law to their children and their children’s children.

PSALM 15

L ¹Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle?
Who may abide upon your holy hill?

C ²**Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right,
who speak the truth from their heart;**

L ³they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends;
they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.

C ⁴**In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who fear the
Lord. They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word.**

L ⁵They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes against
the innocent. Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.

LESSON: James 1:17-27

The letter of James was intended to provide first-century Christians with instruction in godly behavior. Here Christians are encouraged to listen carefully and to act on what they hear, especially by caring for those least able to care for themselves.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

P The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 7th chapter.

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

GOSPEL: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Mark's gospel depicts Jesus as challenging traditional ways in which religious people determine what is pure or impure. For Jesus, the observance of religious practices cannot become a substitute for godly words or deeds that spring from a faithful heart.

P The Gospel of our Lord.

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY "Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways" ELW #772

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 O God, receive these gifts for the work of your church.
With these gifts we dedicate ourselves to live in the truth of your word,
and follow your commandments with sincere hearts;
through Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

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.**

****CHARGE**

P Sisters and brothers,
 you have chosen to serve God
 because God has chosen you in Jesus Christ.
 Go, therefore, to love and serve as God's people in the world.

C **We go in Jesus' name.**

****BLESSING**

P The blessing of God be with you,
 the love of Jesus fill you,
 and the power of the Holy Spirit sustain you,
 now and forevermore.

C **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN " Savior, Again to Your Dear Name" ELW #534

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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