

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost



June 25, 2023 | 9:00 a.m.

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

ORDER OF SERVICE

Welcome to Kviteseid Lutheran Church... Welcome to worship and Christian fellowship this summer morning! May we learn what Jesus truly means by calling us to “take up the cross and follow [him]” (Matthew 10:38, NRSV).

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN

“How Firm a Foundation”

ELW #796

INTRODUCTION FOR THE DAY

God does not promise that the path of the disciple will be easy. Jesus declares that his words may bring stark division. Even so, we need not be afraid for God accounts for each hair on our heads. Though we may experience rejection, frustration, division, and death, God’s grace and love make us a new creation each day. Marked with the cross and filled with holy food, we are sent from worship to witness to Christ in the world.

CALL TO WORSHIP

P Welcome! This is a time to celebrate and worship God who loves us!

C **We are grateful and thankful for all God’s blessings in our lives.**

P We gather to remember that Christ gave his life for us.

C **We humbly praise God for such a gift!**

P Come, friends! Come and worship the God of love and hope.

C **Praise be to God at all times and in all places! Amen.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

C **Amen.**

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P 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.**

P By water and the Holy Spirit God gives you a new birth, and through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, God forgives you all your sins. The God of mercy and might strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life.

C Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

“Give to Our God Immortal Praise!”

ELW #848

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

C **Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

LESSON: Genesis 21:8-21

Sarah demands that Abraham send Hagar and her son, Ishmael, away. Abraham is distressed because he is Ishmael's father. Sarah wants to ensure that her son, Isaac, will be the one to inherit God's blessing. God, however, hears Hagar's cry and promises to also make of Ishmael a great nation.

PSALM 86:1-10, 16-17

L ¹Bow down your ear, O LORD, and answer me, for I am poor and in misery.

C ²**Keep watch over my life, for I am faithful;
save your servant who trusts in you.**

L ³Be merciful to me, O Lord, for you are my God; I call upon you all the day long.

C ⁴**Gladden the soul of your servant, for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.**

L ⁵For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving,
and abundant in mercy toward all who call upon you.

C ⁶**Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer,
and attend to the voice of my supplications.**

L ⁷In the time of my trouble I will call upon you, for you will answer me.

C ⁸**Among the gods there is none like you, O Lord,
nor anything like your works.**

L ⁹All the nations you have made will come and worship you, O Lord,
and glorify your name.

C ¹⁰**For you are great; you do wondrous things; and you alone are God.**

L ¹⁶Turn to me and have mercy on me; give your strength to your servant,
and save the child of your handmaid.

C ¹⁷**Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may see it and
be put to shame; because you, LORD, have helped me and comforted me.**

LESSON: Romans 6:1b-11

In baptism we were incorporated into the reality of Christ's death and resurrection. We have been made new in Christ through his death and resurrection to live freed from sin.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

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

GOSPEL: Matthew 10:24-39

Jesus warns his disciples that their ministry in his name will meet with opposition. However, he assures them that they need not fear for the truth will come to light. Life is found in Christ.

P The Gospel of our Lord.

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

HYMN "Let the Whole Creation Cry" ELW #876

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY "O Master, Let Me Walk with You" ELW #818

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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 God, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

The prayers are concluded with these words:

P Receive our prayers and answer us, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ.

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 Holy God, who gives life, nourishment, and strength to all creation, we thank you: for the community of faith you have built, for your servants who have held fast to you through centuries, and for the gospel’s welcome to all in need. Bless these gifts that all may be nurtured in truth. In Jesus’ name we pray.

C **Amen.**

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.**

BLESSING

P May God, whose power working in us
can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine,
grant you the gifts of faith and hope.
Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

C **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN “O Jesus, I have Promised”

ELW #810

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Share the good news.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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