

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost



*September 18, 2022 | 9:00 a.m.
Rally Sunday*

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

ORDER OF SERVICE

Welcome to Kviteseid Lutheran Church... The psalmist tells us: “From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the Lord is to be praised” (Psalm 113:3, NRSV). So we gather to worship him now.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN “Rise Up, O Saints of God!” ELW #669

INTRODUCTION

As we are invited today to consider what it means to be managers (rather than owners) of all that we have, it is crucial to recognize that we are bought with a price. “Christ Jesus, himself human, . . . gave himself a ransom for all.” Apart from the generosity of God we have nothing—we are nothing. By God’s gracious favor we have everything we need.

GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. *2 Corinthians 13:13*

C **And also with you.**

DIALOG

P You are the treasured people of the LORD,

C **a people holy to the LORD our God.**

P Keep the words of the LORD in your heart; teach them to your children.

C **Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away,
when you lie down and when you rise.**

P One does not live by bread alone,

C **but by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.** *Deut. 26, 11, 8*

HYMN “Lord God, Our Thanks to Thee We Raise” *on screen*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

C **God among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

LESSON: Amos 8:4-7

Amos was called by God to prophesy in the Northern Kingdom of Israel. Peace and prosperity in Israel led to corrupt business practices and oppression of the poor. The prophet declares that God will not tolerate such a situation.

PSALM 113

- L ¹Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants of the LORD; praise the name of the LORD.
C ²**Let the name of the LORD be blessed, from this time forth forevermore.**
L ³From the rising of the sun to its going down let the name of the LORD be praised.
C ⁴**The LORD is high above all nations; God's glory above the heavens.**
L ⁵Who is like the LORD our God, who sits enthroned on high,
C ⁶**but stoops to behold the heavens and the earth?**
L ⁷The LORD takes up the weak out of the dust and lifts up the poor from the ashes,
C ⁸**enthroning them with the rulers, with the rulers of the people.**
L ⁹The LORD makes the woman of a childless house to be a joyful mother of children. Hallelujah!

LESSON: 1 Timothy 2:1-6

The pastoral epistles offer insight into how early Christians understood many practical matters, such as church administration and worship. The church's focused prayer for others is an expression of the single-minded passion God has toward us in Jesus.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

- P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 16th chapter.
C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: Luke 16:1-15

Jesus tells the curious story of a dishonest manager who cheats his employer and then is commended by him for having acted so shrewdly. Jesus wonders why his own followers are less creative and diligent in their stewardship given that they are managers of a far more valuable household.

- P The Gospel of our Lord.
C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Son of God, Eternal Savior”

ELW #655

ENROLLMENT INTO CONFIRMATION

on screen

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

P In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

C **We believe in him and are marked with the seal
of the promised Holy Spirit.**

Ephesians 1:13-14

APOSTLES' CREED

P Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

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.**

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

P Build yourselves up on your most holy faith;

C **pray in the Holy Spirit.**

Jude 20

P Keep yourselves in the love of God;

C **look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

Jude 21

P If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

C **Everything old has passed away;
behold, everything has become new!**

2 Corinthians 5:17

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Even though we continually turn away from God,
the Lord is eager to forgive.
Trusting in the promise of grace, let us confess our sin.

C **Gracious God, you know our sin:
We have squandered the gifts you have given us.
We have failed to forgive our debtors
as you have forgiven us.
We have been unfaithful and dishonest
in small things and great things alike.**

Luke 16; Ps. 79:9

**We are shrewd in seeking wealth
and foolish in following your way.**

**Forgive our sins, O Lord,
for your name's sake.
Make us faithful stewards
of the grace you have given
and generous in forgiving others;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P Our loving God desires everyone to be saved
and to come to the knowledge of the truth.
Hear the good news!
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

1 Tim. 2:4

C Thanks be to God. Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE

P Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another,
agree with one another, live in peace.

2 Corinthians 13:11

P The peace of the Lord 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 Let us pray.

P God, our Creator,

**C you open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living creature.
With these gifts we bless you for your tender nurture and care. Help us to
delight in your will and walk in your ways, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Each portion of the prayers ends with these words:

P God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

The prayers are concluded with these words:

P Gathered together in the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit, gracious God, we
offer these and all our prayers to you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

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

P Be faithful with little.
Be faithful with much.
Be faithful with what belongs to another.
Be faithful with what is your own.
Serve only one master.

C **There is one God.**
We will serve this God alone.

P And may the grace, mercy, and peace of the one God be with you.

C **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN "Go, My Children, with My Blessing"

ELW #543

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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