

Seventh Sunday of Easter



May 12, 2024 | 10:30 a.m.

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

ORDER OF SERVICE

Welcome to Kviteseid Lutheran Church... Happy Easter! (Yes, it's still that season!) And Happy Mother's Day to all who share a caring relationship with a mom or mom-figure. Welcome to worship.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN "Jesus, the Very Thought of You" ELW #754

INTRODUCTION FOR THE DAY

The gospel for Easter's seventh Sunday is always taken from the long prayer Jesus prays for his followers in John's gospel on the night before his death, and always includes Jesus' desire that his followers will be one as he and the Father are one. This oneness is not mere doctrinal agreement or institutional unity, but mutual abiding, mutual love, and joy. This oneness is the work of the Spirit whom we have received but also await. Come, Holy Spirit!

CALL TO WORSHIP

P Holy Triune God,
From everlasting to everlasting, you are Lord.
Your law brings life, O Lord, and we meditate on it day and night;

C **Happy are we when we walk in your ways, O Lord.**

P You are a rich stream of living waters, and we would immerse ourselves in you;

C **Happy are we when we walk in your ways, O Lord.**

P You bring forth fruit in due season and establish the work of our hands;

C **Happy are we when we walk in your ways, O Lord.**

P Who is like our God, the One whose ways are full of life?

C **Happy are we when we walk in your ways, O Lord.**

P This is our God, the Holy One.
Come before him with thanksgiving and offer him our praise.

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P The Lord watches over our ways. *Ps. 1:6*
Let us put our trust in God's grace and confess our sins.

C **God, though you call us to delight in your teachings,
we can become cynical and full of doubt.
Do not judge us, we pray, but heal us and restore us to you.
Guard us and protect us from evil, *John 17:15, 17*
and sanctify us in truth; in Jesus' name. Amen.**

P In Christ Jesus, God has promised
to forgive us and reconcile us to God and each other.
With joy, let us share that peace with one another. Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

HYMN OF PRAISE "A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!" (vs. 1 & 5) ELW #393

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 **Gracious and glorious God, you have chosen us as your own, and by the powerful name of Christ you protect us from evil. By your Spirit transform us and your beloved world, that we may find our joy in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

LESSON: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

In the days between Jesus' ascension and Pentecost, Peter oversees the process whereby one of the members of the community of believers is chosen to be the twelfth apostle, in order to fill the vacancy created by Judas's treachery and death.

PSALM 1

L ¹Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

C ²**Their delight is in the law of the LORD,
and they meditate on God's teaching day and night.**

L ³They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season,
with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.

C ⁴**It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

L ⁵Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

C ⁶**For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.**

LESSON: 1 John 5:9-13

God has borne witness to the gift of eternal life in Jesus Christ. Whoever believes in the Son of God believes in the witness of God and has the promise of eternal life.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 17th chapter.

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

GOSPEL: John 17:6-19

In this reading the church hears Jesus' words on the night before his death—his prayer for his disciples and for all who would believe in him through their words.

P The Gospel of our Lord.

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Son of God, Eternal Savior”

ELW #655

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:

P God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

The prayers are concluded with these words:

P Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray,
trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living
Lord.

C **Amen.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY RESPONSE “For the Fruit of All Creation” (vs. 1) ELW #679

****OFFERING PRAYER**

P Jesus has made God known to us. *John 17:6*
We already belong to God.
And so we dedicate these gifts to God’s service
and to the glory of God’s name.

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 Jesus Christ has already given us into the arms of a loving God.
Therefore go in the Spirit of peace.

C **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN “Crown Him with Many Crowns” (vs. 1, 3-4) ELW #855

DISMISSAL

P Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

C **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

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