

# *Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost*



*October 6, 2024 | 9:00 a.m.*

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

# ORDER OF SERVICE

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*Welcome to Kviteseid Lutheran Church...* “You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, ... God’s special possession.” Welcome to worship, where we are invited to “declare the praises of him who called [us] out of darkness into his wonderful light” (1 Peter 2:9, NIV).

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**OPENING HYMN** “For the Beauty of the Earth” (vs. 1-2, 4-5) ELW #879

## INTRODUCTION FOR THE DAY

*What does it mean to receive the kingdom of God as a child does?*

## CALL TO WORSHIP

P Long ago, at different times and in various ways,  
God spoke to our ancestors through the Hebrew prophets.  
But in these last days,  
we have heard God’s voice through His Son, Jesus Christ,  
who has been given dominion over all things  
and through whom all worlds were made.

**C He is the One who sustains the universe by the power of his command;  
the One who gave himself to free us from the grip of sin and death;  
the One who, even now, reigns in the heavens,  
seated at the right hand of God. This is our God!  
Let us worship together.**

## \*\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P We have an advocate on high: Jesus Christ,  
who stooped down to save us from our sin  
but rose in honor and glory to reign forever.  
Therefore let us seek God’s grace.

*Heb. 1:3–4, 9*

**C Loving God, you created us  
to live in relationship with you,  
to love and serve one another,  
and to care for all your creatures.  
Yet, in the hardness of our hearts,  
we dismiss your commandments  
and seek to go our separate ways.  
Lord, have mercy on us.  
Redeem, restore, and re-create us,  
for the sake of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

*Gen. 2:18–24;  
Mark 10:2–12*

P What are we that God is mindful of us?  
Who are we that God should care for us?  
Yet God now calls us beloved children;  
Jesus now claims us as sisters and brothers.  
This is the good news of God's grace:  
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Ps. 8:4; Heb. 2:6,  
10-12

C Amen.

### 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 **Sovereign God, you have created us to live in loving community with one another. Form us for life that is faithful and steadfast, and teach us to trust like little children, that we may reflect the image of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### LESSON: Genesis 2:18-24

*Genesis 2 stresses that people are not meant to live in isolation but in relationship. Out of love for humanity, God creates them male and female, to provide companionship for each other and to become with each other "one flesh." The Hebrew words used here are ish (man) and ishshah (woman).*

### PSALM 8

L <sup>1</sup>O LORD our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!—

C <sup>2</sup>**you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and children; you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe and avenger.**

L <sup>3</sup>When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

C <sup>4</sup>**what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them, human beings that you should care for them?**

L <sup>5</sup>Yet you have made them little less than divine;  
with glory and honor you crown them.

C <sup>6</sup>**You have made them rule over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet:**

L <sup>7</sup>all flocks and cattle, even the wild beasts of the field,

**C** <sup>8</sup>the birds of the air, the fish of the sea,  
and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.

**L** <sup>9</sup>O LORD our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

**LESSON: Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12**

*Quoting from the psalms, this passage from Hebrews emphasizes that Jesus, the one through whom God created everything and who sits at God's right hand, is also the one who experienced human suffering and death in order to blaze the path of salvation for us.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

**GOSPEL: Mark 10:13-16**

*Jesus announced and enacted in history the new reality of God's surprising activity.*

**P** The Gospel of our Lord.

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

**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

“You Servants of God”

ELW #825

**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, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in the saving grace you freely give, both now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## OFFERING

### JINGLE OFFERING

**OFFERTORY RESPONSE** "Create in Me a Clean Heart"

ELW #186

### OFFERING PRAYER

**P** Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation.  
By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### 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.**

## COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION HYMNS	“Day by Day”	ELW #790
	“All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly”	ELW #461
	“Now We Join in Celebration”	ELW #462

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Holy God,  
you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table.  
Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

### \*\*CHARGE

P Go out into the world *Mark 10:2–12*  
and live as children,  
dependent on God and on each other,  
obedient to the will of God,  
citizens of the kingdom.

## BLESSING

P The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord’s face shine upon you with grace and mercy.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN “Go, My Children, with My Blessing” ELW #543

## DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Live in love as Christ loved us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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