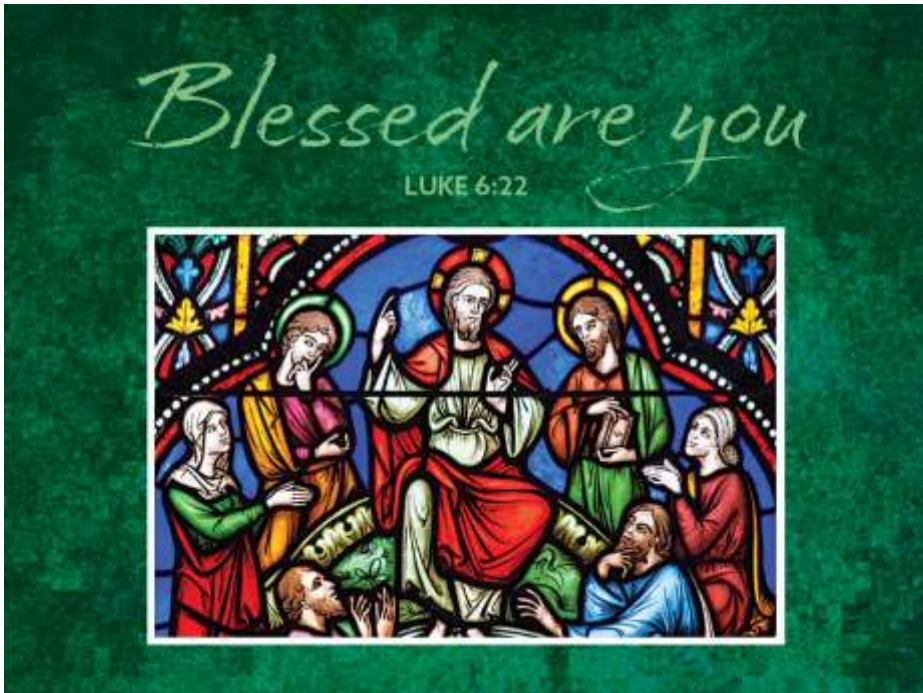


# *Sixth Sunday after Epiphany*



*February 16, 2025 | 9:00 a.m.*

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

# ORDER OF SERVICE

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*Welcome to worship at Kviteseid Lutheran Church...* God plants us like trees beside streams of living water, provided by Jesus himself (Psalm 1:3; John 4:14). All who are thirsty, come and drink!

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

## INTRODUCTION FOR THE DAY

*Blessings and curses abound on the sixth Sunday after Epiphany. We would do well to listen closely to whom the “blessed are” and the “woe tos” are directed and to find our place in the crowd among those who desire to touch Jesus. The risen Christ stands among us in the mystery of the holy supper with an invitation to live in him, and offers power to heal us all.*

## OPENING PRAYER

*Luke 6*

P     God of blessings and woes, bless us this day with lives filled with love, caring, generosity, and deep, abiding hope.

C     **We pray that your kingdom will dwell among all people, and that we may be instruments of your love and your grace. Open our hearts with the joy of healing a world filled with brokenness and pain.**

P     In the name of the one who taught us the ways of light and love, be in our worship and in our very lives. Amen.

## \*\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P     If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves                      *1 John 1:8; Jer. 17:7*  
and the truth is not in us.

So let us be honest and confess what separates us from God and our neighbors, trusting in God’s constant desire to forgive and renew.

C     **God of judgment and renewal,  
we admit to you and to each other  
that we have not always loved you and our neighbors  
as fully as you call us to love.**

**We have failed to be good stewards of our planet.**

**We have turned away from you and toward our own self-interest.**

**We have been shortsighted, and we are humbly sorry.**

**Help us turn back to you, O Lord,**

**to reach toward you as a tree sends its roots out toward water.**

**Amen.**

*Jer. 17:8*

P Because Christ has been raised from the dead, 1 Cor. 15:14, 17  
sin and death do not have the last word!

C **Our faith is not in vain!**  
**Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection,**  
**we are forgiven and set free to live for God and neighbor.**  
**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE** "Jesus Shall Reign" (vs. 1, 2 & 4) ELW #434

### **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 **Living God, in Christ you make all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### **LESSON: Jeremiah 17:5-10**

*These verses compose a poem that is part of a larger collection of wisdom sayings that contrast two ways of life. Life with God brings blessing; the power and vitality of God is active in our life. Life without God brings a curse, the power of death.*

### **PSALM 1**

L <sup>1</sup>Happy 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 <sup>2</sup>**Their delight is in the law of the LORD,**  
and they meditate on God's teaching day and night.

L <sup>3</sup>They 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 <sup>4</sup>**It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

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

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

### **LESSON: 1 Corinthians 15:12-20**

*For Paul, the resurrection of Christ is the basis for Christian hope. Because Christ has been raised, those who are in Christ know that they too will be raised to a new life beyond death.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

## GOSPEL: Luke 6:17-26

*After choosing his twelve apostles, Jesus teaches a crowd of followers about the nature and demands of discipleship. He begins his great sermon with surprising statements about who is truly blessed in the eyes of God.*

P The Gospel of our Lord.

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

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

### SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY "O God of Mercy, God of Light" (vs. 1-4) ELW #714

### 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 We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people.

C **Amen.**

### OFFERING

**JINGLE OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY RESPONSE**

“Create in Me a Clean Heart”

ELW #186

**OFFERING PRAYER**

**C** You pour out your abundance on us, Loving God. As we can lighten the sufferings of others, turn their woes into blessings, and their emptiness into overflowing grace and life. Take the gifts we offer and use them in the work of your new life which is in our midst. In Jesus’ name, we pray. 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.

**\*\*BENEDICTION**

**P** May the blessing of God,  
Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit,  
nourish and sustain us, surprise and reorder us,  
and strengthen us in faith and hope for this life and the life to come.

*Jer. 17:8; Luke 6:20–26;*

*1 Cor. 15:17–19*

**C** Amen.

**CLOSING HYMN**

“Arise, Your Light Has Come!”

ELW #314

**DISMISSAL**

**P** Go into the world and proclaim the good news!

**C** Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE**

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