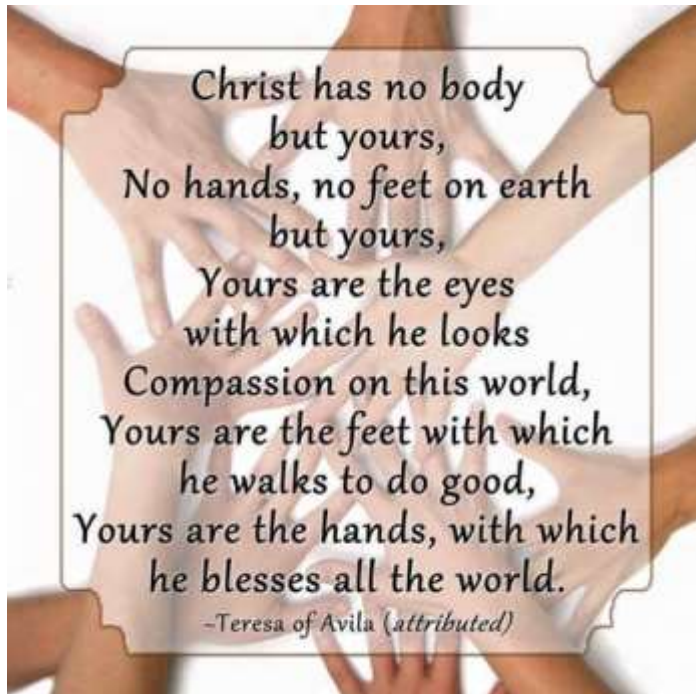


# God's Work Our Hands Sunday



September 11, 2022 | 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... where all may share in worshipping God and growing in faith on this first Sunday of the new program year.*

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**OPENING HYMN**          “Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak”          ELW #676

## INTRODUCTION

*The grumbling of the religious leaders in today’s gospel is actually our holy hope: This Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. That our God seeks and saves the lost is not only a holy hope, it is our only hope. As the writer of 1 Timothy reminds us, “The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.” Thanks be to God.*

## \*\*CALL TO WORSHIP

P      Rejoice with me, people of God.          *Luke 15*

C      **God has gathered us in from the wilderness.**

P      Rejoice with me, people of God.

C      **God has swept away the darkness of the night.**

P      Rejoice with me, people of God.

C      **Today, there is joy in the presence of the angels.**

## \*\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P      The grace of our Lord overflows for us          *1 Tim. 1:12-17*  
through the faith and love that are ours in Christ Jesus.  
Trusting in God’s grace, let us confess our sin, saying,

C      **Create in us a clean heart, O God; put a new and right spirit within us.**

P      In the folly of our hearts we live as though there is no God.          *Ps. 14:1*  
Create in us a clean heart, O God;

C      **put a new and right spirit within us.**

P      We forget all you have done for us, and make false idols to be          *Exod. 32:8*  
our gods. Create in us a clean heart, O God;

C      **put a new and right spirit within us.**

P      We act faithlessly, violently, and scorn your name.          *1 Tim. 1:13*  
Create in us a clean heart, O God;

C      **put a new and right spirit within us.**

*[silent prayer]*

P The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance,  
that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.  
Hear the good news! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*1 Tim. 1:12-27*

**C Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE** “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” (vs. 1 & 4) ELW #834

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P Let us pray.

**C O God, overflowing with mercy and compassion, you lead back to yourself all those who go astray. Preserve your people in your loving care, that we may reject whatever is contrary to you and may follow all things that sustain our life in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**LESSON: Exodus 32:7-14**

*While Moses is on Mount Sinai, the people grow restless and make a golden calf to worship. Today’s reading shows Moses as the mediator between an angry God and a sinful people. Moses reminds God that the Israelites are God’s own people, and boldly asks for mercy for them.*

**PSALM 51:1-10**

L <sup>1</sup>Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;  
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

**C <sup>2</sup>Wash me through and through from my wickedness,  
and cleanse me from my sin.**

L <sup>3</sup>For I know my offenses, and my sin is ever before me.

**C <sup>4</sup>Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight;  
so you are justified when you speak and right in your judgment.**

L <sup>5</sup>Indeed, I was born steeped in wickedness,  
a sinner from my mother’s womb.

**C <sup>6</sup>Indeed, you delight in truth deep within me,  
and would have me know wisdom deep within.**

L <sup>7</sup>Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean;  
wash me, and I shall be purer than snow.

**C <sup>8</sup>Let me hear joy and gladness; that the body you have broken may rejoice.**

L <sup>9</sup>Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my wickedness.

**C <sup>10</sup>Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**

## **LESSON: 1 Timothy 1:12-17**

*The letters to Timothy and Titus are called the pastoral epistles because they contain advice especially intended for leaders in the church. Here the mercy shown to Paul, who once persecuted the church, is cited as evidence that even the most unworthy may become witnesses to the grace of God.*

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 15<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

### **GOSPEL: Luke 15:1-10**

*Jesus tells two stories that suggest a curious connection between the lost being found and sinners repenting. God takes the initiative to find sinners, each of whom is so precious to God that their recovery brings joy in heaven.*

**P** The Gospel of our Lord.

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

### **SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** “Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound” (vs. 1, 2 & 5) ELW #779

### **APOSTLES’ CREED**

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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 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.**

#### **SHARING THE PEACE**

P The peace of Christ, be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

#### **OFFERING**

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

ELW #186

#### **OFFERING PRAYER**

P Gracious God,  
in your great love you richly provide for our needs.  
Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing,  
and make us ready to share with all in need;  
through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all.

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**

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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.**

## COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION HYMNS	“Lamb of God”	page 154
	“Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling”	ELW #608
	“Take My Life, That I May Be” (vs. 1-4)	ELW #685
	“Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service”	ELW #712

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P God of the abundant table,  
you have refreshed our hearts in this meal  
with bread for the journey.  
Give us your grace on the road  
that we might serve our neighbors with joy;  
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

## BLESSING

P God, who gives life to all things  
and frees us from despair,  
bless you with truth and peace.  
And may the holy Trinity, † one God,  
guide you always in faith, hope, and love.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN “The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve” ELW #551

BLESSING OF HANDS (*on screen*)

## DISMISSAL

P Go forth to love and serve in Christ’s name.

C Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE

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