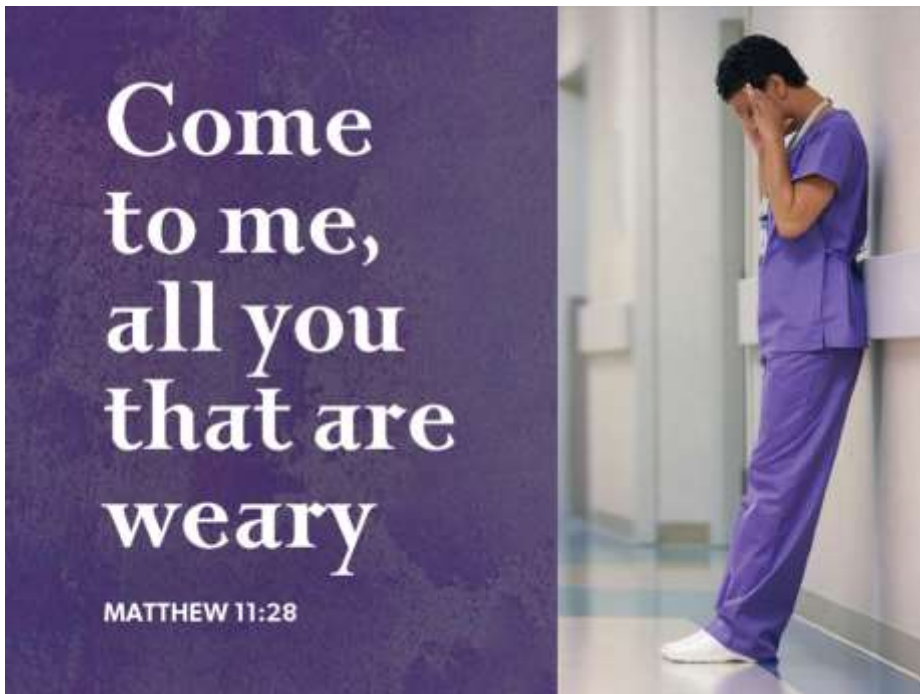


# *Sixth Sunday after Pentecost*



*July 9, 2023 | 10:30 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...* in the name of God the Creator of this beautiful summer day, Jesus our Savior, and the Holy Spirit our Counselor each and every day. Amen.

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## OPENING HYMN

“Lord of All Hopefulness”

ELW #765

## INTRODUCTION FOR THE DAY

*The mystery of God’s ways is sometimes hidden from the wise and intelligent. Jesus associates with those often excluded from the religious community. Like Paul, we struggle with our own selfish desires and seek God’s mercy and forgiveness. We gather to be refreshed by Christ’s invitation: “Come to me, all you that are weary.” Gathered around word, water, and meal, we find rest for our souls.*

## CALL TO WORSHIP

P Come to our God, all who hunger for life:

**C for it is God who nourishes us at the Table of Grace.**

P Come to our God, all who are worn out by life:

**C for it is God who provides the rest we need.**

P Come to our God, all who are weighed down:

**C for it is our God who carries our burdens with us.**

## \*\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P God upholds all who are falling  
and raises up all who are bowed down.

*Ps. 145:14*

Therefore let us confess our sin  
with every confidence that we will be lifted up.

**C Holy One, we confess to you and to each other  
that we are tired and weighed down  
by the mistakes we have made,  
even in our closest relationships  
with our friends, our spouses, and our partners.**

**We give this burden to you,  
mindful of Jesus’ promise that  
he will give us rest.**

*Matt. 11:28*

**We trust in you. Amen.**

P Friends, hear the good news of our faith:  
God is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love,  
showing compassion to all.  
Forgiven and freed, let us rise up with joy  
and share our peace with one another.

*Ps. 145:8-9*

C **Amen.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE** "Jesus Shall Reign" (vs. 1-2, 4-5) 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 **You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### **LESSON: Zechariah 9:9-12**

*The coming messianic king will inaugurate an era of disarmament and prosperity. Because of God's covenant with Israel, the people are designated as "prisoners of hope."*

### **PSALM 145:8-14**

L <sup>8</sup>The LORD is gracious and full of compassion,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

C <sup>9</sup>**LORD, you are good to all, and your compassion is over all your works.**

L <sup>10</sup>All your works shall praise you, O LORD,  
and your faithful ones shall bless you.

C <sup>11</sup>**They shall tell of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your power,**

L <sup>12</sup>that all people may know of your power  
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

C <sup>13</sup>**Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures throughout all ages. You, LORD, are faithful in all your words, and loving in all your works.**

L <sup>14</sup>The Lord upholds all those who fall and lifts up those who are bowed down.

**LESSON: Romans 7:15-25a**

*Life captive to sin is a catch-22 existence in which we know good but do not do it and do things we know to be wrong. Through Jesus Christ, God has set us free from such a futile existence.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 11<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

**GOSPEL: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30**

*Jesus chides people who find fault with both his ministry and that of John the Baptist. He thanks God that wisdom and intelligence are not needed to receive what God has to offer.*

**P** The Gospel of our Lord.

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

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** “Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling”

ELW #608

**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** Hear us, O God,

**C** **Your mercy is great.**

*The prayers are concluded with these words:*

**P** Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, in the name of the one who reconciled all creation to himself, Jesus Christ our Savior.

**C** **Amen.**

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY RESPONSE**

“Create in Me a Clean Heart”

ELW #186

**\*\*OFFERING PRAYER**

P Compassionate God, we ask that you bless and multiply these gifts, that they may be used to proclaim the glory of your kingdom and make known to all people the power of your saving acts.

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”

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“Let Us Break Bread Together”

ELW #471

“Day by Day”

ELW #790

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

P We thank you, generous God,  
for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table.  
Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world,  
through the one who is our dearest treasure, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

## **CLOSING PRAYER**

**P** Lord, we have listened to your word for us this day. We are grateful for the love of Jesus who takes our burdens and lightens our spirits. Be with us today as we leave this place. May we continue to place our trust in you, for it is in the name of Jesus that we pray.

**C Amen.**

## **BENEDICTION**

**P** Weary travelers, go now in peace with the love of Christ in your hearts. You are released from your burdens! Go with joy to serve God. Amen.

**CLOSING HYMN** "Just a Closer Walk with Thee" ELW #697

## **DISMISSAL**

**P** Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

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