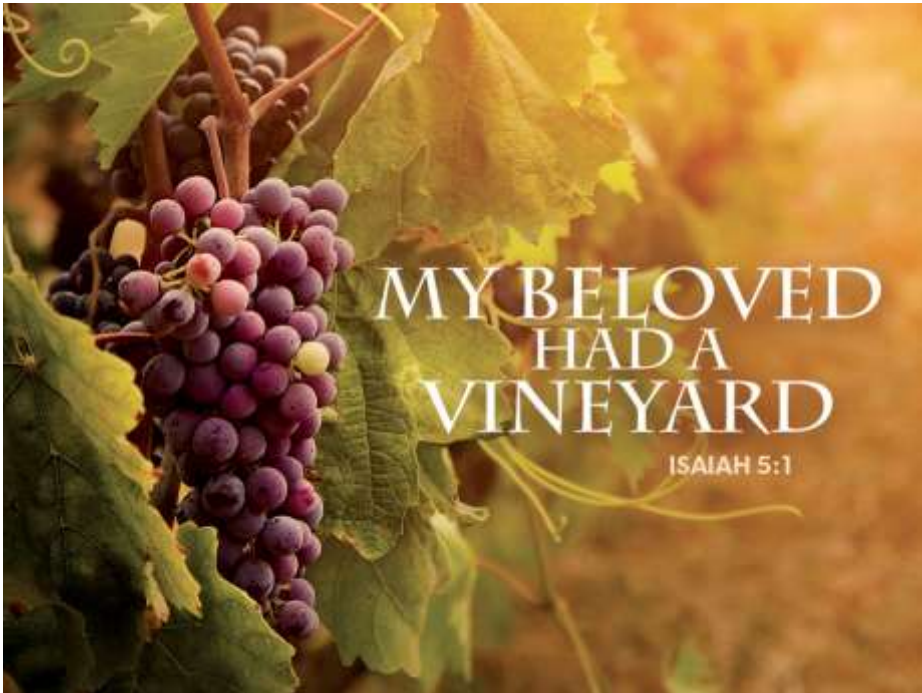


Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost



October 8, 2023 | 10:30 a.m.

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

RDER OF SERVICE

Welcome to worship at Kviteseid Lutheran Church... in the name of God, the maker of all; Jesus, the Savior; and the Holy Spirit, divine guide of our lives. Amen.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN “Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty” (vs. 1-2, 4-5) ELW #533

INTRODUCTION FOR THE DAY

In today’s gospel reading, Jesus tells a vineyard parable, which serves as an image of Israel, the prophets’ mission, and Christ’s death. For Christians, the vineyard also speaks of God’s love poured out in the blood of Christ, given to us for the forgiveness of sin. Grafted onto Christ the vine at baptism, we are nourished with wine and bread so that we may share Christ’s sufferings and know the power of his resurrection.

CALL TO WORSHIP

P Long ago a vineyard was planted.

The ground was prepared, and all was made ready.

**C But the vines grew wild,
the ground was unable to support the wild grapes.**

P What happened in that place of promise?

**C People forgot the One who planted the vineyard.
They chose their own ways and failed.**

P Let us again turn to the Lord,
who will again plant, prune, and cause us to grow in faithfulness.

**C Let us open our hearts to God, trusting in God's ways and God's word.
Amen.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be God, the one who forms us, † Jesus who bears the cross,
the Spirit who makes our joy complete.

C Amen.

P Let us bow before God in humility, confessing our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Steadfast and faithful God,

**C you have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you.
We are overwhelmed by the world’s violence and suffering.
We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others.
For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us.**

**For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation, forgive us.
For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive us.
Lead us back to you and set us on the right path;
in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

P Beloved in Christ,
God's justice stretches beyond all understanding.
God's compassion is beyond compare.
In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us.
In † Christ, you are already and always forgiven.

C Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE "How Firm a Foundation" (vs. 1 & 2) ELW #796

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 Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the
inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your
merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and
Lord. Amen.**

LESSON: Isaiah 5:1-7

The prophet sings a sad, parable-like love song about the relationship between God and Israel. In this song Israel is compared to a promising vineyard. Despite God's loving care, the vineyard that is Israel has brought forth "wild grapes" of injustice and distress, when fine grapes of justice and righteousness were expected.

PSALM 80:7-15

L ⁷Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

C ⁸**You have brought a vine out of Egypt;
you cast out the nations and planted it.**

L ⁹You cleared the ground for it; it took root and filled the land.

C ¹⁰**The mountains were covered by its shadow
and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.**

L ¹¹You stretched out its tendrils to the sea and its branches to the river.

C ¹²**Why have you broken down its wall,
so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?**

L ¹³The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it,
and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.

C ¹⁴**Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven;**

L ¹⁵behold and tend this vine; preserve what your right hand has planted.

LESSON: Philippians 3:4b-14

Paul reviews some of his supposed credentials, which no longer have any bearing in comparison to the right relationship he has been given through the death of Christ. The power of Christ's resurrection motivates him to press on toward the ultimate goal, eternal life with Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 21st chapter.

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

GOSPEL: Matthew 21:33-46

Jesus tells a parable to the religious leaders who are plotting his death, revealing that their plans will, ironically, bring about the fulfillment of scripture.

P The Gospel of our Lord.

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY "The Church of Christ, in Every Age" (vs. 1-2, 4-5) ELW #729

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 Gracious God, into your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your unending love and amazing grace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C **Amen.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY RESPONSE “Create in Me a Clean Heart”

ELW #186

OFFERING PRAYER

P God of goodness and growth, all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is sure. Word and water, wine and bread: these are signs of your abundant grace. Receive the gifts we bring, and nourish us to proclaim your abiding love in our communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song.

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.**

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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

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	“Let Us Break Bread Together”	ELW #471
	“Come, Let Us Eat”	ELW #491
	“For the Bread Which You Have Broken”	ELW #494

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Blessed be your name, O God,
for we have feasted on your Word,
Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts.
Strengthened by this food,
send us to gather the world to your banquet,
where none are left out and all are satisfied.
In Jesus’ name we pray.

C **Amen.**

CHARGE

P Let the light of God’s love shine on you, in you,
and through you as you go into God’s world to serve God’s people.

BLESSING

P The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding,
keep your hearts and your minds in † Christ Jesus.

C **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN “God Loved the World” (vs. 1, 2 & 5) ELW #323
(Alt. tune: ELW #434)

DISMISSAL

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

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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