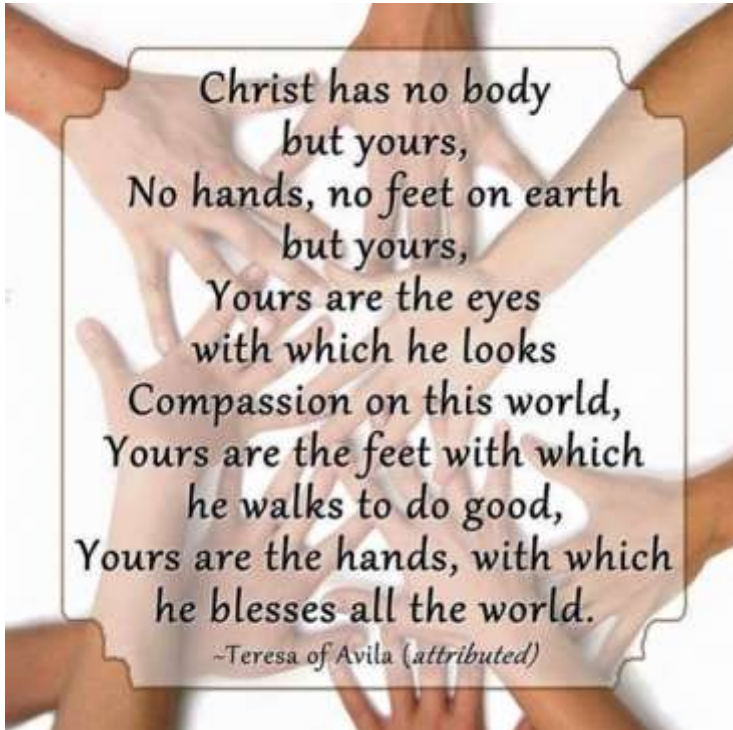


# God's Work Our Hands Sunday



September 10, 2023 | 10:30 a.m.  
Rally Sunday

Kviteseid Lutheran Church  
308 North Third Street  
Milan, Minnesota

# ORDER OF SERVICE

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*Welcome to Kviteseid Lutheran Church...* Welcome to worship, Christian education and fellowship — a chance to be fed and nourished by God’s Word before being sent again to serve the world in the week ahead.

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**OPENING HYMN**                      “As We Gather at Your Table”      (vs. 1-2)      ELW #522

## INTRODUCTION FOR THE DAY

*Conflict is a part of relationships and life in community. Jesus’ words in today’s gospel are often used in situations having to do with church discipline. We gather in the name of Christ, assured that he is present among us with gifts of peace and reconciliation.*

## CALL TO WORSHIP

P      Come out of the darkness of despair into the brightness of God’s transforming love.

**C      We praise God for God’s presence with us!**

P      Prepare your hearts and spirits to receive God’s mercy and healing.

**C      We thank God for God’s mercy toward us.**

P      Come, let us praise and worship God who is always with us.

**C      Thanks be to God at all times and in all places. Amen.**

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P      In the name of the Father,  
         and of the + Son,  
         and of the Holy Spirit.

**C      Amen.**

P      Almighty God,  
         to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,  
         and from whom no secrets are hid:  
         cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
         by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
         that we may perfectly love you  
         and worthily magnify your holy name,  
         through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C      Amen.**

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

P Most merciful God,

**C we confess that we are captive to sin  
and cannot free ourselves.**

**We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done  
and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us.**

**Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,  
so that we may delight in your will  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your holy name.**

**Amen.**

P God, who is rich in mercy, loved us  
even when we were dead in sin,  
and made us alive  
together with Christ.

By grace you have been saved.

In the name of † Jesus Christ,  
your sins are forgiven.

Almighty God  
strengthen you with power  
through the Holy Spirit,  
that Christ may live in your hearts  
through faith.

**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 O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy.  
Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that  
is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through  
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**PSALM 119:33-40**

L <sup>33</sup>Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes, and I shall keep it to the end.

C <sup>34</sup>**Give me understanding, and I shall keep your teaching;  
I shall keep it with all my heart.**

L <sup>35</sup>Lead me in the path of your commandments, for that is my desire.

C <sup>36</sup>**Incline my heart to your decrees and not to unjust gain.**

L <sup>37</sup>Turn my eyes from beholding falsehood; give me life in your way.

C <sup>38</sup>**Fulfill your promise to your servant, which is for those who fear you.**

L <sup>39</sup>Turn away the reproach that I dread, because your judgments are good.

C <sup>40</sup>**Behold, I long for your commandments; by your righteousness enliven me.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 18<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

**GOSPEL: Matthew 18:15-20**

*Jesus offers practical advice to his disciples on how individuals—and the church as a whole—should go about restoring relationships when one member has sinned against another.*

P The Gospel of our Lord.

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

**CHILDREN’S SERMON**

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** “Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways”

ELW #772

**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** Merciful God,

**C** **receive our prayer.**

*The prayers are concluded with these words:*

**P** Remember us according to your steadfast love as we offer these and the prayers of our heart, trusting in your compassion made known through Jesus Christ.

**C** **Amen.**

## **OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY RESPONSE** “We Give Thee but Thine Own” (vs. 1-2) ELW #686

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

**C** **Holy God, giver of all good things, receive the gifts we bring, fruit of the earth and the work of human hands, that they may be used to your purposes for life and love in the world. Amen.**

## **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** “Let Us Break Bread Together” ELW #471

“Take My Life, That I May Be” (vs. 1-4) ELW #685

“Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service” ELW #712

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**P** Holy Jesus, in this meal you have fed and nourished us to work in your beloved world. Send us now, filled with yourself and strengthened by your Spirit to live your love for others.

**C** **Amen.**

**BLESSING**

P The Spirit sends us forth to serve. Go in peace, knowing that God will always be by your side in all that you do. Go in love, offering healing and hope to others. Go in joy, that others may be lifted and inspired in service.

C **Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN** “Go, My Children, with My Blessing”

ELW #543

**BLESSING OF HANDS** (*on screen*)

**DISMISSAL**

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

C **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

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