

Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost



November 17, 2024 | 9:00 a.m.

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308 North Third Street
Milan, Minnesota*

RDER OF SERVICE

Welcome to Kviteseid Lutheran Church... The writer of Hebrews urges us to “not stop gathering together with other believers” but “encourage each other even more” (10:25, God’s Word Translation). So let us worship.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN

“Jesus, Still Lead On”

ELW #624

INTRODUCTION FOR THE DAY

November begins with All Saints Day and ends in or near Advent, when we anticipate Christ’s coming again. It is fitting, then, that the readings today tell of the final resurrection and the end time. In the turmoil of hope, fear, and disbelief that these predictions provoke in us, Hebrews sounds a note of confident trust. Christ makes a way for us where there is no way, and we walk it confidently, our hearts and bodies washed in baptismal water, trusting the one who has promised forgiveness. The more we see the last day approaching, the more important it is to meet together to provoke one another to love.

CALL TO WORSHIP

P May the Peace of Christ be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P In a world of continuous change there is one constant

C **God is with us wherever we go**

P God who has been, is now, and always will be,
our guide and companion invites us to sing and pray and listen.

C **We come together to celebrate God’s presence.**

OPENING PRAYER

P God of our past, our present, and our future,

C **the world is changing around us, and that makes us uneasy.**

P It is so easy to fear the changes, to worry about what is ending.

C **Help us to see the things that are changing and the things that are continuing.**

P In this time of worship:

C **open our eyes and souls to see where you are at work in the world, give us courage to stand firm as the winds of change toss the boat of life around,**

and send us back out into the world refreshed and emboldened to proclaim your words of hope and promise. Amen.

****CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P Since we have a great high priest, Jesus Christ, *Heb. 10:21–23*
let us approach the throne of grace in full assurance of faith,
for God has promised to be merciful.

C **God of grace,
all around us are wars, and rumors of wars,
and we are afraid for ourselves and our world. *Mark 13:5–8*
We follow after false leaders
and grasp for whatever security we can find.
Forgive us, Lord, for we are quick to forget
that all of life is in your hands.
Renew our hope, increase our courage,
and keep us watchful for the signs
of your just and peaceful reign that is to come;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P People of God, *Heb. 10:17–19, 23*
Jesus Christ, who gave himself once and for all, forgives and saves.
Therefore, be reconciled to one another,
holding fast to the confession of our hope,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE “Give to Our God Immortal Praise!” ELW #848

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 **Almighty God, your sovereign purpose brings salvation to birth. Give us
faith to be steadfast amid the tumults of this world, trusting that your
kingdom comes and your will is done through your Son, Jesus Christ, our
Savior and Lord. Amen.**

LESSON: Daniel 12:1-3

The book of Daniel is an example of apocalyptic literature, which is full of strange visions and symbolism. Arising during times of great persecution, apocalyptic literature is concerned with God’s revelation about the end time and the coming kingdom of God, when God will vindicate the righteous who have been persecuted.

PSALM 16

- L ¹Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;
I have said to the LORD, “You are my Lord, my good above all other.”
- C ²**All my delight is in the godly that are in the land,
upon those who are noble among the people.**
- L ³But those who run after other gods shall have their troubles multiplied.
- C ⁴**I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods,
never take their names upon my lips.**
- L ⁵O LORD, you are my portion and my cup; it is you who uphold my lot.
- C ⁶**My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; indeed, I have a rich inheritance.**
- L ⁷I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel;
my heart teaches me night after night.
- C ⁸**I have set the LORD always before me;
because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**
- L ⁹My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;
my body also shall rest in hope.
- C ¹⁰**For you will not abandon me to the grave, nor let your holy one see the pit.**
- L ¹¹You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

LESSON: Hebrews 10:11-25

Images of worship and sacrifice are used throughout Hebrews to highlight what Christ has uniquely accomplished through his death. Because we have received forgiveness through Christ's death, we live with sincere hearts by trusting in God's promises and encouraging love and good works from each other.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

- P The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 13th chapter.
- C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: Mark 13:1-8

In the last week of his life, Jesus warned his disciples concerning trials that were to come upon them and upon the world. He exhorts the listener: Do not be alarmed.

- P The Gospel of our Lord.
- C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Built on a Rock”

ELW #652

NEW MEMBER WELCOME

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 Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

The prayers are concluded with these words:

P We offer our prayers to you, gracious God, trusting in your boundless love for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ our Savior.

C Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE

P Let us share together the peace of Christ,
encouraging one another in love and goodness.

P The peace of Christ, be with you always.

C And also with you.

OFFERING

JINGLE OFFERING

OFFERTORY RESPONSE "Create in Me a Clean Heart"

ELW #186

**OFFERING PRAYER

P Dear God, we offer these gifts back to you. Multiply them so that they might help build up your kingdom on earth. All glory, praise, and honor are due to you, now and forever.

C 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.**

CHARGE

P We leave this place of worship and go out into the world.

C **A world tossed around by the winds of change.**

P As some things end and other things begin, our call remains the same:

C **we continue to love our neighbors, we continue to share words of hope and
promise, we continue to live as citizens of God's Reign.**

P As God has been with you in the past, as God is with you today,
may God be with you tomorrow.

C **Wherever we go. Thanks be to God.**

BLESSING

P Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

ELW #632

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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