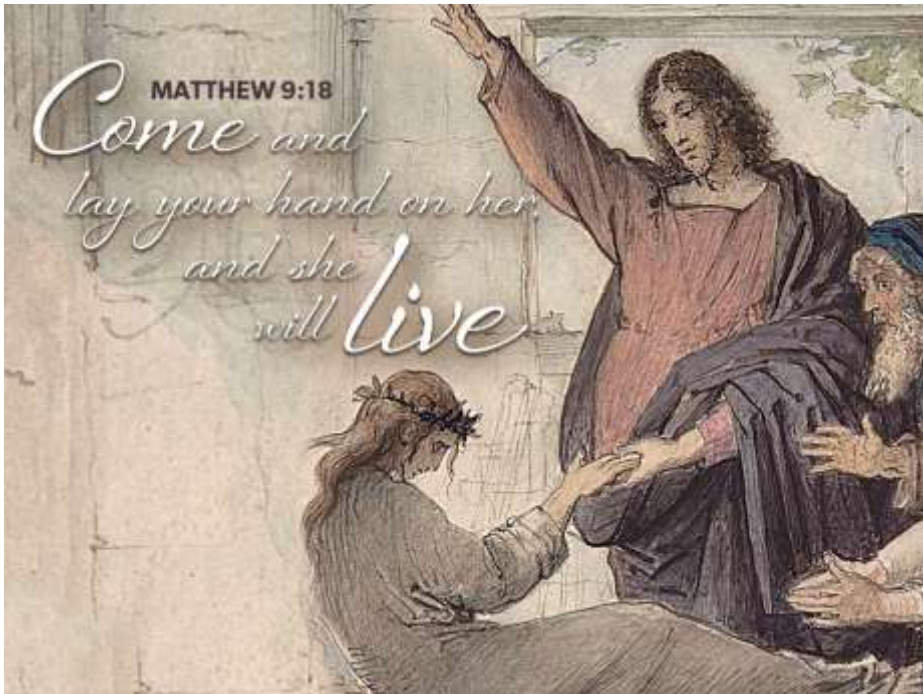


# *Second Sunday after Pentecost*



*June 11, 2023 | 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...* “The earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord” (Psalm 33:5, ESV). Let us together praise God!

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**OPENING HYMN** “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” ELW #858

## INTRODUCTION FOR THE DAY

*Though Jesus was a devout Jew who practiced his faith, he was criticized for eating with tax collectors and sinners—the religiously nonobservant. Jesus criticizes the self-righteous and reminds us that mercy is to be at the heart of our religious practices. God continues to be made known in those on the margins of society, like Matthew the tax collector and the hemorrhaging woman. As we gather each Lord’s day we receive the healing that makes us well and sends us forth to be signs of God’s mercy for the world.*

## OPENING PRAYER

P In you alone we put our hope, God the Father, Creator and Sustainer,  
who gives all good things seen and unseen.  
In you alone we put our hope, God the Son, Savior and Redeemer,  
who died for our sins and rose again.  
In you alone we put our hope, God the Spirit, Teacher and Comforter,  
who moves us to sing “Our God reigns!”  
In you alone we put our hope.

## GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. *2 Corinthians 13:13*

**C And also with you.**

## DIALOG

P You are the treasured people of the LORD,

**C a people holy to the LORD our God.**

P Keep the words of the LORD in your heart; teach them to your children.

**C Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away,  
when you lie down and when you rise.**

P One does not live by bread alone,

**C but by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.** *Deut. 26, 11, 8*

**SCRIPTURE SONG** “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee” ELW #836

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

C **O God, you are the source of life and the ground of our being. By the power of your Spirit bring healing to this wounded world, and raise us to the new life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## LESSON: Genesis 12:1-9

*God's call of Abram and Sarai has a clear purpose—that through them all the families of the earth would gain a blessing. As they set out on their journey they are accompanied by promises of land, nation, and a great reputation. As they journey, they inaugurate sacrificial worship at every stopping point.*

## PSALM 33:1-12

L <sup>1</sup>Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous; praise is fitting for the upright.

C <sup>2</sup>**Praise the LORD with the lyre; make music for God with a ten-stringed harp.**

L <sup>3</sup>Sing for the LORD a new song; play your instrument skillfully with joyful sounds.

C <sup>4</sup>**For your word, O LORD, is right, and faithful are all your works.**

L <sup>5</sup>You love righteousness and justice; your steadfast love fills the whole earth.

C <sup>6</sup>**By your word were the heavens made,  
by the breath of your mouth all the hosts of heaven.**

L <sup>7</sup>You gather up the waters of the ocean as in a water-skin  
and store up the depths of the sea.

C <sup>8</sup>**Let all the earth fear the LORD; let all who dwell in the world stand in awe.**

L <sup>9</sup>For God spoke, and it came to pass; God commanded, and it stood fast.

C <sup>10</sup>**The LORD brings the will of the nations to nothing  
and thwarts the designs of the peoples.**

L <sup>11</sup>Your will, O LORD, stands fast forever,  
and the designs of your heart from age to age.

C <sup>12</sup>**Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD!  
Happy the people chosen to be God's heritage!**

## LESSON: Romans 4:13-25

*Paul presents Abraham as a living model of right relationships. For Abraham and for us, a right relationship with God involves trusting that God's promises will be fulfilled because God makes the dead alive and calls into existence what otherwise does not exist.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 9<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

## GOSPEL: Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

*Jesus demonstrates God's mercy and power, accepting the unacceptable and curing the incurable. Even the dead receive new life.*

P The Gospel of our Lord.

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

## SERMON

**HYMN OF THE DAY** "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

ELW #588

(Alt. tune: ELW #579)

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

P In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

C **We believe in him and are marked with the seal  
of the promised Holy Spirit.**

*Ephesians 1:13-14*

## APOSTLES' CREED

P Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

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.**

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

P Build yourselves up on your most holy faith;

C **pray in the Holy Spirit.**

*Jude 20*

P Keep yourselves in the love of God;

C **look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

*Jude 21*

P If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

**C** Everything old has passed away;  
behold, everything has become new!

*2 Corinthians 5:17*

**P** God has given us the ministry of reconciliation.  
Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

**P** Gracious God,

**C** have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**P** Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

**C** Amen.

#### SHARING THE PEACE

**P** Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace.

*2 Corinthians 13:11*

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** And also with you.

#### OFFERING

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

ELW #186

#### OFFERING PRAYER

**P** Let us pray.

**P** God, our Creator,

**C** you open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living creature. With these gifts we bless you for your tender nurture and care. Help us to delight in your will and walk in your ways, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

*Each portion of the prayers ends with these words:*

**P** God, in your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

*The prayers are concluded with these words:*

**P** Receive our prayers and answer us, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ.

**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

*Rom. 4:20-21*

**P** Do not waver in unbelief regarding the promise of God, but be strengthened by God's faith and give glory to God, being fully persuaded that God has the power to do what God promises, every day.

### BLESSING

**P** May the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ fill you with every spiritual blessing.

**C** Amen.

**P** May the God of faithfulness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus.

**C** Amen.

**P** May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

*Romans 15*

**CLOSING HYMN** "O God of Mercy, God of Light" (vs. 1-4) ELW #714

### DISMISSAL

**P** Go in peace. Share the good news.

**C** Thanks be to God.

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