

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost



November 12, 2023 | 10:30 a.m.

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

ORDER OF SERVICE

>Welcome to Kviteseid Lutheran Church... It is a gift to come together in worship of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

RECOGNITION OF MILITARY VETERANS

OPENING HYMN “Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers” ELW #244

INTRODUCTION FOR THE DAY

Today the prophet Amos calls for justice to roll down like waters. Paul urges us to encourage one another with the promised coming of the Lord. Jesus tells the parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids. Surrounded by the faithful of every time and place, we celebrate Christ’s coming in our midst in the word of life and the feast of victory—the marriage feast of the lamb.

****CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P Beloved, *Amos 5:24*
 we are called to live in right relationship with God
 by loving one another.
 Therefore, let us confess our sins
 to the One who pardons our offenses.

C **Loving God,** *Amos 5:21–24*
we confess that we have sinned against you
by not honoring you or loving one another.
When we ignore injustice in the world
our worship brings you no delight.
Make haste to help us,
that we may stand in right relationship
with you and the whole of your creation
and sing your praises through the mercy of Christ,
our resurrected Savior. Amen.

P Sisters and brothers, rejoice and be glad, *Ps. 70:1, 4, 5*
 for God is mighty to save and comes to you in peace
 to forgive, restore, and strengthen you eternally in Christ.

C **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE “Come, Thou Almighty King” (vs. 1 & 4) ELW #408

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 God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

LESSON: Amos 5:18-24

In the days of Amos, people thought that the day of the Lord would be a time of great victory, but Amos announced that it would be a day of darkness, not light. He said liturgy is no substitute for obedience. The Lord demands justice and righteousness in the community.

PSALM 70

L ¹Be pleased, O God, to deliver me; O LORD, make haste to help me.

C ²**Let those who seek my life be put to shame and confounded;
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and be disgraced.**

L ³Let those who say to me “Aha!” and gloat over me
turn back because of their shame.

C ⁴**Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you;
let those who love your salvation say forever, “Great is the LORD!”**

L ⁵But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quickly, O God.
You are my helper and my deliverer; O LORD, do not tarry.

LESSON: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Some of the Thessalonians are worried that dead Christians will be excluded from the resurrection to eternal life when Christ comes again. Paul reassures them with the word of hope that all Christians, living or dead, will be raised into everlasting life with Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

P The Holy Gospel, according to Matthew, the 25th chapter.

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

GOSPEL: Matthew 25:1-13

Jesus tells a parable about his own second coming, emphasizing the need for readiness at all times.

P The Gospel of the Lord.
C Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Blessed Assurance”

ELW #638

APOSTLES' CREED

page 105

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 We offer our spoken prayers and those held in our hearts trusting in your mercy;
through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

“Create in Me a Clean Heart”

ELW #186

OFFERING PRAYER

C Blessing upon blessing has been given to us, O Lord, from your great
bounty. Now we return these gifts to you. Bless these gifts and the lives that
they represent and cause them to work for you in this world which you have
loaned to us. In Jesus' Name, we pray. 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

page 154

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"

page 154

"When Peace like a River (*It Is Well with My Soul*)" ELW #785

"Take My Life, That I May Be" (vs. 1-2, 5-6) ELW #685

"Let Us Break Bread Together" ELW #471

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Lord Jesus, in this simple meal you have set a banquet.
Sustain us on the journey,
strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children,
and give us glad and generous hearts as we meet you on the way.

C **Amen.**

**CHARGE

P Sisters and brothers, be swift to listen, *Wis. 6:17; Amos 5:24; Ps. 70:5*
make haste to be kind.
Let justice roll down like waters
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

****BLESSING**

P May God, who creates, redeems, and sustains,
keep you fervent in faith, cheerful in hope,
brimming in justice, and overflowing in love.
And the blessing of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

C **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

“Soon and Very Soon”

ELW #439

DISMISSAL

P Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

** Reprinted by permission of Westminster John Knox Press from *Feasting on the Word[®] Worship Companion*. Copyright 2012.

Except as noted, the liturgy is reprinted from *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, Copyright © 2006 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved. Reprinted by permission under Augsburg Fortress Liturgies Annual License #SAS012988.

Copyright © 2022 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved. Reprinted by permission under Augsburg Fortress Liturgies Annual License #SAS012988.