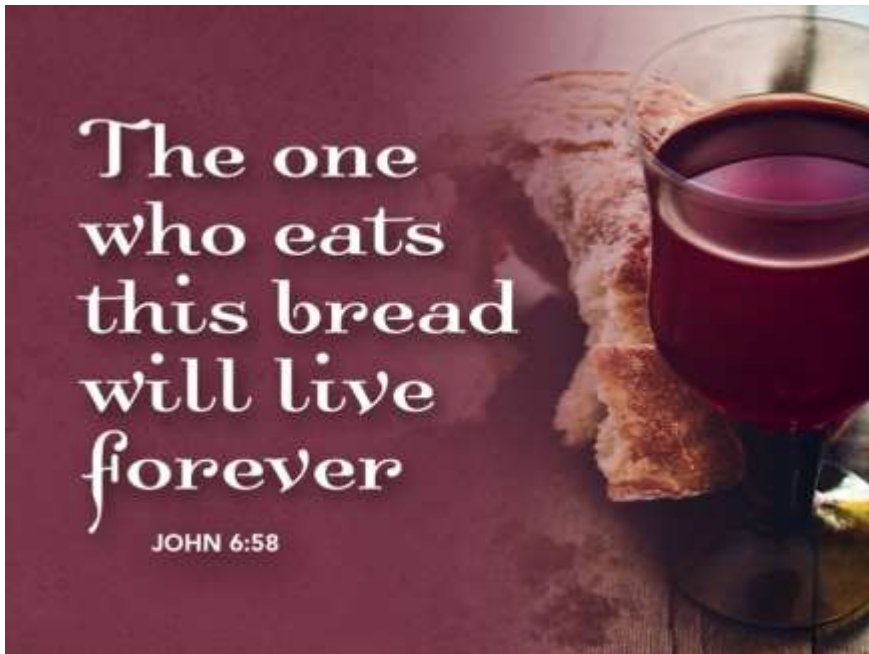


# *Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost*



*August 15, 2021 | 10:30 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...* “Praise the Lord! (Let us) give thanks to the Lord with (our) whole heart, in the company ... of the congregation” (Psalm 111:1).

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## OPENING HYMN

“Morning Has Broken”

ELW #556

## INTRODUCTION

*Wisdom prepares a feast, sets her table, and invites all to come and eat her bread and drink her wine. The first chapter of John’s gospel owes much to the biblical tradition that imagined Wisdom as existing before anything was created and having a role in the work of creation. Christ, the wisdom of God (1 Cor. 1:24), today invites us to eat his flesh and drink his blood. John’s gospel includes no account of the institution of the Lord’s supper, but here we can’t help hearing Jesus’ words as an invitation to the meal of bread and wine we share.*

## CALL TO WORSHIP

*John 6*

P     Hungering and thirsting, we come to the Lord.

C     **Jesus is the living bread!**

P     Feed us with your love and healing power, O Lord.

C     **Give us the bread of hope and compassion that we may also feed others.**

P     Praise be to you, O Lord, for your compassion for us.

C     **Praise be to you, O Lord, for your steadfast love. Amen.**

## \*\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P     Seeking the wisdom of the Lord,  
let us consider how we have lived, confessing our sins  
and trusting in the mercy of God.

*Eph. 5:15–16*

C     **Merciful God,  
we confess that we have not been faithful children.  
We have not lived by your law;  
we have remained silent in the face of evil;  
we have not refrained from deceit;  
we have not followed in the way of peace;  
and we have not honored all that is true and good.  
We have been foolish and immature people  
who resist the holy wisdom you graciously offer.**

*Ps. 34:13–14*

*Eph. 5:17*

*Prov. 9:6*

**Forgive us our sin, O God, and lead us to sincere repentance through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

P Hear the good news:  
Christ offers himself as bread of life  
to all who would receive him.  
This proves his love for us.  
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

**C Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE**

“O Day of Rest and Gladness”

ELW #521

**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 Ever-loving God, your Son gives himself as living bread for the life of the world. Fill us with such a knowledge of his presence that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life to serve you continually, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**LESSON: Proverbs 9:1-6**

*Wisdom is portrayed as a woman who invites people to partake of her banquet. Just as ordinary food is necessary for physical life, Wisdom’s food—insight and understanding—is necessary for fullness of life with God. Partaking of Wisdom’s banquet is the way to life.*

**PSALM 34:9-14**

L <sup>9</sup>Fear the LORD, you saints of the LORD,  
for those who fear the LORD lack nothing.

**C <sup>10</sup>The lions are in want and suffer hunger,  
but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.**

L <sup>11</sup>Come, children, and listen to me;  
I will teach you reverence for the LORD.

**C <sup>12</sup>Who among you takes pleasure in life  
and desires long life to enjoy prosperity?**

L <sup>13</sup>Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from lying words.

**C <sup>14</sup>Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.**

## LESSON: Ephesians 5:15-20

*True wisdom integrates our new reality in Christ with our Christian fellowship and daily conduct. Because we are filled with the Spirit, Christians regularly rejoice together, give thanks to God for one another, and care for one another. In this way we revere our Lord Jesus Christ.*

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

### GOSPEL: John 6:51-58

*In John's gospel, the feeding of the five thousand leads to extended teaching in which Jesus identifies himself as the true "bread of life." Finally, in these verses, he makes a connection that would not be understood until after his death, in light of the church's celebration of holy communion.*

P The Gospel of our Lord.

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

### SERMON

#### HYMN OF THE DAY

"Faith of Our Fathers"

ELW #812

#### 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, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

*The prayers are concluded with these words:*

P We lift these and all our prayers to you, O God, confident in the promise of your saving love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

**SHARING THE PEACE**

P The peace of Christ, be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY RESPONSE** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" ELW #884

**\*\*OFFERING PRAYER**

P Receive, O God, the fruits of our labor  
and with these gifts accept the offering of our lives.  
Unite us with Christ that we may share in his ministry and glorify you.

C **Amen.**

**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.**

**\*\*CHARGE**

P Go forth to love and serve.

C **We go in Jesus' name.**

**BLESSING**

P Filled to the brim with the goodness of God; the nourishment of Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life, and the power of the Holy Spirit, go now in peace to serve God in all that you think, do and say. God's peace will always be with you.

C **Amen.**

**DISMISSAL**

**P** Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

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